

# Leamington Studio Artists

AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

## Membership Report

DATE	NO. OF MEMBERS
30/9/11	387
30/9/12	353
30/9/13	371
30/9/14	364
30/6/15	299
30/6/16	243
30/6/18	289
30/6/19	328

Since I took over as membership secretary in the summer of 2018 I have enrolled 88 new or returning members. Sadly, two members have died and others have not renewed because they have moved away. A few do not renew every month, often those who originally paid by cheque or cash – despite reminders. Presumably this is because they have not found the time or motivation to benefit from their membership.

Overall, I am happy to report that membership continues to rise.

Once again I have spent a great deal of time trying to persuade a core of members to pay the membership fee which was introduced in 2017. With a Herculean effort I have managed to reduce this number from twenty-nine last year to ten.

We have very recently introduced the option of making a donation on top of the membership fee, and we will be able to claim Gift Aid on these sums. Currently five new members have added donations to their subscriptions.

NOTE: The membership report at AGMs prior to 2015 compared numbers as at 30 September; from 2015 the comparison date moved to 30 June, when the AGM was brought forward from October to July, to make them more immediately relevant. This is why the table above includes 30 September in previous years.