



LeDFAS May 2017 newsletter

Dear member

We have now completed the main part of our 20th anniversary celebrations, which I hope that many of you will have had a chance to participate in.

I am particularly pleased to welcome 5 new members and one returning member this month. Some people are joining us as they like the variety of the programme. Some are becoming new members on your positive recommendations and introductions. We are doing better now in recruiting new members and have over 250 members, which is great news.

Note: the website version of this newsletter has less information in some places than the on-line version sent to member.

Best wishes
Huw Jenkins

20th Anniversary lunch

Over 100 of you joined us at the Anniversary lunch at St John's School: the weather was sunny and we had an excellent lecture on Punch and Judy by Bertie Pearce. 36 of you gave on-line feedback before the system (to my surprise) automatically updated to the next lecture. You gave Bertie high marks on our on line voting system.

We had a few guests including Florian Schweizer, NADFAS Chief Executive. Our President, June Robinson thanked all the volunteers who have helped make LeDFAS today. See the notice board for an excellent press release written by Martin Scalway, which was used by the Leatherhead Advertiser (this is the 3rd press release Martin has had published this year!). Many of you saw the excellent 2 minute video which Peter Rushton prepared.

On behalf of you and the Committee I should thank our Chairman, John Andrews as the planning and organisation of the lunch was very much his baby.

Huw

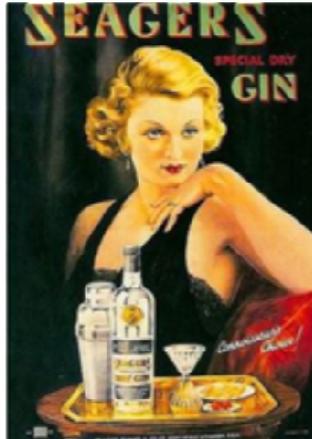


This month's Talk

Wednesday 10 May 2017: The Art of the Poster; Andrew Davies

(Doors open at 7.00pm for free tea and coffee. Sit down for lectures at 7.35pm)

Andrew Davies, one of NADFAS's most popular speakers, gives our talk on "The Art of the Poster". He will show examples such as "Your Country Needs You", "Careless Talk Costs Lives", "Pears Bubbles Soap", the "Bisto Kids", the "Guinness Toucan" and many more. The British poster has informed, entertained and instructed us ever since Toulouse-Lautrec, and the arrival of the colour poster, showed what was possible.



The Arts Society: Leatherhead

Most of you are now probably aware that on 17 May (the date of its AGM) NADFAS is changing its trading name to the Arts Society. Your Committee supports this name change. After 17 May we will probably propose a special resolution to change our name to "The Arts Society: Leatherhead." You will have a chance to vote on this. If you have any questions please send me an email or speak to our Chairman or myself.

A guided walk around fashionable Hampstead and a visit to Two National Trust houses on Thursday 6 July

Hampstead has been home to the rich and the famous for generations. Sample the atmosphere as you wander the streets. Our walk will include visits to two National Trust houses: the glorious art and garden of Fenton House and the ultra-modernist Erno Goldfinger's 2 Willow Walk. We will also visit the famous bathing pools of Hampstead Heath. Rona Roach will be leading the walk; please book your place at the May meeting. There is no charge for the walk but please only book a place for the walk (maximum 18) if you are certain to go.



Knebworth House on Monday 8 May

Next Monday we are having a guided tour of Knebworth House, Hertfordshire, and its British Raj exhibition.

Christmas Carol Concert: a date for your diary

Last year's concert was a success and also raised a large sum of money for the parish church. We have booked the Brandenburg brass and singers for Tuesday 19 December.

LeDFAS Istria tour 19 to 26 September

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 April talk: The Magical Art of Camouflage in Warfare by Nicholas Reed

Many of you commented favourably on the talk, which was certainly a different "Arts lecture.

Dancing in the Aisles: Flower & Music Festival in the Parish Church

5 May: 7.30pm Ashtead Singers Concert
6 May: 2pm-4.30pm Organfest
7pm-10pm: Big Band
7 May: 3pm-5pm: Cream tea

London Original Paint Fair at the Royal Academy Friday 4 May to Sunday 7 May

This is a place to view and buy original prints. NADFAS members get a 50% discount (we have only just learned of this offer)

Ashtead DFAS Special Interest Day - Silver & Social Custom; by Ian Pickford Wednesday 10 May

Ashtead DFAS have a few spare places in their Special Interest Day next Wednesday at Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall; before the LeDFAS evening lecture. In the morning there will be two lectures. After lunch there will be an "Identification" session where you can bring along pieces of silver or plate which are then identified and discussed. Ian Pickford is well known for his appearances on the Antiques Road Show. Contact Linda Crook.

Ashtead DFAS spare places on trips to Chiddingstone Castle and Wilton House, Salisbury

A visit to Chiddingstone Castle and Hall Place on 23 May: £45.50pp/£41.50p for National Trust members to include travel/tea and coffee/ ploughman's lunch and guided tour at Chiddingstone. A visit to Salisbury, Wilton House and Church on 22 June: £45pp to include travel tea and coffee and a guided tour of Wilton House. Both visits will leave from the Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall. Contact Linda Crook.

Lightbox Sydney Sime Exhibition

NADFAS is supporting an exhibition at the Lightbox, Woking (April 15 to May 28) on Sidney Sime, Artist and Philosopher. Entry is free.

Music in local churches

There is monthly music on Wednesdays (**Christ Church**) and weekly on Thursdays (**Leatherhead Methodist Church**). Visit www.musiconthursdays.org

Leatherhead Theatre

Volunteers: There will be a volunteers coffee morning on Thursday 1 June between 10am and 1 pm if you are interested in knowing about volunteering opportunities.

Drama Festival: From 1 to 13 May there will be 10 evenings of one act plays, culminating in the Gala Night.

As we think the Theatre plays a vital role in the Arts in Leatherhead LeDFAS have made a contribution of £100 to the Festival.

Event screenings Art highlights include:

nt live: Obsession on Wednesday 17 May at 7.00pm
nt live: Who is Afraid of Virginia Woolf? On Thursday 18 May at 7.00pm
La Boheme on Saturday 20 May at 7.30pm
RSC live: Antony and Cleopatra on Wednesday 24 May at 7.00pm
Emma on Friday 26 May and Saturday 27 May at 7.30pm

Glyndebourne: La Traviata on Thursday 8 June at 7.15pm
Contact the theatre box office on 01372 365132 for tickets

Wednesday 14 June 2017: The Day Parliament Burned Down by Caroline Shenton
Next month's lecture

Dr Caroline Shenton will tell us about the great conflagration that destroyed Parliament's glorious old buildings and their contents on 16 October 1834. A huge ball of fire exploded through the roof of the Houses of Parliament, creating a blaze so enormous that it could be seen by the King and Queen at Windsor. Based on her acclaimed book which won the 2013 political book of the year award, this talk takes us through the gripping hour-by-hour story of the fire through contemporary depictions of the disaster by Turner, William Heath and others.



Painting by JMW Turner