

### **AAGB Spring 2020 meeting and Coronavirus**

The increased concerns and risks surrounding the Coronavirus has forced us to consider how safe and practical it would be to continue with the AAGB spring meeting scheduled for 18 & 19 April.

I have spoken in detail with the IBIS Hotel and have been informed that their day to day practices are currently under review by the parent company and that this may have an impact on services such as catering and reducing large gatherings.

**After a great deal of consideration and in the interest of safety for everyone, the AAGB has decided to cancel our spring meeting.**

We have negotiated alternative dates without incurring a financial penalty and are very grateful to the IBIS staff for their understanding and help.

**The Autumn meeting will take place 3 & 4 October 2020 again to be held at the IBIS Hotel**

Anyone who has pre-booked accommodation with The IBIS Hotel / Accor direct and not through a third party booking (or example Booking.com ) is advised to contact the IBIS Hotel in Rotherham on 01709 730333 and they will free of charge move your booking to the autumn dates.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this will cause to our members but are confident that the decision we have made is considered and appropriate at this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretary Chris Webb if you have any further concerns.

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