

West Surrey AREA Training Report for Spring 2017 Meeting

Since we last met the following training days have been run:

- Getting to Know NADFAS, run by me. 12th October. Held at Guildford Cathedral. 12 signed up with 2 non-attenders.
- Mailchimp follow up, with Ian Burgess. 4th November. Held at my house. 6 attended.
- Inspiring Volunteers, with Jacqui Varley. 11th November. Held at the Guildford Rugby Club. 10 due to attend including 3 from outside the Area. Again, we had 2 last minute cancellations.

Confident Speaking, which was due to be given by Maggie Biggs on 25th November, had to be cancelled as only 3 people had signed up.

I have had 2 meetings with my opposite number in East Surrey, Michael Beach, who is now the Area Chairman, to see if we could combine forces to make training days more viable. We are going ahead with our first joint one, a Programme Secretaries day, and have agreed to split the costs pro rata.

Forthcoming dates:

Spreadsheet course. 1st April at my house.

Mail chimp for beginners on 21st April at my house.

Programme Secretaries Information Day, a joint E/W Surrey venture on 2nd June at Guildford Cathedral, to be given by Maggie Biggs. I already have 6 attendees.

Getting to Know The Arts Society. 20th October at Guildford Cathedral to be given by me.

So far, the bookings for the information days have been somewhat disappointing. If you have not attended an information day recently you may not know that all such events are now presented on a far more professional basis. Much work has gone into making these days both informative and enjoyable. There has been a move away from just seeing loads of images on a screen to a far more interactive presentation, where participants have control over what they would like to get out of the day. I hope that soon there will be a booklet available describing all the training opportunities, a suggestion I made to the London Training team and which I am delighted that they are taking up.

I thank all those who have been supportive and encouraging during the past year and I hope to see many from your Society at future training days.

Liz Coult, March 2017