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NEWSLETTER

The Arts Society of West Suffolk



As summer comes to an end, the fields have been harvested and the leaves will soon begin to fall, it is a cheerful thought that a new season of Arts Society lectures is almost here. A warm welcome to all our members. You will by now have received your printed programme for 2020/2021 with its exciting variety of lectures. After a year of Zoom lectures, which many of us were able to enjoy from the safety of our own homes, double dose vaccinations are now making it possible for us to once again meet in person. Every precaution will have taken place to ensure that the Blackbourne Community Centre is a safe place for our meetings, and we look forward to joining friends to experience live lectures together again. After coping with the pandemic, it is slightly ironic that we are starting the programme with a lecture on how illness influences art! However, earlier this year you may have viewed Grayson Perry's Art Club on Channel 4, evidencing that Covid-19 had its own effect on present day artists, which proved to be a fascinating insight into this topic. We look forward to hearing Dr Grant's views.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th October 2021

Artists' Illness and Creativity Dr James Grant

It is well known that both physical and psychological illness can stimulate the creativity process. Illness can also act as a major modifying influence on an artist's perception of the world. We explore this relationship in artists such as Dürer, Goya, Monet and Kahlo to understand better how different illnesses impacted on their genius.

Dr James Grant is an accredited lecturer of the Arts Society. As a retired doctor with a lifetime of working in the NHS, both in hospital and in rural practice, he is passionate about all aspects of medicine and art. He feels strongly that lecturing should be stimulating, informative and entertaining. He considers himself very privileged to be able to share his interest with others.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 5th October 2021

Blackbourne Community Centre, Elmswell

at 10.45 a.m.

(This will be followed by our October Monthly Meeting)

URGENTLY NEEDED!

Honorary Secretary

to replace Tony Callender, our Chairman Elect.
Please contact Tony on 01379 651259 for further information.

VISITS:

BLETCHLEY PARK Tuesday 12th October 2021

The coach will leave Ram Meadow at 8.15 a.m.

Please wear masks on the coach.

Chairman's Note

Writing this note for the Newsletter, and realising that this will be the last I write as Chairman, I am sad.

This last year has kept us from holding normal meetings but, finally, we are returning to the Blackbourne for the first lecture of the new season with much confidence. After a phenomenal vaccination programme, double jabbed and raring to go, we cannot wait to welcome you back. Several planning meetings have taken place with Peter Dow and Ann Brett at the hall and we will await your arrival with a (masked) smile, a happy heart and coffee!!

The AGM Papers are on the way and, after the AGM on the 5th October, with Tony Callender as your new Chairman with his happy committee, I know all will be well.

Please, come along and let's get back to sharing these special Tuesday mornings. And what an apposite topic we have to start with. I can't wait to see you there.

Sue Barrett