



The Arts Society, Devizes

Newsletter June 2021

Dear friends,

After the typical Summer weather in this less than typical year, we remain convinced that come scorching sun or biting wind we shall persevere and keep moving forward. Your committee continues to find further areas for us to explore, whether online or outside in these days of our new reality. With more help for school projects and local arts groups and a 2021/22 full of wonderful and varied lectures and visits. With October bringing the long awaited return to The Town Hall and meetings in tandem with online zooming of the same lecture!

As we reach the end of our current year in July with both the AGM (papers are with you for your consideration) and Tim Walker's lecture, we look forward to your inputs direction, making our society even better.

. **June's Lecture** by **Geri Parlby** provided plenty of moments to either squirm or wonder at. Her trail through the history of medicine portrayed in art, from 13,000 BC to C19, clearly outlined the types of medical styles and instruments used(or not) through 15,000 years.

Beginning with a 13,000 BC cave painting of a Shaman and travelling through such *delights* as Trepanning, the Guinea Worm and Blood Letting, to the more adept practices of the Egyptians of 300 BC, with their 46 medical instruments. Although, some of their cure-all's were suspect; 'Half an Onion and the froth from a pint of beer to defeat death'.

Names and words, now common in medical practise were highlighted: Asclepius a 1st Century Greek medic had two daughters, Hygea and Panacea, who later carried on his work. Then there was Uroscopy; divining ailments by staring into a glass of the patients urine.

We were truly fascinated by all the entries and ideas Geri presented.

Remember that *lectures continue to arrive from London and Wessex to expand our artistic tastes even more and are available on our wonderful website:* www.theartssocietydevizes.org

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. **Young Arts/ Volunteering**

Projects, apart from the Southbroom Infants School, are all progressing.

[For more details, see our website.](#)

. **OUR Seventh Lawrence Art Society invitation is for the 5th of July:**

Philip J Boville will, at 7.30pm, be demonstrating how to draw an industrial scene in Charcoal. Philip's work is regularly shown in The Palace Arts Gallery, Redcar. He is known locally for his paintings of the steel industry, where his use of colour and glazing techniques, produces convincing pictures of hot rolled steel. View more on his website.

Take up this 5th of July offer by an entry code sent out days before.

LOCKDOWN ART COMPETITION FINAL

' A Moment in My Lockdown Year'

Go to: theartsocietydevizes.org/competition/ **to vote online until Sunday 27th June.**

Results announced at our **AGM on July 21st.**

. **TAS LECTURE LIST 2020/21:**

July 21st: Tim Walker returns for a lecture on:

The Healing Power of Plants.

Tim has an extensive background in plant life. Much of it from his time as Director of the Oxford University Botanic garden from 1986 to 2014.

He wants to redress the balance of public opinion about the real use of plants as agents of healing today. To him, mankind has exploited the medicinal properties of plants for thousands of years but today this is still considered peripheral and the truth is far better than that.

All lecturer details for 2021/22 Year are on our beautiful website.

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. Roche Sculpture Park – Have you booked yet?

From 2.30pm to approximately 4.30pm on the 20th July £20 pp.

A car-sharing outing for members and a new adventure. We meet there by 2.30pm for the two hour guided tour, followed by tea and cake. Another aspect will be the indoor exhibition by Artist Nick Pope to view.

The park assures us those with mobility issues can be well catered for.

Booking forms are on our website.

. POSSIBLE VISITS FOR 2021/22 Year:

Bodleian Complex – Chawton House - Holburne Museum.

2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Study Day.

. TWO Committee Roles to find for 2021:

1. Treasurer, Mike Page, will still be running the Zoom Lectures in October and needs someone to shadow his financial role. Please contact Mike via, theartsocietydevizes@gmail.com

2. Public Relations Post on our Committee, for someone who enjoys meeting and talking to people and arranging publicity. As above, contact our email address: theartsocietydevizes@gmail.com

Hope to see you soon on:

Monday 5th July 7.30pm Philip J Boville Demonstration of painting An Industrial Scene, using Charcoal.

Wednesday 21st July 10.30am Tim Walker's, Healing Power of Plants.

Stay safe, meeting friends, enjoy our altered world and our Society and spread the news of it to people around you, wherever you are.