



The Arts Society, Devizes

Newsletter

February 2023

Dear friends,

What a wonderful Whittington way to head for spring; thanks to Simon Whitehouse and his engrossing and surprising lecture. Who would have thought that a character we relegated to Ladybird Books, was such an amazing historical character from our past! Although Devizes (like London's) streets may not be paved with gold, there are salutary lessons to be learned from the famous [Whittington's](#) life story, that we can all be encouraged by.

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

. **Treasurer's Request: Membership/other payments by free Bank Transfer please.**

. **Heritage Volunteering at The Museum**

Linda and Judith visited an Iron Age Museum to get costume and accessory ideas and came back brimming. On with the practical work. Any fabric still welcome.

. **Trails of Discovery are hoping now for warmer days to complete their project in St Mary's.**

. **Young Arts/ Volunteering**

Angela is looking forward to confirming dates and times to help young people with mental problems through the practical medium of art, now we have an experienced practitioner.
Well done Angela.

. **First 2023 Visit:**

Our first visit for 2023 is on the 26th April to Chawton House, with coffee/tea on arrival, guided tour of Chawton House, visiting Jane Austen's House, prefaced by a talk. Cost £55pp.

Remember to bring your own picnic lunch if you are not purchasing the ones there at £10 each.

Thanks, again, to Linda for organising this.

. **Further Treats for 2023/24 with proposed Special Interest Days:**

November 2022 - The Cities of The Silk Road.
March 2024 - The Three Layers of Rome, Eternal City.

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OUR NEXT MEETING ON THE 15th MARCH LECTURE IS ON:

Grayson Perry

Ceramicist, Printmaker, Designer, Textile and Tapestry-maker, Embroiderer, Writer, Film-maker, Broadcaster, Turner Prize Winner, BBC Reith Lecturer, Activist and Performer.

With his exhibitions and works world-wide, Grayson Perry is also England's favourite artist.

What is it that lies behind this enigmatic cross-dressing, motorbike riding artist, his alter ego Claire and his Teddy Bear, Mr Measles?

At the Town Hall on the 15th March, 10.30am for 11am.