# Chairman’s Newsletter March  2022

Greetings  to all Members.  I hope this Newsletter finds you all in good health, following the   gradual diminishing of severe effects of the Covid Pandemic. Please remain careful in terms of protecting yourselves, we would like our Courses to be fully attended!  After atrocious weather and recent terrible news, it looks as if Spring is just starting to burst upon us.

The Guild looks on course to have a very good Spring term.  Attendances have been highly satisfactory – both for Zoom Courses and for Venue Courses, and we hope to make a surplus this term. From feedback, it seems our presentations are well received, and people find the content stimulating. Can I just mention the two Scientific courses presented - both were very interesting, and the tutors made complex information intelligible for a lay audience.

We have noticed one or two people have failed to attend some of our venue based courses – please make sure courses you have booked or would like to attend are in your diary! The second half of our Spring term is about to restart – so please look again at our course calendar or our website for dates and times of our courses.

At last after two years we will be holding our AGM in a room in Glossop. The meeting will be held at the Partington Theatre on Wednesday the 20th of April, from 7pm till 9.30pm. At this meeting we will as part of the business of the AGM be voting for Committee members to be elected. Most of our present Committee are willing to stand again, however our Treasurer Jane Murray is standing down. Jane has been an enthusiastic and dedicated Treasurer for the Guild for many years, carrying out all her duties with meticulous attention to detail and always ensuring the Guild carries a healthy funds surplus forward. We shall miss her.

Fortunately, Jane’s husband Bill has indicated he is willing to take up the position of Treasurer.  This will mean though that the role of Membership Secretary becomes vacant.  So your committee are looking for a volunteer willing to be elected or co-opted to the Committee, and who may be willing to carry out the duties of Membership Secretary. Experience of spreadsheets and email contacts would be useful. If you would like to know more about either position you can ring me on 07846 904080 or Bill on 01484 688932.

The first half hour or so of the AGM will be concerned with formal AGM business.  At this stage it is not proposed to have a speaker but for the evening then to be an opportunity for people to meet and relax. At some stage a Supper will be provided, and then I will be letting the meeting know about one or two summer outings. Maggie Mooney our Course Organiser will also give you an idea of what may be planned for our Autumn term this year. That is about it. We hope many of you can make it and we look forward to meeting you. Please note – there is a manned bar at the Partington.  There will be no charge for for attending the AGM.  We remain grateful to all our members and attendees for their continued support of the Guild. You are our lifeblood and the Committee remain dedicated to putting high quality Courses before you to the best of our ability.

Mike Webb - Chairman