

INFORMATION LEAFLET 2025/26

AIM

Our Society aims to encourage the meeting of like minds in a welcoming, learning and social environment under the Arts Society umbrella. We bring together the highest calibre of speakers, many highly qualified artists and experts in their field.

We have a team of members to welcome you who organise a varied and exciting annual programme. This includes lectures, study days, local and foreign visits, and social events – all committed to the Decorative and Fine Arts world. Our lectures always finish with tea and cakes so that members may enjoy a friendly social afternoon.

PROCEDURES

Attendance: Please make sure you log in as you arrive at the hall. This helps us calculate the popularity of the subject matter, the regularity of our members and will be a vital record in the event of an emergency evacuation.

Badges: Badges with your name and home area are provided to help us all to get to know one another and to know members living in the same area. We are not all blessed with a fantastic memory, so a badge to glance at can put us at our ease when addressing you. If you live in the same village as another member, car-sharing is helpful as our parking area is limited.

Guests: Every member can bring the occasional guest to our talks for a fee of £7. The member should contact the Membership Secretary prior to the day of a lecture to check whether free spaces are anticipated and to 'book in' their guest. It is rare that our members totally fill the hall but there are times when it would be difficult to accommodate guests comfortably: e.g. the AGM meeting in October and we would ask that no guests are invited then. Please contact: Jilly Hawkesworth on: tel: 01666 577025 or email: jilly.hawkesworth@gmail.com.

Health and Safety: In the unlikely event of an emergency that necessitates the evacuation of the hall, it is vital that we have the names of everyone attending our meeting in order to check that we are all safe. We have five emergency exits in the hall and a plan of them is below.

This year for the first time, we are asking for emergency contact information so that we can rapidly make contact with the relevant person should an emergency situation arise.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Our membership fees are due annually in the summer with a cut-off date of the end of July and details are sent out to members beforehand. We encourage BACs payments as this

simplifies payment for you and for us. Details of how to pay your subscription are on the Membership Application / Renewal Form. We do not accept cash. Our membership is almost at capacity so it is important that we receive your renewal payments promptly in order for us to calculate the number of places we can offer to people on the waiting list to replace members who leave.

PARKING

Crudwell Village Hall has a restricted car park which fills up quickly. Please park as close as possible to others and ensure that the narrow access to the parking space close to the hall is kept clear at all times for emergency access.

NO PARKING OR DRIVING ON THE GRASS PLEASE

Mobility access: If there is a need to drive right up to the door due to mobility problems, please contact the Chair, Secretary or the Membership Secretary the day before the meeting either via our info@theartssocietymalmesbury.org.uk email or on 01453 542150 to speak to the Chair.

VISITS

A number of day visits to houses, gardens, museums and art galleries are organised each year. These days out offer an opportunity to enjoy everyone's company and meet other members in a relaxed and convivial environment.

Payment is required in order to secure your place on a visit and a refund will only be given if there is a waiting list for the visit and your place can be taken by another member. There is no refund within 2 weeks of the visit.

YOUNG ARTS

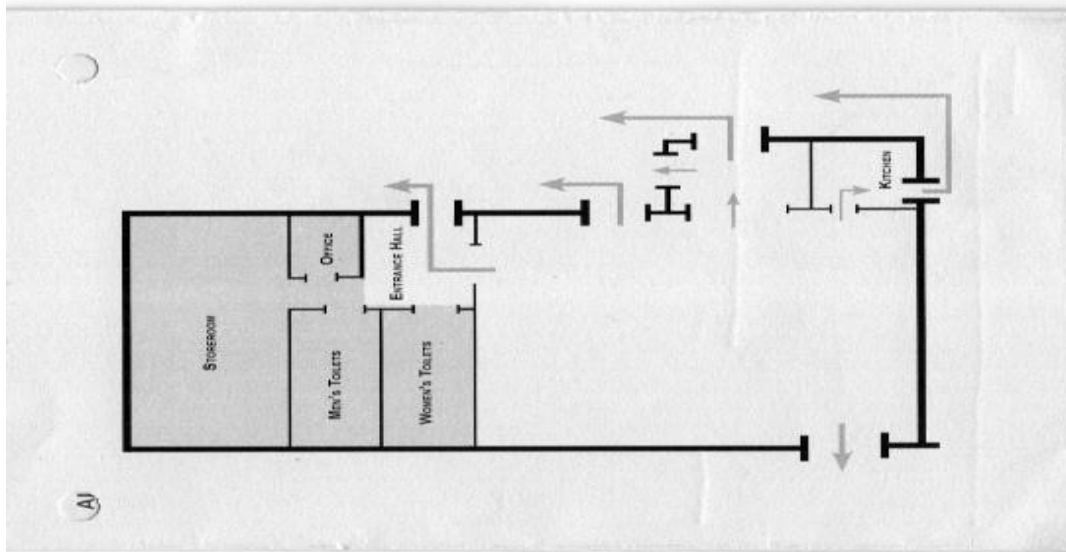
Several of our members work with young people, encouraging their artistic interests and awareness by funding various art projects in schools, usually on a biannual basis. New ideas are always welcome.

WEBSITE

Our website is a source of information for all members to use and keep themselves up to date. It is constantly updated and provides a very useful point of reference for lectures, Study Days and visits; together with the relevant forms to be completed for membership renewal, waiting lists etc. We ask that all members regularly look at the website so that they are aware of the latest news and up-dates. There are a few members who are not 'on line' to whom we will always send out any newsletters and necessary communication by post. Direct email contact with a member of the Committee can be made at: info@theartssocietymalmesbury.org.uk or their personal email as listed on the Programme.

PLAN OF EMERGENCY EXITS AT CRUDWELL VILLAGE HALL

In an emergency evacuation of the hall, please gather in the car park. When leaving the hall, do not enter the shaded areas. Leave by the exits marked by arrows as directed by your committee members.



General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

On 25 May 2018 the new GDPR came into operation. This is the first major review of data protection laws for 20 years and will seriously impact how many organisations communicate with their audiences. The legislation has primarily been introduced to protect the privacy of individuals whilst harmonising legislation across the EU member states.

The details of Members of The Arts Society Malmesbury will be processed fairly and lawfully in order to satisfy the agreement entered with you on your admittance to membership. This will ensure that you receive the latest news and information about all upcoming events.

Members' details will be passed to The Arts Society to enable inclusion on the mailing of the quarterly magazine and other communications including information about any upcoming national events or items of legitimate interest.

Members' details may be passed to "The Arts Society Area", or other affiliated societies, for the purposes of disseminating relevant information of legitimate interest.

Your details will be kept safely and securely, and you have the ability to opt out of our communications at any time.