

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE September 2023

I do hope you enjoyed last season's brilliant lectures and are looking forward to the varied and exciting programme for the coming season arranged by Linda Eales before she stepped down and Sophie Stutter, our new programme secretary. The Arts Society's Directory – which is where our accredited lecturers and their subjects come from – continues to get bigger and better, so it is often encouragingly hard to choose who and what to pick.

Please renew your subscription before the first lecture on 12 October. We also welcome new members - the more members we have, the better our chance of keeping the subscription affordable. This season it remains at £49 (£95 for two at the same address and only £12 for students), which even my basic maths reveals to be only £4.90 per lecture. And of course, for those unable to get to JAGS, the lectures are available on Zoom. Do please tell your friends and family about the society or bring them to a lecture. If you would like some publicity material, Christine Brandon will be happy to give you some leaflets. Full details, membership and booking forms are also available on our website www.theartssocietydulwich.org.uk.

The lecture programme included in this mailing speaks for itself and we offer visits and events throughout the season. The first is one of Charlie Forman's excellent London walks on 24 October, looking at John Nash architecture in the West End. We need at least 12 people, so please book and pay by 26 September.

Many of you who have been members for some time will have already served on the committee, so this paragraph is addressed to newer members who may regard committee work as a bore or chore. Can I please encourage you to change your mind? Several committee members are approaching the end of their terms and we need at least one or two new people this season and more next year. Although some work is inevitably involved, it is interesting and can be fun! There are only six committee meetings a year and we try to share tasks as far as we can. If you might be interested, do please have a word with me at the October lecture or speak to another committee member. They are listed with their contact details on the back of your membership card, which you can collect from the membership desk at JAGS.

Look forward to seeing you on 12 October.

Regards

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Chairman