



Liss Horticultural Society

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Dear Members,

I write with a two-fold purpose!

Firstly, Peter, your President, and all members of the Committee would like to wish you all the very best for this festive period. There are many aspects of this pandemic which appear to want to take that away from us, but I feel sure that you will succeed in getting something joyous from it! Enjoy whatever time you have with friends and loved ones!

Secondly, it is obvious to us all as I write that the threat of the return of further restrictions on our way of life seem increasingly more probable, and it beholds us to have some contingency for this.

The Postponement of the AGM. It is with regret that I am advising you that the Committee has decided to postpone the AGM for January 2022. This we feel is a wise step to take now, and not leave it until the very last minute. I can assure you all that we will have an AGM, and the accompanying "wine-n-cheese" gathering at the earliest convenience permitted!

The Impact of Postponement. There are only a few things about which you should be aware as we take this step:

- a. Outings for 2022. Please be assured that during January, full details of the 2022 outings will be delivered to your house. Please fill in the application form which will be included in the detail, and return it to Ken as shown on the instruction. I am grateful to Ken for his continuing energies in selecting very interesting places to visit, and am hopeful that we will be able to complete our visits.
- b. Membership Payments for 2022. Jenny is happy to take subs from you at her home if this suits you. Her contact details are:

Mrs Jenny Hall

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- c. Appointment of Society Officers. Should the postponement be too extended, we will hold an AGM on Zoom, meeting the requirement to appoint those necessary Society officers. We will keep you informed as this progresses.
- d. Our Chosen Charity for 2022. No decision has yet been taken by the Committee to short-list some recommendations for our charity. It is highly likely that the amount that we have usually given could be somewhat lower than in previous years. Again, if there is too much of a delay, we will consider this topic in our Zoom meeting.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your continuing support during these difficult times; it has been a real uplift to see this as we began the journey back to our “normal” posture! I do believe that by being as supportive as you have been, you have made the tasks of your Committee that much more enjoyable than they might have been. Your Committee members also require my thanks for their continuing support to us all – by their efforts I believe that we will be well placed to move on as the circumstances permit.

Please do have a merry Christmas, stay healthy, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2022!

Mike Boocock