

December Newsletter



The Arts Society West Suffolk

Now meeting at 1045

The Blackbourn Community Centre Elmswell



1. 5TH December 2017 "A Cake History – the development of edible frivolity"



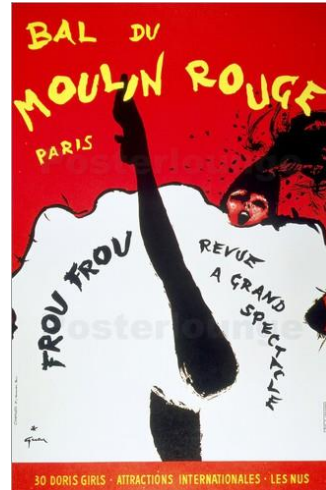
Food and drink play a huge part in defining who we are and how we are perceived by others. True on an individual basis, it's even more true when we consider national identity. One of the defining dishes of Englishness is cake: we make it, eat it, and have exported its delights wherever we've spread out brand of culture.

This talk looks at the history of cake, and why we love it so much. Illustrated with satire, recipe book drawings, photographs, and pictures of cakes the lecturer has cooked, we run the gamut of sweet stuff, from rich fruit to gluten-free. Both the ordinary and the extraordinary are discussed, from cake as tummy filler, to cake as

architectural statement. Classics such as the Victoria Sandwich and the traditional Wedding Cake are used as examples of how cake history has developed

2. 2ND JANUARY 2018 – Charles Harris

“Posters of the Bell Epogue – the Great Age of the Poster”



This is the keystone lecture of the Poster Series relating the technical innovation combined with creative genius and remarkable craftsmanship that enabled the Poster to become the world's first effective method of mass communication. From 'Les Chats' by Edouard Manet to 'Saxoleine' by Jules Cheret and 'Moulin Rouge' and 'Divan Japonais' by Toulouse-Lautrec, you'll see inspirational work by generations of superb artists who made the poster great: magnificent Mucha, socially-conscious Steinlen, and many more. Learn how an effective poster is designed and how it plays on the mind; and why most posters today go unnoticed.

3. 6th February Get to know your Society After the Lecture



Come and join us for a sandwich and glass of wine whilst learning more about The Art Society West Suffolk.

Please email Callsaints@btinternet.com if you would like to attend - we need to make sure we have enough sandwiches. Thanks

4. Special Interest Day Watch & Clock Repairs

Dr Colin Lattimore suggested to some members who could not get their watches repaired the write to The British Horological Society

A list of all recommended repairers can be found on their website

<http://bhi.co.uk/find-a/how-to-find-a-professional/>

Click on the link then make your choice of time piece. A document with recommended repairers by county will come up.

There are quite a few in our area.

5. Account Name

Please note that West Suffolk DFAS bank account is now closed. If you are paying by cheque, please make sure it is made out to **The Arts Society West Suffolk**

6. V&A Offer

The V&A are offering Members of The Arts Society a £75 discount on their new two-week courses if you book as a pair with a friend. For further details and to claim please call 0207 942 2000.

View upcoming courses: www.vam.ac.uk/whatson/programmes/course

7. The Arts Society, Diss - short tour

Diss have organised a short tour (5 days) to Liverpool from 23rd April 2018. Cost £579 If any member of our Society would like to participate, then please contact Sara Muldoon 01379 651259 for details of the tour and how to apply.

8. New Chair Of The Arts Society Announced



June Robinson will have completed three-years as Chairman at the AGM in May. We are pleased to announce that Julie Goldsmith has been elected as her successor. June comments: *"I am delighted that Julie is now Chair Designate, and we will be working together over the coming months to ensure a seamless handover. Julie was formerly Chairman of our Oundle Society and was elected a Trustee this May; she has already brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to*

Board discussions. I wish Julie every success and hope she will enjoy her role as much as I have."

9. Talk Evaluation

Please visit the website to give your evaluation **Password: barn**

<http://www.theartssociety-westsuffolk.org.uk/>

***Your Committee wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and
a safe and prosperous New Year***