

## **The Ranmoor Society**

### **Chair's Report for 2021**

I am pleased to present the Chair's Report for 2021 and to reflect on the progress of the Society during the year. With the ongoing challenges of living within a pandemic the first few talks were delivered virtually using the Zoom platform. This generally worked well and the numbers of members logging in was pleasing.

The situation after the summer was such that we planned to offer a hybrid format for the remaining talks – either at St John's or virtually to offer members a choice. In the event roughly half the audience were there in person and half logged in. Our grateful thanks are due to people at St John's who have facilitated our return there and to all our speakers for helping us offer an interesting and varied range of topics.

We continued to send regular updates to members via email or post and issues of Ranmoor Notes is a valued offering. Many thanks are due to contributors, particularly Gerald Eveleigh, to Peter Morrison for managing the printing and to those volunteers who deliver the majority for us.

In thinking of the challenging times we have been going through your support and encouragement has been much appreciated. I wish to add my personal thanks to all of your committee who have helped the Society to have a successful year. Our committee meetings have increased in frequency as we have sought to adapt to changing circumstances and all have been willing contributors. In considering the financial situation at our last meeting we discussed the level of subscriptions. Being mindful of generally increased costs that we have seen we took the decision to recommend an increase in the subscription rate to £10 for individuals and £15 for families. This rise would take effect from 2023. Set out below is a summary of the current membership position.

Whilst we have been able to arrange the virtual raffle prize draws, we have not found an easy way to hold a virtual election for committee members. I am pleased that all current members are happy to continue for a further 12 months. It is therefore proposed to continue with the current committee, though we are very open to new volunteers to offer their services on the committee. I would welcome your feedback about both subscription rates and committee membership in advance of our planned January meeting.

Mike Killingley

Chair, The Ranmoor Society

January 2022

#### **MEMBERSHIP REVIEW 2021**

At the start of the year there were 130 members and 8 new members joined during the year, though 3 members have not renewed their membership since 2020 and are taken off our list. The split between 'Individual' and 'Household' is approximately 50:50 and currently we have email addresses for 90% of the membership. During the first half of the year average numbers

of those joining virtually was 43 (that is 'machines' rather than people!) with the 3 autumn meetings averaging 24. For these meetings we had an average of 24 attending in person.