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April News

Dear Members

Thank you for reading our monthly news. Our membership continues to be strong with around 400 in total and we hope that you are all enjoying our lectures and other events.

LECTURE ATTENDANCE

As you may have noticed, attendance at our monthly lectures is increasing and now frequently approaches full capacity at the Riverside (260 seats). To ensure that as many members as possible are able to find a seat, please would you occupy the seats in the centre, as well as those closer to the aisles. This will then minimise disturbance and mean that we can avoid having to turn members away.

Volunteer 'ushers' from your Management Team will be on hand to maximise the use of all seating and would appreciate your co-operation.

EVENTS COMING SOON



Summer Visit to Henry Moore's Studios and Garden

A day trip by coach to Perry Green, Herts

Tours of the garden and house

[Henry Moore Studios and Garden](#)

Wednesday 3rd June 2026

The maximum group size at this venue is 24

BOOKING OPENS 2nd APRIL

We are going to use *TicketSource* for booking this and future special events online, to avoid over-booking when places are limited.

You will receive the link by Mailchimp.



Chris Aslan Alexander
'Unravelling the Silk Road'

Review of Special Interest Day - Tuesday 10th March

Chris Aslan Alexander spoke on *Unravelling the Silk Road* in three lectures, each exploring a textile and a road. He explained some of the geopolitical influences on each of the three textiles – wool, silk and cotton – and how they changed the course of Central Asian history, politics and way of life.

"Hugely enjoyable with a very engaging speaker. Fascinating subject, clearly explained and brought to life by his personal experience."

Those who attended gave feedback of 'outstanding'.

PLEASE NOTE - change of date

The next Special Interest Day 'Japanese Arts and Culture' will be on Tuesday 10th November 2026.

LECTURE PROGRAMME



Last lecture 'Great Lengths' with Simon Inglis

Despite the chilly weather outside, we were able to immerse ourselves in the waters of British bath houses and swimming pools. Simon Inglis took us on an historical journey of their architectural features and enticing interior designs. No matter how appealing they were, however, these pools often suffered from technical dysfunctions and sadly, many closed down. Simon offered a timely reminder for support in the reconstruction of our local Grade II listed Broomhill Lido in Ipswich, currently under financial threat.

The audience feedback gave a score of 'excellent'.



Coming next ... 'Untouchable Art' with Viv Lawes

The rise of the non-fungible token (NFT) and high risk speculation on the art market, as a recent phenomenon driven by potential profits to be made from investment in contemporary art.

Viv Lawes is an author, journalist, lecturer and curator with over 25 years' experience in the art market. She combines an extensive hands-on career in art business with academic research and teaching in Higher Education, Continuing Education, and public-facing organisations.

NEW FEATURES ON OUR WEBSITE

Our website has been upgraded this week.
Please take a look.

[Events Diary](#)
[Arts Society lectures on video](#)
[Booking via TicketSource](#)

Community Project Wickham Market Primary School

We have sponsored this school to take part in the nationwide Art Bytes competition online, for artwork created by pupils in level 5 (9 - 10 years old). You can view their art on the link below. Judges have chosen the top 3 pieces. You can now vote for your first choice, voting closes 19th April.

View the work and vote [HERE](#)

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With our best wishes
Alexandra Carter and Tricia Findley

On behalf of the Management Team
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