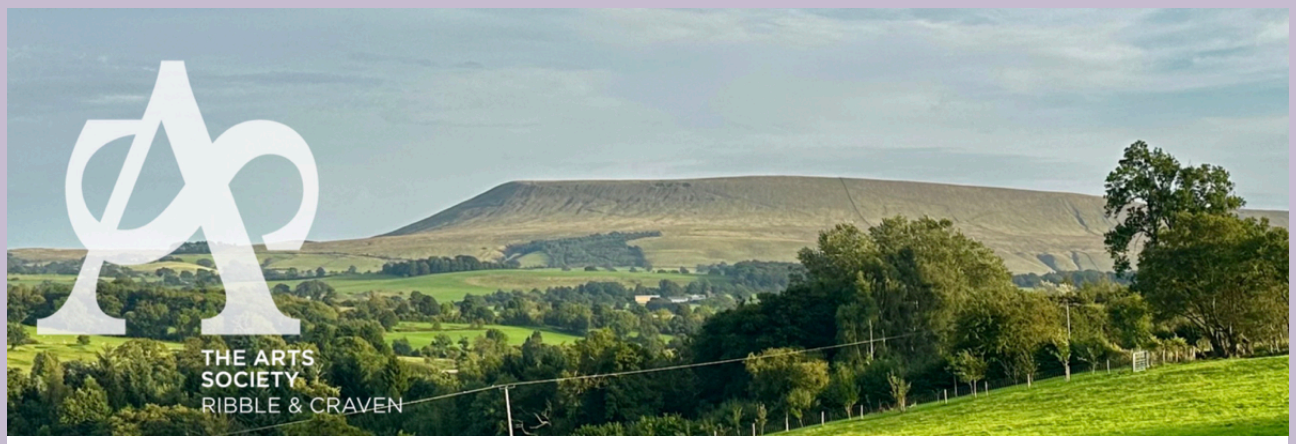
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NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Member

Welcome to our 2026-27 season, and a special warm welcome to our new members. There will be a New Members Pack for you to collect as you sign in for the September lecture. You will shortly receive an invitation to a Welcome Reception to be held on the same day as the October lecture.

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I look forward to seeing you all at the first lecture of our 2026-27 season, The Overshadowed at 10.30am in the Village Hall Bolton by Bowland. This lecture explores the reasons why a good artist remains in obscurity, despite having immense talent. Our lecturer Chantal Brotherton Ratcliffe, has a PhD from the Warburg Institute, has taught at Sotheby's Institute of Art, on the MA for Fine and Decorative Arts since 1989 and is a freelance lecturer for a number of institutions, including the National Gallery and the Wallace Collection.

Chantal has recommended 'Bright Earth The invention of Colour' by Philip Ball for the raffle this month. Chantal describes book as, 'a wonderful book exploring the use of pigments'.

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Extraordinary General Meeting This will take place on Wednesday 9th September 2026 prior to the lecture. The purpose of the meeting is for you to receive the revised Constitution and Rules, which we hope you will approve. A copy of the revised Constitution and Rules, was previously sent to all

members. The meeting will be chaired by our President Andrew Penny.

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Andrew Penny President Following the EGM Andrew is to step down having served ten years as our President. Andrew has given dedicated and exemplary service throughout this time. His support for all activities, members, Committee and Chairs of Ribble and Craven has been outstanding. For many years Andrew organised holidays to Europe for our Society. Together with his wife Catherine, they generously welcomed members to their home for events, most notably, the exhibition of remarkable art and crafts produced by members and the Garden Party, 'with distancing', our first exciting outing after lockdown. Andrew has always been available when needed, providing quiet, calm, and wise counsel. Our heartfelt thanks and sincere gratitude to both Andrew and Catherine.

Roger Duckworth Vice President I am delighted to welcome Roger as our new President who takes over at the forthcoming lecture. Roger brings a wealth of experience to this role. He is a former Committee member, Chair and currently Vice President of Ribble and Craven. Roger has also served as Area Chair and as national Vice Chair of the Arts Society.

