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A Macwester 32 at Barmouth, North Wales, lit by Fireworks.
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**THE AGM FOR THE 2021 YEAR WILL BE HELD ON
26th FEBRUARY 2021
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M. C. Coleman 1977 - 1981	S. Hill 2008
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J. Carver 1983 - 1990	A G Almond 2012-2015
M. Pickles 1991 - 1993	Chris Nixon 2015-2018
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Under the Broad Pennant

Linda Nixon, Commodore

I sincerely hope that members have managed to enjoy 2021 a little more than the dreadful year before. Although we have still had lockdowns and restrictions in place, we have at least had increased freedom to spend more time aboard our beloved Macs. In saying that, the weather this year did not match the glorious weather of 2020 where it was actually a pleasure to be homebound and have to spend time in the garden.

This year, Chris and I spent a lot more time aboard but hardly ventured anywhere. Trips down the river and anchoring in nice spots for lunch replaced nights in other marinas, sailing in company, and beach barbecues with boating friends. Slowly, things are becoming a little more 'normal' again and as we approach the time to halt our weekends aboard due to colder weather, I am already excited to think about the opportunities and adventures that 2022 will bring.

Following the 2020 AGM which was held via Zoom, your Committee have managed to meet in person a couple of times. Having got all the arrangements in place for the next MacMeet and AGM (February 2022), I had a unique opportunity to book something special and throw all the other plans aside. I had enquired many years ago about holding an AGM aboard one of our local historic vessels, Sailing Barge Victor. Unfortunately, Victor goes into dry dock every February to be surveyed, painted and have minor repairs done. In October, Captain Wes came to tell Chris and I that the barge was going into dry dock in January next year instead, so if we wanted to book it for an AGM and a cruise down the river, we could. I would like to thank the other members of the Committee for agreeing that this was too good an opportunity to miss, and for putting the other plans 'on hold'.



Holding the AGM aboard with lunch, an afternoon trip AND a cream tea would normally be quite expensive, but knowing the local people involved we have managed to secure this excellent opportunity at the very reasonable price of £25 per head. Please DO take advantage of this and come along to meet other Mac owners and MOA members. Full details appear later in this Journal.

I am sad to say that this is my last 'Under The Broad Pennant' because at the AGM I will be handing over my Commodore's burgee to Peter Stebbings (currently Vice Commodore). It has been a huge honour to serve you as the first lady Commodore of this Association, but you will still have to put up with me as your Honorary Membership Secretary.

Continue to stay safe everyone, and here's hoping for a happy family and friends Christmas.

Notes from Hon. Ed.

Rather a smaller Journal for this Edition as not many articles to include. I'm wondering if that has a bearing on a start -stop summer? Whatever, there's plenty of time to start writing for the next one.

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