

## NNS Secretary's Annual Report, 2020-21

Some of the Society's main events are listed below, not otherwise covered in other committee Officers' reports.

### **Literary & Musical Houses of Britain & Ireland map**

The Committee agreed to support the above publication to feature and promote Norman Nicholson and his home, 14, St George's Terrace, by purchasing 100 copies for re-sale to re-coup costs.

### **Events cancelled 2020-21 due to the global pandemic and national lockdowns**

- Norman Nicholson Poetry classes at South Lakes Music Festival.
- NNS 2020 AGM.
- Annual Christmas Tree Festival, St George's Church.
- Annual Christmas Lunch 2020

### **Postponed Events 2020-21**

- Summer: Nicholson and Ruskin led by **Dr Chris Donaldson**
- Autumn: Creative Writing Workshop at Cockley Moor led by **Mike Tickell**

### **Norman Nicholson showcase: Wordsworth Trust's exhibition, Tuesday, April 7th 2020**

This prestigious exhibition was initially due to coincide with Wordsworth's 250th Anniversary and the 200th Anniversary of the Duddon Sonnets in April 2020 but was postponed. However, WWT is planning to launch the exhibition once restrictions ease in July 2021. **Dr Antoinette Fawcett** is leading the design with input from **Sue Dawson, Glenn Lang** and **Janice Brockbank**.

### **Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society, Saturday, November 7th 2020**

- Poetry readings led by **Glenn Lang** and **Sue Dawson** at no. 14.
- Additional visits readings at the Nicholson Memorial Window and Nicholson Room, Discovery Centre.

### **The following events took place online, using Zoom:**

#### **Commemorative Event via Zoom for Norman's Birthday: Friday, January 8th 2021**

- Update on Project 14
- 'The Unpredicted Spring' Lockdown Poetry: **Kathleen Jones**
- A selection of Nicholson poems

#### **NN-inspired Lockdown Anthology launch, *The Unpredicted Spring* : Wednesday, March 3rd 2021**

Our thanks to our **Honorary Vice-President Kathleen Jones** for supporting the Society's very successful Lockdown Poetry Competition. Congratulations to **Martyn Halsall**, an NNS member, who was the winner of the adult competition. The winner of the under 18 competition was fourteen-year-old Katie Deutsch from Cambridge.

All of the events listed above have required extensive planning and time commitment. The Committee has met three times in the past year and kept in contact mainly via Zoom, email and social media.

The Society has purchased the Pro version of Zoom in order to host online events without any time limits.

Janice Brockbank  
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