

Once again, we have enjoyed this year a wonderfully varied range of topics in our Lecture and Study Day programme, including music, the Suffragettes, Leonardo, Tibetan Art, and Alik Braine's more controversial views at last month's lecture. The quality remains very high and, since the membership has been asked to participate in assessing this, the lectures have normally been found 'excellent', whilst the two Study Days [on Vienna and The Music of the Grand Tour] were both voted 'outstanding'. For those of you who have missed any of these you will find reviews of some of them on the website. It would be helpful if more members would volunteer to write an occasional review as our publicity officer cannot always be available to carry out this function. I would like at this point to thank Pat Shaw for devising this wonderful programme along with Avis Denny. Unfortunately, Pat does not feel she can continue in this role for the foreseeable future given the misfortunes she and her family have suffered over the past year. Avis has therefore produced the programme for the coming season [copies will be available at the AGM] as well as organising the Study Days and acting as Minute Secretary for me in the absence of an Administrative Secretary. Thank you so much, Avis.