

Dear Members,

[Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 17 October 2023; 10.00 hrs](#)

**The Woodlands Centre**

We hereby give notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Arts Society Arun, which will be held on the above date, prior to the Lecture. Please note that the doors will open at 09.30 hrs. The meeting will start promptly at 10.00 hrs, with the AGM the first item on the agenda. The Lecture will start at the usual time of 10.20 hrs. (Sarah Cove will talk about '*Fakes and Fortunes or 'Have I discovered a Constable in my attic?*').

Members can propose a resolution to the Meeting, duly seconded. These need to be received by **12 September 2023** to be included in the AGM papers, and can be sent to our postbox (arun@theartssociety.org).

The paperwork for the AGM will be available for you to collect at the meeting on Tuesday 19 September 2023. We will deliver any uncollected envelopes to you asap after the meeting. You will receive the Agenda, last year's AGM Minutes, the Chairman's Report 2023, the Treasurer's Report 2023, the Accounts and the Membership Renewal Letter with the Payment Notice.

We have raised the Membership Fee to £44 per person for 2024. Compared to many Societies, our fees are comparable, often cheaper. We offer you excellent Speakers for £4.40 per lecture. In addition, we organise outings and a Day of Special Interest. We have our Christmas 'Do' and get-togethers for new members. Many of our Speakers comment on the nice atmosphere in the Hall, and I agree, our lovely members create a welcoming buzz and show their appreciation when they enjoy a good lecture.

The deadline for renewal is **31 October 2023**. Once we have received your payment we will send you the new Programme for 2024. New Members will also receive a new member's pack.

I sincerely hope you will be able to continue supporting our Society by renewing your Membership. We have some varied and interesting lectures to look forward to (to mention a few: *The birth of the hoax in the 18<sup>th</sup> century* – in case you thought it was a modern phenomenon; our well-known Anne Anderson on *Watt's Gallery*; Harry Venning will initiate you in the art of the cartoon, and in November we concentrate on *The twelve plants of Christmas*).

My warmest wishes to all of you,

Miek Bell

Chair