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Dear Member,

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 September 2018 **promptly at 10.00 am** in the Civic Centre, Berkhamsted.

The lecture: Art UK, by Mary Rose Rivett-Carnat will follow immediately after the AGM. **Members arriving after 10.00 am should wait until the AGM has been completed before entering the Lecture Hall.** Following the AGM, Sally Gomersall will give a brief introduction to the Pottery and Printing day on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Please find attached to your email, copies of the Agenda, the Chairman's Report, Audited Accounts and the Minutes of last year's AGM for your approval.

The committee will continue to be led by Keith Todd the current chairman and as yet we have no vice chairman. Lynda de Koning and Sandra Roach are stepping down as visits co-ordinators and subject to approval, all other members of the current committee are willing to stand for re-election.

A nomination form is attached to the Agenda for any proposed new Committee member and should be returned as indicated on the form by 15 August 2018.

Your yellow membership renewal form has already been distributed and should be returned with your remittance. **Renewals must be with the Membership Secretary before 01 October 2018.** After that date the Programme for 2019 and your new membership card will be sent to you. The Programme will be the receipt for your membership subscription.

**Please remember your membership will lapse if your form and remittance are not received before 01 October: As in previous years, no reminders will be sent out.**

The Committee hopes that you have enjoyed your membership of the Arts Society Tring Park and looks forward to your continued support during our 2019 programme of lectures and activities.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Moores  
Secretary, Arts Society Tring Park

Member society of The Arts Society



# THE 24th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10.00 am Wednesday 12th September 2018  
The Civic Centre, High Street, Berkhamsted

## AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Approval of minutes of the AGM held on 13th September 2017
3. To adopt and approve the Examined Accounts
4. To adopt and approve the Chairman's Report
5. Election of Officers as nominated annually by the committee :-

Chairman	Keith Todd
Vice-Chairman	VACANT
Treasurer	Chris Gregory
Secretary	Elizabeth Moores
6. Election of Committee members (\* see note below)
7. Approval and acceptance of a Financial Examiner of Accounts
8. Consideration of resolutions (see Constitution - item 11)
9. Date of next AGM: Wednesday 11th September 2019

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\* Subject to the nominee's agreement which should be obtained first, any member may propose, or second, members for election at the AGM provided that the nominations are sent to the Membership Secretary not less than 28 days before the meeting

I nominate ..... for election to the 2018/2019  
Arts Society Tring Park Committee (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Proposed by..... (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Seconded by..... (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Nominee's signature..... Date: / /2018

Please return to the Membership Secretary:  
Mrs Marion Ford, 8 Friars Walk, Tring, Herts HP23 4AY

**To arrive no later than 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018**



## Chairman's Report 2018

This time last year we were just becoming used to our new title “The Arts Society Tring Park”, however old habits take time to shake off and I still hear members referring to the “NADFAS meeting”. The new title more accurately reflects the broad scope of lectures and visits that we have become accustomed to in our society.

As Chairman, as well as the National Committee, I have contact with the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Area. Though our Society has been slow at this level to move into the digital age, business and information is now being more efficiently exchanged via the computer.

Some meetings do of course require personal participation. These include training courses for committee members and the Directory Day when our Programme Coordinators travel to London to select speakers for our lectures programme.

In common with most businesses and societies we have had to formalise our data protection policy. We are required to keep information about our members secure while still being able to communicate with you. We also need to forward your address details to the National Society who are then able to send you the society magazine.

During the year we have introduced some new members to our committee and some committee roles have changed. Marion Ford and Rosemary Southworth share the role of Membership Secretary and these are still the people with whom you register when you attend a lecture. They also maintain the membership records, administer subscriptions and Gift Aid claims and disseminate the AGM documentation. Marion has also taken responsibility for sending out e-newsletters. These have been welcomed as an additional, and speedy, source of information and, from your comments, you appreciate the accompanying photographs.

Earlier I mentioned the role of Programme Coordinators. The 2017-2018 lectures were chosen by Peter Grainger, Wendy Calder, now replaced by Janice Neil and I must emphasise my appreciation of the wide scope of the lectures and the quality of the lecturers. “Decorative and Fine Arts” now encompass subjects as wide-ranging as sculpture, Burma, “Pots and Frocks”, “Punch and Judy”, music, English country churches. Many of the presentations have received very high ratings.

Presentation of the lectures requires a team to maintain and set up the audio-visual system. We are grateful to Mike Smith, Tony Ogden and Keith Hughes who unfailingly perform these tasks under the watchful eye of our society Vice President, Phillip Lawrence.

The Visits Coordinators, Lynda de Koning and Sandra Roach, have provided us with an interesting and varied programme. A great deal of preparation and research goes into these visits. They have had to cope with many challenges such as encouraging sufficient members

to join the trips and, in the case of the visit to The Royal Museums, Greenwich, battling the snow. Many of you, having been on a visit, have expressed your thanks to them for their efforts. I would like to add my own personal thanks as they are retiring from the committee at the AGM and have kindly offered to support Kate Winterbottom as she takes over the role.

There are two other, key, members of the committee who may be less visible to society members but no less vital: Elizabeth Moores is our long-serving, super-efficient Secretary who keeps me in line with prompts based on her years of experience in the role and Chris Gregory our very able Treasurer who, in the absence of a Vice Chairman, substitutes for me if I am missing.

We have one, co-opted, sub-committee of Janice Neil and Sally Todd who work with me to support Young Arts in Tring. We work primarily through Sally Gomersall and the Art Department staff at Tring School. Unfortunately, none of the Tring School A-level paintings of last year were selected for the exhibition in The Mall Galleries but we hope that we will have more success this year! With the help of Stephen Hearn at Tring Market Auctions, we have been able to supply cameras and more stuffed animals to the Art Department at Tring School. Stephen has also offered to host visits from Tring School prior to Fine Art auctions.

