



THE ARTS SOCIETY BLACKMORE VALE

New Season's Newsletter 2023-24

Welcome back, everyone, and a very warm welcome to new members. I do hope you all had a lovely summer (if we could call it summer - ?).

The 2023-24 Programme was sent to members in June, and fuller details are here on our website.

This season we have aimed, as ever, to create a varied and eclectic programme, covering a wide range of the arts. Lectures this year will take us from China - via Central Asia, Europe and America - to the City of London, and from the 13th to the 20th centuries.

We begin on Thursday 5 October with *Tulipomania* - that obsession in 1630s Amsterdam.

Early in our new season, Hennie Walton will be running a Day of Special Interest:

DAY OF SPECIAL INTEREST: *RADICALS AND RIVALS*

19 October 2023. Cucklington Hall

Places still available. Book online or with Hennie Walton at the lecture on 5 October

Learn about the lives and art of three of the most important British artists of the last century. As friends, neighbours and artistic rivals, Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth and Ben Nicholson shared a determination to redefine approaches to both painting and sculpture. Across three one-hour lectures Jo Walton will explore the complex personal relationships between these artists and how they achieved international stardom in the 1950s. Previous Arts Societies have praised Walton's ability to bring her subjects to life through intimate and insightful stories, promising a day that is as entertaining as it is informative.

NEW MEMBERS: As listed in the diary dates, our lunch for new members to meet members of the Committee – and each other - will be held after the lecture on 2 November from 12:30 onwards. Anyone who has joined us since last November is invited to attend - as are new members from last year who couldn't attend the lunch in 2022.

AGM REPORT LETTER: Following our AGM, 32 of our 172 members voted. We need a minimum of 10% of the membership, so we were quorate, and the results were valid. No-one voted against the proposals. A full report is available in Notices section.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS: Membership Cards for 2023-24 will be available for collection by members at tick-in at each lecture from 5 October onwards.

Dates for your diary:

- Our lecture programme (11:30-12:30, first Thursday in the month, October to July)
- Day of Special Interest (DOSI): Thursday 19 October 2023
- New Members' lunch: Thursday 2 November (sandwiches and a glass of wine), immediately after the lecture.
- Christmas Drinks: Thursday 7 December, following the lecture
- Summer Evening Celebration: late spring or early summer

The Committee join me in looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday 5 October, and throughout this season.

With very best wishes,
Ann Tasker
Chair
The Arts Society Blackmore Vale