



# BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 2 April 2014  
Gilbert Murray Hall,  
Stamford Court,  
University of Leicester, UK  
at 1800 hours

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 27 March 2013 at Gilbert Murray Hall, University of Leicester (published online – <http://www.bou.org.uk/BOU-2013-AGM-minutes.pdf>)
3. Adoption of the Annual Report of Council and Approval of Accounts for 2013 (*see notes overleaf*)
4. Elections to Council:

Council proposes that **Helen Baker** be elected as Honorary Secretary to replace Ken Smith and that **Barbara Helm** be elected as an Ordinary Member of Council to replace Helen Baker (*see notes overleaf*)

*Any further nominations must be received by the Honorary Secretary by 8 February 2014 — Rule 10 (3) applies\**

5. Reappointment of Auditors
6. Any other business (*any items should be received by the Honorary Secretary by 8 February 2014 — Rule 10 (3) applies\**)

\* BOU Rules are available online at <http://www.bou.org.uk/BOU-Rules-2010.pdf> or from the BOU Office (below).

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## **Notes to the Agenda of the 2014 Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union**

**Item 3** – copies of the Annual Report of Council and Accounts for 2013 will be available at the annual conference ahead of the AGM; they will also be available on the BOU website ([www.bou.org.uk](http://www.bou.org.uk)) and from the BOU Office (address overleaf) from 18 March 2014.

**Item 4** – Council nominees for election to Council (see overleaf)

**Helen Baker** gained her PhD from Dundee University on Crested Tit ecology. She held post-doctorate positions in the USA studying ecology of endemic forest birds and geese in Hawaii, avian malaria in American Samoa, and seabirds on Midway Atoll. Since 1999, she has worked for conservation agencies; both Scottish Natural Heritage and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee advising on bird conservation issues. She has headed up JNCC's biodiversity information and sustainability advice teams and is currently research manager, responsible for evidence standards, assessing emerging evidence needs in response to policy development, and advising on policy-relevant biodiversity research priorities at UK, EU and international levels. Helen served on the BOU Meetings Committee from 2008–12 and was elected a member of Council in 2013. If elected, Helen will serve as the Honorary Secretary of Council.

**Barbara Helm** is a Reader at the University of Glasgow and has wide-ranging interests in ornithology. Her specialties are biological rhythms, and thus the ways birds keep track of daily and seasonal changes in the environment. This is particularly relevant for avian migration and for understanding how environmental change affects birds. Barbara obtained a PhD from the University of Munich, Germany, working with the late Ebo Gwinner, and moved to the UK in 2012. She has been a German ringer from High School, has served as board member of the German Ornithological Society and is currently President of the European Ornithologists' Union (2013–2017).