

Dear Members,

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2024 was due on the 31st OCT 2023. If you wish to renew for NEXT YEAR please do so as soon as possible

The Woodlands Centre

Tuesday 21st November. Doors open at **9.45** hrs. The lecture starts promptly at **10.20** hrs. Guests very welcome at a charge of £7.

10.15 hrs Tony Willcox our webmaster and technical support will give a short summary of his role. Tony really needs someone who may be interested in shadowing him, with a view to helping and if interested, potentially taking over his role.

Following the lecture, we are having the Christmas get together. Tickets are £3 for a glass of wine or Juice and a mince pie. Tickets will be on sale before the lecture.

Lecture Morning Volunteers.

Many thanks to all our volunteers who help in the hall on lecture mornings. We could not operate without you. Offers of help are always gratefully received. Areas where you could help may be:

Raffle - Occasionally we help if Martin is not available.

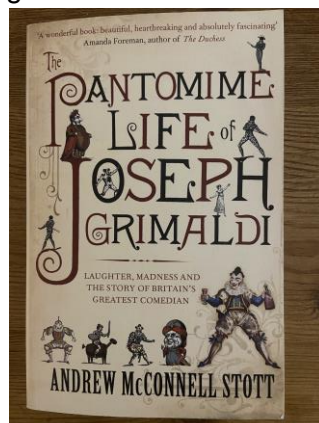
Kitchen - Please ask Maureen if she needs help. Five minutes at the end of the lecture to clear the last few cups and pack the kitchen boxes would be much appreciated.

Check in - Please ask Margaret or Sarah at the check-in if they need any help.

Stage set up - At the beginning of the meeting and/or after the meeting. It only takes a few minutes but your help would be really appreciated. See Denise if you think you can help.

Raffle.

The raffle prize book this month is '**The Pantomime life of Joseph Grimaldi**' by Andrew McConnell Stott. This literary award-winning book was a Radio 4 book of the week and promises to be a really entertaining read. Raffle tickets £1



The Lecture this month:

To herald the start of the Christmas season, our lecture this month is **'The Magic of Pantomime'** by Mr Ian Gledhill.

Ian's talk includes the history and traditions of this peculiarly British institution, as well as his experiences of acting in Pantomime.

Ian has worked in travel and tourism, music publishing, television and many roles in theatre.

Visits

Past Events.

Houses of Parliament tour. - Friday 20th Oct 2023. This was a very successful and thoroughly enjoyable trip. Enough people attended for us to fill two tours. As well as being impressed by the building and history the extra information from our wonderful tour guides, gave us a fascinating insight into some of the traditions of the British parliament.

Future Visits.

Information on the 2024 visits in January.

Day of Special Interest.

Wednesday May 8th 2024

Title: 'British Musical Theatre of the 20th century '

Lecturer. Mr. Ian Gledhill

Wila Heslop has kindly agreed to organise our study day again in 2024. More details to follow.

Other Arts Society Events (Please see the noticeboard in the hall for more details)

Arts Soc. East Sussex are advertising a holiday in Dorset (19th-23rd Feb 2024)

Arts Soc. Midhurst are offering a zoom lecture 'Hans Holbein the Younger at the Tudor Court' (Thursday 11th January 2024 @ 5.00pm)

Vacancies on the Committee.

Hall secretary-This role involves the setting up of the hall, mostly this involves the stage. Some liaising with the Parish Council on occasion may be needed. The hall staff set up chairs and furniture for our meetings and therefore only small changes may be necessary from time to time.

Volunteer Secretary This role has been available for some time. Pre covid members of Arun Arts Society helped with archive work at Worthing Museum and Arundel Castle. Currently we have no such commitments. Is this something you think you might be able to take forward? Training is given by the Head Office for this role.

Our Treasurer and Secretary have both extended their term on the committee. Without them, a committee is impossible and therefore our branch of the Arts Society will be in real trouble.

Both would welcome people to shadow them to see if the role is something they may be interested in.

Non Committee Role

Our Webmaster, Tony Willcox, would also welcome anyone who would shadow him with a view to helping or taking on the role in the future.

If you are be interested in any of these roles, or would just like further information please Contact Us via the website or please speak to a committee member.

Thank You

I would like to mention Miek Bell, Julie Dawe and Carlyne Hazelhurst and once again thank them for all they have done for TASA in their roles on the committee. Miek, as you may know is staying on the committee to organise trips and visits jointly with Pat King. Miek will mainly concentrate on the coach trips.

We will miss Julie's and Carlyne's expertise, but it is a comfort to know we can call on them for advice.

I look forward to seeing you next week.

Denise Arthur

Chair