



## Autumn Update

As we approach the end of another glorious summer, this communication will be the first of a regular series (initially monthly), through which we hope to engage you, our members, in getting back to **live lectures** at Solberge. As we get used to living with the legacy of the pandemic we ask you for your patience, understanding and tolerance that we need to take things slowly and be flexible to the new circumstances we encounter.

On this occasion all members are receiving this by **post** to ensure that you are all in the picture. Henceforth, other than to those who are registered with us as having **no internet access**, communications will be sent by **email**. If you find accessing your mail difficult why not try to find a friend to help? Please bear in mind that sending information by post raises the costs of running our Society. If more members choose this option it may have to be reflected in future Membership fees.

### Monthly Lecture – 7<sup>th</sup> September

You will receive your Invitation to our September lecture towards the end of this month and, as I said in my Summer update, this will be on **Zoom** for everyone. Solberge are unable to host us this month. We are looking forward to hearing **Linda Smith's** lecture on **Rachel Whiteread**.

### Return to Solberge – October 5<sup>th</sup>

As previously indicated, we hope that the loosening of the Covid reins will continue into October. If that is the case, from the monthly lecture in October onwards into 2022, we are planning to hold **hybrid** lectures, whereby the lecturer will be in the hotel with a reduced number of **pre-booked** members present. All other members and visitors will be sent a Zoom link giving access to the lecture from home.

An advance booking system has been devised and for the lecture on **October 5th** when **Sophie Matthews** will be lecturing on **Music in Art**, members who wish to attend are asked to contact Norma Rodmell to register as soon as possible **on receipt** of this newsletter. Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis. The online access invitations will be issued, as usual, a week or so before the event.

Please email or telephone Norma Rodmell; [norma.s16@btinternet.com](mailto:norma.s16@btinternet.com) 01845 537503 by **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** (at the latest), so we can ensure full capacity in the hall. Norma will write to you confirming your booking, giving further information about safety measures etc. and answer any of your queries.

We are aware Solberge are maintaining their own core safety measures according to their own guidelines but we are instigating our own measures to ensure that everyone attending feels safe and comfortable. The October lecture will be carefully monitored as a mirror and model for future lectures and we will be seeking your feedback.

- **Numbers** on this occasion will be restricted to seating **80** members well-spaced in the Dales Suite at the hotel. This number may increase in future months as circumstances allow and includes both **members, committee and volunteer helpers**.

- The previous **lunch** ordering system is being suspended for the time being and members are asked to make their own arrangements direct with the hotel or eat before they arrive.
- There will be a **stewarding** system in place to help traffic flow and your cooperation is requested.
- We ask you to wear **masks** when arriving and moving around the hotel and to be respectful of other guests.
- Please ensure that you are in good health on the day

## Day of Special Interest



**Thursday 21 October**

**10-4pm**

**Geri Parlby**

### **Origin of the Icon – Painted Wood Panels or Icons to Heaven**

Learn about the origins and turbulent history of icons. Study the artistic techniques used.

Understand how to read an icon through its people and symbols.

A separate invitation to attend will be issued but please contact Arline Ashton:  
[adashton@btinternet.com](mailto:adashton@btinternet.com), 01642 712647 to book a place at this exciting event.

Numbers are limited to **30** and the price is **£32** so don't delay!

Finally, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at either or both these events and indeed into the future. It feels as if we are on the cusp of an exciting return to normality and I encourage you all to spread the word, particularly amongst those who chose to defer re-joining this year.

As a date for your diary why not attend the **Harrogate Flower Show** to be held at **Newby Hall** 17th - 19th of September. The Arts Society, North East Area will have a presence there.

The next update will be issued mid-September to include Membership Renewal for 2022, AGM plans and the November lecture.

**Our website is at:** <https://theartssociety.org/hambleton>

**Contact and help at:** [hambleton@theartssociety.org](mailto:hambleton@theartssociety.org)

Thank you for reading this .....

**Lizzie Johnston**

**20th August 2021**