

Skipton and Wharfedale Decorative and Fine Arts Society - SWADFAS

You may have heard of NADFAS, a highly respected national arts-based organisation which has been thriving for over 40 years and has 350 local branches throughout the UK and Europe. You may not know that there is one of the many local groups here in Skipton. If this sounds a little on the stuffy side, fear not, because if you have even a general interest in the arts, joining SWADFAS will bring you into contact with plenty of like-minded people and give you the opportunity to make new friends and interesting discoveries about a wide range of arts-related subjects.

Members enjoy monthly lectures delivered by knowledgeable speakers on absorbing topics, and so far this year we have enjoyed unexpected and fascinating insights into Lowry, Caravaggio and the young Queen Victoria. Subjects still to come on this year's programme include: *Petra; the city of the desert*, *The Mosaics of Ravenna*, *The creation of contemporary leather bindings* and *Visual Illusions*. The decorative and fine arts cover a host of subjects – social history, garden design, architecture, glass and ceramics, costume, textiles and furnishing, metalwork, sculpture, the lives of artists, architects and craftsmen.

Alongside interesting presentations from experts in the arts, members can enjoy study days and day trips, and the national organisation, NADFAS, arranges private views of major exhibitions and country houses, and a variety of courses.

If you like the sound of what we have to offer, please contact Jill or Richard Passmore on 01943 609302. They will be pleased to tell you more and hope to welcome you to one of our meetings.