



## THE ARTS SOCIETY BRISTOL

### Chairman's letter June 2018

I hope the weather has improved by the time you receive this letter, and that you are enjoying the summer. Thank you for supporting the society through the year.

Our big news for the new season is the change of venue to the hall at Redmaids' High. It is well appointed and offers the opportunity of simple refreshments in the foyer before lectures, which helps to promote a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere. Please note that we will now meet on the second Tuesday of the month. Parking spaces are available in the grounds and access is on the level with just a few steps in the forecourt. If you need to park in nearby roads, please take care to leave driveways clear.

Mary Alpass, our programme secretary, has witnessed an improving quality and diversity of lecturers and talks showcased at Directory Day. She hopes you find her enclosed choices for the forthcoming year to be enjoyable and thought provoking.

Our summer party celebrates NADFAS / The Arts Society's 50 year anniversary with a talk on The Golden Era of Travel. The new chairman of West Mercia, Diana Nutting, and her husband, Peter, have accepted our invitation to the evening. With 22 local societies, we are one of the largest areas and she will outline the breadth and depth of support available.



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Our national chief executive, Florian Schweitzer, is publicising our golden anniversary with 50 runs of 10km across the country! He has accepted our invitation to address us after his run in Bristol. He will speak about The Arts Society's vision for the future before our October lecture.

Susan Merelie is our new Young Arts Secretary. She is organising support for children from three primary schools to design glass poppies as part of a specially commissioned opera to be performed in St Mary Redcliffe in October in commemoration of World War II. Susan will be seeking volunteers to help the children under the direction of the teachers and a stained glass artist.

Bristol Cathedral has welcomed our heritage volunteers' offer of conserving embroidery. Well done Debby Sandow for arranging another project to follow conservation of the Old Vic's theatrical puppets.. After over seven years of perseverance our record of St Mary the Virgin, Henbury is now being bound ready for presentation. At the time of writing we are arranging an occasion for presentation to the church to suit the church, recorders and our members. We need only a few more volunteers to form a viable team to record another church, one with a simpler history! Please speak to Lin Standen or a committee member if you would like to join an enthusiastic group.

Both our May trip to Croatia, Bosnia and Montenegro and our October trip



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to Kent booked up quickly. We are indebted to Frances Brown and Kate Painter, who have well advanced plans for a trip abroad in May 2019. This will offer a relaxed opportunity to visit specially selected places in congenial company.

The society has again attracted new members this year. Please encourage friends to come along for a lecture and think about joining, as new people are the lifeblood of the society. The website notes several significant vacancies on our lively committee, particularly visits secretaries to take over from Frances and Kate. If you would like to discuss the roles please speak to me or a committee member.

I would like give my heartfelt thanks to everyone on the committee for their continuing support.

Henry Alpass June 2018

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### STUDY DAYS & VISITS

#### October 2018

**Monday 15th to Thursday 18th**

#### **KENT**

Fully Booked

#### November 2018

The Beauty of Frames with Julia Korner

#### February 2019

Details available later in the year

#### May 2019

Dresden & Leipzig

**Our tours are usually organised for us by Heritage Group Travel, but we still need a new committee member to assist with our visits. Please contact a member of the committee if you are interested.**

Advance Notice of our Annual General Meeting

7.40pm on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at Redland Hall (Redmaids' School) before the lecture.