



October Newsletter No. 2

The Arts Society of West Suffolk

Meetings start promptly at 10:45am at **The Blackburn Community Centre, Elmswell**

1. Talk on 7th November

'Vlad the Impaler & the Legend of Dracula'



Patsy Erskine Hill



This amusing talk discuss ES Bram Stoker's novel and its times, the sources of his inspiration in historical figures and his extremely realistic descriptions of the dramatic Romanian countryside (bearing in mind that he never visited the country).

We finish with an irresistible look at the many film incarnations of Dracula – invariably more comical than terrifying.

2. The Blackbourne Community Centre – entrances



There are 2 entrances to the venue – these will be signposted on the day:

Entrance A – Easy Entrance for people who have difficulty walking

Entrance B – Main Entrance for most members to sign in/collect coffee.

Please use the one that is most appropriate for your needs.

3. Special Interest Day Thursday 16th November

The History of Timepieces, Clocks and Watches

Starting with coffee between 10:15 and 10:45, Dr Colin Lattimore will give 2 talks followed by a '**Roadshow**' after lunch.

Lecture 1 – Early time measuring devices & weight driven clocks

Lecture 2 – Spring driven clocks and watches

After a light lunch there will be a '**Roadshow**' – examination and discussion of items and photographs brought in by members.

Cost: £18

Please download and complete the Application Form, at the end of this Newsletter, and return it to Linda Orford.

4. 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 of West Suffolk.

5. Priory School Art Fund

Members of The Arts Society of West Suffolk have worked hard at Euston helping to reopen the house and gardens after the restoration.

The Duke and Duchess of Grafton have donated £2000 towards the Priory School Art Fund which now stands at **£7,775**

This is made up of:

Donations from local businesses and a special lecture **£2,775**

GeeWizz **£3,000** ([GeeWizz](#) is a charity that creates a platform to purchase much-needed equipment for children in Suffolk and throughout the region)

They help two specific groups:

- Children and young adults with disabilities, along with giving their families support and those who are affected by cancer, either directly or indirectly.
- Supporting essential cancer research into the disease, especially Sarcoma.

Jacky Livens has been the driving force behind this project and will arrange a presentation day at the school when all the money has been collected.

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. Winter Art & Antiques Fair Offer

The Winter Art & Antiques Fair at Olympia will take place from 1 – 5 November where over 100 specialist dealers will present an irresistible array of works across art, antiques, furniture, jewellery and design.

Click the link for your complimentary e-ticket:

www.olympiaantiques.com/TheArtsSociety

8. Talk on 5th December 2017

“A Cake History – the development of edible frivolity”



Annie Gray - as seen on TV- *‘The Confectioners’* etc.

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

9. Are You Britain's Best Cook?

The BBC are looking for Britain's Best Cook for a new series that will be judged by Mary Berry and Claudia Winkleman. They are looking for passionate home cooks across Britain to take part in a series that will celebrate the very best of home cooking and have asked us to circulate details to Members of The Arts Society. To request an application form please contact cooking@keofilms.com or text 07474 578089.



10. Talks Evaluation

Please visit our website to give your feedback on our talks

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www.theartssociety-westsuffolk.org.uk

11. The Arts Society, Diss - short tour

Diss have organised a short tour (5 days) to Liverpool from 23rd April, 2018. If any member of our Society would like to participate, then please click the following link for details of the tour and how to apply:

[The Art & History of Liverpool](#)

12. The Arts Society – Travel Affiliates

Voyages to Antiquity has sadly had to cancel its winter Caribbean and Cuba programme. This is due to natural disasters and the US Government travel advice warning US Citizens against travel to Cuba. This has had significant impact on bookings. Obviously, these matters are out of the control of Voyages to Antiquity. However, they will be back with a full programme from April 2018.

