

THE ARTS SOCIETY NORTH BUCKS

Member Newsletter Autumn 2018

Welcome back after our wonderful summer, even though the temperatures were very high and our lawns are now looking very sorry for themselves.

We as a Committee are pleased to inform you that our Society is going from strength to strength even though we had a few members leave us since the start of the year; but as always, we have new members who joined us, so that our membership now stands at 223.

With regards to membership, subscriptions will be due by the end of the year (our year runs from January to December). This year to avoid any hold ups, a new system will be in operation from October – nothing to worry about as the Committee will be there to guide you through the renewal process.

In accordance with the new data protection rules 'GDPR', it is required that you sign your new renewal forms, a one off procedure. You can opt out of our communications at any time or request sight of the data we hold on you personally. Payment can be made by cheque or preferably bank transfer.

Our Church Recorder Group has very successfully finished recording St Michael, Lavendon and a display of their work will be on show at our September meeting. There are now 20 volunteers helping with Church Recording and at the end of September they will be starting the recording of St James, New Bradwell. The recorders are now 'under new management' with Felicity Head and Nick Freeman as Group Leaders and Lesley Gilbert as Compiler. We wish them well and sincerely thank Judith Jeffcoate for all the hard work and dedication she has put into being both leader and compiler of the 4 finished reports. Judith is not leaving the group but will continue as a member using her knowledge of stonework.

As a Committee we have decided to support Macmillan Coffee Mornings by having a coffee and cake stall at our meeting on 11th October. If you feel you could supply a cake, muffins, cupcakes etc. which we can either sell for immediate consumption or 'take away' Peggy Butler would love to hear from anyone who feels they could contribute. Peggy can be contacted on 01234 240 046.

Plans for our visit to Glyndebourne at the end of October are now complete with 31 members completing the group. A reminder that the final payment is now due to be sent to Tailored Travel direct if you haven't already done so.

If you have any suggestions for future visits, please advise Peggy Butler or myself.

November brings our last Special Interest Day of the season with Peter Medhurst giving us the usual 3 lectures, this time with a piano accompaniment to his lecture 'Music in the Great Art Collections of Europe'. Bookings will be taken at the September lecture. Please contact Nadyne Coles on sidsnorthbucks@theartsociety.org for details. Tickets are limited and cost

£38 to include coffee and biscuits on arrival, lunch with wine or soft drinks and tea or coffee on departure.

We will be holding our annual Christmas Drinks and 'Bring a friend for free' after our December meeting. I will be asking how many of you intend bringing a friend so that we will have enough mince pies to hand around. We must remind you that although your friend will be free of charge they MUST sign the guest book, so that we have an accurate record of everyone attending the lecture in case there should be an emergency and we have to vacate the building.

Forthcoming lectures:

13th September: Caroline Shenton 'Votes for women!' Art, Suffragettes and Female Politicians.

11th October: Leslie Primo 'Foreigners in London 1520-1677': the artists who changed the course of British Art.

8th November: Sarah Dunant 'The Most Infamous Family in History – The Borgias'.

13th December: Richard Box 'Christmas Customs and Traditions – origins, stories, legends, half-truths and untruths about what we do at Christmas time'

Extra:

The Arts Society is a member of the Milton Keynes Heritage Association. If you register at <http://www.mkheritage.org.uk/email-newsletter/> you can receive a useful weekly newsletter about events in and around Milton Keynes.

If you have any questions about any of the above please contact me on 01234714244 or any of the Committee members, details on your Programme Card.

We look forward to welcoming you back next week for what looks like being a very exciting Autumn programme.

Loie Perkins
Chairman