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# Nottingham Calligraphers

From the Chairman.....

Hello all,

I hope you've all had a great summer.

When the sun is shining I rarely feel like being indoors doing calligraphy (or anything else), so when the weather is more "British summertime" than "dream summertime" at least there's the compensatory benefit that it's probably better weather for calligraphy!



Anyway – here we are at **Newsletter Number 2**, thanks to the teamwork of your new committee. I hope the programme has plenty to whet your appetite – we're continuing in the tradition of Nottingham Calligraphers by getting really great tutors to come along. There's no better example of this than the September workshop – Jilly Hazeldine's italic is gorgeous, and she makes it look effortless – she will definitely help everyone get the hang of doing more exciting things with italic, so please do try to come along.

As we head off into our exciting future, it feels appropriate to take a moment to say thank you to the people who have kept Nottingham Calligraphers running for the past few years. In particular we owe a big thank you to Kate Hall, our brilliant secretary, and to Brenda Baxter who has been keeping the workshop programme filled with great workshops over the last couple of years. Brenda is a very busy person, and is currently in the second year of her MA in Fine Art, plus she is now a key person on the committee for the Lady Bay Festival. We're not losing Brenda (I hope!) but she's going to take a back seat in the organising of the group for now – but coming along to workshops when she can.

Something else that Brenda has done for the group was to get our website **[www.nottinghamcalligraphers.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamcalligraphers.org.uk)** up and running. It has had a revamp over the summer (see page 2 of this Newsletter), and will be kept up to date with the programme dates, as far into the future as we can manage. Do have a look, and if you have any pictures that could go onto the website to help visitors to the site understand what we do, please send them to me, along with any suggestions for how it can be improved.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Lambley in September (sadly our new home of Lowdham was booked on the date that Jilly could make).

Janet

## Workshop Programme Update

Mark has been working hard to arrange our workshop programme for 2011-2012. The following sessions have been confirmed so far (We hope to have the full programme in the next edition of the Newsletter).

Date	Tutor	Topic	Location
24 September	Jilly Hazeldine	Italic and Variations	Lambley
15 October	Janet & Kate	Christmas Cards	Lowdham
5 November	Angela Dalleywater(*)	Carolingian	Lowdham
3 December	Peter Halliday (*)	Gold	Lowdham

(\*) Note: the dates of these two sessions may be reversed depending upon tutors' availability.

## New Nottingham Calligraphers Web Site

As part of our new beginnings, our website has a new look!

The name - **[www.nottinghamcalligraphers.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamcalligraphers.org.uk)** - is unchanged, but it has a bright new look. Many thanks to Brenda and her partner Vinnie for managing the website until now.

Our website is one of the ways to keep our members informed, and also to attract new members. I will manage the website for now, and aim to keep it current and interesting.

If you have any thoughts on what could appear on there, or photos (past or present) that show what we're about, please let me know.

**Janet**



## Other News

### CLAS Regional Day 2011

Attached with this Newsletter is a notice of the forthcoming CLAS Regional Day hosted by Oxford Scribes in Burford, Oxfordshire on 23 October 2011. Entitled **East Meets West**, the day has all the usual attractions plus keynote speaker Manny Ling. Promises to be a stimulating day!

### CLAS Newsletter No 11

Attached for information is the latest edition of the **CLAS Newsletter**.