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THE ARTS SOCIETY **STOURBRIDGE**

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The Arts Society Stourbridge September 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to the start of our 2026/2027 season. Welcome back to existing members who have renewed their membership and a warm welcome to all new members. I am sure everyone will enjoy the varied and interesting series of lectures and other events which have been arranged.

Following the tragic and traumatic fires which have affected so many properties within our community on behalf of the Society I would like to express our sympathy to our members and all other people who are affected and hope that they can start to rebuild their lives as soon as possible. In times like these I feel that our society and its programme of events can provide a focal point for the more positive aspects of our cultural and social life and help to bring people together.

Our **SEASON STARTS** with a lecture on 17th September 2026 entitled "The Birmingham Boys": Walter Langley and his Fellow Artists in Newlyn (1880-1920) presented by Alison Bevan an acknowledged expert in the Newlyn School.

Then on 8th October 2026 we look forward to "Thirty Years Working for the BBC News" presented by Nick Salmond who has had a long and distinguished career within the Corporation.

A **SPECIAL INTEREST DAY** has been arranged for 23rd October 2026 at Stourbridge Rugby Club. "Christie, Coward and Wilde – A Study Day of Iconic Writers" which will be presented by Simon Whitehouse and will provide a wide-ranging insight into the lives and writings of some of our greatest writers, so do please join us for this special day.

A REMINDER

On Wednesday 30th September 2026 there is an opportunity for you to attend a morning rehearsal of the CBSO concert at 2.15 pm that day. (Elgar's Enigma Variations, Britten's Simple Symphony and Simcock's New Triple Concerto). Members wishing to attend the concert need to book their own tickets but if you would like to attend the morning rehearsal (likely to begin between 9.45 & 10.15 am) please contact Gillian Shaw on 01384 671705 in advance. Gillian will need to know the names and contact details of those attending in advance.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Elizabeth Mountford

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Elizabeth Mountford, on Sunday 23rd August. Elizabeth was a long standing and very loyal member of The Arts Society Stourbridge. She was the driving force of a Harvington Hall heritage volunteer group which received a very prestigious national award.

REQUESTS

- Anyone who can assist on occasional basis with the signing in of members on lecture days, please contact our secretary Roz Dace.
- Anyone who is a trained first aider and would be prepared to be on hand to administer first aid, if necessary, at our lecture days, please contact Gillian Shaw.

AND FINALLY

Please note that our National Organisation no longer submits Gift Aid claims to HMRC on the national membership element of subscriptions, collected by non-charity societies (which includes Stourbridge).

Regards

Simon Beddow