

NEWSLETTER

September 2017

Cranleigh Decorative
& Fine Arts Society



Your Chairman writes ...

Dear Members.

A warm welcome to our Autumn season, full of excellent talks and sociable occasions to enjoy. Our Special Interest Day and a visit to Winchester in November are outlined overleaf by my colleagues, plus full details available on our website:

www.cranleighdfas.org.

So I will just add -

We listened to those who were disappointed by the lack of an evening Christmas Party last December, so join us this year for a festive evening at Cranleigh Golf and Country Club on **Wednesday 6th Dec at 6.45pm for 7.30pm - a glass of fizz on arrival, three course dinner with choice of menu, coffee and mince pies for £33.**

Jonathan will provide another fiendish quiz for each table and to help fund Young Arts projects there will be a raffle. Please give your support and join fellow members old and new, at this special time of the year.

You are probably unaware that last year NADFAS introduced 'Mail Chimp' as a replacement for the previous system used to send group e-mail.

THE ARTS SOCIETY as they are now known, have assured all affiliated societies, their members personal details are perfectly safe and will not be given to any third party.

The use of email is our instant way of keeping members up to date with news or changes to our programme and will come from either myself or another Committee member.

It is in your own interest to open and read those you may receive, as if left 'unopened' on a few occasions, the system will automatically clear access to you as a member of Cranleigh. To rectify this, we would need written permission from yourself to re-instate you on our mailing list.

You should have received by now, notification of an EGM to which all members are invited, to take place prior to the October afternoon talk. The quorum for the EGM is 60, the Committee asks members to come to the meeting so that the changes can be discussed and a vote by show of hands taken.

Kind regards

Pat Butler.

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Young Arts

Many of you will have seen our Cranleigh Schools' Art Exhibition at the Arts Centre in July. All six Cranleigh schools were represented and produced a large and wonderfully varied mix of paintings, art photography and 3d pieces.

The Young Arts Team worked hard to make the show a success and were thanked profusely by the many teachers who attended its launch. Our guest of honour was NADFAS Head of Arts, Denise Topolski, who complimented our society on the support and encouragement it gives to our talented local youngsters.

Our own thanks go to the Arts Centre, whose cooperation in these events is much appreciated. Also this summer, **The Arts Society Cranleigh** - to use our new name - made a substantial donation towards a Willow Weaving Workshop for a group of students from St Joseph's Specialist School and College. This was done in conjunction with the Mittal Foundation at their impressive educational facility. The students found the activity challenging, but we were pleased to watch as they managed to weave some small baskets, two of which were on display at the Art Exhibition.

We've more good things planned for the Autumn, as you'll discover in our next newsletter. Everything we do depends on your continuing support; so we thank you; Young Arts Coordinators, Pat Morgan and Felicity Kemp Young Arts Team Members, Heather Head, Carole Lewis and Sue Pescodd.



The Art Teachers with Denise Topolski and Pat Morgan.

Pat Morgan Young Arts Co-ordinator

Forthcoming lectures

Lectures and a Special Interest Day from October 2017 – February 2018

Wednesday October 25th 2017 – Ms Alexandra Drysdale – ‘Let there be Light’.

Alexandra is both an Art Historian and a Professional Artist. She specialises in painting, sculpture and performance. Science and art have moved forward together in the quest to understand light. Alexandra will enlighten us as to how artists have painted both temporal and spiritual light through the ages, and how different countries use a different palette to each other because of the light they live in.

Saturday November 11th 2017 – Mrs Shirley Smith – ‘The Genius that is Michelangelo’

A Special Interest Day on Michelangelo – his life, his painting, his sculpture and his poetry. This will be a day to remember by an expert speaker and writer on the High Renaissance in Italy, coupled with the opportunity to enjoy a superb lunch with fellow members. Tickets will be on sale from the July lecture day and cost only £35.

Wednesday November 22nd 2017 – Dr Neil Faulkner – ‘Lawrence of Arabia- tortured hero of troubled times.’

Dr Faulkner, along with a colleague from Bristol University, are the joint academic directors of the Great Arab Revolt Project exploring the archaeology of World War 1 in the deserts of Southern Jordan, since 1996. TE Lawrence is an early 20thC instance of celebrity culture. Neil will analyse the invention & re-invention of the legend from 1919 onwards through memoirs, photos, films, paintings, biographies & documentaries. Some representative archaeological objects will be on display.

Wednesday January 24th 2018 – Mr Christopher Rogers – Sir John Soane: neglected architect of Regency England.

Soane was a leading architect of the early 19th C and anyone who has been to his own home, which is open to the public, will find a degree of eccentricity alongside

brilliant architectural plans. Many of his great buildings are lost but he did redesign the Bank of England and the Dulwich Picture Gallery is still intact. In fact in an earlier lecture we did learn about the gallery’s recent extensions. This lecture will look at his work and justify its importance. Mr Rogers lectures extensively on architecture.

Wednesday February 28th 2018 – Ms Angela Findlay – The Other Side: Germany’s Post WW2 culture of memorials.

We welcome a return by Angela, who has Anglo-German roots. She has toured Germany extensively to find out how they honoured their war time dead and the differences in their memorials to those of the Allied countries. She has again taken a challenging topic to try and understand how people in this society came to their individual peace through a focus on well designed & artistic memorials. We have heard from other groups in our area that this talk has been highly regarded

Liz Trickett – Programme Secretary

Outings 2017

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All scheduled outings for the season are now a very fond memory – and each has been very well received by all who shared in them. There are wonderful reports and photos on our website! Do look!

Preparations continue and an extra outing has now been set to enjoy **Winchester** at the time of the Christmas market. This is on November 30th and includes both a walking tour and an opportunity to share in Choral Evensong before we come home. All details are on our website.

Our holiday based in Bologna area is now set for departure in September, when I am sure we will enjoy many splendours.

Bookings have also been made for next year too – so much to look forward to into 2018!

Gwen Wright – Outings Secretary