



Chairman's Blog April 2020

The Board continues, through the surreal circumstances of the Covid-19 crisis, to sustain Number 63, which is currently “in limbo”.

With the exception of the Manager and the Maintenance Consultant, all staff are “furloughed”. Some of whom have been self-isolating. The Directors are naturally concerned for the wellbeing of the staff, their families and friends and look forward to welcoming all staff on their safe return to duty.

Board Meetings are currently convened electronically and several projects are being progressed for example:

- Routine maintenance tasks are ongoing whilst complying with government guidelines.
- The quotation for the rewiring and creation of a secure I.T. Hub in the basement is being revised and work may be brought forward whilst the business is in “limbo”.
- Revised estimates for the refurbishment of the en-suite facilities are being sought for rooms 101,102 and 104.
- Regrettably the two themed weekends, crochet and wine tasting have been postponed - but watch the website as BOTH will be rearranged.
- A Consultant from the Institute of Hospitality Management has been commissioned to mentor the Manager and undertake her Performance Reviews. The Board Administrative Officer, Carwen Wynne Howells, is liaising with the Consultant on behalf of the Board.
- The Director of Finance Kay Linnell is undertaking a review of the financial consequences of the Covid-19 crisis upon the business. Shareholders should not “hold their breath” as regrettably it is inevitable that the report will make uncomfortable reading but we are taking all steps to minimise running costs in this period.
- The Board is currently considering, devising and planning a relaunch campaign for Number 63 when we are able to safely welcome guests again.

As Chairman I invite and urge Shareholders to consider supporting Number 63 when we relaunch by staying at Number 63 and enjoying time with family and friends, taking a walk in the park opposite our iconic building and the like, returning to Number 63 to partake of a glass or two of Number 63's very own Gin!! Indeed, support us now by buying Number 63 Gin and/or Tote bags to be posted out to you - lovely gifts!

In the meantime **stay safe, stay indoors** in order that globally the Covid-19 virus is defeated.

Kind regards and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ann Garvie'.

Ann Garvie, Chairman