

THE ARTS SOCIETY ARUN

Dear Members,

As you know we have been following advice from the government about the most effective ways to help fight the current pandemic. We have a duty of care to our members and must take account of the fact that a significant number are in the 'at risk' group. We have been asked to implement social distancing measures for some months to reduce the transmission of the coronavirus and to avoid gatherings. Therefore we have had to make some difficult decisions.

LECTURES

The lecture programme from April-July will be cancelled. At the moment we are looking to re-schedule the Society's Annual General Meeting to September but will let you know nearer the time.

VISITS

We are also cancelling the next two visits which are to the Royal Albert Hall on 28 April and Champs Hill on 14 May. Those of you who have bought tickets will be contacted in the next week. There is a self-drive guided tour of Lewes planned for 07 July. We will review the situation nearer to the time and let you know if this can go ahead. For those of you who have booked the trip to Ireland you will receive notifications direct from Heritage Travel.

Heritage Volunteering and Church Recording will be suspended and volunteers will be hearing from their group leaders with more detailed information. The Arts Society (Guilford House) has cancelled all central and area meetings and events including the AGM. They are currently looking into ways to try to develop and share digital content to ensure members stay in touch.

No-one knows how long these exceptional circumstances will last, but we will keep you up to date via email (MailChimp) and notices on our website (theartssocietyarun.org.) You can contact us by using the contact form on the website or by sending an email to arun@theartssociety.org

From what I have been hearing we will emerge from this with beautiful gardens, freshly painted rooms, and enough de-cluttering to satisfy even Marie Kondo. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Pat Willcox
Chair
The Arts Society Arun

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