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**The title of a talk**  
**the speaker**

**Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton on Thursday a date, at 7.30pm**

**Dear Society Member,**

The committee met recently to discuss the prospects for further public meetings this year. We noted that the Yew Tree Hall will probably open by September, but that its use will be constrained by conditions necessary to contain the spread of the virus, which is the correct thing to do. The conditions being developed, in common with other halls in Cumbria, will result in a large reduction in capacity, combined with



complex usage procedures, which the committee considers would not allow us to hold a successful and enjoyable meeting, such as we have been accustomed to having at the Yew Tree Hall for 27 years. This would apply to September, and most likely to November.

Consequently, the committee has reluctantly decided to cancel our remaining talks scheduled for 2020, and the possible postponed walk, although it is just possible that we may re-instate a talk in an online format. The exception is that the committee has decided to hold the delayed AGM in the form of an online Zoom meeting on 8 October at 7.30pm. There will be no talk included. That will meet the requirements of our Constitution, and members can register to participate. There should be a further AGM in June 2021.

The notice of the AGM will go to all members with the next Wanderer, which will be delayed until mid-August. This will give all the information about the different AGM format. We expect to deliver both the August and November Wanderers in 2020, and will make them as full and as interesting as possible. Contributions for November would be welcome.

The committee is working to be able to present a full programme for 2021, even if conditions of public meetings are more complex than before. We recognise that the Society will not be able to provide the programme offered for 2020, though two successful talks were held, and that subscriptions were raised this year. The Committee has decided that subscriptions paid for 2020 will also cover the year 2021. This is possible because of a very good financial outturn for 2019 and the fact that nearly all 2020 subscriptions have been paid, thank you.

The Committee hopes that you will be happy with these arrangements and we will do what we can to make 2021 a very enjoyable year.

Best regards

Derek Denman, Secretary

15 July 2020