

London Members' Centre

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Chairman's Newsletter

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Dear Members

I wonder how many of you have visited Crown Court Church (located above the hall where we hold our talks). Back in August, I discovered that the church was holding open days, so I went to have a look. There is some very interesting stained glass - one panel showing various Scottish 'heros' - some of whom do not appear to have any religious context. You will find the church website at www.crowncourtchurch.org.uk. The Chronicle (the church magazine) has this window on its back page. Well worth a look

I was slightly prompted to visit the Church since I had been asked to provide a short article for the July issue of the church magazine. Sadly, despite the article giving contact details, we didn't get any new members.

Our next use of the hall is for our November talk for which I am attaching the information (for the 2nd time). As of the beginning of the month, we only had 17 people booked in. In the past, we had 70 people and a waiting list for our talks!

We offer the following events:

27th November - Christmas Lecture & Lunch - followed by an EGM

4th December - Visit to British Library

7th January - Visit to the Design Museum

22nd January - Brick Lane Music Hall Pantomime

12th February - Visit to Cutlers' Hall

Also coming up is our Spring Tour - to the Scottish Borders this time. The booking forms were emailed earlier. Those who receive their Newsletter by post should find the details in this mailing. If anybody else wants a paper copy, please contact me; I can print one for you.

Connie's December walk has been changed to an "indoor" event. This is to encourage attendance and avoid the worst of the weather.

You will also find notice of the ExtraOrdinary General Meeting which will be held following lunch on 27th November. The notice explains the reasons that the Committee (Trustees) have taken this step.

Regular attendees of outings and lectures will be saddened to learn of the death earlier this year of fellow member Felicity Story. Felicity had a serious accident in August from which, sadly, she did not recover. She was a long standing member of the NTS LMC having been introduced to it by her great friend, Stroma Leith, as a guest on occasional outings. She enjoyed these so much that she joined as a member some 14 years ago. As a member she entered fully into the programme of outings, holidays and lectures gaining much enjoyment from the events themselves and from the company of fellow members. Latterly, when ill health made the visits difficult she continued to support the lectures. Indeed, she had just applied for the Christmas lecture when the accident occurred and she will be missed by her friends at that event.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CH', written in a cursive style.

Charles Hope