

## AUGUST NEWSLETTER

As a Committee, we decided that instead of one member taking responsibility for putting together a short newsletter it would be more interesting if we all took a turn which would give greater variety and reflect our different interests. So here goes – this is my contribution for August!

Oh! and don't forget that from September there will be live monthly lectures each month until December exclusively for Members. The lectures will last for one-hour. Details in your Magazine and on the main website.

Check out The Arts Society Connected website: [www.connected.theartsociety.org](http://www.connected.theartsociety.org) and the regular e.newsletter at [www.theartsociety.org/join-our-mailing-list](http://www.theartsociety.org/join-our-mailing-list) for events, ideas, visits etc.

Here are a few links which I hope may be of interest to you in the coming weeks.

### LITERATURE

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Learn+Free+Online+Courses&FORM=VDMHRS>

Jane Austen, Thomas Hardy and many other favourite authors

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/explore-our-english-literature-free-courses>

### ART COURSES

Art history, framing & mounting, encaustic 'hot wax' art, pen & ink, silk & batik painting, calligraphy, sculpture, mixed media, gouache, collage etc.

<https://www.craftcourses.com/categories/art?search=yes&region=sw&page=4>

### ART AT CHARMOUTH LIBRARY

Paintings and canvas prints all for sale. Library has refreshments every day.

Please phone first to check times 07748 752927

### JEWELLERY MAKING

<https://craftcourses.co./categories/jewellery>

### VIDEOS

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=>

A 56-minute video on Jane Austen Country

### MUSEUMS

#### **Behind the Scenes Tours – Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum**

East Cliff Promenade, Bournemouth BH1 3AA

[https://artuk.org/discover/artworks/view\\_as/grid/search/collections:russell-cotes-art-gallery-and-museum/page/4](https://artuk.org/discover/artworks/view_as/grid/search/collections:russell-cotes-art-gallery-and-museum/page/4)

This unusual museum is a Registered Charity and is open between 10am-5pm Tuesday – Saturdays. (Please check opening times in August by phoning 01202 451858 or [russellcotes@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:russellcotes@bcpcouncil.gov.uk) )

Excellent websites to explore:

- [www.somersethouse.org.uk](http://www.somersethouse.org.uk)
- [www.barbican.org.uk](http://www.barbican.org.uk)
- [www.designmuseum.org](http://www.designmuseum.org)
- [www.florence-nightingale.co.uk](http://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk)
- [www.gardenmuseum.org.uk](http://www.gardenmuseum.org.uk)
- [www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk)

I think my favourite Museum has to be Sir John Soane's Museum at 13, Lincoln's Inn Fields., London. Contact this unique home museum on 020 7405 2107 to book a visit. You will be glad you did – it is a gem! [www.soane.org](http://www.soane.org)

Oh! and of course, The Castle Museum, York is a very close second! [www.yorkcastlemuseum.org.uk](http://www.yorkcastlemuseum.org.uk) if you just happen to be anywhere close by in the weeks ahead. It, too, is a must!

## ANTIQUES

Discover antiques - lots of online courses - some of which are free:

- <https://www.gowantiques.com/introduction-to-the-courses>
- <https://www.learningwithexperts.com/antiques/courses/investing-in-art>
- <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Learn+Free+Online+Courses&FORM=VDMHRS>


## BOOKS

During lockdown I have read:

- **The Warden – Anthony Trollope** (because I felt I should.....!)
- **Educated – Tara Westover** (highly recommended, but not an easy read)
- **A Possible Life – Sebastian Faulks** (as always, beautifully crafted but unusual)
- **Birdcage Walk – Helen Dunmore** (I thoroughly enjoyed this)
- **Villette – Charlotte Bronte** (I'm a huge fan of the Bronte sisters, but hadn't read it before for some reason)
- **Becoming Mrs Lewis – P. Callahan** (fascinating story of the wife of C.S. Lewis)

I hope you will enjoy some of the suggestions which I have put together this month – if you have any great ideas of your own which you would like to share with members please send them to me for circulation.

With very best wishes to everyone,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheila', with a long, sweeping underline stroke extending to the left.

Mrs Sheila Williams (Chairman)

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