

Dear Members,

Meeting on Tuesday 17 May 2022– 10.30 hrs. Doors open at 09.45 hrs

**Woodlands Centre**—Wearing a mask is a personal choice and no longer obligatory. At our next meeting we will open some windows and keep the doors closed. We trust you have had all the available vaccinations and appreciate that no one wants to sit in a cold draft.

We will be serving coffees and teas. A reminder: a drink and a biscuit will be £1.

Guests are welcome. We charge a fee of £7.



May's Lecture: *The Stained Glass Windows of Marc Chagall*  
*"A transparent partition between my heart and the heart of the world"*  
by Monica Bohm-Duchen

**Monica** is an independent writer, lecturer & exhibition organizer, who has lectured on a part-time basis at Birkbeck College since 2004. The other institutions for which she has worked include Tate, the National Gallery, the Royal Academy of Arts, Sotheby's Institute of Art and the Courtauld Institute.

*This lecture is in response to a request of one of our members who admires the Chagall window in Chichester Cathedral.*

Chagall's first experiments with the medium of stained glass came in the late 1950's, when he was already in his seventies and well-established as one of the grand old men of modern art. It remains, however, a relatively little-known aspect of his prodigious output. The lecturer, author of several books and essays on Chagall, will examine the range of his deeply original work in this challenging medium – not only for churches, large and small, around the world, but for a synagogue and several secular buildings as well.



Events to come

The following tickets will be on sale on 17 May 22 at Woodlands

**Thursday 19 May 22 Champs Hill:** Coffee and biscuit, *Late Newlyn Exhibition* and the lovely gardens full with sculptures. The gardens will be at their best and most colourful at this time of the year. This visit makes a lovely and relaxed morning outing. There is also a booking form on the website. We have been allocated more places.

10.30-12.30 hrs with arrival around 10.15-10.25 hrs. **Cost: £10.50**



**Wednesday 22 June 2022:** A visit to *Philip Jackson's Studio* with a talk by the man himself about his life and work. A fascinating insight in the thought processes, techniques, and pure talent culminating in such amazing lifelike sculptures, often commissions, as the one above, of Gandhi (London), St Richard at Chichester Cathedral, Bobby Moore at Wembley, etc, but also his elegant and theatrically enigmatic gallery sculptures (see our poster at the door). You will be listening to him, surrounded by examples of his work.

This is our third visit to his Studio. Our previous visits were very popular and sold out quickly. We have some places left and can offer these to our members and now to guests as well. At the moment there is no booking form on the website. This is a self-drive visit. (Sculpture Studio, Mill Lane, Cocking, Midhurst from 10.45 am)

### **A Tour of the Royal Albert Hall, visit to Kensington Palace**

Cancelled and all those who signed up have now been reimbursed. If you have checked your statements and not found it, please let us know ([arun@theartsociety.org](mailto:arun@theartsociety.org))

### **Guided Walk in Midhurst by Frances Farrer-Brown – self-drive: £6**

Those of you who joined Frances last year in Lewes, will know what a mine of information Frances is. Did you know that the name Midhurst was first recorded in **1186** as *Middeherst*, meaning "Middle wooded hill", or "(place) among the wooded hills". The place has quite a history as the remains of the castle and Tudor buildings show. Tickets can be bought on the day of the lecture, and a booking form will be on the website after the meeting.

## **AUTUMN OUTINGS**

Our new Visits Secretaries are Mary Davies and Pat King. Mary has organised two visits and will be supported by Pat who has only recently joined us.

### **Goodwood House tour and Afternoon Tea (scones – and more!) – 17 October 2022 from 2.30 pm** **Cost £30.**

Another self-drive visit. Tickets will go on sale on 21 June 22.

**The National Gallery – a tour – 21 November 2022.** We hope to have a coach for you so you can travel in comfort and hopefully – after your second booster – you will feel more optimistic about coach travel and a group visit. This visit is inspired by our lecture on 18 October 22 '*Behind the scenes at the National Gallery*'. More details to follow soon. We start selling tickets in September 22.

## **HELP NEEDED**

Several members have offered help but do not want to come on the committee. We have a couple of 'vacancies' which we feel could be taken care of by non-committee members.

**Day of Special Interest (DSI):** You will have noticed that this item is missing from your programme. Our very successful DSI last year was run by your very small (at the time) committee, lead by Carolyn Hazlehurst. As we are all volunteers, we felt that too much of our time and efforts were taken up by organising this day. We have the guidelines on how to run this day (not set in stone). We all enjoy these days, not least the great lunch that is included.

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take on this once a year event. Carlyne, our Programme Secretary, will be happy to help you sort out a suitable speaker. It is not arduous, nor time-consuming. If you are interested, please approach any of our committee members at the meeting or send us an email. (arun@theartssociety.org)

**Arts Volunteering**: Anyone interested in bringing the Arts to the general public, schools, help with special projects in the local community. We have a yearly budget of £250 to spend on this. This again could be done by one or more people, just by liaising with us, no need to be on the committee. Let us know (see above) if you want to know more.

**Other Volunteers**: we are very lucky to have several people helping out in the kitchen, at the door, doing the raffle and sorting out the IT equipment. We could not do without you. ~Thank you!!

I hope to see many of you next week.

Miek Bell  
Chair