The Arts Society Fylde Policy: Fees and Refunds Membership

The subscription for Ordinary Membership of the Society shall be such a sum as may be determined by the Committee from time to time. The Committee shall have the power to charge a joining fee for membership of the Society in addition to a member's subscription.

Continuing members.

The subscription is due annually by 1st August. Any member whose subscription is not paid in full within 28 days of the due date shall thereupon cease to be entitled to the rights and privileges of membership but may, at the discretion of the Committee, be reinstated on payment of all arrears.

New members.

The first payment and joining fee are due on joining the Society. Potential new members joining the Society later than the start of the lecture season are entitled to a <u>reduction in the annual subscription</u> relative to the number of lectures missed. The joining fee remains unchanged.

Refunds.

Normally subscription payments and joining fees will NOT be refunded. However in exceptional circumstances, the Committee has the discretionary right to partially or fully refund payments if circumstances are deemed appropriate.

Visitors.

Visitors are welcome to attend any lecture subject to the payment of a fee as agreed from time to time by the Committee and subject to sufficient room in the lecture theatre.

EVENTS

Holidays either overseas or in the UK involving overnight accommodation

Many tour companies offer free places to the organisers if a certain number of people book the holiday [e.g. one free place for every 15 people travelling]. The first free place is given to the main organiser. Any additional free places can be allocated by the main organiser to those people travelling who are assisting on the trip. Refunds are determined by the Tour Company and personal insurance. Refunds for FyldeExperience overnight stays are subject to the booking terms and conditions.

Special Interest Days/ Day Visits

The principal organiser does not pay any fees but all other committee members/volunteers pay the full rate. If however the organiser volunteered to pay some or all the cost of the event then s/he could offer the free /reduced place to another volunteer.

If cancellation is within 14 days of the event then the organiser has the discretion to refund part or all of the costs. [This will depend on whether any costs, which would not be recoverable, have been paid out or a replacement has been found].

Social Events

All tickets must be paid for. Occasional coffee mornings will be free at the invitation of the Committee. Full <u>refunds</u> will be given provided notice of cancellation is <u>at least 7 days</u> before the event and is before the last day for numbers to be given to caterers or other organisations, or the place is filled by another member. The Committee can, in exceptional circumstances, give a full or partial refund.

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