



Your Chairman writes ...

Welcome to what I always think of as “The Autumn Term,” old habits die hard! We have a busy few months ahead with, in addition to our normal lecture programme, an extra outing on 10 October: “Women in the First World War,” the Special Interest Day on 8 November and the Face Fun exhibition (See Young Arts below), all topped off by our Christmas Party on 3 December.

This superb programme is the result of the detailed planning and expertise of your excellent committee. At the risk of repetition, I say again that we are definitely not a “closed shop”. Indeed at the AGM in February next year **a number of vacancies are coming up on the committee** for which it would be helpful to have early nominees so that some training can be given during the autumn to ensure a smooth handover when the time comes. In addition to joining the committee, there are many ways in which members can help support the Society – indeed many of you already do so. But we need more! To this end, there will be a questionnaire at the next lecture to complete and return to me. This is your opportunity to get more involved with the running of YOUR society. Whilst long-serving members’ circumstances may have changed, enabling you to give us some of your time, we have many new members and are hopeful that this survey will tap into your talents as well.

Please do not hold back. It is vital for the continuing success of the society that we regularly recruit new talent and ideas to the committee.

John Baker

Highlights from our Young Arts Programme

The wonderful thing about Young Arts is that there’s always something new going on. Activities, chosen to engage youngsters with the Arts, are continuously being either planned or brought to fruition. One such project was the creation of the life sized metal stag for the sculpture trail at St Joseph’s School and College. The work involved many of the students and, to celebrate their achievement, members of the Young Arts Team attended an inauguration event when Bishop Kieran Conry blessed the stag and named it Spartacus - the learners’ choice! Our society has also just made a generous donation for materials to be used under the guidance of the new artist in residence. More of that next time.

CDFAS funds helped substantially towards the cost of workshops at Wey House School in which model rabbits were made. These have now joined the beautiful CDFAS heron in the outdoor classroom. We saw for ourselves what pleasure and pride the boys felt at being actively involved in their creation.

September 2014



Spartacus and Friends at St Joseph’s

You may remember the Face Fun Self Portrait project we held last year. It was such a success that we are repeating it this autumn and this time it will be even bigger and better. About 160 local Year 5 children will be taking part and they have just been issued with their project packs. **An exhibition of all their drawings will be held in the Arts Centre from 4 to 15 November 2014.**

Please do come along and view it. It is because of your continuing support that we are able to do so much to help to inspire our youngsters to participate in the Arts – so thank you.

Pat Morgan & Jan Fricker, Young Arts Coordinators

Situation Vacant: Publicity Liaison for CDFAS

From February 2015, I will be stepping down from this role and am seeking a successor. The role has two aspects in its current form, but could very well be accomplished by a ‘job share’. The one-off tasks for the year are the design of 10 lecture posters, including sourcing images, and writing brief monthly updates for the publications in which we advertise. (We are limited to a paragraph, so it isn’t a literary masterpiece!) Occasionally, I invite the local press to an event to raise awareness of our activities and write copy for the Arts Centre brochure.

Three times a year, I edit the newsletter. The other task is to check the lecture and outing reports for ‘readability’ before sending them on to our webmaster. Occasional extra jobs arise, such as collaborating in the design of our fantastic new 3-fold leaflet. Please contact me if you’d like to know more. My details are on your membership card.

Rhona Gregson

Forthcoming lectures

22 October 2014 - Dr Caroline Shenton: The Day Parliament Burned Down (bring a guest for free)

In the early evening of 16 October 1834 a huge ball of fire exploded through the roof of the Houses of Parliament. The blaze was so great that it was seen by the King and Queen at Windsor, and from the top of the South Downs. It destroyed the glorious old building and its contents and was immortalised in a number of paintings by JMW Turner.

26 November 2014 - Caroline Rayman: The Two Elizabeths

The first shoots of the British Empire began in the reign of Elizabeth I and the waning of our colonial power came under the second Elizabeth. This lecture illustrates how the two Elizabeths are like bookends of our Empire.

28 January 2015 - Dr Sarah Pearson: Rome, EUR, & the Architecture of Fascism in Italy

When Mussolini rose to power in Italy, in a quest to create a capital city to rival that of antiquity, he sought to emulate the Roman Emperors by reshaping Rome. As a result Rome remains a showpiece of the Fascist architectural style with buildings including the Foro Italico, the Sapienza University and most importantly the EUR district. This lecture will examine these amazing buildings, including the art and sculpture used to decorate them.

Liz Trickett – Programme Secretary

Outings Autumn 2014

The outings for the year are now complete and the reports are on the website for your information. I do hope you have enjoyed them!

Our **Special Interest Day** focusing on The Huguenots is on Saturday 8 November 2014, with Sue Jackson (See Coming Soon).

We have tried to make things easier for both members and the committee. **All details of each outing are on our website** so if ever you need to check anything, your query can be answered in an instant! Equally, if you join an outing at the last minute, the ticket details are there for your information.

We now have a mobile phone **for use by the party leader on CDFAS outings**. The leader on the day will have this mobile, the number of which will be written on your ticket, so, in the event of any difficulties this number should be used. Put this it into your phone? Tell your family? All good ideas - **07591 099 243**.

Plans are underway for **2015**. Yes, bookings are made well in advance and I will continue to try to link visits with

lectures where feasible, to enrich our learning experiences.

Gwen Wright - Outings Secretary



Our waiting coach is dwarfed by the sharp outlines of the Towner Gallery, Eastbourne

COMING SOON

Special Interest Day

Saturday 8 November 2014 - Sue Jackson BA MITG: The Cultural Heritage of the Huguenots

These French Protestants escaped from persecution towards the end of the 17th and into the 18th Century, moving to other, predominantly Protestant, countries and they had a huge cultural, domestic and business influence on Britain.

This day will focus on their cultural heritage through trade, including the silk weavers of Spitalfields, influence on Georgian life and style, the repositioning of the wife's role in the household and the role of tea through to the present day. Have you a Huguenot name? Why not come and find out.

New Publicity Leaflet

After months of preparation, we now have a new, high quality publicity leaflet. We are sure you will be impressed. These will be distributed widely in the community and will always be available at lectures for you to take to pass on to anyone you think may be interested in joining us.

One novel feature is a tear-off voucher for a free taster lecture. This is in addition to the "bring-a-friend-for free" lecture in October. Our aim is to spread the word about Cranleigh DFAS and its activities so that we recruit new members on a regular basis in order to ensure our financial viability and the continuing vitality of the society.