



## February 2017 LeDFAS Newsletter

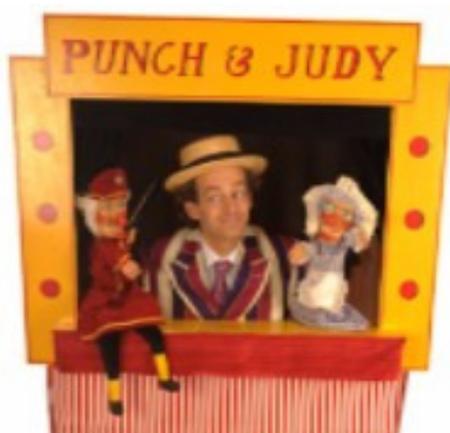
Dear member

Next week's talk (plus music) is a repeat visit by Peter Medhurst who we liked when he was with us before.

On Wednesday we will be taking bookings for two trips: the Mary Rose (including the special hands on workshop on the archaeological story), and 2 Temple Place plus the Sussex Modernism exhibition.

Next month we start our anniversary celebrations and have a treat in store for us as John Ericsson returns to talk to us (see the end of this newsletter). We will have drinks afterwards.

We have already sold 95 tickets for the anniversary lecture on Punch and Judy by star NADFAS lecturer, Bertie Pierce, followed by lunch at St John's School on Saturday 8 April. Non members and guests can now book. Interestingly fewer newish members have booked and I plan to have at least one or two tables for newer members, please join me; it will be fun.



Do you need a lift to a LeDFAS meeting? We are experimenting with a lift service, aimed at older members, on wet winter evenings. See below.

Best wishes  
Huw Jenkins  
Secretary, 2 February

### **This month's Talk**

**Wednesday 8 February: Vivaldi in Venice;** by Peter Medhurst, with live musical performances

Fresh from leading a music and art tour of Venice, we are delighted to have Peter Medhurst returning to LeDFAS. Vivaldi is the one Baroque composer whose music is a direct reflection of the city in which it was composed. Listen to a Vivaldi concerto and hey presto you are transported directly to the heart of 18th century Venice. Against the luxurious backdrop of 18th century Venice, and with live musical performances, this lecture (or study day) explores the amazing world of Vivaldi's music - music that is as intrinsically Venetian as the canvasses of Canaletto.



### **City Visit to the Old Bailey followed by supper on Thursday evening 2 February**

Today I will be leading an exclusive private evening Old Bailey tour led by Charles Henty the "Secondary of London and Under-Sheriff."

### **Mary Rose visit (including archaeological story workshop) on Thursday 2 March**

A large number of you have already signed up for a guided morning tour of the stunning Mary Rose museum in Portsmouth. In the afternoon we will enjoy a special workshop "Lost and Found: The Archaeology of the Mary Rose" during which we will learn the archaeological story from seabed to showcase. This promises to be fascinating.

We have sold a number of tickets last month and Sarah Sheridan will be selling more tickets at the back of the hall at the February meeting.



### **Two Temple Place and Sussex Modernism exhibition 20 March**



June Robinson, our President, will lead an exclusive guided tour of Two Temple Place. It is one of London's architectural gems, built by William Waldorf Astor, when arguably the richest man in the world, on the Embankment in the 1890s. Later we can view their 2017 Exhibition, Sussex Modernism which examines why radical artists and writers were drawn to the rolling hills, seaside resorts, and quaint villages of Sussex in the first half of the 20th century and how, in the communities they created,

artistic innovation ran hand-in-hand with political, sexual and domestic experimentation. Amongst the most famous Sussex homes were Charleston, the house of Bloomsbury Group members Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant and Farley Farm House in Chiddingly, the home of Roland Penrose and Lee Miller. June will be selling tickets at the back of the hall in the February meeting, though bookings are now open; 25 tickets maximum.



