London Members' Centre



Chairman's Newsletter

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Dear Members

Sadly, It appears that nobody feels they want to be be Chairman for next year, so it is planned to ask the Annual General Meeting in May to allow me to stay on until the Committee is able to arrrange the formal closure of the London Members' Centre. We would expect this to be at the end of the current financial year. A formal closure meeting by the members would be needed to comply with our Charitable Status.

In the mean time there are a number of items to bring to your current attention; the most immediate being the lecture & lunch following the Annual General Meeting on 22nd May. Crown Court Church Hall will happily seat 70 people for such an event– pre-Covid we had to turn people away – but our numbers, this year, have only reached the low 20s. I am attaching the sheet for this event once again as a prompt. There had been a suggestion that we might have to move away from our usual venue, but, don't worry, we are in the usual place.

Maybe a few more will turn out for Connie's walk arranged to the following week - sheet attached. Our quide can cope with 25 people.

Then we have our Tour to Aberdeenshire. Again, we could do with a few more people to join us. Sadly, my own health does not allow me to get involved. A reminder of the dates: 4 - 9 June. I can send details again out to anybody who would like them. They did go out last September. Otherwise contact Travel Editions (the organising company) on 021 7251 0045 to make your booking. As I said last time, this is Margaret Cund's last time as the Spring Tour organiser and we would reallly like it to be a success for her.

Staying in England, sort of, we have a visit to the Science Museum in London in July arranged by Geofff Schoon – again a sheet is attached. (You will need to read the sheet to see what I meant by 'sort of'.)

Also enclosed with this April Newsletter is the usual request for members to renew their subscription. The annual subscription is due on 1st June each year.

Looking ahead to November, we expect a talk from Stuart Maxwell, the Edinburgh & the East, Director of the NTS, who is based at Newhailes. At this point, I should say, that I visited the house, with my parents, before it became part of the NTS estate.

All the best,

Charles Hope