



The Arts Society of Bearsden and Milngavie

UPDATE –DECEMBER 2021

Dear Member,

Christmas is approaching, the year is nearing its end and 2022 beckons, a good time to update you about our local Arts Society.

Up until the middle of the year you were kept up to date with what was happening in the Society by the Chairman's monthly Newsletter. Since the AGM there has been neither a Chairman nor Secretary. The present, much under strength, Committee has been sharing these duties between them and endeavouring to maintain the programme. If you have any skill you are able to offer or can help with any task to complement our efforts, do please get in touch. Creative ideas are also much needed. Our membership remains healthy with over 140 members.

There is no disguising that times are difficult. We have not been able to meet for face to face lectures for well over a year and a half because of "lockdowns". Returning to the New Kilpatrick hall is not yet feasible; social distancing requirements allow for only around half the number of people who usually came to the lectures. We (the Committee) have decided that the next 3 lectures, that is from January to March next year will continue to given via "Zoom". The recent appearance of the Omicron variant only reinforces this course of action.

Though Zoom is not as good as face to face lectures it does enable the lecture to be brought clearly into your own home. Without this recent technology we would not be able to function at the present time. Not all members are logging in to the Zoom lectures. If you have, please spread the word on how easy it is. If you would like advice on how to do so do get in touch with Stephen (sjr1@talktalk.net) or Stuart (stuart@whytock.co.uk).

On the positive side we have had four very successful Zoom lectures in the last few months covering "Street Art", "Andalusia", "Ballet Russe" and the "Christmas Story in Art", a particularly well crafted and informative talk. The programme continues in January with a talk on the GPO Film Unit and in February with a talk by Susan Bradbury whose stained glass has been installed in New Kilpatrick church.

A wide ranging programme for the 2022-23 is now virtually complete thanks to the sterling efforts of Margaret Harris. Details will be available in due course. It ranges from Medieval Book Illustrations via the Silk Road to Chinese Paintings and American Mansions, accompanied by Beethoven, sustained by British Food and taking in avant-garde Sculpture.

Do remember that details of the lectures and other information of our Society including a list of committee members are to be found on our website <https://www.tasbam.org.uk>

If you want to get in touch with us then simply send an email to info@tasbam.org.uk.

We, the Committee, wish you a very Happy Christmas and that 2022 may bring better times.

Jean Currie

Margaret Harris

Heather Newton

Stephen Rodgers

Stuart Whytock