



Your Chairman writes ...

Welcome to our September newsletter which is full of information and news about past and future events. Our programme of lectures has been varied and interesting and overall we have had enthusiastic feedback with perhaps the occasional "disappointment" in terms of quality and content. Several evaluation slips are issued at each lecture and these, together with Committee input, are sent to NADFAS House for their records – so your views are always noted.

Please let us know if there is a topic you would like to see covered in the future and we will do our best to find a lecturer who can tell us about it. Since attendance has been slightly down at some lectures recently, I think it is worth repeating what I said at the last lecture – NADFAS aims to foster an understanding of the full panoply of the Arts and Culture and to encourage us to continue to learn about the new and unfamiliar. So do come, even if on the surface the topic may not catch your interest.

Oh and CDFAS is also about having fun!

John Baker

Welcome and thank you



The Social Committee preparing for the party

Our now customary drinks party to welcome new members and to thank those members who have actively helped the Society over the past year, was blessed with a perfect early summer evening on 6 June. The event was organised by our splendid Special Events Team and hosted by our Evening Membership Secretary, Lawrence Lock, at his beautiful home and garden at Gaston Gate.

Helpers were thanked for their contributions; hosting the lecturers between afternoon and evening lectures, and sometimes even overnight; displaying posters; as website reporters for lectures and visits but especially, for being leaders of Church Recording, Heritage Volunteers and Young Arts.

Please contact any member of the Committee if you would like to be involved with any of these activities and you could be at next year's party too!

Another treat for NADFAS Volunteers

On 2 September 2013 NADFAS hosted an enjoyable afternoon in the Tithe Barn at Loseley for volunteers in the West Surrey societies, to show appreciation for the often Herculean effort that they make towards the success of the societies. Representatives of the Church Recorders and Young Arts from our Cranleigh DFAS attended.

Janet Price reports that: "After speeches and a delicious tea we were entertained by three very talented young musicians playing the harp, flute and violin. It was a fine summer's day and the Tithe Barn and Loseley Park were looking at their best, all of which made it a memorable occasion."



Deck the Halls... It's that time again!

The Social Evening of the Christmas season – our Christmas Party - will be held on 4th December 2013 at The Cranleigh Golf and Country Club.

Tickets cost £33 and include a welcoming glass of sparkling wine, a festive quiz and our fund-raising raffle in aid of Young Arts, as well as an excellent dinner. As usual, there will be no seating plan. However, there will be tables for 8 or 10 people if you wish to make up your own party.

Tickets will be on sale at the September and October lectures.

Forthcoming lectures

Please note that our lectures start at 2.00 pm in the afternoon and at 7.30 pm in the evening

October 23 2013 – Caroline MacDonald-Haig Habitat Catalogued

Habitat at Home in the Swinging 60's

Caroline worked with Terence Conran, copy writing and editing the Habitat Catalogue in the 1960's. Terence Conran had opened the Chelsea Harbour Store in 1964 and Caroline says these were 'crazy, demanding and inspiring times,' with lots of both tension and humour. She worked with some of the best designers, art directors and photographers of the era and her lecture will provide an insider's view of how Conran's vision and determination changed the way we lived then and the way we live now.

November 27 2013 - Rupert Willoughby Basingstoke and its Contribution to World Culture

Rupert specialises in the domestic and social life of the past. His most recent book, and perhaps his greatest challenge to date, is the title of our November lecture. He summarises the lecture by saying 'Hilarity is guaranteed as the lecturer examines the post-war development of a typical English town'.

January 22 2014– Eveline Eaton BA Dresden today –its Art and Architecture

In 2006 the wonderful city of Dresden celebrated its 800th anniversary. It is popularly known as 'The Florence of the North'. Its 18th Century buildings have been, or are being faithfully restored. The Old and New Masters' Picture Galleries are among the finest in Europe and in the Zwinger Palace are superb examples of Oriental and Meissen porcelain. The lecture will also look at the charming town of Meissen, which is close by, and will include its famous factory. Locally there is much of interest and some will be addressed, not least the beautiful river Elbe.

Liz Trickett (Programme Secretary)

Our January lecturer, Eveline Eaton BA, has recently been appointed to the chair of The Dresden Trust, which was established in 1993 to promote religious understanding and help rebuild the Frauenkirche in the city as a memorial to all those who died in WWII air raids.

Some seven years later these aims were broadened to include informing people in Britain about the culture of Saxony (and indeed Germany) and the people of Saxony about the United Kingdom.

For further information see:
<http://dresdentrust.net/index.html>

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Outings

We are delighted that our outings this year have **surpassed all expectations** in terms of popularity and success – but at the same time regretful that we have not been able to accommodate everyone. We have done everything in our power to make access fair. As you know, we divide the number of tickets available to afternoon and evening membership on a pro rata basis. In addition we have begun to sell in strict order of arrival, only letting any one member buy two tickets (maximum) on the first occasion. This new scheme seems to be working well and appears to be the best system when tickets are very popular.



Newly renovated Kew Palace

We hope that the season 2014 will be equally enjoyed by all and plans have already begun with ideas and bookings – so you all need to keep alert as news develops.

Our **Special Interest Day (SID) – on November 2 2013** is already sold out. This special interest day represents an opportunity for a closer examination of a subject than is possible during the standard one hour lecture and we look forward to it with great relish.

Website information on outings: Please note that if you have lost your "ticket details" – or need any information about an outing – all the details are published on the website – an easy point of reference rather than ringing members of the committee.

Gwen Wright - Outings Secretary

Note to all members

Please notify your Membership Secretary of any changes to your email or postal addresses.

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