



THE ARTS  
SOCIETY  
TRENT VALLEY

# NEWSLETTER 2023

## Dear Members

Our recent event in April for a Members Luncheon proved a great success. The event was held in Grange Hall and was a means of thanking our loyal members for their support after the difficulties of the pandemic. We had approximately 80 members who enjoyed a buffet lunch with a glass of wine.



We have all enjoyed an excellent year of monthly lectures thanks to the Programme Secretary, Kay Smith. Kay will be handing over the lecture programme in July but has completed the year 2024.

Of note, was the talk by John Iddon on *Lucian Freud – The Art and the Man*.



This was a fascinating lecture which gave us a very good appreciation of Freud's art as well as the man himself.

Another excellent recent lecture was by Joanna Mabbutt talking about *The Field of the Cloth of Gold*. This covered every aspect of 6000 Englishmen in France for 18 days with detail from embroidery on the tents to the elaborate dishes of food. Joanna also mentioned the levelling of the actual field in France so that neither the King of France, Francis I, nor the King of England, Henry VIII, would be standing in a higher position than the other!

The Arts Society is keen to promote local societies becoming involved with their local community, and this we were able to do at *Radcliffe-on-Trent's Carnival* held on Saturday 8th July. Trent Valley had a stall promoting the various activities our society is involved with, as well as highlighting our excellent monthly lectures. Balloons, stickers, leaflets and book-marks attracted many visitors as you will see from the photo overleaf.



Our stall at Radcliffe-on-Trent's Festival

Our annual trip to Elton Hall near Peterborough, on Friday 30th June was a great success. There were three guided hour-long group tours of the house which has been in the Proby family since the 1660's. The house was full of exceptionally beautiful and interesting paintings by world-renowned artists



Elton Hall Dining Room

such as Reynolds, Constable and Gainsborough. We could also explore the lovely laid-out gardens, or have a snack in the restaurant, or enjoy the adjoining Garden Centre.

I would like to thank all our members for their continuing support, along with the Committee for their help to organise and run events throughout the year.

**Barbara Savage  
and the Committee**

## Forthcoming Events for 2023

Our 11am Wednesday monthly lecture programme starts on:

**4 OCT. *Treasures of the Turf***

By Christopher Garibaldi

**1 NOV. *City Livery Companies—the origins of the Great Twelve***

By Tim Schroder

**6 DEC. *The Life and Works of Grayson Perry***

By Harry Fletcher

***Don't forget our Study Day on Italian Renaissance Gardens***

By Daniel Evans.

**Tues. 24 Oct. 10.30 to 3.30pm**

Bingham Methodist Centre

**£40 includes buffet lunch**

**Full details on our website:  
[theartssocietytrentvalley.org.uk](http://theartssocietytrentvalley.org.uk)**

## YOUR COMMITTEE

**Chairman:** Barbara Savage

**Secretary:** Vivienne Jarvis

**Treasurer:** John Addiscott

**Membership:** Peter Sheardown &  
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