



The Arts Society, Devizes

Newsletter April 2020

Dear friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you safe, well & finding joy in the Spring.

It is with some sadness but future hope, in these strange times, I inform you that, following an online Committee meeting, the rest of the 2020 programme of lectures and visits have had to be delayed until Autumn, when the **2020/21 year begins on 21st October with a free lecture:**

Justin Reay on, **'The Architecture of the Bodleian Library Complex, Oxford.** After time in The Royal Navy and business, Justin studied the History of Renaissance, Baroque and Modern Art and Architecture at the University of Oxford (awarded the University's Diploma with Distinction) a lecturer and writer, he is also willing to take a group of our members on a guided tour of this complex in the future.

November's lecture by Professor Arthur I Miller:

'The Artist in The Machine, the world of AI powered Creativity.'

Today, machines have shown us glimpses of their creativity in art, literature and music. Will they go beyond us in the future?

Having heard this fascinating, illustrated, talk at The Real Time Club, London, in February, I cannot recommend it highly enough. (Chairman)

Professor Miller is a writer, lecturer, scientist and historian; Emeritus Professor of History and Philosophy of Science at University College London's Department of Science and Technology. He recently completed a new book, **'The Artist in The Machine.'** and will be selling and signing copies of it after the lecture.

December's Lecture by Amina Wright:

'The Wonder of Thomas Lawrence's Time in Bath.'

Author, lecturer and curator for English Heritage and the National Trust. She is currently curating an exhibition on the early career of Thomas Lawrence at The Holburne Museum, Bath, which opens in October.

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Until October, look at the free lectures on the TAS website: www.theartssociety.org and click on the pink **'Connected'** link, then on **'Lectures at Home'**.

New ones each fortnight, plus various blog posts from members. Also, on the main Arts Society website, there is **Instant Expert Series** (currently featuring one on Andy Warhol).

Go and explore these, you'll be so glad you did.

Also, see our own website: www.theartssocietydevizes.org **for updates.**

**Possible visits for 2020/21:
Bodleian Complex - Chawton House – Holburne Museum**

Christmas Party
Diary this for the second week December 2020.

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Five Committee Situations Vacant

- 1. Mo Edwards is standing down from her role as Programme Secretary in August after 5 valuable years. We will miss her enthusiasm and the wonderful choices of informative and entertaining speakers engaged for our meetings. Interested members should see Mo (to shadow her/have her initial help).**
- 2. Mo was also the Trips and Study Day person. If you enjoy choosing, arranging and going to these, you may be our person.**
- 3. Our Treasurer, Mike Page, is also needing someone to shadow his role with a view to taking it on in the future.**
- 4. Ann Poole and Susan Adams, committee members, are also standing down in August. Members who are wanting to continue the excellent work these members have done on the committee, should e-mail Kim.**

Please stay safe and well.

Your next Newsletter will be out in mid-May.