



# The Arts Society, Devizes

## Newsletter

### November 2021

Dear friends,

With a second Hybrid Lecture success from a truly mind-widening talk by **Angela Findlay** on Germany's Post WW2 Atonement and Apology via its Art, we now look to the Season of Joy and Giving centred on **God's Greatest Gift**, as both Winter's chill and Covid swirl around us. We hope this time for you and your families will be one of warmth and happiness.

**Our booking system, necessary and working so well, will remain.  
You will need to book each lecture by email, as only 75 places are available.  
Lectures are also on Zoom at the same time.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Guests you may like to invite can watch on Zoom at your place but not attend the Town Hall.**

**. December's Lecture 15/12/2021 by Scott Anderson,  
'Dale Chihuly and The American Glass Movement.'**

**Dale Chihuly** is still the main name this area of art, **Studio Glass Making**, resounds with. American pioneers in glass technology from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century onwards, provided much of the innovative tradition that was to bring about the birth of the **Studio Glass Movement** in the USA in the 1960's. Glass manufacturers, such as **Louis Tiffany**, developed new blown shapes and technologies to create new surface-effects and an appearance of movement in glass, that was to be continued in the work of other studio glass makers, like **Dale Chihuly**, who became one of the **foremost** American Studio Glass Artists and popularised the medium throughout the world.

**Scott** will talk about **Dale** and his work in some detail in terms of individual works and large-scale exhibitions, such as the one in **Kew Gardens in 2006**.

**Scott** first trained as an Archaeologist at Leicester University and was Professional Archaeologist for ten years before his interest shifted to the world of **art, antiques and auctioneering**. In 1994 he joined the team at **Southampton Solent University**, lecturing on the only BA(Hons) Degree Course of its kind.

Now, as a **Senior Lecturer**, Scott teaches courses on the History of Interior Design and Visual Culture. He has lectured to many adult audiences for a variety of University Extra-Mural Departments and the WEA.

For the last few years he has also worked as a Consultant Valuer for the BBC programme Flog It.

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

[www.theartsocietydevizes.org](http://www.theartsocietydevizes.org)

**. Young Arts/ Volunteering**

Angela is very pleased to announce that we have funded both The Wharf Theatre as a group with £250 from a TAS London Grant and our own £250 for this year's Panto through their Youth Theatre. We are also funding a school visit to Roche Sculpture Park, a place some of us visited in the Summer and thoroughly enjoyed. **Anyone knowing of an arts related project or excursion at a local school that is in need of funds to help it run, please contact Angela.** ....cont...

## **. Queens Platinum Jubilee Year Study Day and Lunch 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

As you now know, bookings are now available for the three lectures on this date by **Jonathan Foyle** to help us celebrate this historic occasion 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.**

**Cost is only £ 35.    [See our website for booking details.](#)**

## **. Possible Visits in 2022:**

**[Bodleian Complex – Chawton House - Holburne Museum – Breamore House.](#)**

## **. New Secretary Joins Committee**

Our great thanks go to **Jenny Maxwell**, who has agreed to take on this role from December. Special thanks to **Mo Edwards**, who has been our interim secretary.

## **. Starting Back Volunteering**

With help from our Pewsey Vale family, 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, as St Mary's Trust, Devizes, are awaiting our help to begin the recording and trail for there. Sue Tovey has agreed to be our link person, so please see, call or e-mail her or [theartssocietydevizes@gmail.com](mailto:theartssocietydevizes@gmail.com)

## **. January Lecture by Matthew Denney:**

**‘The Market For Antiques – Why Now No-one Wants To Buy Your Wardrobe.’**

These markets come and go, rise and fall...and sometimes disappear altogether.

Today, we are in a world full of downsizing, decluttering and minimalism. Gone are the days of high demand with eager buyers furnishing many home with antiques and dealers filling container load after container load from around the world.

**Matthew's** talk will examine the changes in this market in recent times and explain why ‘no one wants your wardrobe’. Why our ancestors' prized possessions, items that they cherished and valued, are now so unloved by this current generation.

His background, in a lifetime of working with the fine and decorative arts, as well as auctioneer and valuer( currently Senior valuer and Head of department at Lawrences in Crewkerne ), gives him a uniquely qualified position. Matthew gives talks to many groups on the fine and decorative arts.

**December's lecture will be a Gift of Glasspertise..... see you there.**

**[Wednesday 15th December 2021 at 10.30am in The Town Hall or online.](#)**

**....but do remember to register in the ballot for your place.....**