



## Stratford-Upon-Avon Decorative and Fine Arts Society – STRADFAS – welcomes new members

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### NADFAS and STRADFAS

STRADFAS (Stratford-upon-Avon Decorative and Fine Arts Society) is a member of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS). STRADFAS was founded in 1972, and our objects are to present stimulating, authoritative and entertaining **lectures**, arrange **visits** to sites of artistic importance, organise **annual tours**, and to present **Special Interest Days** looking in-depth at relevant topics. STRADFAS also **promotes and supports the arts in our area** through the activities of our Heritage Volunteers, Church Recorders and Young Arts programme, and new members may join in these activities if they wish to.

Finally, we pride ourselves on being a friendly society where, alongside making new friends, you have the opportunity to develop your knowledge of many art forms.

An application form, Newsletter (with our latest programme details), and Gift Aid form are enclosed.

### Membership

The STRADFAS subscription year runs from March to February: there are no reductions for joining later in the year (but see '**Visitors**' below). Your annual membership (£41 per person) includes **ten lectures per year** (excluding July and August). It also gives **priority booking** for our Special Interest Days, Day Visits and our Tours (both at home and abroad). You also receive a copy of the national quarterly **magazine**, the NADFAS 'Review'.

Lectures (and the preliminary announcements) last around 1¼ hours, and are held on the **third Thursday** of the month (in December this can be the second Thursday, to avoid Christmas). Lectures are given twice, in the morning (**10.45 am**) and the afternoon (**1.30 pm**), and you join as a morning or an afternoon member. **There is more space** (e.g. for those who wish to sit **nearer the screen**) in the afternoon sessions. Tea/coffee is available beforehand. We meet in the **Stratford Artshouse, Rother Street, Stratford-upon-Avon**, with excellent seating, sightlines and equipment. Our Newsletter and an application form are enclosed.

### Visitors

Alternatively, you can come as a **visitor** (for a **donation of £7.00 per person per lecture**) to see what we do, but please remember that members have priority for booking Special Interest Days and visits. Visitors should register at the membership desk before the lecture.

### Gift Aid (optional)

We encourage our members to Gift Aid their subscriptions, although this is not mandatory! It does not cost you any extra (but it should be declared on your tax returns), and STRADFAS gains a financial advantage. You can only do this IF you are paying enough income tax/capital gains tax to cover the 'Gift Aid' part of your subscription. For 2017 subscriptions you will need to pay at least **£12.40** in tax (additional to any other Gift Aid amounts) in the tax year 2017-18 (this amount is NOT the full STRADFAS subscription – it is the NADFAS capitation fee, which is included in your STRADFAS subscription). There are some explanatory notes on the back of this letter, and a **separate Gift Aid form is enclosed. If a couple both wish to gift-aid, each needs to complete one of the boxes on the form.**

### More information on our website

If you have internet access, there are many more details on our website, [www.stradfas.org.uk](http://www.stradfas.org.uk), including past programme information, the latest news, and our contact information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Best wishes,*

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### Gift Aid Explanatory notes:

(NB: these are taken from the HMRC and NADFAS websites – please look at these if you need to).

#### a) NADFAS/STRADFAS:

NADFAS (a charity) has a Gift Aid scheme, and STRADFAS administer a part of this on behalf of NADFAS and our own members. NADFAS refunds to STRADFAS part of the amount that they (NADFAS) reclaim from HMRC, thus both STRADFAS members and NADFAS benefit.

#### b) Separate forms:

For a **couple** to Gift Aid, you each need to fill in a **separate form (there are two on the enclosed sheet)**. **You only need to fill the form in once**, and we will retain it on your behalf.

#### c) Payments from a couple: *There are some specific requirements:*

**If you are a couple**, in order to Gift Aid, **each** must pay sufficient tax. If only **one** of you pays tax, **only that person may Gift Aid**, and only that person fills in a Gift-Aid form.

If you have a **joint bank account**, you can pay both Gift Aid subscriptions from this.

If you have **separate bank accounts**, the subscription **must** be paid **from the individual's own bank account** to qualify for tax relief (i.e. you cannot pay a combined cheque from just one of the accounts).

#### d) Tax you pay:

You must be paying a sufficient amount of Income tax and/or capital gains tax which is at least equal to the tax that NADFAS (and any other charity or Community Amateur Sports Club to which you have made a Gift Aid declaration) reclaims on your donations in the current tax year. The tax must be income tax and/or capital gains tax: other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. The amount for this year is in our renewal letter (over).

#### e) Charity reference number:

The charity number is NADFAS **1089743**.

#### f) Changed circumstances:

If in the future **your circumstances change** and you no longer pay tax on your income and/or capital gains that is equal to the tax that NADFAS reclaims, **you should cancel your declaration by informing STRADFAS**.

#### g) Change of name/address:

STRADFAS will notify NADFAS if you change your name or address. This will be on STRADFAS's annual return to NADFAS.

#### h) Higher rate tax:

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code (see HMRC website).

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