



ADFAS Newcastle - Notes from the Chair - 22nd Oct 2021

Notes from the Chair ...

Dear ADFAS Newcastle Members,

After a tumultuous year we are delighted to inform you that our last lecture for the year will go ahead in person. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to see all our ADFAS friends before the Christmas break. We will not be able to hold the lecture at the Hunter School of the Performing Arts but we are pleased that the Dean has again come to our rescue and allowed us to hold the lecture at the Cathedral, a venue that we all enjoyed when we held lectures there earlier in the year. A special thanks must go to the Dean, the Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer, for again assisting ADFAS. As this is our last lecture for the year we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support of ADFAS and wish you all the best for the holiday season. We look forward to a wonderful year of lectures next year and hopefully Covid will allow all our lecturers to deliver their lectures in person and we will get to see all our members.

Lecture: RON RAMSEY: Venice The Perfect Setting For Love, Sex And Death



Whilst known as La Serenissima, Venice can be anything but. A city simply like no other, it continues to fascinate and draw to it an audience ready to be immersed in its many offerings. Whilst some read its sinking back into the sea as a metaphor for death and its ultimate demise, others see Venice as a resilient and romantic escape. This talk explores the carnal more than the Carnevale and cites examples of the colourful characters who have been drawn to it for love, sex and or to die.

Please note Change of Venue for this Lecture

Venue: Christ Church Cathedral

Date: Monday 1st November 2021

Time: 6.30 pm

Arrangements for the Lecture...

The arrangements for this lecture at [Christ Church Cathedral](#) are outlined below.

- Bring your phones as QR codes and proof of double vaccination will be needed on entry. For those without an appropriate phone, there will be a written alternative to log in and you will need to bring a paper printout of proof of your vaccination. Allow plenty of time to sign in and get to your seats.
- Masks will be required except for when you are eating and drinking.
- A glass of wine with cheese and biscuits and a little Christmas offering may be collected before moving to your seats in the pews. Please feel free to bring a cushion as the pews are a little hard.
- We will have a large screen in front of the Nave Altar and four small screens placed strategically along the sides of the church.
- Parking will be available in the Cathedral grounds (including on the grass areas) or on the street, including in Newcomen Street. Members of the Newcastle Club are encouraged to use the Club carpark through their boom gate and we have organised the gate adjoining the Cathedral to be unlocked for easy access to the Cathedral grounds.

Live Streaming...

This will be offered again for those members not yet ready to join us in person. Ron Ramsay has graciously agreed to allow us to live-stream his lecture and we will send out the link on Monday 1st November, the day of the lecture.

Membership Renewal 2022...

We have already received many members' renewal and we do encourage you all to renew before Friday 4th December so you can go into the draw for a bottle of champagne. A membership form is attached in case you have misplaced yours.

AGM...

You will receive your AGM paperwork by email this coming week and we encourage you to read the reports and vote on the Committee for next year. For your vote to be counted it must be returned by 9th November.

Cathy Tate
Judy Wotton