CORONAVIRUS NEWSLETTER

Dear Members

Please read carefully.

There has been significant change in Government Policy on the Corona virus pandemic since we sent out the paperwork for the AGM on the 9th of March. Many of us are in 'Lock down' with possibly more stringent measures to come.

AGM and Programme:This has great implications for our Programme for the rest of 2020 as we cannot predict when the restrictions on public meetings and Social distancing will end.

Therefore we will be cancelling not only our AGM on April 15th but pausing the remainder of the programme until further Notice. We hope that any cancelled events will be considered for reinstatement later this year but they will most likely be carried over to next year's programme.

Operation of the Society: The cancellation of our AGM raises a practical and unforeseen problem, namely the election of Officers to run the Society. Normally all the Officers are obliged by the Constitution to resign after each year's service and a new Committee is elected by the membership at the AGM.

This cannot now happen as we are not allowed to meet and there is no mechanism to allow Committee Members to continue without a Vote. But these are exception times.

I am therefore informing you by this Email that all current Officers on the Executive Committee will carry over their duties for running the Society until the AGM in April 2021. ( All the Committee have agreed to stand in any case, as stated in the Officer's AGM Report issued on the 9th May). I do not see any other solution. Work on the Society Projects will continue from our home offices.

The good news for members is that the Society has agreed to carry over all 2020 paid subscriptions into 2021. Therefore all paid up members will get a free membership holiday next year.

As soon as I have any further information or news I will be in touch. Please let other members and friends without emails know the situation. If you have any queries do not hesitate to call or write

best wishes and stay safe,

  Bob Fowler, Hon Sec