



Dear Members

Who would have thought we were deliberating over cancelling our lecture for March 19th only two weeks ago. Now we have postponed all our lectures, the Special Interest Day in April, the visit to Bletchley Park in May and the visit and tea at Boughton House in June.

I would like to thank Ros and Margaret, our Programme Secretaries, on your behalf, for getting in contact with the lecturers and rescheduling the March, April and May lectures to a future date in either 2021 or 2022.

Margaret has a fluid agreement with Boughton House as to when we visit there, if we are lucky, later this year but more probably, next year.

Also we must thank Maire for rearranging the Special Interest Day at Egleton for a date in March 2021; this proved to be a very popular subject and was a sell out this year, so we expect the same will happen when the booking opens next Spring.

Thank you to Jo and Robin, after putting a trip to Bletchley Park together at short notice, I'm sure it will prove to be a popular visit next year.

Jacqui and Carole have postponed the beginning of the new recording of the Church at Manton, this is great shame, as several new members had shown interest in joining the group.

Our new Treasurer, Pip, has sorted out the bank change over to the new Committee and is consolidating the membership numbers and subs with Ann.

I must thank Ann also, for all the extra work she has had to do with all these changes in our plans and for sending out extra emails and letters to the membership.

Young Arts /Arts in the Community will continue when appropriate.

We will keep you informed about our plans and hope we can recommence our programme in September.

Meanwhile The Arts Society is in the process of putting information and even lectures online, we will inform you when their programme is up and running. All the Museums and Galleries are accessible on line, so you could browse the wonders around the country in any of our major Collections at your leisure.

The Committee joins me in sending good wishes for your continued health and wellbeing.

After over 30 years of the Society, we are not going to allow the virus to stop us enjoying the Arts and the good companionship that membership of The Arts Society Rutland brings.

With best wishes

Gay Woodley
President and Chairman

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