

Dear Members,

### The Woodlands Centre

**Tuesday 19 September 2023:** Please note that the doors will open at **09.40 hrs**. The lecture will start at **10.20 hrs**. Guests welcome - £7 entrée fee.

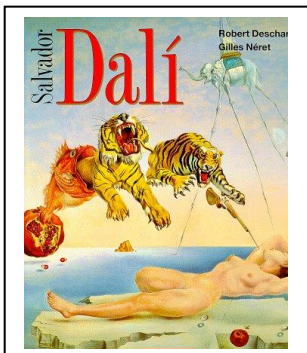
The AGM will take place in October, not in September.

**PLEASE NOTE: the timings listed in the 'All about' local magazine are INCORRECT.** We have no idea how these timings (12.00- 16.00 hrs) came about, but please ignore them.

**AGM Papers including renewal forms:** These will be handed out next Tuesday. If the weather is agreeable, you will find members of our committee outside the entrance to the Hall with the envelopes. If it is cold, wet and windy, they will be seated inside. Please do not leave without your papers.

We may need volunteers for the raffle and kitchen. If you have time and feel like giving a helping hand, please ask one of the committee members or send me an email.

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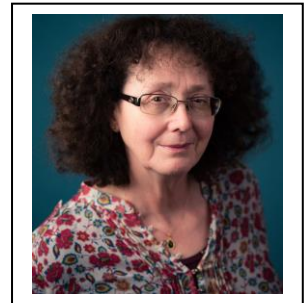


**Raffle:** £1 per ticket.

The book this month is '*Salvador Dalí*' by Robert Descharnes and Gilles Néret. This fabulous book outlines Dalí's life and work, but is dominated by a plethora of images of his work, all in colour.

**Lecture:** Our lecture this month is by Julia Musgrave, entitled '*Salvador Dalí: 20<sup>th</sup> century Renaissance artist*'. Dalí did not restrict his creative output to painting. He was also a writer, poet, engraver,

sculptor, architect, photographer, theatre and jewellery designer. He was an omnivorous reader who was as interested in science as he was in art. This lecture looks at Dalí the designer and science enthusiast.



Julia Musgrave presented in June 2021 a lecture on '*Sex in the City*', featuring amongst others Hogarth's depiction of the deprivation in 18<sup>th</sup> century London. Even though, or perhaps because of, the necessity to present via zoom, her talk impressed our members. We received several requests to have Julia back again – and here she is!

Our Lecture in July on black artists by Helen Oakden was warmly received. Helen is an excellent speaker who had thoroughly investigated her subject. It was a theme that was not explored before in our Society, but very relevant today.

### Past Events

#### **Buckingham Palace and the Royal Gardens – Thursday 7 September 2023**

24 members from our own Society but also from other Sussex Societies turned up for this visit. It was a hot day; the Palace was warm but the gardens provided much needed shade. The Coronation exhibition enabled us to admire the amazing embroidery of

vestments and royal chairs. So much to see, so much walking and standing while gazing at pictures, ceilings, ornaments. We were informed that the Palace gardens have their own borehole, so hosepipe bans do not affect the plants, although, in sympathy for those without such a feature, the lawns do not get watered. I trust that everyone had their ticket stamped at the end and will be able to re-visit this year or in 2024.

### Future Visits:

**General:** you can find a booking form for each event on the website, when you go to **Visits 2023**. Use the form if you want to send a cheque to book your place. However, you may find it easier, quicker and cheaper to transfer the money, using the code (usually the name of the event) listed with each event as reference and informing the Ticket Secretary you made a transfer ([ticketsecretary@theartsocietyarun.org](mailto:ticketsecretary@theartsocietyarun.org)). Please mention in your email the names of the people you booked for.

Guests welcome on all our trips.

**Transfer details: Sort code: 30-67-82 Account: 32783968. Reference: see below**

### **The Houses of Parliament – Friday 20 October 2023 - 16.00 hrs and 16.10 hrs (depending on numbers) - £1**

Tickets for this tour will be on sale again next week. No coach has been arranged. You will be expected to make your own way to Westminster. We have permission for two tours, each of 25 people, starting at 4 pm and 4.10 pm. Be aware that these tours could be cancelled at short notice due to changes in Parliamentary business.

How to get there:

Bus 3,11, 12, 24, 53, 87, 88, 148, 159, 211, 453

Tube: Westminster ( Circle, District, Jubilee)

National rail: from Victoria, Waterloo, Charing Cross, Vauxhall (all approx. 15-30 mins walk)

Joining your tour: Please enter via the Cromwell Green Visitors' Entrance (Marked No 8 on a map that I will provide) and make your way through into Westminster Hall where you will find the Tours Co-ordinator's desk. At the end of your tour, you will exit via the Carriage Gates (marked 6). If you are running late call on 07917 488857.

Mobiles need to be switched off. Photography is only allowed in Westminster Hall and St Stephen's Hall. (This sounds as if you will need a camera rather than a mobile!)

Members are allowed 1 guest only. If we have spare tickets in September, we will review this. It is important to us that our own members have an opportunity to book first, but we realise that many of you want to take a close friend or family member along.

There is not yet a booking form on the website. We will reconsider this once we know how many tickets are left after the meeting. This visit has proved to be popular.

### Vacancies on the Committee

(None of these roles require you to attend all committee meetings):

- Social Secretary to help Denise out who is performing several roles and could do with support in the kitchen and catering during our events.
- Hall Secretary to liaise with the Council (also in Woodlands) for the set-up of the room.
- Our Treasurer and Secretary would also welcome someone to shadow the, with the aim to take over eventually.
- Male as well as female members are welcome on our committee!

All roles have a 'job' description, are not onerous but necessary.

### **Volunteering in the community**

We welcome suggestions for a recipient of our £250 volunteering donation. We can apply for £250 from 'Head Office' for a worthwhile cause. This year we had the cartoonist Harry Venning entertaining the older children at Chestnut Tree House. However, this donation for a particular purpose (materials, tutor etc) can be for any age range, any cause from the disabled, choirs, schools or elderly people.

### **New Members in 2023**

In September after our Lecture, we hope to get together with our newly joined members (2023) for a coffee, cake and chat.

### **Christmas 'do'**

We will start selling tickets for our Christmas get-together at the October meeting.

I look forward to see many of you next week.

Miek Bell

Chair