

## PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP SECRETAIRES OF THE STANMORE SOCIETY

When I joined The Society Rita Jourdan was the Membership Secretary who did a great job bearing in mind technology had not really come into what it is today. She listed all the members by hand, produced the then membership cards – again written by hand – and one of her main jobs was to collate, produce, print and arrange circulation of the Paper Back Newsletter. On the front of each production (usually half yearly) there was always a local artist's pen and ink drawing of a lovely place in Stanmore. Rita worked very hard to ensure that the Newsletters went out on time by gathering together a group of people, mainly members of the Committee, to collect from her and drop them off to members' houses. This took up quite a lot of her time and she worked right up until the last. She is very much missed but she prepared all that followed her in delivering news to the members of The Stanmore Society.

Following on from Rita was Denise McLernon. Always happy to help, always coming up with some really interesting ideas for events for the committee and hence the members to enjoy. During her time the Fetes in the Recreation Ground in Stanmore Hill were started up once again. Luckily by this time most of membership was put online and so delivering the paperback version of the News Letter was very much reduced.

I followed, contacting members as and when needed to. By this time many of the existing members and those newly joining were able to submit details etc online. I was involved with the afternoon meetings held at Anchor Housing Retirement Centre on a Wednesday afternoon once every two months. This proved to be very popular and hopefully we shall be in a position to carry this on in the not too distant future.

Later I relinquished the position of Membership Secretary and became Information Secretary and to this day I send out as much information appertaining to Stanmore as I am given, by not only the Executive Committee but also members who wish to circulate news which is believed to be important for the Stanmore residents ie in particular Harrow News especially that of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

And now we have Veena Lidbetter who is doing a great job and hoping that as many members as possible will join online and thus helping the Society to reduce admin costs and deliver news promptly without the use of the Royal Mail.

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