



FRIENDS OF THE SMITH
ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

Charity No SC 016450

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Dear Friends

Thank you for your continuing support for the Friends of the Smith, and, in particular, many thanks to those of you who have been kind enough to volunteer at the Cunninghame Graham Library, in the Stirling Smith's garden and at a whole variety of fund raising events. All your efforts are much appreciated.

Annual General Meeting

As you will see from the enclosure with this letter, the Friends of the Smith AGM is scheduled to take place on Monday 4th September 2017 at 7.30 p.m. The minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 31st May 2016 are available for inspection at the Stirling Smith's reception for two weeks before the 2017 AGM. They can also be viewed at any time on the Documents page of www.friendsofstirlingsmith.org.uk.

Fundraising Coffee Morning and Sale - Saturday 21st October 2017



This event will take place in the Holy Trinity Church Hall, opening to the public from 10.30 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. **We have a raffle to win a hamper, a tombola stall and a bric-a-brac stall.** Donations of suitable items for all will be very welcome. We are unable to accept books or videos but bottles, toiletries, CDs, DVDs, jewellery, boxes of sweets, children's games, toys etc are all OK. Donations may be taken to the Stirling Smith **only** on Tuesday 10th October but if you have items and cannot bring them on that day, please call Kathie Costello, on 01786 470950 to make other arrangements. **There will also be a home baking stall.** Again, if you can donate baked goods, preserves, chutneys, shortbread etc, (including scones and pancakes for the cafe) please bring them along on the day of the sale to the church hall. If you are able to label the items with a price it would be appreciated. Audrey Birrell may be contacted on 01786 860321 for further information.

Lectures – Winter 2017

Our winter lecture series begins on Monday 25th September when Heather Jack from the Scottish Pottery Society will highlight some Stirling connections in Arts and Crafts pottery, bringing with her some examples from privately owned collections. Later in the autumn do join us to hear about the history of Scottish mountaineering and the story of engineer James Watt and Kinneil House in Bo'ness.

And finally...

As some of you are already aware, I will be retiring from the Committee at the A.G.M. after 8 years serving initially as an ordinary member and subsequently as Membership Secretary and more recently as Chairperson. Although there are far too many people to thank individually, I would just like to give a special mention to Margaret Gray. I had no idea when she suggested in 2009 that I might be interested in joining the Committee of the Friends of the Smith, just how much a part of my life this would become. I have enjoyed some wonderful times on the Committee and have made many very good friends. I am also delighted to say that my ties with the Stirling Smith will stay strong. I will continue to serve as a Trustee of the Stirling Smith and, naturally, I will always be happy to volunteer for the Friends and for the Stirling Smith. If you have ever considered joining the Committee I would like to take this final chance of asking you to give it a try. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at any time if you want to discuss Committee membership further.

In the meantime, with regard to the AGM, please don't hesitate to contact me if you require a paper copy of the minutes or if you have any questions you want to raise at the AGM about any other matter. It will help us to answer your questions more fully if we have prior notice. I hope you will be able to attend the AGM and look forward to seeing you then.

Many thanks.

With every good wish for the future



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