



The Arts Society, Devizes

Newsletter September/October 2020

Dear friends,

Although that **'Normal' life** we hoped for seems ever further away, we trust you and your family are well and looking to this changed future and what it can offer. Like the **excellent** lecture we had this month from Justin Reay on The Bodleian Library Complex in Oxford. We were **overwhelmed** at the number of **emphatically positive** response from members afterwards.

Our foray into the 21st Century on Zoom a resounding success!

On a very wet October day, we had no parking/driving/bus or taxi to contend with and were warm, dry and able to hear and see the lecture clearly(something not always the case in going to the Town Hall). In the half an hour before it began, there was time to see & talk to friends old and new.

Our thanks, again, to **Mike Page and Conor Maxwell** for all the work they did creating the Zoom link for us all to enjoy.

For those who couldn't watch Justin Reay's October lecture, or have not yet accessed his other superb lectures on: **1. Picasso, 2. Light and Shade in Al-Andalus, 3. A Painted Ocean: Marine Art from Homer to Patrick O'Brien, 4. Painting in Real Life: Modern Art in France 1860 to 1940, 5. Vermeer's Camera, Rembrandt's Eye: Dutch Golden Age 1600 to 1720**, can now see all of these via our website links, for a limited time.

We trust you are continuing to enjoy the many lectures from TAS, London.

See our own website:www.theartsocietydevizes.org for updates.

Lecturer list 2020/21: November 18th Christopher Bradley: Magnificent Mosaics – windows into the colourful Roman world.

December 16th's: Amina Wright: The Wonder of The Times – Thomas Lawrence in Bath.

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)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 stood 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.**

[Please stay warm, safe and well.](#)

[We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 18th November from 10.30am for 'Magnificent Mosaics.'](#)