

The Arts Society Devizes

Newsletter October 2019

Welcome to the beginning of our year.

If you would like to join our cheerful committee, please ask us.

Devizes TAS Website

A great vote of thanks to Conor Maxwell for all the superb work that he has done in upgrading our website. If you haven't already been onto the site, then please have a look, you'll be pleased that you did.

<https://www.theartssocietydevizes.org>

Christmas Party

Taking place on Tuesday 10th of December at 12pm in our usual meeting room. Liz Lipscombe will entertain us with her violin before and during our three course meal and drinks, afterwards joined by Tim Charity and members of The Devizes Good Afternoon Choir singing Christmas Carols. There will be a bar for the purchase of additional drinks.

At £30 per head and places for only 100 members, you'll need to book soon. The details and form are at the end of this newsletter.

Closing date is 23rd (the end of the third week) November.

Artfest (With Lecture Day) 19 February 2020

Although the Wessex Area is not involved in this, we have decided to have our own at this meeting next year.

All art can be included, as per last year. Multiple entries are allowed.

Please put this in your diaries if you are interested in having your work shown. **Further details to come later.**

Study Day

Monday March 2nd at The Conservative Club Hall, Devizes. 50-100 seats

Tim Walker, Botanist, will talk about The History of English Gardens; (From Plainness to High Colour and Style). + **More details to follow.**

Visits for your diary in 2020 (forms at our monthly meetings)

Tuesday April 21st to Chawton House. Details later.

Tuesday July 7th to Berkeley Castle with Guided Tour. Details later.

New Wessex Area study days (leaflets and forms at our meetings)

Wessex Area is holding Two, Two Day Study Courses at Market Lavington Community Hall on The Art and Culture of the Aztecs, Mayans and Incas:

Ancient/Modern Mexico and Peru: The Incas and Their Predecessors on the 15th and 30th April, 2020.

Mayan Dynasties & City States, Arts of the Ancient Maya & The Maya heritage, Past and Present on the 16th and 29th April, 2020.

Please note that the second dates of both these will only run if there is enough demand.

To book places or obtain further information you can do so on the Area web site: <http://theartssociety-wessex.org/> or j_m_price@btinternet.com

November's Lecture

Our November 2019 lecture is entitled, 'I Got the Dust Bowl Blues: Texas and Oklahoma Photography, Art and Music' by John Francis MA.

John has a relaxed distinctive lecturing style that successfully employs humour and innovation to encourage learning and dialogue with his audiences. He is an experienced University Lecturer, consultant, researcher and visual artist. He grew up on Merseyside and was educated in Fine Arts and pedagogy in the UK and New York.



After receiving the Max Beckmann scholarship in painting at the Brooklyn Museum, John moved to Nantucket Island, Massachusetts working as a painter and ivory engraver. After exhibiting at the Main Street Gallery on Nantucket, John was drawn to the more traditional image of America. In Austin, Texas, John worked on the Artists in Schools programme as Artist in Residence in San Antonio, Abilene and Waco.

Several years later John relocated to London and worked in the Education department of HM Prison Holloway. Developing an interest in Film and Video. John studied for his Masters at the prestigious Central St. Martins School of Art, London, later working at the Arts Institute Bournemouth, lecturing in Film and Animation.

Young Arts

Sue Bastone attended the Wessex Area Lunch for Young Arts Co-ordinators at The Black Swan in Devizes. 'The discussions on Collaboration and Growth in the Wessex Area were very interesting, particularly about present and future plans for our area':

- **Rising Stars Competition** from The Royal Society of British Artists, aimed at Yr 13 Art/Technology students.
- **Young Arts Wessex Exhibition** for 4 to 14 year olds.
- **Adopt-a-Station**, where links to local radio stations see artwork from schools displayed in a station's public areas.
- **Links to Libraries, Community Hubs and Museums, Wiltshire Art and Wiltshire Council's website and blog.**

Raffle

We will again be holding our annual raffle at the December lecture meeting. Proceeds finance our support of Young Arts projects. We welcome donations of chocolate, sweets, wine, spirits, biscuits, stationary, anything that you yourself would like to win as a raffle prize.

Please bring your donations to the December meeting & a little extra money to buy some tickets.

New members

The committee hopes that our new members enjoyed the lecture in October and that you will be able to stay after the November lecture for a short time to say hello and find out a little more of what the Society does by supporting/involvement in Young Arts, Church Recording & Heritage Volunteering. Please let us know your initial views on the Society.

Requests for visitors to attend with you only via Judy Page.

Registration

PLEASE do not go in to the lecture without registering. If there is a fire and you are not on our lists no one will come looking for you.

Late arrivals. A reminder that the lecture meeting starts at 10.50am and members are expected to be in their seats at that time.

No admission to the hall once the lecture has started at 11.00am.

TAS Committee, Devizes.



DEVIZES ARTS SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2019

Come and enjoy our Christmas Feast in the Town Hall Assembly Rooms on Tuesday 10th December 2019.

The total cost per person will be £30.00 to include a glass of wine and musical entertainment.

We will gather from 12.00 noon and be seated for lunch at 12.30 pm. The pay bar will open at 12.00 noon.

You may choose from the following main courses all served with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables:

Glazed turkey with all trimmings

Poached salmon with lemon and dill hollandaise

Breaded camembert with port & cranberry sauce (Vegetarian)

and the following puddings:

Baileys cheesecake

Profiteroles with white & dark chocolate sauce

Sherry trifle

Coffee/Tea and Mince pies conclude the feast (if you have space!) The party will end by 3.45pm.

There will be a limited number of spaces, so book early for Christmas!

To book detach and send the slip below with a cheque payable to The Arts Society Devizes to:-

Mrs Susan Adams 19 Shaw Hill Shaw Melksham SN12 8ET Phone 01225 708172
or book at the October or November 2019 meeting.

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**The Arts Society Devizes
Christmas lunch and festivities**

I wish to purchasetickets @ £30.00

I enclose a cheque to the value of £.....made payable to The Arts Society Devizes

Name(s)

Contact Tel. No:Special dietary requirements.....

Main course options: Turkey..... Salmon..... Vegetarian.....

Pudding options: Cheesecake.....ProfiterolesTrifle.....

Should anyone, having booked, wish to cancel, every effort will be made to re-sell the tickets, but if this is not possible there will be no refunds.

