



The Arts Society, Devizes

Newsletter

October 2022

Dear friends,

A very cheery welcome to our New Year of more excellent demonstrations and things to savour. We trust you are keeping well and are boosted for the months ahead. Although, in terms of the fiscal, governmental and weather in our lives, we seem to be tossed about, the friendly certainty of our Arts Society meetings and offerings, gives us a warm glow and real pleasure in the subjects covered and friends to meet there. This was easily seen in our October lecture by Jaquie Carey, which intrigued and fascinated the 68 of us there. Our lecturer had a deep knowledge and was enthusiastic about her topic, the rare Medieval Folded Almanac. Detail of the interior, as well as the way the whole was fabricated, showed superb craftsmanship for such a daily practical item.

Both Wessex and London have many new offerings for us to consider.
Wessex Stay Connected have new lectures on, 'The Shanghai Museum', 'Cathedrals' and 'The World's Biggest Art Heist' to apply for.
London Head Office is about to advertise a 'Zoom Access Scheme' for members.

See Our website for more lectures: www.theartsocietydevizes.org

. TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year, when we come hazily out of the holidays, wondering if we've renewed. See on our website or renew at the next meeting your yearly subs. Did you realise, each lecture costs you about the same price as a cup of coffee. WHAT A BARGAIN!

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

. **Special Interest Day 1 (formerly Study Days)**

Monday 7th November at the Conservative Club from 10am. Author and Journalist, Sinclair Mackay presents his two lectures on, '20th Century Berlin – Flame of creativity.' Treating these on parallel time scales, as to how Berlin developed, influenced by art, drama, film and architecture. Includes Buffet lunch. £25.

. **Heritage Volunteering**

The aim of creating of 15 Iron Age Costumes before the end of the Financial Year by our team, has been enhanced by a meeting Linda and Ali had with Caroline Nicolay. She proved a inspiration, not just for the way to make the costumes but also where to source the material.

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. Young Arts/ Volunteering

Angela continues to move forward our idea to help young people with mental problems through the medium of art, in her discussions with hospital trusts.

. 2022 Treat and First 2023 Visit:

Our Christmas Party this year will be following the December lecture; time to chat and enjoy some home-made Mince Pies and a glass or two of Mulled wine on us.

Thanks to Alice and her team for organising this.

Our first visit for 2023 is on the 26th April to Chawton House, with coffee/tea on arrival, prefaced by a talk in Jane Austen's house. Cost and further details to follow.

Thanks to Linda for organising this.

OUR NEXT MEETING ON THE 16th NOVEMBER LECTURE IS:

‘A HISTORY OF BRITAIN IN CAMPAIGN MEDALS.’

By Matthew Denney of Antiques Road Show fame.

Auctioneer, collector, valuer, lecturer, writer and educationalist, Matthew is based near the Dorset, Devon and Somerset border. Regularly travelling to London to work in the many aspects of the fine and decorative arts, he is currently Senior Valuer and Head of Department at Lawrence Auctioneers in Crewkerne, having worked in the fine/decorative arts all his working life and been a qualified member of the RICS for many years.

A Lecturer in Higher Education with a Ph.D on ‘The Arts and Crafts Movement’, Matthew is also interested in a variety of aspects of 19th and 20th Century design. He believes that we can learn much from our shared national and international histories. An author on many of these subject areas, Matthew is currently working on a number of projects.

He's back again! Remember how in January he gave us a ‘priceless’ lecture on why no one wants your antiques.

We look forward to seeing you at the Town Hall on the 16th of November, 10.30am for 11am.

Your Committee.