

The Arts Society Sparkenhoe

A bit of history

The Arts Society Sparkenhoe is a member of The Arts Society.

As a member of The Arts Society Sparkenhoe, you automatically become a member of The Arts Society (formerly NADFAS). This entitles you to a free quarterly arts magazine and the opportunity to take part in the events that The Arts Society puts on.

The first Decorative and Fine Arts Society was the inspiration of Patricia Fay. In 1965 she formed The Chiltern Antiques Group, later to become the Chiltern DFAS, to bring together people interested in the decorative and fine arts who wished to hear expert lecturers, go to museums, galleries, houses and collections and to increase and broaden their knowledge. NADFAS was formed in 1968 holding its inaugural meeting at The Victoria and Albert Museum in the presence of HRH The Duchess of Kent, who later became its Patron. Unfortunately Patricia Fay died in 1979 aged only 46.

NADFAS was renamed The Arts Society in 2017 and, including its UK and overseas affiliated societies, has a worldwide membership of over 90,000.

The Sparkenhoe Arts Society was established in Market Bosworth, to serve the town and surrounding area, in June 2005 under the auspices of NADFAS. It was re-designated in line with the renaming of NADFAS as *The Arts Society Sparkenhoe* and continues to draw its membership from a wide area.