

The Arts Society North Bucks Member Newsletter Spring/Summer 2018

Here is a round-up of news so that, even if you have to miss a lecture, you won't miss out on what's happening. If you have any questions about anything mentioned below, please contact Committee member Julia Campion on 01908 691176 or e-mail her at northbucks@theartsociety.org and she will pass your query on to the relevant Committee member.

Welcome to new Committee members to help run your Society

At the recent AGM we welcomed two new members on to the Committee. **Angela Scheidegger** will become Secretary as Peggy Butler moves to Vice Chairman, whilst **Elaine Roberts** takes over from Bob Shirley as Membership Secretary. Margaret Hart steps down from her work organising Visits and Young Arts as does Judith Jeffcoate from her work with Church Recorders. Nick Griffin and Linda Whyte also retire from the Committee. We would like to extend sincere thanks to Peggy, Bob, Margaret, Nick and Judith for their sterling work in the past few years. All other Committee members remain the same, as you'll see from your Programme Cards which will be distributed at the May lecture.

At present our Society has 220 paid-up members.

AGM and revised Society Constitution

Following the recent Society name change, it was necessary to make minor adjustments to our Society's Constitution and so we took the opportunity to also tweak a few other clauses which had become out-dated and needed re-wording. The new Constitution was circulated to members before the AGM and voted in unanimously at the meeting. We should like to thank **Felicity Head** who shouldered the bulk of the work on this.

GDPR – General Data Protection Regulations 2018 - A message from Felicity Head

I'm sure you will all have heard a great deal about this law, which will come into force on 25 May. No doubt you will have had numerous emails from organisations wanting to know whether you still consent to receiving information from them.

The good news from the point of view of Member Societies of the Arts Society is that we don't at this time have to ask all of you to confirm that you consent to receiving communications from us. You have already done so 'contracting' to become a member.

The Arts Society has provided us with guidance: 'There are six lawful reasons that can be used to justify the utilisation of personal data to communicate with an organisation's 'audience'. Only one of the six is required, and in the case of our Society, two apply:

- Performance of a contract – membership of The Arts Society North Bucks (and automatically membership of The Arts Society nationally) by payment of subscription.
- Legitimate interest – communicating to members the details of upcoming relevant arts events being held by the society, The Arts Society or The Arts Society Wyvern Area.'

Requirements of the law for our Society may be expressed as:

- Members' details will be processed fairly and lawfully in order to satisfy the agreement entered with you on your admittance to membership. This will ensure that you receive the latest news and information about all upcoming events.
- Members' details will be passed to The Arts Society to enable inclusion on the mailing of the quarterly magazine and other communications including information about any upcoming national events or items of legitimate interest.
- Members' details may be passed to The Arts Society Wyvern Area, or other affiliated Arts Societies, for the purposes of disseminating relevant information of legitimate interest
- Members' details will be kept safely and securely and you have the ability to opt out of our communications at any time.
- An individual member may request to see the data that we hold on them at any time.
- Members' details will be held by the Society for no longer than is necessary, but note that financial data must legally be kept for 6 years.

This wording will be used on the membership renewal form for 2019 and the membership application form from now on, to ensure compliance with GDPR.

Visits

The Summer visit is on **Thursday 21st June 2018** to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, which was mentioned several times during our recent Special Interest Day as a great place to see Pre-Raphaelite art and many other treasures.

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (BMAG) is housed in a Grade II* listed city centre landmark building. There are over 40 galleries to explore, displaying art, social history, archaeology and ethnography. Key collections are the Staffordshire Hoard, the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold ever found; and a very large collection of Pre-Raphaelite art.

We will travel by coach, leaving Olney Marketplace at 8.30am, calling at Willen Centre bus stop at 8.45am. We hope to arrive in Birmingham at approx 10.30am, when you will have time for refreshments in the museum café. We will split into two groups for guided tours of the 'Highlights of the Museum'. Group 1 leaves at 11am and Group 2 leaves at 12pm. Following lunch in one of the many venues available, you are then free to explore more of the Museum, or other venues in the area, such as the Ikon art gallery, the Library, or China Town. We return to the coach at 4pm for the journey home.

Booking is now open. The cost is £20 a head, not including lunch. Please email Margaret Hart at margarethart1606@btinternet.com or phone Margaret on 01908 233125 to book your place.

Special Interest Days

Special Interest Days are held in the Function Suite at the Carlton Club, 38 High Street, Olney MK46 4BB. There is parking behind the Club and access for those with mobility issues as well as parking close by on the Rugby Club car park.

The Spring SID on Tuesday 24 April on Pre-Raphaelite Design Connections from William Morris to William de Morgan was not only sold out but was also a great success and we thank Nadyne Coles for her hard work organising the day.

The Autumn SID will be on **Tuesday 13 November 2018** and will be Peter Medhurst *on* 'Music in the Great Art Collections of Europe'. Bookings can be made at the September and October lectures. If you are interested in booking or have any queries, please contact Nadyne Coles on 01908 261170 or sidsnorthbucks@theartssociety.org. The cost is £38 for members or £43 for non-members.

Full details of both Visits and Special Interest Days can be found at <https://theartssociety.org/north-bucks>.

Church Recorders

Following Judith Jeffcoate's retirement from leading the Church Recording group (although she will continue as an active recorder), Felicity Head will now lead the team, with valuable assistance from Nick Freeman and Lesley Gilbert (who will be compiler of the next record).

They are currently in discussion with St James' Church, New Bradwell about recording there, and have vacancies for new team members. Please contact Felicity (felicity.head@btinternet.com) if you'd like to know more.

Forthcoming Lectures

- Our **Thursday 10 May 2018** lecture is by Mark Cottle who will speak *on* 'Angels from the Realms of Glory' - The Wilton Diptych and the Angel Roof of Westminster Hall
- On **Thursday 14 June we have** Neil Faulkner on 'Lawrence of Arabia- Tortured Hero of Troubled

If you have any questions about anything mentioned above, please speak to any Committee member or contact Julia Campion on the contact details given below.

New email addresses for Committee members

We have some new email addresses for key Committee members in order to enable them to keep their TASNB correspondence separate from their personal emails. Please see below for the correct email address for key roles, so you can contact them easily.

Committee Member	Gmail account
Chairman	northbucks@theartssociety.org
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And finally...

President Sheila Hunter drew our attention at the AGM to the comprehensive article about The Arts Society's first 50 years in the magazine **Country Life**, published on 11 April 2018.

With regards from Julia Campion and your Society's Committee

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