

Locked down but not Locked up

The SAIT has been fairly quiet for a couple of months with regard to interaction with the public.

However we have not been inactive. Membership has been diligently pursued by Isabel, keeping lists up to date and chasing members for their annual fees. We are very grateful for your support and ask if at all possible to settle the accounts to assist us in keeping head above water. Isabel maintains the Website and Facebook and also finishes and sends out the Newsletter. Berice has been clearing and tidying files, sending out statements, organizing VAT and age analysis and interim trial balances. She is adept at the Pastel programme and keeps the books impeccably. Gill working with Committee on training courses, general email communication, liaison with Berice and Isabel, budgets, finances and SARS, keeping records, and early work on the Bid Committee for the 2025 WTC in Cape Town and anything else that has to be done, like learning Zoom.



However the main development is the discussion and implementation of the five day Lubrication Engineering course to be held on-line. This takes quite a bit of organizing with the presenters learning the system, a moderator to keep everything together, and the students. It is planned to take about 20 students in one class. They will be informed as to what they need on their side such as a private quiet work place, assurance of no disturbance by your company, laptop or PC with microphone and webcam and sufficient internet speed for video and enough data for the week.

While we are preparing it, please meanwhile let us know if you are interested and would like to attend, it could be easier for delegates from the neighboring countries who would save on travel and accommodation. If interested, we can then keep you informed as to progress and probable dates.

As the Lockdown lifts we will also be offering the usual live courses, but kept to a smaller group approved by current regulations.

Although the Annual Awards Dinner will not be held this year, it is important to at least have the AGM and this will be planned on-line at the end of this month, or just

into June. All Members will be informed.



And while you are raking up the autumn leaves, try some Leaf Art, as in my daughter Natasha's garden.

Gill Fuller SAIT secretary

