

# London Members' Centre

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## Chairman's Newsletter

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Dear Members

The really good news is that, following the appeal in my last Newsletter, we have a new Hon Secretary. Joan Gilchrist offered her services which were gladly accepted. Joan says about herself:



*Brought up in East Sutherland, educated in Scotland and didn't cross the border until the age of 13 as my father was firmly of the belief that you should learn about your own country first - and that was only as far as the Lake District!*

*Secretarial college in Edinburgh and worked there till the age of 22 at which point I decided to explore the new pastures of London. I met my husband there a few months later and following marriage have lived in Chigwell, Essex ever since.*

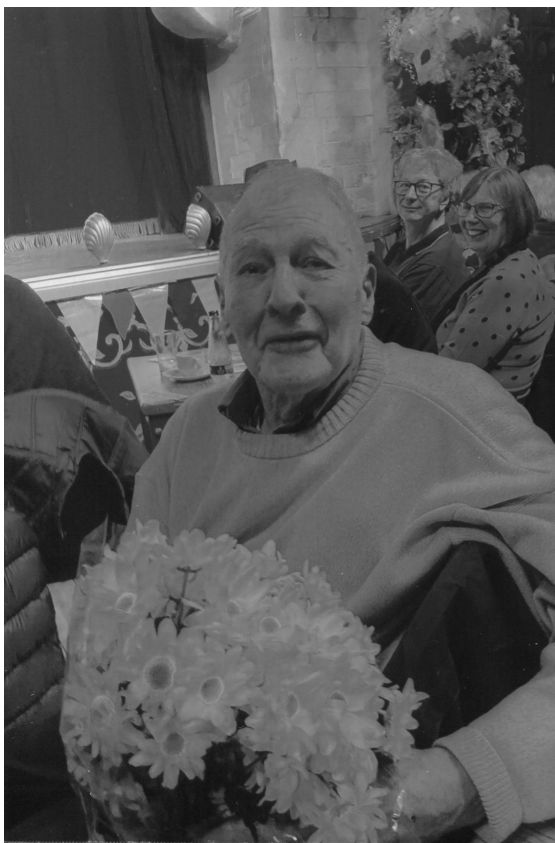
*Scotland remains very close to my heart. Family, friends and a husband who himself has a strong Scottish family history and a love of golf and fishing, means that we have always spent most of our holidays in the north. Our son and family have recently moved home to Arrochar and our daughter splits her time between London and Nairn - goes back to childhood holidays by the beach and in the hills I'm sure.*

*Sadly, I have had to forgo golf due to arthritis but still enjoy walking, reading, current affairs (most of the time!), bridge, entertaining, London and travel. I am also involved in a local charity. I like to be busy.*

Staying with Scotland, there are still some spaces left on our Perthshire Spring Tour. The brochure is on our website and I do have a few printed copies for anyone who would like one. Our President is due to join us for Dinner on the Friday night, although he spends much of his time in London (at the House of Lords), his family home is in Perthshire, so it's from there he and his wife will be driving to Dunkeld (where we are staying).

Two Visits and one Walk this quarter. It's good that Connie Sangster has decided to come back to the UK from Amsterdam to arrange our walks. Because of the poor take up, we feel that it is unfair on organisers to ask for more events. Getting back to our pre-Covid arrangements of two per month might return in the autumn, giving everybody a chance to resume their life. (Rail strikes permitting). Rusty is plotting a visit to "Oklahoma!" in May or June. I'll put details in the April newsletter, but this gives you advance notice. It's at Wyndham's Theatre in Charing Cross Road, so a little easier to get to than the Brick Lane Music Hall in Silvertown.

Let's hope the attendance is a bit better than the number who attended the Brick Lane Theatre Pantomime "Goldilocks and the Three Bare Bears". The eight of us who went had a thoroughly enjoyable time watching the first performance of a show that runs until early March. The LMC numbers were boosted by 4 members of Rusty's golf club - he has another life outside LMC. The interval was taken up with an excellent afternoon tea served at one's table. Part 2 began with drawing the raffle - sadly none of us won anything - and then came "Welcoming the groups". We were number 2 to be mentioned and our organiser, in common with the other organisers, received a bunch of flowers. As we were leaving, Rusty kindly gave the flowers to my wife. You can see them (and Rusty) when you turn over the page.



Having given you notice of the Annual General Meeting date in the October Newsletter, I have to tell you the date has had to be changed. Crown Court Church, whose Hall we use, have decided to change the day of their mid-week service to Wednesdays, so we obviously can't use the Hall on that day. However, they have, as a result, made Thursdays available, so the AGM is on Thursday 4th May. Formal notice is enclosed. The accompanying talk will be by Oli Yates entitled "The Albatross Task Force". Read the separate booking sheet to find out a bit more.

Following favourable comments from at least 2 members, I will bring my amplifier system to the meeting.

It seems that our Christmas Lecture and Lunch will also be on a Thursday, but we haven't organised anything yet, so I can't give you a date..

I hope to see many of you at our AGM; we are only allowed 72 in the Hall, so book your place quickly.

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