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Chair Report 2019

Welcome to our AGM.

I am pleased to report that this year I have missed no meetings and have generally been more available. Not sure that I have totally had my finger on the pulse, but who has!

My role as chair is rewarding when the society's committee is good. This present committee is very good. As volunteers, with busy lives, they give their time generously and with good humour. Our meetings are always productive and fun. Huw continues to provide a warm welcome for our meetings in his Dolgellau home, and keeps the refreshments flowing in a relaxed atmosphere. Thank you Huw.

In the spring we enjoyed an inspiring trip to The Walker Gallery, which included an informative tour and the Charles Rennie Mackintosh exhibition. Then we all descended, a large coach load, on Huw for a lovely meal. Thanks go to Marsha for being the organiser and Huw, once again, for his hospitality.

This year we asked Kate Coldham, manager of ArtWorks, Aberdyfi, to audit our accounts. We don't have to do an audit, but like to now and again. Kate, being Kate, was terrifyingly thorough and extremely helpful. A useful experience, particularly for our treasurer Sue. It is good to be able to look closely at the way paperwork is done and our systems. I am pleased to report that our accounts were approved and Kate has kindly offered to do future audits when required.

I was impressed with our annual exhibition. New media on show, for example Les Symonds woodturning, and generally a healthy mix of 2D and 3D artwork. We are publicising the event well and more people are seeing it. The exhibition is always all hands to the battle stations, but didn't seem so stressful this year because we didn't have to transport the display system from Bryn-coed-lfor in heavy rain. I think we all enjoy the hanging and the event. However, I personally take my hat off to Jean for her secretary role with the entry forms and the rota and Marsha for catalogue and labels. Both tasks I would not relish. Sales reflected the current climate, being down on previous years.

Website is looking good and is kept up to date, social media is improving with lots of sharing. Thanks Chris for your management of that.

Workshops have been supplemented by something called Painting Days, except it doesn't have to be paint. I went to one and enjoyed carrying on with my own project in the company of others. I can highly recommend. Help is on hand for those who need it. A good idea, thanks to Ken.

Membership is healthy....numbers that is!

One major change is coming today. I will be sad to lose the secretarial services of our excellent Ian. We have worked well together for 12 years and I have always found that he is very reliable and willing to get the job done. However, I am pleased to say he will remain on the committee, support our new secretary, and will stop us from straying too far from the acceptable and being downright corrupt! On behalf of us all, our sincere thanks.

So in the vein of thanks, whatever your contribution, however large or small, please accept my thanks on behalf of us all. If you want to help in some way or have an idea, do get in touch.