



### **CHAIRMANS REPORT JUNE 2023**

We have had some terrific lectures and the numbers attending have increased as the year progressed.

All who attended the 25 th Anniversary party in December agreed it was a great success. Maybe we should do something similar every year!

Our numbers were down in March from 220 to 199. However, they are slowly rising again and we hope this will continue.

We are managing to maintain the subscription at the previous 2020 level of £55, having reduced it during Covid.

We have re-started the volunteer group at the Royal Highland Fusiliers Museum at Charing Cross. We are currently cataloguing the silver. The group previously catalogued all the medals. It is a most interesting exercise and anyone is welcome to join. We go once a month.

Joy Temple is heading the Church Recording group at St Modan's. They will also welcome more helpers.

We continue to support Route 81 in Garelochhead with a grant of £250. We can also apply to London for a grant towards Young Arts. Rosemary has been in touch with Hermitage Academy to see if they have any projects that we could help with. Some years ago, we gave them money to organise a sitting of live models for the degree course.

The family of Jeannette Scobie has given us all the books on art from her library. I will bring some to the lectures in May and June but we plan to ask the Art Department of Hermitage Academy if they would like them. Jeannette taught at the Academy for many years.

This is my last Chairman's report. I started on the committee as membership secretary more years ago than I care to remember! I then became Chairman in 2010. In desperation they invited me back in 2019! I have enjoyed every minute as a member of your committee.

A society is nothing without a good committee. When I told my daughter they wanted me for Chairman she said "that's easy you just tell everyone else what to do!" Well not quite, but over the years they have always been a very conscientious, dedicated and cheerful group.

I shall miss the camaraderie.

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Chairman Lomond & Argyll