

# THE ARTS SOCIETY LEICESTER

19 August 2024

Dear Member

I have pleasure in inviting you to the 41st Annual General Meeting of the Society which will be held on Wednesday 25 September at 8.30 pm at our usual venue, the Sue Townsend Theatre. This year the meeting will be held following the September lecture.

Attached are the agenda for the meeting, the chairman's report, and the summarised financial result for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Along with the AGM papers you will have received from our treasurer, Philip Burrell, the subscription notice for 2023-24. Philip has explained the reasons for the increase in the subscription, which reflects the increase in lecturers' fees and the costs of hiring the Sue Townsend theatre. Despite the increase we believe that it still represents great value for nine first class lectures.

The first lecture of the new season will be immediately before the AGM when the subject of the lecture will be 'A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Renaissance: Chatsworth and the Devonshire Collection in the Modern Age'. This lecture paints a portrait of Chatsworth in the modern age, illustrating recent decorative and furnishing renovations in the house and the restoration of historic interiors, stone work and works of art.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and lecture

With best wishes

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