



The Arts Society, Devizes

Newsletter

May 2022

Dear friends,

We trust that you are staying safe, well and enjoying meeting friends and family outside, or planning a holiday or two, as the weather brightens and warms up.

Lucia Gahlin's lecture on Tutenkhamun's 'Wonderful Things' was an exciting walk from the very moment that Howard Carter opened the tomb and saw all the treasures, fascinating detail on them, as well as illuminating ideas on the history and behaviour of Egypt's Pharaohs.

Thanks to Mike and Conor, again, for the Zoom presentation.

NOTE: For your enjoyment, in tune with the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, we have an extraordinary pair of lectures to finish our 2021-22 year with:

1. **Thank You, Your Majesty: The Queen's Collection of Art on Public Display.**
2. **A Homage to The CARROT...! The Artistic Legacy of This Humble Vegetable.**

REMEMBER. New lectures arrive regularly from London and Wessex and are available on our wonderful website: www.theartsocietydevizes.org

. Young Arts/ Volunteering

The Second Rowde School Project is in June and will involve the **Senior Children**, managed by the arts organisation, 'No Added Sugar', led by two professional artists who work in partnership with schools and other like environments, inspiring and tapping into artistic talent within children in many different ways. **Each child** will be provided with a wooden circle, which they are to design a decoration for, assembling them as a large exterior installation symbolising the theme, '**We Are Rowde**', an ongoing theme within the school in the aftermath of Lockdown, celebrating being individuals, living and working together as a whole school within the community.

Angela's next challenge is a projected series of meetings with a Wiltshire hospital to see how we can help young people with mental problems through the medium of art.

. Visits

Quenington Sculpture Park 14th June 2022. Sadly, we must announce that this trip has had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. Refunds will be sent through the same method they were paid...**unless you wish to transfer the money to the Breamore House visit.**

Breamore House 3rd August 2022 £30 members £33 Guests

Visiting this delightful Elizabethan house, originally built in 1583 by William Doddington, auditor of the Tower Mint. It has been in the Hulse family now for over two hundred years. Situated outside Fordingbridge, in Hampshire, where we will be given a guided tour. In addition to the house there is an Agricultural Museum, with a renowned collection of steam powered machinery, beautiful grounds to explore and an Anglo Saxon church to visit. **Full details on our website.**

Continued thanks to Linda for the work in getting these ready for us all.

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. **Treasurer's Request:** Please pay membership/other payments by free Bank Transfer.

. **Volunteering on Heritage and Discovery Trails.**

Please see/contact **Sue Tovey** if you would like to join one of our groups in these worthwhile community works:

Heritage work for The Wiltshire Museum on some Iron Age costumes for school parties.

Discovery Trail at St Mary's, Devizes.

Sue is our link person, e-mail her at: theartssocietydevizes@gmail.com

. **June Lecture: 'Thank You, Your Majesty.'**

Linda Collins is to lead us through a cornucopia of Royal Art, as we discover, 'The Queen's Paintings on Public Display'.

When **Queen Elizabeth** came to the throne in 1953, she inherited a collection of paintings to rival any in the world. Paintings from the **Early Renaissance, Victorian** and through to today. Each an important reflection of the taste of the Monarch and the social, artistic and economic thinking of the time. **There are over 7,000 paintings in the Royal Collection.**

Linda Collins is a **lecturer** on Historic Royal Palaces and The National Trust and a freelance lecturer at the Tate Modern and National galleries in London.

An author, her publications include:

The Tudors: The Crown, The Dynasty and The Golden Age.

King and Collector: Henry VII and The Art of Kingship.

Gloriana: The Art of Elizabeth 1.

Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 10.30am as a Hybrid Lecture (Town Hall and Zoom).

