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The AGM was held on Saturday 7th November 2020. It was our first ever virtual meeting, hosted by our President, who coped with the technicalities of admitting waiting participants, muting and unmuting, arranging breakout rooms, admirably.

The main item to report is that there was no handover to the President Elect, Tina Tamman. It was a very unusual year, caused by the COVID pandemic, and only 2 events on last year's programme actually happened. The year started so well with the President's Tea Party at the Café in the Crypt, St-Martin-in-the-Fields at the beginning of February. At that point, plans were coming together nicely for the Spring Lunch and the Annual Dinner. Both of these were cancelled but no-one foresaw that no more 'in person' events would take place for the entire year.

It was decided, following discussion at the AGM meeting, that Sarah should carry on for the next year and Tina will take over as President in November 2021. The current committee will be unchanged and are listed below:

1. Committee for 2020/21

President	Sarah Lawson
President Elect	Tina Tamman
Past President	Margaret Goldfarb
Treasurer and Database Administrator	Margaret Henderson
Events Secretary	Cathy Black
Membership Secretary	Marjorie Bremner
Member with responsibility for catering	Marjory Montgomerie
General committee member	Carolina Valiente

2. Future programme for 2021

Following the success of the Zoom AGM meeting, further virtual get-togethers are proposed.



Monday 14th December Hosted by Sarah Lawson and Marjorie Bremner, this meeting is along the lines of the informal dinner meetings in the Amba Hotel. So grab yourself a drink and nibbles of your choice and settle in for a cosy chat at 6pm. Santa hat and Christmas decorations optional. If you would like to join, please reply to Marjorie (Marjorie.Bremner@gmail.com.)



Virtual First Footing New Year's Eve 11.30pm Instead of seeing in the New Year (or more importantly celebrating the back of 2020) with the aid of some tacky TV programme, why not join Sarah and GUWC friends and share hopes for 2021? Please reply to me if you would like to attend. (cblack@compartuk.co.uk.)

Virtual President's Afternoon Tea Date tbc but some time in January. Further details in the next newsletter.

3. University of Glasgow news



I am sure you are already aware that Dame Katherine Grainger is the new Chancellor of the university. She succeeded Professor Sir Kenneth Calman in June 2020. A lot of our members have already met Dame Katherine. She was our speaker at the 2018 GUWC Annual Dinner. What a delightful and charismatic character she proved to be that evening and I am sure she will be a great Chancellor. Here is a charming photograph of the event. Margaret is not on her knees – Dame Katherine is a tall lady!

The University is running a 'Meet the Chancellor' event – a live virtual conversation – on Thursday 3 December. If you have not yet received your invitation, I would advise you to contact the Development and Alumni Office. Don't miss out!

The University has also kindly supplied a number of links which may help stave off boredom in these difficult COVID-19 lockdown times.

- a The Research Hub event was held on 9 November aimed to introduce guests and viewers to the new Hub and outlined the University's vision for it as a centre of excellence for interdisciplinary research at Glasgow. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79_LDGMa45g
- b A conversation between the Principal and alumnus Kevin Sneader, Global Managing Partner of McKinsey & Company, about COVID-19 and its impact on the global economy. Over 400 people from 50 countries watched the event on the night and asked some excellent questions. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxR0lw8q--w&feature=youtu.be>
- c [Creative Conversations](#) is a weekly event by the Creative Writing department. Each features an interview with a well-known published writer. There are four events coming up and they take place over Monday lunchtimes.
- d [The Hunterian](#) is offering a number of 'virtual exhibitions' curated over lockdown, including an exhibition featuring artworks from the personal collection of Scottish poet Edwin Morgan (1920-2010).
- e The short courses link is : <https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/short/videos/>.
- f Fiona Orr, who supplied the above links added a final one with a little note:
As the ladies of GUWC have formerly supported a talent scholarship, I thought they also might like to hear Ryan speak on behalf of all our Talent Scholars. It's a really lovely watch and he talks about the way that his Talent Scholarship has not only changed the course of his own life but brought about an intergenerational shift which will lift his own children and their children out of poverty. Ryan starts talking at point 2.20 on the recording and speaks for around 7 minutes. https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/rec/play/rFypkPCGB6O0dj4LLSDUS5P0LvO6eh7bIXjgJ90jjecXeukdsQAzvVVEy47ADiK_eFKUB_IN9OjZJf05.55m0XiuAmsx1acpY?continueMode=true

2021 Subs Reminder

Subs for 2021 have been held at the amazingly good value price of £10!
If you do not have a standing order you can pay direct to our bank Santander 69548309 sort code 09 01 51. If you are paying by cheque please write GUWC subs on the back and send to:
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Moved home? Changed email or phone number?
If you have recently changed any of your contact details, please do let us know. We'd love to stay in touch! Please contact Marjorie Bremner, Membership Secretary.
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