



Your Chairman writes ...

Dear Members.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and offer a warm welcome to those who have recently joined our society. If I have not had the opportunity to say 'Hello' to you, please do come over and make yourself known.

This quarterly newsletter, combined with our website: www.theartsocietycranleigh.org will keep you aware of future events, lectures, visits and ticket sales. On the website there are reviews of past and present lectures, including links to other sites which may be of additional interest.

There are photographs from our popular group holidays and visits, plus, should you misplace a ticket for a forthcoming trip, full details can be found on the website. This includes the all-important phone number, coach pick up and departure time. On Friday 9th Nov I was proud to be present at our Young Arts Concert. A truly splendid and touching performance from 57 children from our seven Cranleigh schools. An evening of Poetry, Drama and Music, incorporating their thoughts on the Centenary of the 1918 Armistice. In addition, the Art Centre hosted our two-week exhibition of art from the schools in the gallery area. Oil paintings, collages, ceramics, life like bird sculptures and of course...beautiful poppies.

Even with two extra rows of seats in the Jack Wragg auditorium, for parents, teachers and the children themselves, we had a full house. How I wish you could have been there.

My grateful thanks go to everyone on our Young Arts team, the staff of the Arts Centre and those volunteers too many to name who made this such a success, you know who you are. **THANK YOU**

Pat Butler
Chairman, The Arts Society Cranleigh.

Young Arts

Cranleigh Arts Centre was jam-packed with fifty seven children, their teachers and families on the 9th November when all seven local schools performed an evening of music, poetry and drama.

Young Arts devised the concert not only to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of NADFAS (now The Arts Society), but also to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice.

There were two charming original sketches: one about evacuees from Cranleigh C of E Primary School; another from St Cuthbert Mayne RC Primary School dramatised the Christmas "truce" of 1914, when soldiers on both sides sang carols and played football together.

Glebelands Secondary School's top drama class intrigued with a masked mime on the theme of friendship, and a violinist from Cranleigh School amazed the audience with a bravura performance of the fiendishly difficult "Gigue" from Bach's Partita No.2. More wonderful music came in the form of Cranleigh Preparatory Schools' chamber choir, which both started and ended the concert.

Young Arts is proud to have gathered together fifty seven pupils, drawn from all Cranleigh's schools, in an evening of celebration, remembrance and hope. It's equally proud of its annual schools' art exhibition, which ran from the 6th to the 17th November, also featuring all seven Cranleigh schools and featuring spectacular art work

Pat Morgan & Felicity Kemp, Young Arts Team



Forthcoming Lectures

November 24th 2018 – Julian Richards – Inspired by Stonehenge – a special interest day

Julian is returning to Cranleigh for our annual Special Interest Day. He is known in archaeological circles as Mr Stonehenge. His own collection of materials, related to Stonehenge, are currently on display at the visitors centre at the Stonehenge site. This means we can rely on accurate information about the area which has been a source of mystery over the years. A day not to be missed .

November 28th 2018 – Dr Caroline Shenton – Votes for Women – Art and the Suffragettes

This is the welcome return of Caroline within the year where we celebrate what brave women, and some men, did to obtain votes for women. Caroline is someone with a deep knowledge, and experience of, the way our country is governed as she worked for years at the Palace of Westminster.

Saturday 8th December 2018

A Dickens of a Christmas – Bertie Pearce

The return of the amazing Bertie Pearce, magician and gold star member of the Magic Circle. As Dickens was so keen on Christmas and magic, Bertie reveals Christmas as seen by Dickens with conjuring tricks and readings. Come to this event and bring a friend, or two. Let us know you are coming by calling Liz Trickett on 01483 274527, or sign up at the next talk.

Wednesday 23rd January 2019

The Music and Life of J.S. Bach – Peter Medhurst

We are delighted to welcome the versatile Peter Medhurst to present this talk illustrated by art, singing and recitals. Peter brings live music to many and we are fortunate he is able to join us so that we can fully appreciate this wonderful composer.

Wednesday 27th February 2019

The Magnificent Maya – Dr. Diane Davies

From the rain forests of Central America the Maya Created exquisite art, the largest pyramids in the world, an intricate calendar, a complex writing system and chocolate.

Dr. Davies an archaeologist has studied and researched the lives and history of the Maya extensively. Like other peoples who have largely disappeared they live on through their many crafts and discoveries.

Liz Trickett, Programme Secretary - TASC

November 2018

Outings 2017

Our season of visits has lasted long into this Autumn and flourished us with tremendous opportunities to enjoy the rich and beautiful and heritage of our Country. We are indeed privileged!

Our minds are cast from the summer joys of **Mottisfont Abbey** and the famous roses into the very successful September Group holiday to **Malta**. Here we enjoyed the incredible history of the island from prehistoric times to Crusaders and WW2. Our hotel, food, guide and weather were all outstanding and we all returned very happy and wise from our experiences.

Our visit to London following the amazing guide Rachel Kolsky led us into the history of **Women's Suffrage**, but also the opportunity to visit to Women's library and handle artefacts such as Emily Wilding Davison's Race Card for the Epsom races on the fateful day of the "King's Horse" was especially poignant.

Our Autumn continued in glory when we visited **Westminster Abbey** for the special opportunity to experience the Purcell Club Choir escort us through the Abbey interspersed with plainsong. The experience is unforgettable and the stark reminder of the **Tomb of the Unknown Warrior** was especially significant this year.

Our last visit scheduled for November 30th will reveal to us the splendours of **Waddesdon Manor** – the home of the Rothschild family, and we expect to see its' splendour magnified by the award winning Christmas decorations which adorn both House and Gardens.

Plans for **visits in 2019** are forming now – and as dates are fixed I will ensure that these go onto our website so that you can plan ahead with your new diaries!

Please look at the wonderful reports and photos displayed on our website and revel in the opportunities we enjoy.

Gwen Wright, Visits Secretary