Vice Presidents I am pleased to inform you that Janet Cummings has agreed to continue in this role and we welcome Monica Ward also to the role of Vice President. Both have given long and committed service to Ribble and Craven, as Chair and Secretary respectively.

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It was with sadness, that we recently learnt of the passing of Peter Laszlo. Peter was a well-respected gentleman of great integrity. A former Committee member who undertook the role of Treasurer for many years. As proactive Society members, Peter and his wife Hilary were very supportive colleagues, Peter of those on the Committee and Hilary, of those who worked in the kitchen with her, providing refreshments on lecture days. We send our deepest condolences to Peter's wife Hilary, family and friends. There is to be a private funeral service.

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Thank you to those who have returned their subscription forms and payment for the 2026-27 season. Subscription Forms were included in the AGM pack, together with the Programme Card 2026-7. Alternatively, you can simply email our Membership Secretary Judith Rawkins, your details, any changes

and payment method to the email address below. We do encourage you to pay subscriptions by online banking, we need to avoid cheques where possible so that we do not incur bank charges. If you are bringing a guest to the lecture at a cost of £7, please do remember to inform Judith beforehand.

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Day of Special Interest This will take place on Wednesday 28th October 2026 at Clitheroe Golf Club. Look out for more information on the September Newsreel. Forms will be available at the lecture and on line.

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Holiday to Jersey Friday 25th September -Wednesday 29th September 2027. There is still time to book your place on this wonderful trip to Jersey. Flights are from Liverpool. Details from Anne Jackson who will be at the September lecture or contact Anne on the details below.

Anne Jackson Mobile 07794533962 email: annealj@aol.com

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Coach and Horses Bolton by Bowland Lorraine and her staff are always delighted to see members after the lecture. Please book ahead if you wish to have the delicious fish and chip lunch, these have to be ordered in advance.

