



# The Arts Society, Devizes

Newsletter January 2021

Dear friends,

Quite an interesting and strangely applicable start to the year's lectures; our continuing involvement in the war against C19, two vaccines beginning hopes for recovery and Paul Chapman's excellent exploration of Picasso's Guernica, with its themes of war and death but also the world-wide effect of its anti-war message. It was easy to see from Paul's analysis, how this work from 1937, continues to speak to each generation so emphatically!

Many members have also enjoyed our Christmas Gift, 'Shakespeare's London Tour' online, with it's fascinating, yet little known, places of significance. Still more of us signed up to Anne Walkers, 'Magi' talk, tracking those who formed the Silk Road and its effect on our world. Two editions went out live, but some of our members were excluded due to the unprecedented numbers the 500 maximum was reached. Anne Haworth, aware of this, hopes to let us know when a third edition is to be done as, sadly, no recording was made.

***Keep expanding your artistic horizons through the many lectures from TAS, London, or those on our own website: [www.theartssocietydevizes.org](http://www.theartssocietydevizes.org)***

**. A second Lawrence Art Society invitation to enjoy a demonstration on February the 1st at 7.30pm, by Paul Simmons, entitled, 'A Place To Sit.'** Paul will be painting a street cafe scene in oils for us. He trained at **St Martin's School of Art, London**, and has been a **full-time illustrator and painter** straight after completing his training.

**Do visit his website** to take in his style, then see how and why he paints as he chooses on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Lawrence's year runs from January to December. Membership £20 pppa. plus £2 per Town Hall demonstration, 11 of these available per annum.

**Those interested in taking up their offer on the 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm, should e-mail: [las.devizes@gmail.com](mailto:las.devizes@gmail.com)** and Nick, their Zoom Master, will send you the link near the date of the demonstration.

## **AGM REMINDER:**

**Next Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm.** Link coming this Sunday.

## **Lecturer list 2020/21:**

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

**March 17<sup>th</sup>: Adam Busiakiewicz**, The Lute in Paintings – meanings and metaphores.

## **Possible visits for 2021:**

**Bodleian Complex - Chawton House – Holburne Museum.**

**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 through their help.  
**e-mail Kim via [TheArtsSocietyDevizes@gmail.com](mailto:TheArtsSocietyDevizes@gmail.com).**

**We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30 for our AGM**

**Then on 17<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30am for 'Is this The Real Life' with Mary Sharp.**

**Stay warm, safe and well.**