

West Surrey Area Education Report for Spring Meeting

Since the Area Meeting last October the following events have taken place:

Special Interest Day, 18th November 2016

A Journey Through 3000 Years of Chinese Civilisation by Anne Haworth, held at The Lightbox, Woking. This was rated Excellent and was very well attended, making a surplus of approximately £600. In hindsight there were too many attendees (85), for the size of the room. In future when we use this venue the attendance will be capped at 70.

A 'Pop-Up' SID, Saturday 25th February 2017

The Renaissance Art Market in Fifteenth-Century Florence by James Lindow, held at Godalming Masonic Hall. This was rated excellent. NADFAS House want us to try and reach a younger audience, and hopefully attract more members. To this end we decided to hold the SID on a Saturday morning to attract people who work during the week and to give them a taste of what we have to offer. It was a struggle to attract the break-even number of 40 attendees, and we only attracted existing members, in spite of advertising it locally in Godalming, with a reduced price of £5 for students.

The APS day was held on 3rd March 2017

This was held at Guildford Rugby Club and was well attended by representatives from most of our societies. I would like to thank those Chairmen who sent delegates and I would urge those who did not to try and send deputies from their Committees if the relevant people cannot attend. It is a worthwhile meeting which delegates find very useful.

David Hockney Exhibition at Tate Britain, 10th March 2017

The numbers were restricted to 60 by Tate, who provided a special deal for NADFAS. This included coffee on arrival, a lecture (ours was by Frank Woodgate, a very popular NADFAS lecturer), buffet lunch, followed by timed tickets to the exhibition. This was over-subscribed, with a long waiting list. It was enjoyed by everyone who went, especially the very informative lecture which enhanced our understanding of the exhibition.

The 2017 Directory day was held on 22nd March.

Our next SID will be held on 3rd November 2017 at High Cross Church, Camberley. Jane Angelini will lecture on Sicily. Bookings will be taken nearer the time.

The 2018 Directory Day will take place on Wednesday 7th March.