



## **JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER**

Firstly, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and I wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

As you all know, we printed a newsletter in the summer, but this does cost quite a lot of money and so we are now resorting to e-mail. Any feedback on this would be gratefully received!

Hot on the heels of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of NADFAS, 2019 sees the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of the Glaven Valley Society by Hilda Singleton. We are hoping to celebrate this milestone, albeit in a low-key fashion. Our first ever lecture, in October 1989, was on Florence and we are hoping to echo this with our October lecture.

### **CAROL SERVICE**

Around 60 people attended our Carol Service, which was a lovely occasion, enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to our Readers, also to Jennie Dockerill and her team who organized it. A big thank you goes to Barbara Bent, Church Warden at Blakeney for facilitating the event and also to Henrietta, who sang a wonderful solo for us. The retiring collection raised £199.35 for the restoration of the medieval stained glass windows, so thank you to all who contributed.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We have quickly attained full membership but the waiting list is short, so it is still a good time to recruit friends. We have discovered that our members are our best recruiters, so please keep going!

### **COMMITTEE**

As I mentioned before the last lecture, we urgently need people to come forward to join the Committee. The society cannot function without a Committee, but we are willing to look at lots of different ways that we can achieve this. Job sharing is an option as is having a team perform a function, making the tasks less onerous.

The positions that we will have vacant as of June are:

Treasurer

Secretary

Visits Organiser

Hospitality

Publicity

This is a wonderful Society, and if you have any time to spare, please consider helping us in any way. Contact Chris Chapman on 01263 821195 or at [tasgvchair@gmail.com](mailto:tasgvchair@gmail.com).

## LECTURE PROTOCOL

There are always going to be a few people who need to leave a lecture on time, however, at the last lecture there was a veritable stampede, with chairs being pushed hither and thither. If you need to leave promptly, out of consideration for the lecturer and other members, can you please sit at the back and leave as quietly as possible.

## VISITS

### OCTOBER

The new society year began with a two-night visit to London early in October which proved popular and, as an added bonus, was blessed with wonderful weather that made it feel more like Paris in the spring. We visited Kenwood House, Kew, Dulwich Picture Gallery and Eltham Palace and at every location we were accompanied by cloudless blue skies. We all enjoyed a welcome dinner at our hotel on day one, having stopped at Kenwood House in Hampstead en route. Day two started with our visit to Kew with guided tours and an opportunity to take in more of the vast amount on offer and have lunch outside in the sunshine. A few hours of relaxation before the theatre visit to a lively production of *A Comedy about a Bank Robbery* after dinner in Piccadilly gave us all an excellent but extremely busy few days in the capital.

### NOVEMBER

This was followed extremely swiftly by a visit to two Northampton locations: *78 Derngate* and *Delapre Abbey*. The first, as an introduction to the Charles Rennie Mackintosh flavour that infuses the current programme, the second to experience a newly opened venue with an extensive and varied history. We had extremely enthusiastic and knowledgeable guided tours at each property and, due to the small size

of 78 Derngate, involved the group being split into two groups across the day - which all went very well I'm pleased to say.



*TASGV members visiting Kew.*

#### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

In 2019 there is a four-night/five day visit planned to Glasgow in April/May in support of the Mackintosh theme and finally in June arrangements are in plan for a June trip to Audley End and Wimpole Estate. If you are planning to join the trip to Scotland please send in your booking as soon as possible please.

In addition, we are planning an afternoon tea and tour in our local area as a celebration of the Glaven Valley 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ... more information will be available soon.

Peggy Williams – Visits Organiser

#### STUDY DAY

Following on from the successful visit to 78 Derngate, we have a study day on 12<sup>th</sup> February, "The triumph and tragedy of Charles Rennie Mackintosh" given to us by Dr Mervyn Miller. Having had our appetites whetted by the visit, I am sure lots of us are looking forward to this study day. The three lectures present a review of his life and career in the context both of his time and his present standing. The booking form is available on the website.

## TRAILS OF DISCOVERY

An Arts Society Trail of Discovery guides the participant round a place of worship or historic building looking at the architecture, history and furnishings. A corresponding answer sheet is provided for accompanying adults. The aim is to encourage children to explore the building, to learn about it and enjoy the experience so that they are inspired to visit other places of worship. Many other societies have successfully completed a number of these. We are very keen to start one at Glaven Valley, Scilla Landale and Maggie Williams are willing to move this forward. If you think this may be of interest to you, please contact Maggie Williams on [tasgymembership@gmail.com](mailto:tasgymembership@gmail.com)

I hope that this has been informative, and I would really appreciate any feedback from any member about anything! We want the society to be inclusive and to provide what you want, so please tell us if you have any ideas or suggestions.

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