

Dear Members,

Meeting on Tuesday 21 September 2021 at the Woodlands Centre

We'll meet again - face to face in our familiar Woodlands surroundings. You will find the layout and proceedings in the Centre much the same as before. The doors will open at 09.45 am. Mask-wearing is optional, but we would urge you to be considerate of other members and perhaps wear one if you can. We will not ask for proof of a Covid pass. Hand sanitiser is available at the entrance and more bottles will be spread around the hall. Our volunteers, masked, will be ready to tick off your name. The envelopes with the papers for the AGM and your renewal form – including a gift aid form, will be handed out when you enter. (Even if you have done a gift aid form before, please do one again as we are starting from scratch – so worthwhile for our Society). We will have a raffle again, this time one of our Speaker's books - £1 only.

Coffees: The Committee has decided not to open the kitchen for coffees yet, avoiding a build-up of members near the hatch. Another concern is the lack of Committee members to deal with the logistics of supply, demand and money. Please bring your own.

Ventilation: we need to keep the airflow in the Centre by either keeping some doors or windows open. Bring a warm jacket.

Our lecturer is Elizabeth Gowing, a teacher, speaker, author translator and much more. Elizabeth moved to Albania in 2006, learned to speak fluent Albanian and got herself deeply involved in the Albanian society and art. Her talk *The Silver Thread: Silver filigree and Traditional Arts in Kosova* is based on her travels and research there. This promises to be a very interesting talk, illustrated with beautiful photographs. Do not miss it.



Firle Place on Tuesday 5 October 2021 - £13 (inc. coffee)

Our tour of Firle Place near Lewes (self-drive) has a couple of places left if anyone is interested. The booking form is on our website with more details about the place itself. However, the remaining tickets can also be obtained at our next meeting, cheque preferred. Everyone who has already bought their place on the tour, can pick up their ticket (and unused envelope if applicable) at Woodlands next week. If you are unable to do so but sent me an SAE, I will return this with your ticket after the meeting.

Day of Special Interest: Thursday 11 November 2021 - £30 (inc. coffee, lunch and glass of wine)

Subject: **European Modernism and Art Deco 1920-1940** by Anne Anderson

This Day of Special Interest will bowl you over with a packed programme by a well-known and excellent speaker. Three interesting lectures, each with a different theme but linked through the period in which they are set. No time to get bored or fidgety; these lectures on Art Deco in Paris, famous designers like Lalique and architectural styles such as The Bauhaus and the work by Corbusier will be riveting. Something for everyone. We'll greet you with a coffee, ply you with a glass of wine at lunchtime and a fabulous Ploughman's lunch. All that for the modest sum of £30 only. As this is Remembrance Day, there will be a minute's silence at 11.00 am.

This DSI will be popular. We will sell tickets at our meeting on 21 September, again cheques preferred. Guests will be welcome so you can book for your best friend or a family member

to come along (only one non-member per Member). Alternatively, a booking form will be available [on our website](#) after the meeting. You will also be able to find more details there and a leaflet you can print off.

Reminder: AGM - 19 October 2021 / Membership Renewal - £40

Our AGM will be held at Woodlands on 19 October 2021. The Renewal forms and letters will accompany the AGM papers. Please make sure you pick up your envelope with the papers on your arrival at Woodlands. Margaret Overington, one of our new committee members, will be there to hand them out. Those of you who are unable to come, will receive their papers in the mail.

Reminder: The Arts Society no longer issues membership cards.

Miek Bell
Chair