



## AUTUMN BULLETIN 2018

Dear Arts Society Members

Welcome to our new year at the Arts Society, Malmesbury. As most of you will know, this bulletin acts as my overview of the year for the AGM. Please find attached our Agenda for the AGM and the Financial Statement for the year ending 2018. Previous Minutes can be viewed at any time should you be interested and please let me know if there is anything that you would like to bring up in Any Other Business.

We had another successful year on just about every front and I believe that the lectures were received with enthusiasm by most of you. There were some outstanding ones of very varied content which means that we are hitting the right balance to please a majority – not always an easy task. A couple that come to mind are the February lecture on Counter Memorials and the June one on the Art of Fin de Siècle Vienna.

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch was very well attended, and the Team fulfilled everyone's high expectations by providing a delicious lunch in the lovely surroundings of Malcolm and Angela Potter's garden at Westonbirt.

At our May lecture, the West Mercia Chairman – Sue Russell Jones came to remind us of the wonderful organisation that the Arts Society is and how it provides so much interest and education in the area of the Arts in its widest sense. She also observed that our Society appeared to be a very vibrant, friendly and hospitable one, so let us try to keep it that way by continuing to be welcoming to our new members and supporting our programme and what we, as a committee, are offering. Hopefully we can involve more of you in the running of the Society in the months to come.

As you will see from our Financial Statements, the books and plants sales have raised the wonderful amount of £173 which will be put towards our Young Arts Projects. Do bring in your old books as you can see their sale goes towards a worthy cause. You shall be hearing about our Young Arts Project later on.

Biddy Hadfield has been very successful in putting together a Tea Team which has gradually expanded over the past year, so do put your name down on the sheet we put out at every lecture or contact Biddy should you wish to join the team to help at our teas following the lectures. No cooking required unless inspired to do so! A great way to make new friends and be involved. Contact Biddy on – [info@mdfas.co.uk](mailto:info@mdfas.co.uk) or phone – 01453 887548.

**MEMBERSHIP** – numbers have stayed steady with a few more resignations this year than last, but this has been due to the usual vagaries of life. We should stand at around 207 in total with a lovely lot of new members to join us. Our new Membership Secretary, Judy Little, has been wonderful in picking up the reins from Maggi Stamp Loshak and has been gathering in all the renewal payments. Maggi has tried to make it as painless as possible, but it can be somewhat trying! A new system will be brought in next year.

**SPECIAL INTEREST DAY** – some of you may have spotted that our first ‘new date’ Special Interest Day is on the 8<sup>th</sup> November in Sherston. ‘Designed for Wearing: Jewellery in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century’ with Susan Rumfitt. Full details are on the website together with an application form or you can sign up at our first lecture. Numbers are limited so do sign up soon if you would like to join us. This will be a great day of two lectures, a lunch, coffee and time to meet other members plus an opportunity to bring along your own jewellery for discussion. Our new SID secretary, Anna Montague Jones, is in charge of arranging this, so all queries can be directed to her via - [info@mdfas.co.uk](mailto:info@mdfas.co.uk) . Tel: 01666 238 658. Or at our first lecture.

**PARKING** – we do not have George with us this year to help guide you into your parking space so please, please park carefully and take up as small a space as you can.

**AN APOLOGY** – everyone will have noticed that the printing on our programme card is a suitable size for ants! This was not how it was meant to be, and I do apologise for this. As you know, everything is on our website should you wish to read it in larger print. There will be an improvement next year I promise.

**COMMITTEE** – as you know this is my last year (I shouldn’t be here now!) and there will be other places to fill as well at the end of the year. You will see some new faces in the team this year which is great news for you and us, so do please sign up and come and get involved – it is truly great fun and very much a team effort.

We look forward to seeing you at our AGM and first lecture ‘As Good as Gold’ on the 9<sup>th</sup> October at 14.00 hrs. As you know the AGM is short and sweet.

Lesley Auden has put together another wonderful array of lectures and I trust that you are looking forward to them as much as I am.

With best wishes

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Chairman – Arts Society Malmesbury