This year we funded four junior schools and 584 of their pupils in a project to supply and decorate bunting for the “150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash” for Walter Rothschild at The Natural History Museum in Tring. The children’s efforts were enthusiastically received by staff and visitors to the museum.

Most of the groups above set and achieve their own targets which are reviewed at full committee meetings. The smooth running of your society is attributable to the quality, enthusiasm and humour shown by the committee members. It has been my privilege and pleasure to act as Chairman to this committee for the last year.

Remember this is your society. We value your feedback after lectures and visits as this helps us understand your wishes and needs as a society. We hope that you have found this year’s lecturers and visits informative, interesting and, of course, enjoyable.

Keith Todd



## **Treasurer's Report for the Year ended 30th June 2018**

I am pleased to report our Society made a modest loss of £629. The opportunity has been taken to increase the Young Arts Reserve by £1,000 following expenditure during the year of £750. The net cash position of the Society remains largely unchanged from the previous financial year.

The Society continues to have a reserve of £10,000 held in the Patricia Fay Memorial Fund with NADFAS Head Office - this equates approximately to the NADFAS recommended level of 1 year's expenditure. The Society continues to maintain the prudent required reserves in the Accumulated Fund.

The significant element of expenditure relates to our Speaker programme. The total cost of the speaker programme has this year remained broadly the same as the previous financial year. As a result of this and making increasing use of electronic communication to save costs I am pleased to report your Committee have agreed to hold the subscription unchanged in view of the financial health of our Society.

My thanks go to our Examiner, Mike Hancock, for his valuable help and advice.

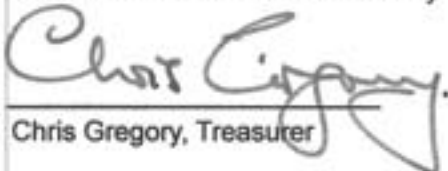
Chris Gregory

Treasurer

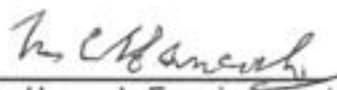
**The Arts Society Tring Park**

	2018	2017
<u>Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2018</u>		
Bank - current account	10,168	10,547
Loan to Patricia Fay Memorial Fund *	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>20,168</u>	<u>20,547</u>
Young Arts Reserve Opening Balance	717	506
Movement in reserve	(750)	(189)
Transfer to reserve	1,000	400
Total Current Liabilities	<u>967</u>	<u>717</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>19,201</u>	<u>19,830</u>
Accumulated Fund		
Balance from previous year	19,830	19,518
Deficit/Surplus for current year	-629	312
	<u>19,201</u>	<u>19,830</u>

\* Note: The loan to the Patricia Fay Memorial Fund is interest free and repayable on demand

  
Chris Gregory, Treasurer

I certify the above Balance Sheet and attached Income and Expenditure Account are in agreement with the vouchers and documents presented to me.

  
Mike Hancock, Examiner

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## MINUTES OF THE 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

at The Civic Centre, High Street, Berkhamsted

### APOLOGIES

These were received from: Caroline Cowley, Lynda and Paul de Koning, Monica Fern, Christine Hopkins, Jenny Jones, Diana Lindsay, Keith and Valerie Miller, Gareth and Sandra Roach, Philippa Seldon, Lynne Smith, Mike Smith, Sheila Templer.

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

These had already been circulated. No questions arose. Approval was proposed by **Rosemary Southworth**, seconded by **Phillip Lawrence** and unanimously agreed by the membership.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

These had already been circulated. Approval was proposed by **John Howat** and seconded by **Wendy Calder** and unanimously agreed by the membership.

#### 3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This had already been circulated. There were no questions and it was unanimously approved by the membership on a show of hands.

#### 4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Committee nominated the following Officers for next year:

Office	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
<b>Chairman</b>	Keith Todd	Rosemary Southworth	Janice Neil
<b>Vice-chairman</b>	None		
<b>Treasurer</b>	Chris Gregory	Elizabeth Moores	Sandra Roach
<b>Secretary</b>	Elizabeth Moores	Keith Todd	Keith Hughes

The Chairman asked for a show of hands from the floor to approve the election of those Officers and they were duly elected.

#### 5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The chairman thanked all the Officers and members of the committee for their dedicated work, in particular Chris Gregory who had stood in for him on occasion and Wendy Calder who was standing down, having served as Programme Secretary. Two members, Tony Ogden and Keith Hughes were co-opted onto the committee during the year to assist with the audio-visual side.

All the current members of the Committee, apart from Wendy Calder, have agreed to serve for another year, subject to re-election. They are:

**Rosemary Southworth and Marion Ford** - Membership Secretaries;

**Peter Grainger and Janice Neil** - Programme co-ordinators;

**Sandra Roach and Lynda de Koning** - Visits Co-ordinators

**Tony Ogden, Keith Hughes and Mike Smith**, Audio-visual.

These appointments were, as is our practice, dealt with en bloc. **Jenny Brannock Jones** proposed their re-election, which was seconded by **Ceri Thompson** and they were duly elected unanimously.

## **6. APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF AN EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS**

The Chairman thanked **Mike Hancock** for examining our accounts for 2016/2017 and being willing, subject to the Meeting's approval, to continue for the current year. His acceptance was proposed by **Marion Ford**, seconded by **Chris Gregory** and unanimously approved.

## **7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

None had been received.

## **8. DATE OF NEXT AGM**

**The next AGM will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the Civic Centre, High Street, Berkhamsted, at 10.00am.**