



The Arts Society, Devizes

Newsletter December 2020

Dear friends,

What a superb lecture to finish the year with!

Our thanks to Amina Wright for a fascinating insight into the young Tommy Lawrence, from his time here at the Black Bear and on into his spectacular rise in Bath and then London.

Filled with delightful illustrations, a highly informative and well studied history, that gave us a clear insight into our most celebrated Son.

Our thanks, again, to **Mike Page** and his able assistant **Conor Maxwell** for all the work they did smoothing out the Zoom link for us all to enjoy this lecture.

We also trust you continue to enjoy the many lectures from TAS, London as well as the Christmas Special from us, 'Shakespeare's London.' a superb walk around the Capital and his well and little-known haunts.

See our own website:www.theartssocietydevizes.org **for updates.**

Another date to enjoy: On January the 4th at 7.30pm, The Lawrence Art Society have invited us all to their Zoom demonstration by Illustrator and Artist, **Christopher Forsey**, A Member of The Royal Institute of Painters and The Society of Graphic Artists. Over a couple of hours he will be painting a landscape from scratch, using acrylics, while detailing the how and why.

For those who have never seen a complete art demonstration, the main difference between ourselves and our older Sister Society in Devizes, they are truly inspiring and fascinating, occurring on the first Monday evening each month, except August. It is so good that we have decided to share Zoomings. When meetings return to the Town Hall, we intend to share workshops, study days, trips, exhibitions and social events too. The Lawrence's year now runs from January to December. Membership is £20 pppa. plus £2 per demonstration attended, 11 of these available per annum.

Those interested in taking up their offer on 4th January at 7.30pm, e-mail: lsa.devizes@gmail.com and Nick, their Zoom Master, will send you the link near to the date of the demonstration.

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Lecturer list 2020/21:

January 20th: Paul Chapman, Guernica – Picasso's exploration of love, motherhood and death in war.

February 17th: Mary Sharp, Is This The Real Life – How art from Plato's Cave to The Matrix movie have changed our perception of reality.

March 17th: Adam Busiakiewicz, The Lute in Paintings – meanings and metaphors.

Possible visits for 2021:

Bodleian Complex - Chawton House – Holburne Museum.

GOOD NEWS!

Our Thanks to Alice Boyd, who has kindly agreed to take on the role of Programme Secretary from March 2021. Both Mo and the Chairman will be assisting her as she grows into this important role.

STILL NEEDED – FOR THE New year and a return to normal in Spring/Early Summer!

Two Committee Roles:

1. Treasurer, Mike Page, who has taken on the extra work of running the Zoom Lectures, **is needing someone to shadow his Treasurer role with a view to taking it on in the future. Please contact Mike.**

2. Two Committee Members to represent you with their help and advise. e-mail Kim via TheArtsSocietyDevizes@gmail.com.

Stay safe and have the best Christmas possible.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 20th January from 10.30am for 'Guernica', with Paul Chapman.