



# The Arts Society, Devizes

Newsletter July/August 2020

Dear friends,

After both fine weather and rain to cool us, we trust you are still safe, well and meeting family and friends again, as we slowly walk to a more normal life.

## **Survey Results:**

Government advice and the membership survey both agree, the way forward for our society is to go online, until we are sure it is safe to hold our meetings. The survey you answered was a clear majority for, **A) October to December on Zoom. Reconsidered in December in line with Government guidelines, with a view to recommencing live lectures in January 2021.**

**First online lecture will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of October, 11am.** All members who have renewed their membership will be sent the codes to log onto our Zoom Lecture by Justin Reay on: 'Bodley's Building, the Architecture of the Bodleian Library Complex, Oxford.' **Please note that there will be a short time for you to ask questions of the lecturer with online productions.**

Our thanks to **Mike and Judy Page and Conor Maxwell** for all the work they have done creating/receiving/collating the survey and creating the Zoom link.

Hopefully, most of you have already accessed **Justin's** superb lectures, via the current codes given on renewal, by him on: **1. Picasso, 2. Light and Shade in Al-Andalus and 3. A Painted Ocean: Marine Art from Homer to Patrick O'Brien**, plus the two to come, and are now looking forward to his October topic. *We also trust you are continuing to find the many lectures from TAS, London to enjoy too.*

**See our own website: [www.theartsocietydevizes.org](http://www.theartsocietydevizes.org) for updates.**

## **Adjusted Lecturer list:**

**Please note** that the lecturer for **November 18th** has been changed from Professor Arthur Miller to; **Christopher Bradley: Magnificent Mosaics – windows into the colourful Roman world.**

**December 16th's lecture** is still **Armina Wright** on: **The Wonder of The Times – Thomas Lawrence in Bath.**

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**Possible visits for 2021:**  
**Bodleian Complex - Chawton House – Holburne Museum**

**Christmas Party 2020** Cancelled.

**Young Arts:**

Our Committee Person for this area, **Angela Purdon**, reported that, although, at present, we are unable to fund projects( due to TAS London's Levy on Membership numbers not being known as yet )we were still keen to do so once our funding levels are known. **Projects are:**

**A) Bellefield School, Trowbridge**

Project to construct three concrete pillars at the school with at least 150 of the pupils there submitting designs and creating mosaics based on the Christian Principles of the School (Foundation Year students will complete their own cardboard version to go with it).

**B) Devizes School**

Assistance to help fund transport costs for a field trip to Roche Court. This is on hold pending the current Covid 19 situation in England.

**STILL URGENT - ONLY ONE FILLED!**

**Three 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 contact Mo (to shadow her/have her initial help).**

**2.** Our Treasurer, Mike Page, is needing someone to shadow his role with a view to taking it on in the future. **Please contact Mike.**

**3.** 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 via [TheArtsSocietyDevizes@gmail.com](mailto:TheArtsSocietyDevizes@gmail.com).**

**[Please stay safe and well.](#)**

