



THE ARTS SOCIETY – SEVENOAKS WINTER NEWSLETTER



Christmas Message from the Chairman

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the first Winter Newsletter, which is the fruit of Barbara Ropek's encyclopaedic knowledge of local cultural activities and Gordon Wright's technical ingenuity. The plan is to inform you not only about our programme of lectures and other activities but also about other events which we hope may interest you.



Next Lecture:

The Imperial Eggs of Carl Fabergé

13 January 2022: Toby Faber

Between 1885 and 1916, Carl Fabergé made fifty jewelled eggs – Easter presents from Russia's last two emperors to their wives. They have become the most famous surviving symbols of the Romanov Empire: both supreme examples of the jeweller's art and the vulgar playthings of a decadent court.



Toby was a banker and management consultant before spending four years as managing director of the company founded by his grandfather, Faber and Faber. He is the author of [*Fabergé's Eggs*](#).



STUDY DAY: 18 February 2022

Power Dressing: Splendour at the Stuart Court

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

[Jacqui Ansell](#) will give three lectures, *Pins and Poking Sticks – Decoding Dress in Shakespeare's Time*, *Fit for a King: Van Dyck the Ultimate 'Spin Doctor'?* and *Big Wigs: Splendour at Court in the Age of Samuel Pepys*. Further details from Helen Thorne

To find out more about the **Arts Society Sevenoaks** visit our website:
www.theartsocietysevenoaks.org.uk

WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

Sevenoaks Library, Museum and Gallery

Current exhibitions: the [Sevenoaks Visual Arts Forum\(SVAF\) Open](#) - work by local artists until 8 January 2022; [Felix Tomlyn: Poster Art & Set Design](#) until 21 April 2022. [Empire and Umpires: Cricket and our Colonial Past](#) until 10 March 2022. In 2019 six of our members worked as volunteers on the archive material at Sevenoaks Vine Cricket Club, which was founded in 1734.

Stag Theatre: Live streaming from National Theatre and elsewhere: National Theatre Live: [Leopoldstadt](#) a Jewish family saga by Tom Stoppard "a masterpiece"- 8.00 pm 27 January 2022 and [The Book of Dust](#) by Philip Pullman - set 12 years before His Dark Materials 17 February 2022, 7.00pm

Screened exhibitions: [Frida Kahlo](#) – celebrating International Women's Day, 8 March 2022, 8.00 pm; [Easter in Art](#) – 5 April 2022 at 8.00 pm; [Pissarro, the Father of Impressionism](#) – 24 May 2022 at 8.00 pm.

For more information contact Stag Booking Office 01732 450175 or visit www.stagsevenoaks.co.uk

Forthcoming local concerts

[Sevenoaks Philharmonic Society](#) at Pamoja Hall, Sevenoaks School – 27 March 2022 at 8.30 – [Mozart Requiem and Haydn Nelson Mass](#). [Sevenoaks Symphony Orchestra](#) – concert at St. Nicholas Church 5 March 2022.

[Lydian Orchestra](#) (Kent's foremost Youth Orchestra) Pamoja Hall 18th December 2021 (booking 01732 467765)

Our local Historic Houses are now fully re-opened. Many have Christmas events and are beautifully "[dressed](#)" for the season. Well worth a visit now, and of course all the year. Both [Chartwell](#) and [Knole](#) have weekend Carol Singing until Christmas –and Chartwell has a Churchill exhibition too.

Meet the Committee of the Arts Society – Sevenoaks



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Do you have skills which could be used to help in the running of **The Arts Society - Sevenoaks**? If so, why not apply to join us on the Committee? Please email Andrew Pembroke, chairman.sevenoaks.artssoc@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON FURTHER AFIELD

[The British Library](#) – [Elizabeth and Mary: Rival Cousins, Rival Queens](#) until 20 February. The postponed 250th anniversary of [Beethoven](#)'s birth is celebrated in an exhibition which ends 24 April 2022. There is a wealth of original archive material housed here which will be on display, including the original personal copy of his first published work.

[The British Museum](#) – [Hokusai: The Great Picture Book of Everything](#) ends 30 January; [Peru – a Journey in Time](#) ends 20 February 2022



[National Gallery](#) – [Poussin and the Dance](#) ends 3 January, 2022

[Dürer's Journeys: Travels of a Renaissance Artist](#) ends 27 February 2022

[Royal Academy](#) – [Francis Bacon: Man and Beast](#) 29 January – 17 April 2022. Also still on until 2nd January the postponed [Summer Exhibition](#).

[Wallace Collection](#) – [Frans Hals: the Male Portrait](#) ends 30 January

[Dulwich Picture Gallery](#) – [Helen Frankenthaler – Radical Beauty](#) - woodcut prints until 18 April

[Courtauld Gallery](#) – [Van Gogh Self Portraits](#) 3 February – 8 May 2022.

[V & A London](#) – [Fabergé in London, Romance to Revolution](#) - until 8th May 2022 Booking information

[The Light Box, Woking](#) - mini retrospective of the work of [Bridget Riley](#) celebrating her 90th birthday. 18 December 2021 – 10 April 2022



We are thinking about starting an informal Gallery Group. We could meet at say, 10.00 a.m. at Sevenoaks Station and travel up together and share the experience of visiting an exhibition. Our Chairman would tell us at our monthly lectures which exhibition we plan to visit and the date. Let us know if you would be interested: chairman.sevenoaksartssoc@gmail.com

OUR SOCIETY VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

YOUNG ARTS – Linda dell'Avvocato, our Young Arts Representative, organized projects for Halstead Primary School. The teachers there were



given a day's training (INSET day) at Knole Academy Art Department. The workshop was led by an experienced art tutor. They learnt drawing, painting and model making skills to take back to their classes of children and all future classes they may teach. We funded an artist – a printmaker- to go into the school to work with the children. They produced some beautiful work – which had a Christmas

theme and it will be sold to raise school funds. We are also helping to fund the development of a loan box scheme for schools at Sevenoaks Museum. This was a collaboratively funded project with Knole Society and the local Sevenoaks Historical Society. We are currently organizing and funding 60 art and craft bags for children to be distributed through a local food bank this Christmas.

TRAILS OF DISCOVERY – a small team of members is currently working on developing a Trail at the Church of St Mary's Kemsing. We have completed Trails at Shoreham and Chevening village churches. The Trails are aimed at children around 8-12 years of age, but adults find them informative and interesting too!!!

If you are in the vicinity of these churches with children, try out the Trails.

HERITAGE VOLUNTEERS – We are about to start work at the old Archbishop's Palace at Otford. We shall be helping to sort, catalogue and safely store the huge amount of archaeological finds from digs over many years and the artefacts from the recently closed Otford Village Museum.

More volunteers welcome! Training will be given where necessary. Our local Historic Houses are open throughout the year and need an army of volunteers to remain open. More volunteers are very welcome.

FINALLY to celebrate our Society's Golden Anniversary we are planning to hold a luncheon at St. Julian's Club Sevenoaks.



Make a note of the date: **20 July 2022**. Fuller information and application details will be circulated nearer the time. We do hope you will join us then to celebrate 50 glorious years. We still have founder members with us and we hope they will be there to reminisce about the early days.

Happy Christmas to all our readers!