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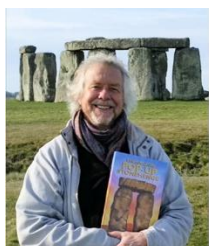
The Arts Society AGM in York

Membership Renewal – thank you!

Dear Friends,

Current world events have caused many to consider a 'staycation' rather than risk the uncertainties of foreign travel – especially by air. We are fortunate that there are treasures aplenty to explore and discover here in the UK. Many are free to access and, with a little effort, it is possible to reach some outdoor sites that are less visited. On June 20th/21st access to Stonehenge is open to all and crowds will gather to watch sunset and sunrise at the Summer Solstice – as they have done for millennia. So, this month's lecture is particularly appropriate.

June Lecture



Inspired by Stonehenge

with

Julian Richards

This lecture explains why Stonehenge must be regarded as architectural in its layout and construction, embodying techniques that for centuries convinced antiquarians that it could not have been built by 'primitive' ancient Britons but must be a product of 'sophisticated' Romans. We then explore how this iconic structure has inspired painters, potters and poets. Blake, Turner, Constable and Moore are amongst those who have all contributed to a diverse catalogue of images and impressions. As a professional archeologist, Julian has worked for English Heritage, for the BBC and as an independent. He is a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London in 1992 has an honorary doctorate at Lincoln Bishop University. He has lectured widely and presented *Meet the Ancestors* and *Blood of the Vikings* for BBC2, and *Mapping the Town* for Radio 4. He is the author of a number of English Heritage publications on Stonehenge

Join us on **Wednesday 10th June** for a chat, a glass of wine or a soft drink from 6pm. The lecture begins at 6.30pm.

Please take a moment to give us your feedback on the lecture. You can do this from the 'Feedback' icon on the home page of our website: <https://www.theartsocietyebor.org.uk/Home.aspx> The password this month is 'Stonehenge'

Our lecture venue

We meet in The Merchant Taylors' Hall in Aldwark. **Please note that there is No Parking at the Merchant Taylors Hall.** If you have a particular mobility problem then please contact Peter Burnett at drpburnett@btinternet.com

Social Events

There is still time to book your place at our **Summer Party on Wednesday 17 June from 3-6pm** at the Medical Society in Stonegate. We hope to maintain our record of bright sunshine so that we can enjoy the garden, with, strawberries and cream, a glass of Prosecco and some harp music from Emma Yates. You may have seen the

extensive collection of old medical instruments and artifacts on display in the YMS rooms. Dr. Susan Reany from the University of York, and one of the postgraduate History of Art students who has been cataloguing the items will give us a brief talk about the collection during our afternoon. Cost £17.50pp – details on the attached flyer.

Visits



Several members enjoyed a superb trip to **The Auckland Project** on 20 May. We had excellent and very knowledgeable guides in the Spanish Gallery followed by lunch and a free afternoon to explore the Bishops' palace and gardens and the Mining Museum. The area offers more and merits another visit!



The Arts Society Leeds have arranged an afternoon '*Behind the Scenes with Opera North: The Sound of Music*' on Tuesday 7 July at Leeds Grand Theatre. A flyer is attached. If you would like to join TASL for this event, please contact: susan.mackintosh5@btinternet.com

The Arts Society

A further reminder that, as members of our own local group you are also members of The Arts Society and can subscribe (free) to their newsletters and other occasional mailings: <https://theartsociety.org/>

The Arts Society will hold their 2026 AGM in the Tempest Anderson Hall (Museum Gardens) on **Thursday 25 June**. All members are invited to attend and will be able to hear from the President, Hilary Kay.

The provisional timetable is as follows:

From 10am - Arrival & Registration

11.15am - Morning Session: Presidential Address & presentation of Marsh Awards

12.30pm – Lunch Break

2pm - Afternoon Session: AGM – with opportunity to ask questions

'As part of our booking with the Yorkshire Museum, we can provide free tickets for delegates wishing to visit the Museum on the day. The tickets will enable access between 10am and 5pm and we can organise visits in groups before the morning session begins and during the lunch break. There is no charge to attend the AGM but please register in advance so that we have numbers for the venue. Please register using [this Google form](#)'

Membership Renewal – thank you!

Thanks again to those who have renewed your membership – and a warm welcome to those who have joined us for the first time. We look forward to enjoying your company at lectures, visits and events over our 2026-27 season. Please consider inviting friends to join us as guests at a lecture or as members – this is, by far, our best recruitment method!

Can you help?

Perhaps you could help with serving wine/soft drinks before lectures? Could you join the team who work to keep your society running smoothly? There are ways you might become involved without making too many demands on your time. Speak to any of the current committee members if you would like to know more.

Website: Our Newsletters, a printable copy of our programme, flyers for trips, photographs of previous visits, membership forms, - and much more can be found on our website. Go to www.theartsocietyebor.org.uk .

With best wishes from your Arts Society Ebor Committee.

