



## RICHMOND & DISTRICT DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

### NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members

#### **Application forms**

I attach or enclose the application forms for the study day and visits for January to April 2017. If you are applying for several things please would you do separate cheques for each and please also enclose a separate cheque for any guests in case the event is oversubscribed and your guests can't come. If you are paying by bank transfer, send me an email so that I know what you are paying for.

#### **Trips**

We had a terrific trip to Spain in September and our next trip will be to Northumberland from 8-12 June 2017 including visits to Durham Cathedral, Alnwick Castle, Lindisfarne Priory and Fountains Abbey. At the time of writing there are only 5 rooms left, so please let me know very soon if you would like to join us. We are thinking of going to Berlin in September 2017.



The Alhambra



Cordoba



Seville

#### **Kew Horticultural Society Fair**

We had a stall at the KHS Fair on Kew Green at the end of August and I would like to thank Christine Dymond and everybody who helped to man the stall during the day. It was a tremendous success and we will repeat it next year. We are also thinking of having a stall at the Barnes Fair next year.

#### **New members' drinks party**

We held our first drinks party for new members in October. Heather Montford kindly allowed us to hold the party in her central Richmond home so many thanks to her. It was great fun and new members enjoyed meeting new faces over a glass of prosecco. Due to space restrictions, we were not able to invite all the most recent new members but we will be including them for the next party which will be on Friday 10 February 2017. We will contact members individually.

## Christmas Party

Don't forget that following the December lecture we have (free) drinks and nibbles downstairs to get in the mood for Christmas!



Richmond Walk



4 Maids of Honour Row



Church of St Bartholomew the Great



## Bring a friend free

This initiative for the October lecture was a great success, resulting in a large, enthusiastic audience for Ian Swankie's excellent talk on the Guildhall Art Gallery and eight new members have joined as a result. We propose to hold this "bring a friend free" twice a year in future, in May and November.

## Raffle prize

Mindful of the charitable status of NADFAS we have donated a raffle prize to support INS, the Integrated Neurological Service which is based in Twickenham. The prize is 12 months' free membership. INS provides physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and social workers provide therapy, information and support to help manage neurological conditions. There is more information about their work at [www.ins.org.uk](http://www.ins.org.uk).

## Change of date

The date of the Summer Lunch Party has been changed to Sunday 25 June 2017, so please change your blue programme card accordingly.

## Website

We put a lot of effort in to the website which is at [www.richmonddfes.com](http://www.richmonddfes.com) and from now on we will update the lecture, study day and visit dates quarterly so that the information is more up-to-date. The website should answer all the questions that you have but please do email me if you can't find something.

Thank you all so much for your continued support.

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