

THE ARTS SOCIETY LOMOND & ARGYLL

Enriching lives through the Arts

As your Chairman I am pleased that our re-branding to The Arts Society Lomond & Argyll went well. The new logo and colour scheme is appreciated and the high standards of LADFAS continue.

We have enjoyed a superb season of lectures, a wonderful visit to Madrid, Toledo and Segovia and a sparkling party to celebrate our 20th Birthday last December when we welcomed some of the “Founding Committee” to a Christmas lecture and lunch. All went with a festive bang except the Birthday Cake candles which didn’t ignite.

I am pleased that under our new name we are enjoying a higher profile and more recognition from our fellow societies and groups who share similar aims and interests - for example the National Trust for Scotland The Hill House and the Geilston Garden, the Heritage Society and Helensburgh Heroes, and Lyon & Turnbull Auctioneers who now regularly invite us to their series of Focus exhibitions in their Glasgow Office.

Our Volunteer organisations work hard - Young Arts, Heritage Volunteers and Church Recorders - and you will be able to have a deeper insight into their work at the Artsfest curated by Bryan Temple for our celebration of The Arts Society Golden Jubilee on May 8th.

I am most grateful to our hardworking committee. They have updated our constitution, organised our two celebrations and are making sure that we do not fall foul of the new Data Protection regulations as well as ensuring that our Society runs smoothly. Our website is flourishing and expanding under Jean Cook’s “Webmastery”. Please keep looking at it. There you will find not only Society news and information but also gems and nuggets from further afield.

The Vision of The Arts Society is the belief that the Arts have the potential to enrich peoples’ lives and that this should be at the heart of everything we do. This excellence is what we are striving for in The Arts Society Lomond & Argyll.

Jeannette Scobie