



The Arts Society, Devizes

Newsletter

MAY 2023

Dear friends,

How good it is to greet you with a long spell of sunshine around us; burgeoning gardens and smiling faces as we meet with each other, friends and family.

Felicity Herrings lecture on Margaret Buckley(aka Dr James Barry), was one of the most intriguing true stories encountered. If you missed this lecture, we suggest you look up her/his story! It will amaze you with its humanity, complicated reasons and the results of this prominent doctor.

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

. **Heritage Volunteering at The Museum**

Linda and her team of fellow seamstresses (Jenny Maxwell, Judy Page, Anna Bishop, Jeanie MacMeekin and Doreen Came) have now completed all the Iron Age period costumes for the museum and delivered them:

4 dresses

8 tunics

7 skirts

6 assorted cloaks and wraps (plus leather belts).

All with 'Made by Devizes Arts Society' labels inside, sewn by Linda.

Superb work. Well done ladies!!

. **Trails of Discovery**

News on this after their meeting in June.

. **Visits**

- Chawton House was a great success and was enjoyed by all.

- Winchester Visit in June.

Sadly, due to insufficient numbers, this trip has had to be cancelled.

Our thanks to Linda for giving us these opportunities.

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

. **Special Interest Days:**

November 27th - The Silk Road Cities. Details at the June lecture.

March 2024 - The Layers of Rome, Eternal City.

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. Next Lecture is 21st June

Charlie Forman will be talking about, 'Eight Buildings for Eight Faiths in London.'

Here he will help us to appreciate the astonishing range of signature buildings of faith communities settling in London. How new arrivals left their imprint on a city where Jews, Roman Catholics, Muslims, Methodists, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Orthodox Greeks have added their own layer. Each of these faiths can point to a special place they built, not on their first arrival, but when numbers and confidence had grown in the knowledge that they had established themselves for the long-term. Eight special places of worship: a synagogue, a couple of cathedrals, a mosque, chapel, temple, gurdwara and a monastery, permanent markers of the highest quality. Their differences stretch across cultures and 300 years of persecutions and economic crises, but their similarities are also striking!

As an Accredited London Walking Tour Guide and Lecturer, Charlie will highlight the social, architectural and artistic heritage of his home city. One that he is passionate about, not least because it has historic core larger and richer than any other city in the world.

Charlie is member of the City of Westminster Guide Lecturers Association. His talks focus on the forces that have changed this mighty multi-faceted metropolis and the artistic and cultural heritage it has given us.

After many hundreds of walks and a four decade long career in housing and regeneration, he has absorbed a deep understanding of and appreciation of the capital.

His publications include: Spitalfields: A Battle for Land.

At the Town Hall on the 21st June, 10.30am for 11am.

GUESTS WELCOME