### **Do you need a lift to a LeDFAS meeting?**

Do you not want to go out alone on cold winter nights? Some of you already organise your own car sharing/lifts arrangements. We have a small group of members who are willing to offer lifts to LeDFAS meetings. If you want a lift please ask Pam Overend or me well before the talk and we will try and arrange it. Pam will be near the Registration desk if you want to discuss lifts for future meetings. We will experiment in the next 3 months to see if there is a demand for lifts.

### **Helping us chose our future speakers**

After our March meeting speaker secretary Kathy Bucknall, with John Andrews and I (Huw Jenkins) will chose our 2018 and early 2019 speakers. As many of you know NADFAS Directory Day gives us a chance to listen to 100 mini lectures and talk with many NADFAS approved speakers. We also take soundings from other local societies. Please have a think about subjects you would like to hear about and tell one of us. If you have heard any great lectures at other NADFAS societies or at LeDFAS and would like to see the speaker again please tell Kathy, John or me. We welcome your views, and last year chose some lecturers based on your ideas.

### **LeDFAS UK tour to Norfolk 22 to 27 June 2017**

We can still take a few further bookings for the tour. Any questions ask Sarah Sheridan.

### **LeDFAS Istria tour 19 to 26 September 2017**

The guided tour to Istria is fully booked; contact Gilly Coombes if you might be interested in knowing if there are any cancellations nearer the time of the holiday.

### **Review of January talk: Angkor Wat and All That by Michael O'Brien**

Thank you for the 54 of you who commented on the last lecture; your comments are very useful to the Committee in deciding if any lecturer should be invited back, and in what you are interested in. Most of you enjoyed the lecture.

### **In search of Homers Heroes by Louise Schofield on 10 March**

NADFAS East Surrey are holding a special interest morning at the Menuhin Hall Stoke d'Abernon, Cobham. A leading NADFAS lecturer, Louise Schofield, looks at the story of the Trojan War and at some extraordinary ancient works of art, she takes us in the footsteps of Heinrich Schliemann who discovered the lost City of Troy and within it a fabulous golden treasure.

## Leatherhead Theatre

Event screenings Art highlights include:

RSC: **The Tempest** on Wednesday 11 January at 7.00pm

Royal Opera House: **Il trovatore** on Tuesday 31 January at 7.15pm

nt live: **Amadeus** on Thursday 2 February at 7.00pm

Royal Opera House: **Virginia Woolf works** on Wednesday 8 February at 7.15pm

nt live: **St Joan** on Thursday 16 February at 7.00pm

Royal Opera House: **Sleeping Beauty** on Tuesday 28 February at 7.00pm

In addition the "la la land" and "Jackie" films are being shown

Contact the theatre box office on 01372 365132 for tickets.

## Art Exhibitions in London January to March 2017

Dorking DFAS has produced a comprehensive list of Art Exhibitions in London for the next 2 months.

## Other interesting arts events

### Royal Festival Hall Concert 27 February

The LCA have invited LeDFAS members to join them as they have reserved seats, £20 discounted to £13 for a concert where Marin Alsop conducts the RPO. A booking form which will be on our noticeboard. Please book as soon as possible.

**L&D Local History Society Friday 17 February, 2017 7.30pm for 8.00pm** at Letherhead Institute  
Professor Richard Selley will talk on the birth, life and death of the River Mole.

### Oxshott and Cobham Music Society Saturday 25 February at 8.00pm

Pisarenko, piano; winner of Franz Liszt piano competition: at Holy Trinity, Claygate.

### Music in local churches

There is music on Wednesdays (**Christ Church**) and Thursdays (**Leatherhead Methodist Church**).

### Wednesday 8 March talk: Art Inspired by Wine by John Ericson

In this lively presentation John shares his knowledge and enthusiasm for wine and the contribution that 'wine art' makes to our colourful world. Wine can be a civilising influence upon us and it is made to be shared and enjoyed. As a consequence there are numerous wonderful paintings of wine being made and wine being drunk in celebration but it also lends itself to wicked cartoons and striking posters. In addition we shall examine wine labels from around the world which now display such style and creativity.

