

Chairs report

Since the last AGM in October Caroline and I (Karen) have taken on the role of joint chair.

Like all new responsibilities it is taking time to learn the ropes but Jane has been very supportive in handing over.

It is one of those roles where something might happen or be asked no more than once a year so there is always something new to think about.

It is also a long-distance handover for me as I am in Somerset so no popping round for a quick catch up (now we are allowed to). Caroline is a lot nearer so often gets the job of 'when you next see Jane, could you ask her...' and recently Caroline and I spend quite a bit of time on the phone preparing for our first AGM.

Since the last AGM in October, we have sent out our Winter newsletter and a couple of reminder mailings as events and dates have been confirmed.

We had a virtual quiz back in January which was fun and really showed me how poor my geography was... well certainly from aerial shots anyway!

Jane and Caroline attended a local Training Day last weekend and were able to take the merchandise along. This was the first time in two years we have been able to have a table at an event and we are pleased to say it was very popular and put some funds into the donation pot. We also signed up a few new members as well.

Looking ahead we have another event in Birmingham that we have been asked to go to and do a presentation and have a stall. Caroline and Jane are going to that event on behalf of the Friends group. And there are few more possible meetings we may be able to attend.

We hope to have another quiz later in the year as the evenings starts to draw in and then as mentioned earlier in March 2023, we plan to have our AGM and optional activities during the weekend. More information will come out on that event in the newsletters.

It's only been a few months since our last AGM but by this time next year we hope we will have a lot to report on.

Karen Burrows and Caroline Poulton

Joint Chair

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