

THE ARTS SOCIETY LOMOND & ARGYLL

REPORT for AREA OCTOBER 2019

Our membership numbers continues to be healthy at 274. We had 27 resignations (age being the predominant factor!). 11 new members. 5 Honorary and 4 waiting list. We have capacity for extra members. The ones on the “waiting list” are there as they do not want full membership. We are having a “new members” coffee morning before our committee meeting on 30 September.

LECTURES. So far this season we have had two outstanding lectures. Julian Halsby – Modigliani and Bohemian Paris. Nigel Bates –Tantrums and Tiaras. We get feedback from the members on our web site. We still occasionally share with Bearsden to reduce costs.

VISITS We had a most successful visit to Glasgow in June. Starting with a guided tour of the Willow Tea Rooms in Sauchiehall Street including the museum with the history of Miss Cranston. We had lunch there in the form of the full afternoon tea which was very well received. We then walked round the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. Again with a guided tour and well worth the visit.

STUDY DAYS. We are having a study day in March 2020. The Romantic Spirit; A study day on Music and the Arts by Peter Medhurst and Jeremy Lund (Pianist). Penny, our Study Day organiser, was very disappointed with the response from London when she asked them to advertise it in the magazine. Apparently because it is not an AREA event we are not eligible!

YOUNG ARTS. We continue to support Route 81 Youth Project with their art work. Our Young Arts organiser is arranging for senior students from both local schools to attend life drawing workshop in the Helensburgh Art Hub. Both Route 81 and Hermitage Academy display some their art work at the Christmas lecture.

VOLUNTEER REPORTS. We continue at the Royal Highland Fusileers Museum in Glasgow cataloguing the regimental silver. There are still cupboards untouched so we will be there for years to come! 7 go once a month for a day. Olivia is getting a group together to start the refurbishment of the curtain fabrics at Hill House. We do not have a Heritage Volunteer committee member at the moment so I am hoping one of them might like to join us.

CHURCH RECORDERS Recording in Cadross has gathered momentum and the completion of the Record is now in sight. The sections on Textiles, Woodwork and Miscellaneous with its important recording of the Organ are now mostly finished. The Turret clock, after an adventurous climb into the Tower, has also been recorded. We are now hoping to recruit a new team of recorders with Rosneath Church in their sight.

HELENSBURGH OPEN AIR MUSEUM. When the square was remodelled some years ago they put in place marble plinths to exhibit significant events or societies in the town. We have decided that as a well established society it would be an opportunity to advertise our presence. Accordingly we are having made a brass emblem of the Arts Society logo. We get a grant from Argyll & Bute Council towards the cost. Updates at the next meeting!

ART FEST Two committee members are organizing an Art Fest on Saturday 9th November in the Helensburgh Parish new Church Halls to showcase our members' art and crafts. We did this last year and it was very well received as well as bringing the society to the notice of the town.

Patty Stewart
Chairman Lomond & Argyll