

Dear Members,

In view of the current circumstances with Coronavirus (Covid 19), it is the Committees view that the KGG AGM on 17th March 2020, should be postponed and the monthly meetings cancelled until further notice. The speaker that was booked for March, has outlined his feelings on the matter and is obviously very uncomfortable about attending. Many important members of the Committee are now unavoidably unavailable for Tuesday's meeting anyway. With their absence and the probable absence, of at the very least, the more senior of our membership, for obvious reasons, it may be the case that we will not have a quorum of voters.

Nobody should be made to feel uncomfortable, worried or nervous about attending, when it is a relatively simple task to postpone meetings. In order to keep everyone up to date on KGG business, the Minutes of 2019 AGM, The Treasurers Report, The Evening Meetings Secretaries report and the Chairman's report will be sent to you by e-mail in due course.

We have no General Secretary and no Field Trip Secretary. Certain Committee members, in particular Ann Barrett and Alison Taylor have stepped up, along with myself, over the past two years, to temporarily fulfil these roles and I am extremely grateful to them. I am also grateful to Mandy Bird and the rest of the Committee for attending Committee meetings and bringing useful suggestions and ideas to the table.

In 2019 we had a huge shock, when we discovered that Barclays Bank had erroneously closed and lost our Savings Account. After many letters of complaint and phone calls from myself, along with some further help from the ex-signatories, Nick Baker, Dr Adrian Rundle and in particular Diana Franks, we eventually got our money back with a significant compensation amount of £250. Needless to say, these funds now reside in HSBC, with whom we have had no problems whatsoever with our Current Account. We are in a good financial position therefore and do not propose to change any fees in 2020.

All the Committee are happy to stand again and as long as there is no significant objection, will continue to officiate until such time as the AGM can take place. If anybody is unhappy with these arrangements, or would like to offer their services as General Secretary or Field Secretary, please let me know.

I will be in touch again when there is further news for you from the KGG Committee. We will also keep the website updated with any important notices. In the meantime, 'Keep Safe' everyone, all the best

Dr Anne Padfield (Chairman KGG)