



January 2021

Dear Members,

We have started a new year, still in lockdown, but with hope for the future. As the days lengthen and the roll-out of vaccinations gathers speed, we can start to tentatively think about meeting again at Woodlands later in the year, consider outings and hope that the word 'zoom' evokes cameras and taking pictures.

For the time being we need to be realistic, which means lectures via Zoom until the Government decides it is safe to get together in larger groups. We all miss the social side of seeing each other, enjoying a coffee and a chat while perched on a chair that is actually touching the chairs on either side. All our lecturers for 2021 are prepared to deliver their amazing talks via Zoom or, when the time comes, in person. In the meantime, make the most of the clear pictures on your screen and try to display our lectures on your television screen for an even better experience. (You may need an HDMI cable.)

We have organised some trips for you. Most are within driving distance and will not require a coach. However, quite daringly, our daytrip to Leeds Castle (by popular demand) will feature a coach to take you there. We will start selling tickets for Champs Hill in March. At this moment in time Champs Hill has every intention to go ahead with this exhibition. However, I must stress that all these trips could be cancelled at the last minute depending on circumstances. Money paid for an outing will in that case be refunded. If all goes well, more trips will be arranged.

Heritage Volunteering and Church Recording are suspended until further notice. We have every intention to take up where we left off, when the time is right and hope that our volunteers will be ready to support us.

Our own website (<https://theartssocietyarun.org/>) is frequently updated and easy to navigate. It gives you links to various other sites of interest such as local musea, talks etc. (Links). Or visit The Arts Society's website (<https://theartsociety.org>) and browse.

You can contact us by using the contact form on our website or by sending an email to arun@theartssociety.org

Keep in touch, and I will see you at one of our next lectures.

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