

# THE ARTS SOCIETY MALMESBURY

## Spring Bulletin



### Dear Arts Society Members

Now that Spring is around the corner, I wanted to bring your attention to the visits and events we have arranged for you to enjoy before the end of July.

**March 23/24. Saturday and Sunday. Young Arts Exhibition** of all the artistic contributions from local primary schools inspired by the life of Thomas Hobbes of Malmesbury – the great philosopher of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Well worth a look to support the work of our Young Arts programme and the local Athelstan Museum to inspire the young to learn more about their town and its history. Open 10.00 – 16.00 hrs at the Moravian Chapel in Oxford Street in Malmesbury.

**May 9<sup>th</sup> Thursday.** Visit to the **Wormsley Library** at the Getty estate close to Stokenchurch, Bucks. This is a very special event as only five visits are allowed per year and they retain the right to cancel it a few weeks before we go. Hence payment is by cheque only and these will be held until the visit has been confirmed. The library is full of wonderful and rare books and there will be a chance to walk around the garden which has been designed by Penelope Hobhouse. There will be a guide to both. Payment is £55 pp – cheque only. I attach a form above should you wish to join us.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Plant Swap.** This is your chance to re-stock your gardens with our bring and swap plant day before and after the lecture. Simply bring any plants that you no longer want and take another one that you would like instead. All for free but any contributions gladly received for our Young Arts programme.

**June 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.** Visit to **Wilton House**. Join us on a lovely summer trip to Wilton House where we will enjoy a guided tour around the house, a delicious lunch and a wander around the estate. There is also an exhibition of the photographs of Cecil Beaton for us to enjoy as well. £55 pp. I attach the form for your tickets above.

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**July 15<sup>TH</sup> Monday.** Visit to the gardens of the Test Valley – **Houghton Lodge and Longstock Water Gardens**. Both gardens are well worth a visit in the height of summer and complement each other beautifully. Delicious lunch as always and the cost of the ticket will be £58 pp.

All details for the trips are on our website as always together with booking forms so take a look if you want to learn more about each trip.

We are in the throes of planning a **trip to Holland on April 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> in 2020**. We shall shortly have all the details but in essence this a trip to see some of the other smaller cities that inspired the Dutch school of art together with a chance to walk around de Keukenhof to see the tulips. We shall be accompanied by a Dutch lecturer, Sophie Oosterwijk, who also takes tours for Martin Randall travel so you can see it will be a top-notch tour. We shall visit Leiden where Rembrandt was born, The Hague to see the Mauritshuis, Panorama Mesdag and the Gemeentemuseum together with Haarlem, Delft, Gouda and Oudewater. We fly from Bristol at a very civilised time with a coach collecting us from Malmesbury. Keep the dates for your diary.

This year, apart from our Young Arts programme, we are supporting a local artist , Anne Hayhoe, who runs free walk and draw sessions during the warmer months in Malmesbury. [Click here for one of her leaflets so that you can see what she does.](#) She is very knowledgeable, and it is wonderful to have someone so talented to inspire others to draw en plein aire. One of Anne's paintings will be on our front programme cover for the 2019/2020 year.

**RENEWAL REMINDER.** We shall be starting our membership renewals as from April until the July lecture so that you have plenty of time to renew which we hope that you will do.

We are using a paper-based system this year aimed at providing a reminder and confirmation of payment. We can no longer accept cash payments as we have found that it leads to too much confusion so only cheques and on line payments please. The renewal fee is still £40 pp which I hope you agree is extremely good value indeed (only £4 per lecture).

All the committee team look forward to seeing you at these events and also at our lectures – the next one is on the 9<sup>th</sup> April and is entitled The Legendary Lee Millar to be given by Antony Penrose, her son.

See you then I hope,

With best wishes,  
Katharine Odlum  
Chairman – The Arts Society, Malmesbury