

Thames DFAS Newsletter January 2017

Happy New Year and a special welcome to all our new members.

Thank you for supporting your society and my particular thanks go to all the hardworking committee members who are endeavouring to make our 50th birthday a year to remember.

We have organised a birthday buffet lunch on March 9th along with a recital. In order for the caterer to have the correct numbers you are requested to collect your invitation at the January or February meetings from the back of the hall.

This year we are publishing all the lecture notes on our website and encourage you to use this for all forms of communication with members of the committee. We have tried to include as many of our favourite lecturers as possible to make this year a special one. They cover a variety of topics including photography, painting, archaeology, theatre, music and gardens. So something for everyone!

We would especially ask you to support our days of special interest. The first one on British theatre is being held in March with an old friend of the society, Andrew Davies and we need you to sign up for this in January.

Our visits this year start in April with a special tour of Spencer House, a neo classical gem, designed by Henry Holland and recently refurbished. In June we have a private visit in the evening to Westminster Abbey which includes a tour and musical recital. Finally we are visiting Dulwich Picture Gallery which is considered to be one of the finest small galleries in the country.

In conclusion I would like to make a request for more volunteers and maybe future committee members. Your help is always appreciated and will make this society able to continue for another glorious fifty years.

Thank you again

Clare Setchell. Chairman Thames DFAS.