

Membership Report – 2020/21

Despite disruption to the normal pattern of activities of The Society during the past year, the organisation has enjoyed remarkably loyal support from the membership and finished the year with a total of 302 active members. There was a solid and positive response to the challenge of following the lecture series online, as well as to participating in the Study Day sessions. It was clear that many members adapted well to using novel technology that they had not used before and that also had to include the Membership Secretary! While a modest number of members understandably decided not to renew at the beginning of the uncertain year that lay ahead, there was a gratifying interest from potential new members, with a total of 26 ultimately joining The Society during the season.

Regular feedback from the members following online talks has been valuable and has been passed on to the committee members responsible for organising the programme and the study days. We look forward to the next season and hopefully to the gradual resumption of our more usual style of events and activities. I would also like to think we can slowly build our membership back up to the pre-Covid level of 320 as confidence returns.

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Membership Secretary