

## June 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to our June 2019 Newsletter. As we go into our summer break, we can do so with the knowledge that we will return in September to some more fascinating lectures, another inspiring Special Interest Morning, a visit to Wentworth Woodhouse and finally, in November, a trip to the Glyndebourne Touring Opera's performance of Donizetti's 'L'Elisir d'Amore' in Milton Keynes. We will be taking bookings for the Special Interest Morning, visit to Wentworth Woodhouse and the Opera throughout the summer.

There are some places to fill for the Opera and the closing date is now the 20th August. You can find the appropriate booking forms on our website <http://theartssocietystamford.org.uk/>

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Following on from last year's successful lecture given by Sue Jackson on the "Huguenots of Spitalfields", 47 members joined Sue for one of her guided tours of Spitalfields. This former derelict area of London has been saved from destruction and is now very much a vibrant community even though the once thriving silk weavers have long gone. Walking around and exploring this unique area really brought Sue's lecture to life and it was wonderful to see the houses where the weavers once lived. Today some of these houses are worth about £3.5 million!

Next year we are planning to link a Special Interest Morning on Bath with a subsequent visit to the city. Watch this space!

Since June 2018, 40 new members have joined our society, some of whom we welcomed to our first New Members' Coffee Morning. We do hope that those who could come found it as helpful as the committee did and would agree with us that we should make this an annual event.

I am sure that many of you are aware that as part of our affiliation to The Arts Society we are currently involved with Young Arts in Stamford. This partnership provides the students of Stamford New College who are studying the Arts in various forms, with a biennial lecture. Also we give a grant to a local school to pursue a specific project and arrange for entries from local schools into the annual Art Society RBA competition.

The Arts Society is now promoting "Arts in the Community", which incorporates "Young Arts". This will enable us to perhaps offer other groups (which may include adults) a grant towards an arts related topic that will benefit the needs of their members. We are currently exploring the possibilities of working with a local charity and will keep you informed of any developments.

I am very grateful for all the hard work the committee puts in to keep our society running. However, after six years as Treasurer, Peter Kerruish has expressed a wish to retire from the committee. To date, my search for a replacement has not been successful; if we cannot find a successor, we will have to consider outsourcing our finances to a commercial firm, which would entail additional costs. This is now becoming urgent, as we must have a new Treasurer to appoint at the AGM in November.

We also need a new committee member to organise the Special Interest Mornings. If anyone feels that they can offer their time to help keep the Society running, please do get me in touch with me.

Some of you will shortly be going on the trip to Cardiff, maybe others of you will be travelling further afield. Wherever you go, we hope you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind Regards,

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