



## **THE ARTS SOCIETY TRENT VALLEY**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**to be held at**

**Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent**

**on Wednesday 3 JULY 2024 at 10.30am**

### **A G E N D A**

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To receive and approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 5 July 2023
4. Chairman's Report
5. To receive the Treasurer's Report and approve the Annual Accounts
6. To appoint a Financial Examiner of the Accounts for the coming year
7. To re-elect serving members and elect new members to the Committee

The Officers of the Society are nominated by the Committee for election, namely Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary:

Vivienne Jarvis, Chairman  
TBA, Vice Chairman  
John Addiscott, Treasurer  
TBA, Secretary

The following Committee Members are prepared to stand for re-election:

Tessa Day; Hilary Horsley; Peter Sheardown; Patty Temple; Kit Sullivan  
and Peter Vyze

The full Committee as proposed is to be elected en bloc.

8. The next AGM will be held on Wednesday 2 July 2025 at Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent.

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**Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent  
Wednesday, 5 JULY 2023, 10.30am**

1. The Chairman, Barbara Savage, opened the meeting.
2. Apologies were received from: Maggie Brown; Diane Wright; Jan Addiscott.
3. The Minutes of the AGM held in July 2022 were accepted as a true record  
Proposed by: Penny Tytler, Seconded by: Christine Sheardown.
4. Barbara Savage read the Chairman's Report. She said that it had been a much happier year for the Society now that we are free from Covid restrictions, and thanked the committee for their hard work. As well as the excellent lectures, Barbara mentioned the visits to Brodsworth Hall and Elton Hall, the Spring Social lunch and the Day of Special Interest last October, adding that another Day of Special Interest is planned for this coming October. Our charity work continues with a grant this year to help aspiring young musicians, and our heritage volunteering work has flourished with book conservation projects at Thrumpton Hall and Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, as well as a textiles project at Wollaton Hall. We finish the year with a stall at the Radcliffe-on-Trent Carnival which we hope will take awareness of our Society to a wider audience.
5. The audited accounts were accepted following the presentation of the annual report given by Treasurer, John Addiscott. Proposed by: Penny Tytler, Seconded by: Peter Lawson.
6. Steve Turnbull was elected as the independent financial examiner for the financial year 2023-2024. Proposed by: Tessa Day, Seconded by Penny Tytler.
7. The existing committee for the October 2023-July 2024 season was elected en bloc, these being: Barbara Savage, Chairman; TBA, Vice Chairman; John Addiscott, Treasurer; Vivienne Jarvis, Secretary; Tessa Day, Heritage and Volunteering; Hilary Horsley, Joint Membership Secretary; Peter Sheardown, Joint Membership Secretary; Patty Temple, Programme Secretary.  
Proposed by: Penny Tytler, Seconded: by Francesca Bratley.  
Three members of the committee were standing down. Sue Brooks was thanked for her work organising the Catering Team.  
Kay Smith was thanked for her work as Programme Secretary over the last three years; Patty Temple will be taking on that role.  
Peter Ward was thanked for his sterling efforts as Technical Support, and for organising the quiz at the Spring Social earlier this year.  
Two new members were elected to the committee to share the Catering role: Kit Sullivan and Peter Vyze. Proposed by: Sue Brooks, Seconded: by Kay Smith.
8. The next AGM will be held on Wednesday 3 July 2024 at Grange Hall, Radcliffe-on-Trent.

**ARTS SOCIETY TRENT VALLEY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 3 JULY 2024  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**“Tempus fugit!**

The time has passed so quickly since our last AGM – and since Trent's birth in 2016.

We passed our 75<sup>th</sup> lecture and have enjoyed another full year of activities.

The Covid period seemed to negatively impact many social groups but Trent has been fortunate that our membership has thrived.

I thank you all for your continued support. We must all thank the committee for continuing to smoothly run our affairs, and for the welcome from them that I hope we all feel.

The first social event this year was the Study Day held 24 October 2023 at the Methodist Hall in Bingham when the very able lecturer Daniel Evans gave 3 very well illustrated talks about Italian Renaissance Gardens and their villas.

A treat for historians and gardeners alike. The busy and informative day was relaxed by the refreshing coffee break and excellent lunch. Thank you to those who organised and administered the event. [Sadly, I was out of action at the time and missed it!]

The second social event of 23/24 will be the coach trip on 21 May to Ely and the splendid cathedral. I feel sure that the coach load of members and friends are all ready to enjoy a wonderful day of history and architecture – and stained glass!

Our charitable work continued in the able hands of our Heritage Volunteers led by Tessa Day. They have completed much cataloguing of books at both Trent Bridge cricket ground, and at Thrumpton Hall – and costumes have been constructed for Wollaton Hall Museum.

We pursued publicity for Trent in November 2023, this time in the Bingham area where we had a stall in the Community Market. Some interest was shown resulting in new membership.

