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To all Members

Dear Members and Friends

Important message from the President – 13 March 2020

On the 10th March we decided to postpone our Lecture and Dinner at the RAF Club on 17th March. They have been good enough to withhold any cancellation charges. Our Speaker, Dr. Mike Davies, stands ready to give his lecture next year.

In COVID 19 we face an airborne threat of a very different kind. Our first move must be a strategic withdrawal from some part of our 2020 Programme. After consultation with Vice President, immediate Past President and Hon. Secretary we have decided to postpone the whole programme up to 1st October 2020. This includes the Spring and Autumn Voyages to France which we now plan to feature next year.

The hope is to restart the programme with our lecture and dinner on 5th October at the Army and Navy Club, but this will be dependent on public health advice over the ensuing months.

Jane has already postponed the 'PAW's (Partners, Amis & Widows) Visit to Greenwich until 21st October 2020.

A revised Programme outline for 2020/2021 will follow shortly.

I attach a further briefing on COVID 19. At the time of writing Belgium has officially closed its Restaurants & Bars. Can France be far behind?

Jane and I have received many messages of support for which we are most grateful. Our Society's watchwords continue to be 'Social Responsibility & Duty of Care', to ourselves and to society at large.

In the meantime, stay well

Kind regards

President