Sincerely,

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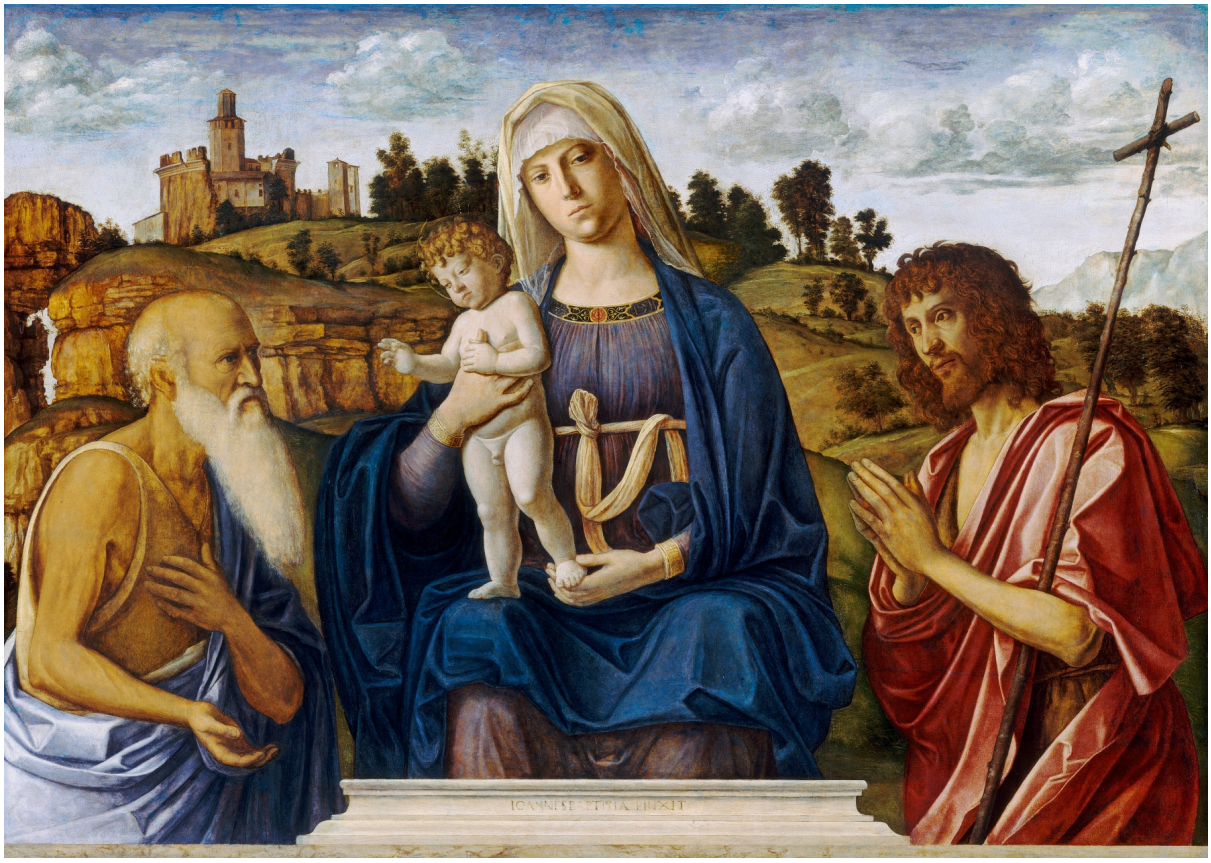
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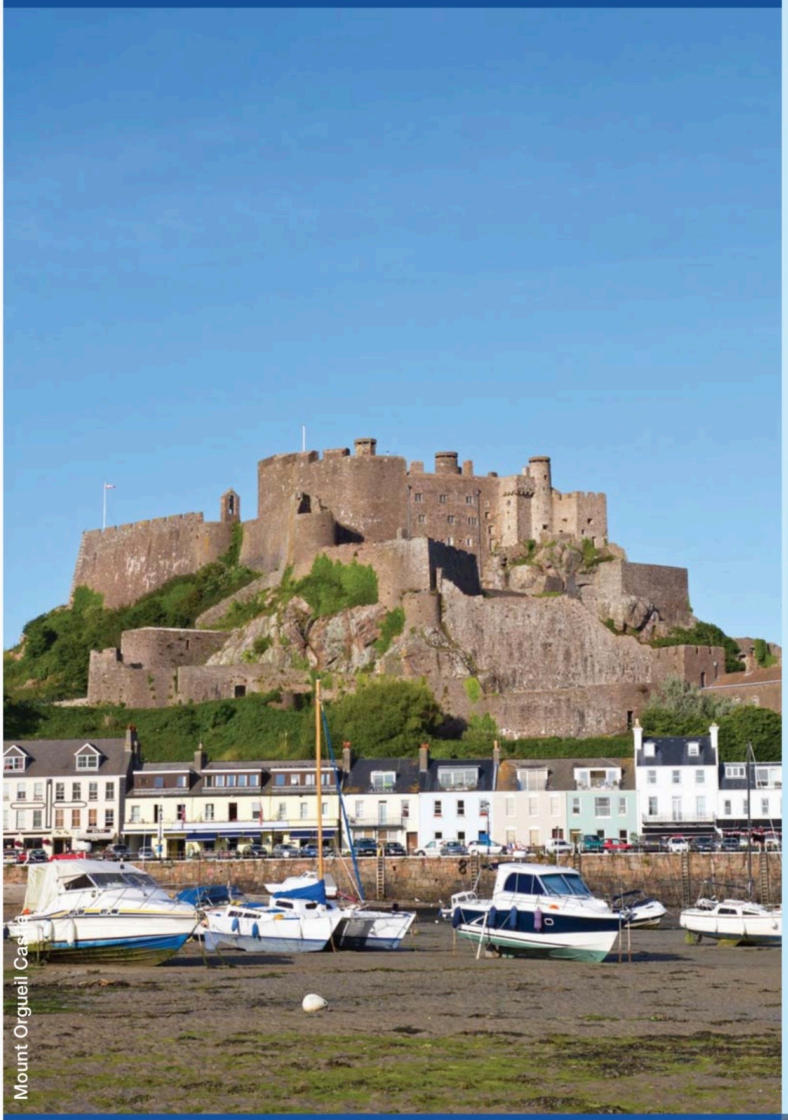


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