



Dear Members,

THE WOODLANDS CENTRE

Tuesday 20th February

Doors open at 9.40 hrs. The lecture starts promptly at 10.15 hrs. Guests are very welcome at a charge of £7.

Recent Members Get Together will take place after the lecture - meet each other and the committee for coffee, cake and a chat.

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:

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 at the check in if she needs any help.

Stage set up - for the beginning of the meeting and/or after the meeting has finished. Please see Denise if you could help with this. It only takes a few minutes but will release other people for other duties.

Raffle

Tickets £1 per ticket. The book this month is a signed copy of 'Clare in the Community' by Harry Venning. Taken from his very funny Radio 4 series and The Guardian comic strip of the same name, this promises to be a very entertaining read.

Lecture

Our lecture title is 'The Art of the Cartoonist' and will be given by professional cartoonist, Harry Venning. Harry will be drawing live and sharing with us some of the tricks of his trade. Harry is an award-winning cartoonist and a comic strip regular in many national publications. He is co-writer of the comedy 'Clare in the Community', which has now reached series 12 on Radio 4. I am sure many of you will be very familiar with Clare.

At TASA we were fortunate to have Harry deliver a session of cartoon drawing to the children of Chestnut Tree House, for the TASA Community Grant award in 2022.

NOTICEBOARD

We propose to bring our spare noticeboard into use as a space for members to use to advertise local 'Arts Events' which they know of, or may be involved in, and think may be of interest to other members. Please just bring your flyers and use the board.

PLEASE LOOK AT THE NOTICEBOARDS!

VISITS

Payment for all trips can be made via bank transfer (booking forms available on the website for each trip as tickets go on sale). Cash or **card** payment is preferred as we are now the proud owners of a card-reading machine. Cheques are still accepted.

Watt's Gallery and Artists' Village, Tuesday 4 June '24

Bookings for this coach trip will open on Tuesday 19 March 2024. This visit will tie in with the lecture on 16 April on The Artist's Village by Dr Anne Anderson. We are very aware that costs for outings like these have risen since our last coach trips before lockdown. In an effort to minimise costs, I am still negotiating the best deal for you, but we aim to keep this under £40 in total. Watch this space.

Philip Jackson, Monday 24 June '24

I am pleased to confirm 24 June 2024 for our visit to Philip Jackson's Studio. We are even holding the price at previous years' level: £25 pp. This will be a visit with a difference. Philip is working on a big commission; hence his studio is unsuitable for a talk. However, you will be able to see some of his work in the studio, after which we will all go to the local community pub The Bluebell, where lunch and a drink will be served while Philip gives a talk and takes questions (All included!)

Tickets will go on sale in April '24.

Stratfield Saye Wednesday 24 July '24 - coach trip

This is The Duke of Wellington's home in the country, given to him by the Government after his success at Waterloo. He was expected to pull it down and build another Blenheim Palace-style house. But Wellington actually liked the house as it was, homely and restful. His heirs shared his love for the house and estate and are still residing here. At certain times of the year - this varies from year to year - when the family is off on holiday, the place is opened to the public with guided tours. You will be visiting a real home with a history going back to 1817. But you will also be able to marvel at the duke's funeral carriage, a sight to behold, cast from Napoleon's cannons left behind on the battlefield. The estate offers an opportunity to stretch your legs and explore. Booking opens on Tuesday 16 April '24. Price to follow.

Chichester Festival Theatre 23 Feb '24

This visit is now sold out. A waiting list is being held.

Champs Hill Summer Exhibition 18 Apr '24

Tickets will go on sale on 20th February

TASA DAY OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Wednesday May 8th 2024

Willa Hislop has kindly agreed to organise our study day again in 2024. Tickets on sale from 20th Feb '24, £38 per head (unchanged from last year). Coffee and lunch are included. Card, cash, bank transfer and cheque payment welcome. See TASA website for further details.

This is always a really great day, so get your ticket early!

Title: **BRITISH MUSICAL THEATRE IN THE 20th CENTURY**

Lecturer: **Mr IAN GLEDHILL**

THE ARTS SOCIETY COMMUNITY GRANT

TASA successfully applied for the £250 Community Grant for 2024. We are delighted that the beneficiary of this grant is the Littlehampton Child Contact Centre, which was proposed as a recipient by one of our members.

This charity does incredible work, providing a safe, friendly, supervised and child focused environment where non-resident parents can spend time with their children. The centre is run by voluntary staff, who do an amazing job.

The art and craft resources of the centre are very limited, and the grant will be used to provide age related art and craft bags for each family. The experience of producing an art project together can be very fulfilling for parents and children alike, as well as making a memento of their time spent together.

We also hope to deliver an art orientated session for the volunteers. This would be a bit of light relief on one of their often very gruelling training days.

We will keep you updated.

THE ARTS SOCIETY '50 TREASURES'

Some areas of The Arts Society have produced a small book which contains lesser-known art treasures in their area. These are lovely little books and make great gifts or just to have handy if you are out and about. Sussex area is proposing to put a book together and would like people to nominate 'treasures' in the area for possible inclusion. If you know of anything that you think could be of interest, please let us know. The books already completed are very reasonably priced and are available for purchase on The Arts Society website.

VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE

Hall secretary

This role covers 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. This role does not necessarily mean you have to be a committee member.

Volunteer Secretary

This role has been available for some time. Pre-covid, members of TASA helped with archive work at Worthing Museum and Arundel Castle. Currently we have no such commitments and the aim to re-establish TASA in a heritage role would be a priority. This role will also involve being a part of the grant awards from H.Q. and working towards the Young Arts commitment of the Arts Society. It will be a very satisfying role to undertake, and training is given by the Head Office. Is this something you think you might be able to take forward?

Treasurer and Secretary

Our current role holders have both served extended terms on the committee. Without them, a committee is impossible and therefore TASA would be in real trouble. Both would welcome anyone to shadow them to see if the role is something that might interest them.

Non-Committee Roles

Our **Webmaster and Technical Support**, Tony Willcox, would also welcome anyone who would shadow him with a view to helping or taking on the role in the future. Do you have some IT skills just waiting to be put to good use? Maybe one or two people might like to share the role.

Hall helper as above.

If you think you might be interested in any of the above, or would just like further information, please speak to any committee member or Contact Us via the website.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Denise

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