

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY SOCIETY WEST REGIONAL GROUP

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE AGM ON 20 MAY 2017

My first year as Chairman of the newly formed West Group of the Twentieth Century Society has been a busy one.

Following last year's AGM which included visits to the Piers in Clevedon and Weston super Mare there have been events in Bristol and Cheltenham.

The Bristol visit to the Harbourside area included a talk by Professor Chris Holloway about the collection of c20 furniture, paintings, glass and pottery that he and his wife Immy have built up over the years.

During the Cheltenham visit we were shown modern houses, the restored Sandford Park Lido and toured the town prior to being shown Douglas and Jenny Ogle's c20 collection.

In addition to these visits we have had a committee meeting in a Motorway Service Station on the M5. For those of you who have yet to visit Gloucester Services they are a pair of very interesting c20 eco buildings!

The only disappointment in terms of visits was the postponement of the event at Bridgwater Arts Centre last December. For reasons outside of our control this event, as you will hear from Jack, will now be in September 2017 to see the exhibition celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the CIAM Conference there.

I have also attended a Regional meeting of c20 at Reading University and hope to get to the AGM of the Society in London on 17 June. The West Group is involved in organising the Society's AGM in Bristol in 2018 and the related events and activities.

In conjunction with Tess Pinto, our Casework Officer in London I have also visited the previous Herman Miller Building in Bath, the Colston Hall in Bristol and met with North Somerset Council to discuss a group of modernist houses in Weston super Mare.

Finally – but most important of all – I would like to thank Jack, Anne, Jan and Douglas for all their support during the past year without which it would not have been possible for the c20 West Group to function. I am sure that you are all aware of how much time and effort they have put in to ensure that members are kept informed, that events are well organised and that our finances are sound!

Bob Hardcastle