



The Arts Society, Devizes

Newsletter

June 2022

Dear friends,

Here we are, half way through the year already and looking to find more of our favourite things and people. Hope that this newsletter finds you well and doing just that.

July brings us our AGM and lecture, a particular time to have your say in how your society runs and what areas you might like it to change or move forward on. It is also a time for members to nominate someone who would have an interest in taking us all forward by their input, representing you, as a committee member. Nominations need to be made on our email address a month before the AGM. **Please note: This is a Town Hall Only Meeting.**

Our lecture this month took us on a historic trip through some of The Queen's Pictures on Public Display. The sheer range of works, their styles, sociological significance and interest, were a wonder to look at and have detailed by Linda Collins.

Thanks to Mike and Conor, again, for what may be, the last Zoom presentation.

NOTE: Our final lecture to finish our 2021-22 year with, is a humorous but fascinating talk: **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, involving the **Senior Children**, was duly completed, helped by our donation of £250. It tapped into the artistic talent of the children in many different ways. **Each child's** wooden circle, which they designed with a unique decoration, was put into 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. Pictures of these are now on our website

Angela's current 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.

. Coming Visits:

Bodleian Complex – Chawton House - Holburne Museum.

Braemore House 3rd August 2022 is fully booked with a waiting list.

Well done to Linda for this visit and the others to come in the Autumn

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

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. Volunteering on Heritage and Discovery Trails

Heritage work for The Wiltshire Museum on some Iron Age costumes for school parties has begun with a meeting to outline the needs. Thanks to our Heritage Group members:

Linda Cassidy, Anna Bishop, Sally Price, Doreen Came, Jeannie MacMeekin, as well as Ali Rushent from the museum.

Discovery Trail at St Mary's, Devizes has also begun, after an informal get together at Sue Tovey's house. Our thanks to Sue, Cherry Wedrychowski, Rosanne Russell and Anna Bishop.

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

. July AGM and following Lecture: 'A Homage to The Humble Carrot.'

Anne Howarth's intention is to open our eyes to see the way this common vegetable has been able to inculcate itself into our lives, with a little help help from The House of Orange, not only onto our table, but into the art works through the ages. Born in ancient Persia and Central Asia, carrots travelled Westwards, along with more durable and costly commodities, via The Silk Road.

Anne's lecture, although light and humorous in spirit, has a seriousness at its heart; one dedicated to lifting this popular vegetable to new heights in our estimations, as a symbol of nationhood, abundance, quiet domesticity and a code for seduction.

Anne Howarth's background is as Senior Specialist in Ceramics for Bonhams and Christies in London. From 1995 to 2002, she was resident in Shanghai, China and gave lectures on the History of The China Trade and European Chinoiserie, to the international community of diplomats and expatriates in Shanghai and Beijing. On returning to London in 2002, Anne catalogued Chinese ceramics at Kensington Palace.

She is a lecturer at the Victoria and Albert Museum, the British Museum and the Queen's Gallery.

**See You Wednesday 20th July 2022 at 10.45am for AGM and 11am Lecture.
PLEASE NOTE: only available in the Town Hall only.**