

North Buckinghamshire DFAS Member Newsletter – Autumn 2017

Here is a brief round-up of news so that, even if you have to miss a lecture, you won't miss out on what's happening. If you have any questions about anything mentioned below, please contact Committee member Julia Campion on 01908 691176 or e-mail her at juliacampion238@gmail.com and she will pass your query on to the relevant Committee member.

Re-branding - A change of name for our Society

A sub-group of the Committee has met over the summer period to review the pros and cons of re-branding our Society's name and visual identity, in line with the national change to 'The Arts Society'. The Chairman and Committee have now considered the issue and recommend that the Society should re-brand from 1 January 2018. This will have little effect on your experience of lectures and membership generally, but the Society will have a 'new look' as well as a new name, ensuring that we stay current and appealing to potential new members and throughout all our activities.

This is what The Arts Society (head office) says about the rebrand:

On 17 May at our AGM, The Arts Society agreed to replace NADFAS as our operating name. After 50 years, we needed to evolve to keep up with changing times in order to reach out to more people in more places. The Arts Society isn't a radical change though. We wanted something that better communicates who we are, what we do and what we mean to our members. A big part of that is social, hence: 'Society'. And an even bigger part is the arts, thus: 'The Arts'.

Even though we'll look and sound a little different, we still offer the same services: through our excellent lectures we will provide welcoming opportunities for our members to discover and connect to the arts and each other. We will also ensure that heritage has a future through conservation and preservation, and we continue to support the skills of tomorrow's artists and makers. The belief that the arts are essential to enriching people's lives will always be at the very heart of who we are.'

In order to officially change our name we need to have a short **Extraordinary General Meeting** and we plan to do this at 10.45am prior to the lecture on Thursday 12th October 2017. Members will be asked to vote on a **Notice of Special Resolution** which **the Society's Secretary has sent to you separately by email**. A simple change is required to two Clauses in our Constitution as recommended by The Arts Society head office - one is the name change and the second is a slight adjustment to the organisations aims and objectives.

If you have any comments or questions about the re-brand, please contact Chairman Loie Perkins or speak to any Committee member.

Visits

The Autumn visit is on **Thursday 19th October 2017** to the Globe Theatre and Tate Modern in London. The day includes the Globe exhibition showing how plays were produced in the playhouses of Shakespeare's time, a fascinating tour of the auditorium and an Elizabethan dressing demonstration. This is followed by a general tour of Tate Modern including highlights across the permanent collection.

Spaces are still available and the visit costs £40. Please email Margaret Hart at margarethart1606@btinternet.com or phone Margaret on 01908 233125 to book your place.

Special Interest Days

Special Interest Days are held in the Function Suite at the Carlton Club, 38 High Street, Olney MK46 4BB. There is parking behind the Club and access for those with mobility issues.

The next SID will be on **Tuesday 31st October 2017**. The subject is 'Radiance and Beauty: A study day in Stained Glass' presented by Roger Rosewell. Bookings can be made at the September and October lectures. If you are interested in booking or have any queries, please contact Nadyne Coles on 01908 261170 or ncoles499@gmail.com. The cost is £38 for members or £43 for non-members.

Full details of Special Interest Days can be found at <http://www.northbucksdfas.co.uk/frvisits.htm>.

Church Recorders

Our Church Recording group started work in September 2009. To date we have completed records for St Peter, Gayhurst; St Mary, Haversham and St Leonard, Little Linford. The group started recording at a fourth church, St Michael, Lavendon, in June 2015. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Group Leader, [Judith Jeffcoate](#).

Young Arts

We are sponsoring a Young Arts project to link in with the MK50 celebrations to mark Milton Keynes' 50th birthday. Andrew Macdermott, a unique handmade pottery expert, has been helping the children at a primary school in Willen to create a display. The children were asked to think about Milton Keynes and what they like about it and put their thoughts on paper. The potter then helped the children to transfer their thoughts and ideas into clay which were fired and mounted on four square one-metre boards for display. We hope to be able to show members photographs of the project at a future lecture.

Forthcoming Lectures

- Our **Thursday 14th September 2017** lecture is by Dr Geri Parlby on '**From Magic Lanterns to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer – the birth of the Silver Screen and the Artists it inspired**'.
- On **Thursday 12th October 2017** we have Dr Helen Rufus-Ward on '**Glorious Things: Discovering Byzantium through its Art**'.

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With regards from Julia Campion and your Society's Committee
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