



The Arts Society, Devizes

Newsletter

September 2021

Dear friends,

After travelling long and difficult roads with the pandemic over the past months, it is with a real sense of satisfaction that your committee looks back on the problems faced, all of which resulted in successfully carrying on the society at the highest level for you, our members.

While the country continues to open up and holidays abroad are more easily taken, we continue to be watchful, yet very hopeful, of our return to the The Town Hall in October, after so long away. Thank you to those who attended the AGM before the lecture by Tim Walker in July and gave their 100% support to all the items raised and voted on.

Something new for the start back at The Town Hall.

You will have all received a note about our safety decisions and the need to book each lecture, as there are only limited places (75) are available. Lectures are also on Zoom at the same time.

. October's Lecture 20/10/2021

To coincide with, 'Downland Man', an exhibition of Eric Ravilious' works at The Wiltshire Museum, Devizes, (25th September 2021 to 30th January 2022), James Russell will be lecturing on: 'Ravilious, His Art and Life'.

James studied at Pembroke College, Cambridge and then enjoyed a lengthy stint selling contemporary paintings and sculpture in Sante Fe, New Mexico. This inspired him to begin writing and lecturing on Twentieth Century Art. James has written over a dozen books, curated major exhibitions at The Dulwich Picture Gallery and lectures on his own wide-ranging research interests.

Ravilious, although only 39 when he died in The Great War, left a legacy of amazing artefacts he had made using, watercolours, wood, engraving, lithography and ceramics.

New lectures continue to arrive from London and Wessex to uplift our artistic desires and are available on our superb website:

www.theartssocietydevizes.org

. Young Arts/ Volunteering

Angela is very pleased to announce that we have funded a school visit to Roche Sculpture Park, a place some of us visited in the Summer and thoroughly enjoyed.

If anyone knows of an arts related project or excursion at a local school that is in need of funds to help it run, please contact Angela.

. Study Day and Lunch 23rd March 2022

Jonathan Foyle has been booked to help us celebrate the historic occasion of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year, by giving three lectures at The Conservative Club, Devizes:

Creating Windsor Castle, a Step by Step Guide

Tudor Hampton Court

Henry VII and Elizabeth of York's Marriage Bed.

[See our website for booking details.](#)

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. Possible visits for the 2021/22 Year:

Bodleian Complex – Chawton House - Holburne Museum.

. MEMBERS YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Committee Roles to find for 2021/22:

1. Sadly, our Secretary, Marianne, has had to resign her place on the committee and we urgently need another member to take on her role. Meetings are only one per month.
2. Treasurer, Mike Page, would like another member to help him.
Please contact Mike for both of these via, theartssocietydevizes@gmail.com

.Starting Back

The following areas of our work in the community are now ready to begin:

Heritage, Church Recording and Discovery Trails.

Please consider becoming involved with one of these from October,
e-mail: theartssocietydevizes@gmail.com

. November December Lectures:

17/11/2021 – Angela Findlay, ‘Germany’s Post WW2 Culture of Apology/Atonement’.

15/12/2021 – Scott Anderson, ‘Dale Chihuly and The American Glass Movement’.

Looking forwards to seeing you soon.

Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 10.30am in The Town Hall.

....but remember entry is by ticket only.....