

## **Alliance of Literary Societies Report**

The Alliance of Literary Societies was founded in 1973, and the Gaskell Society was a founder member. We have been involved ever since. There are now over 125 societies, a rich and fascinating list which you can browse through on the improved ALS website. They have been supported by the Alliance in many practical ways to grow and share their enthusiasms.

Over many years our members have participated in the excellent annual weekends. I remember Dylan Thomas in Wales, the First World War Poets in Edinburgh and of course Elizabeth Gaskell in Knutsford and Manchester. The next one, covid permitting, will be run jointly by the Betjeman and Hopkins Societies in Highgate at the beginning of October. Full details will be given in our next Newsletter.

It is now the turn of other Societies to be represented on the ALS Committee, so this is the last report you will receive from me on this or indeed any other subject. The first-class new team at the ALS will not disappoint, I am sure.

Janet Allan.