

NEWSLETTER

The Arts Society of West Suffolk

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 10am
Blackbourne Community Centre, Elmswell

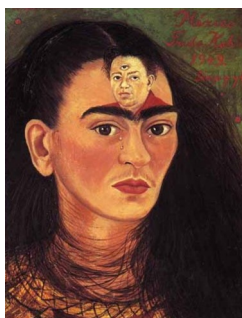
The muddy archaeologist - Roman Britain unearthed. **What did the Romans really do for art? Gillian Hovell**



Invading in AD43, the Romans brought their soldiers, language, culture and art. Over 2000 years later, their impact is still with us, embedded in our society and our homes.

As an Exeter University graduate in Latin and Ancient History, Gillian Hovell worked widely in BBC Television and went on to become an award-winning freelance writer, author, public speaker and presenter. She specialises in engaging audiences with the archaeology, pre-history, and classical and ancient civilisations throughout Britain and the Mediterranean. A lecturer for York University, she is also Art Society accredited and speaks at the British Museum and internationally. Known professionally as 'The Muddy Archaeologist', Gillian digs deep into archaeology and the ancient world to inspire fresh visions of our past, to add colour, depth and meaning to life today.

Frida Kahlo - A life in art: Mexican artist Frida Kahlo (1907-54) painted her tumultuous life exactly as she experienced it. Fiona Rose's talk this month explored Frida's life through her most iconic paintings, many of which are graphic and unflinching with subjects including murder, suicide, marital infidelity, miscarriage, revolution, living with a disability and death. Recognised as one of the greatest female artists of the 20th century, Frida Kahlo is acknowledged as being the first female artist to express experiences about being a woman; not seen before in Western art. She is known for her originality, bold use of colour, passion, courage and as someone who created life and beauty in the



face of great personal suffering and adversity. Sadly, the highest acclaim for her work was only achieved after her death when her work was exhibited in both the Tate Modern and the V & A Museum. She eventually commanded the highest price achieved by a Latin American artist (a record previously held by her husband Diego Rivera) when her painting *Diego y yo* sold at Sotheby's New York for \$34.9m. The painting depicts Kahlo's distressful marriage to Diego Rivera. Completed in 1949, the painting is Kahlo's final fully-realised bust self-portrait before she died in 1954 at the age of 47.



£300 was raised for Young Arts by our super swimmers taking part in the Rotary Club's Swimathon last year. This year's SWIMATHON will take place on Sunday 12th March from 12 - 2pm. If you would like to volunteer to join our swimming team for this event please contact Jacky Livens on 01359 242425,

OPENING DATES FOR EUSTON HALL 2023

10th to 16th April

(7 days, Bank Holiday Monday to Saturday)

23rd to 29th May

(7 days, Tuesday to Bank Holiday Monday)

26th Aug to 1st September

(7 days, Saturday to Friday, including Bank Holiday on 28th)

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****CAN YOU HELP?****

DO YOU HAVE IT/COMMUNICATION SKILLS?

We urgently need someone to act as our **Communications Officer** to help to increase our membership and someone who could help in providing **IT & AV Support** for speakers at our monthly lectures. If you can help with either (or both) of these roles, please contact Diana Hollins, Vice Chairman, on 01449 736930.