

**Email title: AGM Weekend and the Coronavirus**

**Dear Attendee**

As we are sure you are aware the UK is struggling to cope with the impact of the Coronavirus on its national, and local, health arrangements and current, and future, social/government activities.

Additionally, the increasing spread of the virus is affecting all ages but those in the same age range with most of those attending the conference weekend being particularly affected/at risk.

Therefore, following extensive communication between fellow trustees and those responsible for the locations we had arranged to visit, it is with regret that we **announce the postponement of the forthcoming AGM weekend to August 8 and 9 2020.**

Not – we hasten to add, a cancellation – for the University of Ambleside will be delighted for us to all return on the weekend in August using the same conference facilities and accommodation locations, and without any financial penalty to the Society or attendees.

Additionally, the organisations we will be using on the Sunday i.e. the Jetty Museum, the Gaddums Restaurant and the minibus company are also supporting, at no cost, the event moving to August.

In fact, this will be even better for the Society as there will not be any students on campus so there will be even more en-suite bedrooms available to book. This will negate the need to reserve accommodation in Ambleside – unless members particularly want to stay there.

If you have already booked to stay on campus in one of the University bedrooms, then just please contact Helen Wright (**[helen.wright@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:helen.wright@cumbria.ac.uk)**) and she will move your details across to the new weekend date, or extra days either side – at no extra charge.

We recognise that you, like us, will be disappointed that we are not meeting-up. However, we think this is the only choice, and with the situation as it is developing, the decision is now out of our hands and becoming a global situation with risks to health increasing every day.

(Indeed, there have been recorded instances of people being affected in a variety of locations close by some of our homes in the South of England, as well as in the North of England, for instance, in Cumbria.)

**With the above information in mind we would appreciate you replying – by return email to [angelablackbps@btinternet.com](mailto:angelablackbps@btinternet.com) signifying your acknowledgement of this postponement and your intention to join us on:**

**AUGUST, SATURDAY 8 FOR THE AGM AND AUGUST, SUNDAY 9 FOR THE TOUR DAY**

PS We realise that there may be implications for those of you who have already made your flying or travelling arrangements and who have booked other accommodation to attend in March. We sincerely hope you will be able to make alternative plans.

Thanks for your forbearance. We look forward to you joining us in August when – we hope – this very challenging situation will be resolved.

**MIRANDA, SUE & ANDREW**

**Please send your reply AS SOON AS YOU CAN to Mrs Angela Black:  
[angelablackbps@btinternet.com](mailto:angelablackbps@btinternet.com)**

**THANK YOU**