



**BRISTOL DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY**

**Dear Friends,**

I hope you are enjoying the summer and looking forward to our forthcoming activities for the 2017 to 2018 year.

I am pleased that the society has attracted several new members this year. We all need to play our part, particularly seeking people willing to participate in volunteering activities and to join the committee, which is not all hard work! Our website notes several significant vacancies on the committee, particularly visit secretaries to take over from Frances and Kate, for which I hope people will step forward. If you would like to discuss the roles please contact me or another committee member.

Our programme this year offers a stimulating range of lectures, a trip to the Lake District in October, a study day at Bath Theatre Royal in November, the return of Professor Black in February to talk about the Grand Tour and our very own Grand Tour to Croatia, Bosnia and Montenegro, in May 2018, which is likely to become booked up quickly.



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Maureen explained earlier in the year that following widespread consultation NADFAS had changed its name to The Arts Society and adopted a new logo. This contemporary rebranding aims to increase public awareness of the country's largest arts organisation; we have 90,000 members and 10,000 affiliated members abroad. Our volunteering is widely recognized for the valuable education, research and conservation which it delivers.

I now give formal notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting at 8pm on Monday 25th September in Lecture Theatre 1, University of Bristol School of Chemistry, Cantocks Close immediately before the first lecture of the 17-18 season. The purpose of the meeting is to seek approval to changing our name to The Arts Society Bristol. Please note that the date, subject and lecturer have changed from the provisional lecture list issued previously.

I look forward to seeing you on September 25th.

Henry Alpass



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**Proposed Change of Society Name:**

*From* Bristol Decorative and Fine Arts Association



*To* The Arts Society Bristol



**STUDY DAYS & VISITS**

**October 2017**

**Monday 9th to Thursday 12th October 2017 Lake District Tour**

Fully Booked

**Thursday 16th November 2017**

A Day at The Theatre Royal in Bath – ‘A Georgian Gem’

A visit has been arranged to the Theatre Royal in Bath, to include a guided tour of the theatre and lectures on ‘**History of the Georgian Theatre**’ and ‘**Jane Austen: A Life**’ with **Jane Tapley** (Special Events Organiser at the Theatre and Bath Blue Badge tour guide) to include luncheon at the Theatre restaurant. *(Please refer to the website or contact directly ALLISON STEVENS on 01454 315253.)*

**February 2018**

Details available in the autumn

**Sunday 13 - Sunday 20 May 2018**

Visit to Montenegro, Bosnia, Herzegovina & Croatia.

Please see enclosed leaflet.