

## The Arts Society Blackmore Vale May Newsletter

Dear Members,

I hope you are all keeping well and looking forward to a gradual return to a more sociable life during the next few months.

Your committee have still been working behind the scenes having Zoom meetings, trying to keep our society going through these difficult times, planning ahead for better times and organising the Zoom lectures until we can once again meet up at Stalbridge Hall.

As you know, in April we returned to holding our monthly lectures, via Zoom. It all went very smoothly and it was lovely to see some of you again after such a long break.

We are now looking forward to this month's lecture being held tomorrow morning Thursday 5th May when Alice Foster will be talking about The Scottish Colourists.

Things are gradually opening up again, we can get out and about more and there will be plenty to catch up on. The National Trust places are open and for those of you who like visiting NGS Gardens, they are opening up for charity again this summer. I notice there are quite a lot of new gardens opening this month and throughout June so don't forget to pick up a Yellow Booklet from Garden Centres or local newsagents if you are planning to visit some of them.

The Roth Bar and Grill at Hauser and Wirth will be reopening on 18th May and information about their exhibitions can be found on the website.

The Arts Society branch at Kington Langley are holding a Virtual Tour of The Vatican Museums and The Sistine Chapel on the morning of 18th May and have invited any of our members who would be interested in joining the tour, via Zoom, to contact Heather Leach by email. There is a £5 charge for this tour. ([Heather.Leach@leachuk.co.uk](mailto:Heather.Leach@leachuk.co.uk))

I recently joined them on a walk around Mayfair with lecturer Barbara Askew and it was a really fascinating visit. I thoroughly enjoyed it and am looking forward to being able to go there in person to see all the interesting sights that I missed in the past.

Let's hope the weather improves this month so that we can all enjoy our well-earned freedom from the various stages of lockdown.

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Very best wishes,

Penny Brentnall