



**STRADFAS – a member of The Arts Society
– welcomes new members**

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The Arts Society and STRADFAS

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 Community 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.

Membership

The STRADFAS subscription year runs from September to August: there are no reductions for joining later in the year (but see '**Visitors**' below). Your annual membership (£45 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 Arts Society '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.) For the past 16 months, our lectures have been via Zoom, but we hope to start meeting next year, in the **Stratford Playhouse, Rother Street, Stratford-upon-Avon**, with excellent seating, sightlines and equipment.

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 2021 subscriptions you will need to pay at least **£45.00** in tax (additional to any other Gift Aid amounts) in the tax year 2021-2022.. **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**, including past programme information, the latest news, and our contact information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

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