

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Dear Colleagues,

Our lives have certainly been turned upside down as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and it has posed particular problems for those of us on the committee.

As a result of the restrictions placed on us, the planned committee meeting in April had to be cancelled and we finally decided to conduct a Zoom meeting of the committee in mid September. This experience convinced us that it would be unwise to attempt an AGM meeting using Zoom! Having said that, we felt that it was important that we abided by our constitution and as a consequence we are conducting our first ever AGM online.

VOTING PROCEDURE

As there may be issues on the agenda which might give rise to some comments, the guidelines which we are applying are as follows. On any item on the agenda which would require a vote, any non responses from members will be assumed as being agreement to a proposal. Where there may be objections which might lead to member wanting to vote against the proposal can I ask such individuals to email their objections/vote to either myself at jkenrickjones@hotmail.com or the Association Secretary Lynn Marshall at lynnmarsh6@gmail.com.

QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY

The committee has decided to conduct the first ever survey in my 30 years of membership of the Association. We have decided to do this as the committee is very keen to know your feelings and get your opinions on a number of issues. It will not take too long to complete the survey so can I please ask you all to find time to do this and return it to Sue Adams by the 31st October. There is a prize of £100 for one lucky winner!

I so want us to be sure that the association continues to play a part in the lives of each member, despite the social limitations placed on us by Covid-19, which has meant we have not been able to meet up together this year. Despite these present restrictions we have decided to try and accentuate the positive and accordingly we are aiming to organise three different functions in 2021 in the hope that we will be free to meet up again.

Ken Jones OBE

Chairman