

The Arts Society Ashford

Dear Member,

I thought it might be helpful to keep you informed of future proposals for the Arts Society Ashford.

At present it is difficult to foresee when this Coronavirus pandemic will come to an end, or when it might be deemed safe for larger gatherings to take place. We had hoped we might be able to restart our meetings in September, and this may still be possible. However, it seems that social distancing will remain in place for some months.

In the meantime there are available on-line several lectures and virtual gallery tours provided through The Arts Society Connected at

<https://www.connected.theartsociety.org/>

You can also sign up for regular newsletters at

<https://theartsociety.org/join-our-mailing-list>

As you know we have already cancelled the last four meetings of the current session which include the April, May and June meetings when we would normally collect subscriptions and issue next year's membership card. We had hoped that starting again in September we would collect subscriptions then and indeed hold the AGM, but it is far from certain.

The survival of the society depends on the regular income from members subscriptions and we would welcome your payment now.

Subscriptions remain at £40 per annum (and £78 for couples).

Many of you already pay by **standing order** and we hope you will support us through these difficult times by not cancelling these!

We also very much hope that those of you who wish pay by **cheque** will likewise continue to support the society.

Please send your cheque, by post, to

Malcolm Champion, Copperwood, Bonnington, TN25 7BN.

Alternatively, we would be very happy to accept online payment by **BACS** to **The Arts Society Ashford** Sort code **60-01-21** Account no. **00549665**

If you do pay this way, PLEASE put your name in the "reference" box so we easily identify from whom it has been sent.

The committee will be meeting again towards the end of July and we will keep you informed.

Meanwhile, stay well, best wishes,

Paul White
Chairman