*We understand that there will be some disappointed Members who have already booked holidays. However we are pleased to announce that **Fred Olsen Cruises** has just joined us as a new Travel Affiliate and have some special offers to those Members that were booked with Voyages to Antiquity between November 2017 and March 2018. Fred Olsen's ship "The Braemar" will still be traveling to the Caribbean and The Arts Society Accredited Lecturer Andrew Hopkins will be on the Christmas cruise. To access these offers Members will have to provide proof of their cancelled Voyages to Antiquity cruise on "Aegean Odyssey" and quote this promotional code **AEGEAN 17**. All booking must be made by the **30th November 2017** and quote account **AFN0001**.*

*For full details please contact reservations on **0800 0355 101 (Open 8am – 8pm Mon to Fri, Sat 9am – 5pm & Sun 10am – 4pm)** and quoting account: **AFN0001***

*I am also delighted to announce that **Staysure Travel Insurance** will be joining us as new Travel Affiliate. They offer a comprehensive range of travel insurance policies that will take members up to the age of 85.*

Full details in the winter review.

13. The Arts Society - monthly newsletters, with offers

Do sign up for these – click here: theartssociety.org/join-our-mailing-list

14. The Arts Society of East Anglia – Golden Jubilee Events

The Arts Society East Anglia
GOLDEN JUBILEE EVENTS 2018

YOUNG ARTISTS
COMPETITION EXHIBITION
MARCH 2ND – 4TH 2018
COTTENHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE
OPEN TO ALL SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE
*Opening by Denise Topolski - Head of Young Arts
3.30pm Friday 2nd March*

Please join us for a special day at
CULFORD SCHOOL, NEAR BURY ST EDMUNDS
‘Creating An Imaginary World’
WITH BERTIE PEARCE
SUNDAY 29TH JULY 2018
10.30 TO 3.00PM
*Jazz and magic; food and fizz, cake and good company. Room for just 200!
Tickets on sale in January 2018*

ANNA AIRY
AWARD WINNERS
AN EXHIBITION OF WORK BY PAST WINNERS OF THE ANNA AIRY ART AWARD
Ipswich Art Gallery
23RD JUNE TO 23RD SEPTEMBER 2018
This award, for artists aged 16-20, is sponsored by The Arts Society and will bring together past winners together with work by Anna Airy herself.

HERITAGE WEEKEND
8th-9th September 2018
QUAY PLACE, IPSWICH
FREE ENTRY
“A Touch of Gold”
CHILDRENS’ ART PROJECT

theartssocietyeastanglia.org.uk

Special Interest Day - Thursday 16th November

at the Blackbourne Community Centre

THE HISTORY OF TIMEPIECES, CLOCKS AND WATCHES

Speaker: Dr. Colin Lattimore

Dr. Colin Lattimore has lectured for the Arts Society for many years. He has been Past Master (1999) of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers and keeper of Company Silver. Other appointments include Past President (1999) of the British Horological Institute and Keeper of Clocks and Watches at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. Colin has written a book on English 19th Century Press Moulded Glass and was awarded an O.B.E. in 2004 for services to English Decorative and Applied Fine Arts and community in Cambridge. Colin has retired as a Director of Public Health in Huntingdon but continues to work as a Deputy Coroner for South and West Cambridgeshire.

Application Form

Priority will be given to members until 27th October. Members are welcome to bring guests if there is room after this date.

There will be an administration fee of £5 if you book, cannot come and cancel before 6th November 2017 – after this you will be charged the full price.

Inclusive cost for the day **£18**. Your application will be acknowledged by email – if you wish to have a receipt please send a stamped and addressed envelope.

Reply to: Mrs Linda Orford, The Old Customs House, Quay Street, Orford, IP12 2NU

Tel: 01394 459901, or **email:** linda54@gmail.com



I/we should like to attend the Special Interest Lecture on Thursday 16th November, 2017.

I enclose a cheque for £_____ made out to **The Arts Society of West Suffolk**, or
I wish to pay by electronic transfer to the following:

Account Name The Arts Society of West Suffolk, **Account No.** 00084690, **Sort Code** 40.52.40,
Reference *your name*

NAME (*block capitals please*) _____

ADDRESS

TEL _____

EMAIL _____