



THE SILVER SOCIETY

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The fascination of silver lies in the inherent beauty of the material. It has played a central part in the economy of both households and nations for thousands of years, and generations have taken pleasure in its daily use. As a field for research or collecting it is extremely varied. It gives an invaluable insight into the history of artistic design and social change and can embrace an almost infinite range of related topics.



The Society was founded in 1958 to advance the study of silver of all periods, places and forms. Its object is also to widen the appreciation and knowledge of work in silver, including plated wares, and other precious metals such as gold and platinum. The Society aims to keep its members in touch with the ever-widening study of the subject and to foster the enjoyment of objects made in silver in the company of like-minded people.

Members of the Society encompass collectors, authors, dealers, museum staff, auctioneers, researchers and working silversmiths – in short anyone with a genuine interest in the subject. The majority of members come from Great Britain but at present more than a third are from overseas.

Silver Studies, the Journal of the Silver Society is published once a year and is sent to all members. It is also available on subscription or can be bought via the website. It contains papers read to the Society, other articles and a variety of information relating to the study and practice of silversmithing. It is recognised as the most valuable specialist publication for the study of silver. Much of the new research carried out in recent years has been published in the journal. Most back issues are available.

The website contains a basic introduction to the study of silver and the index to *Silver Studies*. Silversmiths can purchase a range of stakes through the website, at reasonable rates. Unpublished research by members of the Society is also available on line and there are links to many other sites of related interest. The site is regularly updated with news of exhibitions and seminars relating to silver and gold.



Special funds are maintained by the Society for publications (including books, exhibition catalogues, articles and other media) and to assist students and other researchers with modest grants to fund their work. Donors may specify whether they wish to contribute through these special funds to publications or research.

Courses are run by the Society for those who wish to learn about silver. Details can be obtained from the Secretary.

Please contact the Secretary for further information, in writing to the above address, or by email:
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Overleaf: Details of membership and journal subscription.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

The membership year is the calendar year (i.e. starts on 1 January). The subscription rates quoted below are for 2017. Please note that the Application forms are currently being updated and the 2017 forms will be available shortly.

Meetings for members are held in London about five times a year. They normally comprise talks on new research by members and invited speakers, but they can also be devoted to discussions and to the inspection of pieces brought by members.

Visits are arranged for members to collections in the United Kingdom and abroad. These vary from year to year, but can be either trips lasting several days, or day or half-day visits. A private viewing of major exhibitions relating to our subject is usually made available to the Society.

A Newsletter is circulated to members three or four times a year giving notice of meetings and visits, reports of activities and matters of general interest. This can be sent to you by email or by post.

Silver Studies, the Journal of the Silver Society, is sent to members on publication. The cost of the journal is included in the membership subscription.

The website. Members have access to designated areas of the website for information about the Society's activities, and to research not publicly available.

There are different categories of membership:

Member

A member is entitled to attend and vote at all Society meetings, to receive the Journal and Newsletter and may join visits (subject to space restrictions at some venues). Annual subscription: **£55 reduced to £50 if paid by standing order.**

Member plus

This category is the same as above, except that such a member may be accompanied by another designated person within his or her family (broadly interpreted) at all the Society's meetings and visits. The name of such other person must be recorded with the Secretary. Membership in this category includes one set of mailings (Journal and Newsletter). Annual subscription: **£70 reduced to £65 if paid by standing order**

When joining the Society in either of these categories you must be recommended by a current member. Alternatively it is possible to become a provisional member for a year before full membership. Please ask the Secretary for details of provisional membership, and for any further information you may need. We do not issue a membership list.

Institutional member

An institution admitted to membership in this category will have the rights of a member to receive one copy of the Journal and Newsletter and may nominate up to four persons who may attend all Society meetings and visits and receive the Newsletter via email. An institution's right to vote as a member of the Society shall be exercised by one of the persons nominated. Annual subscription: **£70 reduced to 65 if paid by standing order.**

Student Member

This is a special category for people under the age of 30 (not necessarily registered students) at the start of the subscription year. Benefits are the same as for a Member (see above). Annual subscription £25.

JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTION

Silver Studies, the Journal of the Silver Society, is widely regarded as the definitive annual publication on matters relating to silver. A subscription to *Silver Studies* does not include membership of the Society. Annual subscription: **£25 (UK Subscribers) or £32 (Overseas Subscribers) - both rates include postage.**

The Silver Society retains the right to refuse membership.