**The New Governance proposals** circulated by HQ hit us in January this year. It was a lengthy, legalistic and complicated set of documents the consideration of which caused the committee considerable work and soul searching.

The original voting for the proposals was to be in April. We chose to vote against the proposals. Then as a result of challenges by local societies and subsequent amendments being made, the EGM and voting is now deferred until June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Therefore at the time of writing this report there is no decision.

All that said, I feel confident that whatever is eventually decided about the Society's "Governance", the future of Trent is secure, and that our month-by-month lectures and social events will carry on "undisturbed".

We know that, at Trent, we have in you a loyal and appreciative membership. However we always need some help either from volunteers or committee members!!

**Finally**, this is my very last year on your committee. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 7 years being part of Trent's launch and success. Creating the earlier programmes was fun and interesting, plodding through Covid zoom meetings was a muddy but an interesting learning curve, and then finally settling down as Chairman before retiring.

My thanks to everyone behind the scenes who make our meetings so successful – our committee, our hospitality and reception teams and those who always manage to keep our technology working – but most of all – your good selves for attending in great numbers. You are the reason for our success.

I wish you all well and look forward with curiosity to see what The Arts Society as a whole will be like in the years to come.

**All good wishes**  
**Barbara Savage**  
**Chairman**  
**The Arts Society Trent Valley**  
**16 May 2024**

## **Treasurer's Report for Year to 31st March 2024**

This has been a fairly satisfactory year from a financial point of view although expenditure has exceeded income by a small percentage.

However, expenses are increasing year on year - hall hire costs have increased by about 10% and lecturers' fees and travel by a similar percentage.

To maintain a viable future for our Society we have found it necessary to increase the annual subscription by £5 to £55, only the second increase since we founded Arts Society Trent Valley almost 10 years ago (our first meeting was in October 2016 when the annual Subscription was £45).

Whilst our closing bank balance at 31st March 2024 might appear substantial it really only represents a notional reserve adequate to cover ongoing costs for about 16 or 17 months assuming those costs remain steady which is in itself an optimistic view to take.

John Addiscott  
Treasurer

The Arts Society Trent Valley									
Financial statement for the year to 31st March 2024							Bank transactions		
Income in the year							Income		
Members subscriptions									
Subscriptions brought forward from prior year April to June 2023				£3,006.25					
Subscriptions received in current year (£12,375 - refunded £150)				£12,375.00			£12,375.00		
Less subscriptions carried forward to next year April to June 2024									
(25% x £12,125.00 )				-£3,093.75	£12,287.50				
Visitor fees				£295.00			£295.00		
Study day income				£2,080.00			£2,080.00		
Elton Hall Visit fares				£120.00			£120.00		
Add pre paid visit fares from 2022/23				£1,028.00					
Ely Cathedral visit fares				£1,795.50			£1,795.50		
Less Pre paid visit fares for visit 2023/24				-£1,795.50					
Social event income				£71.50			£71.50		
Add pre paid social event April 2023				£1,050.00					
Refund from overpaid Printwise invoice				£279.00	£4,923.50		£279.00		
Total Income:					£17,211.00		£17,016.00	£17,016.00	
Expenditure in the year							Expenditure		
Hall hire				£1,967.60			£1,967.60		
Refreshments at meetings				£205.54			£205.54		
Lecturer fees and expenses				£4,848.39			£4,848.39		
Art Soc fees									
Affiliation fees 20223/24				£4,105.24			£4,105.24		
Prepaid fees from 2022/23				£3,317.60					
Less prepaid fees for 2023/24 (75% x £4105.24)				-£3,078.93	£11,365.44				
Printing postage & stationery					£668.00		£668.00		
Trip Expenses Elton Hall					£1,130.00		£1130.00		
Prepaid trip Expenses Ely Cathedral 2034/24					£96.00		£96.00		
Social event costs					£992.72		£992.72		
Study day costs					£1703.94		£1703.94		
Bank charges					£109.20		£109.20		
Technical support at monthly meetings					£550.00		£550.00		
Donation to Inspired Musical Talent					£500.00		£500.00		
Gift to auditor and retiring committee members					£93.00		£93.00		
Representation at outside events					£30.00		£30.00		
Committee travel expenses					£213.54		£213.54		
Equipment					£33.00		£33.00		
Website hosting					£153.80		£153.80		
Subs refunded					£150.00		£150.00		
Total expenditure:					£17,788.64		£17,549.97	£17,549.97	
Excess of expenditure over income in year 2023/2024						£577.64		£533.97	
Bank reconciliation									
Closing balance from 2022/23					£25,203.32				
Income received in the year 2023/24					£17,016.00				
Expenditure for year 2023/24					-£17,549.97				
Closing balance:					£24,669.35				
Actual per bank statement:					£24,669.35				
Closing difference					£0.00				