



The Arts Society, Devizes Newsletter

August/September 2023

Dear friends,

We trust that come rain or shine...and there was plenty of both over the last two months...your time was enjoyable and has you looking to our first lecture for the 2023/24 Season; all signed up and ready to join us in another excellent and expansive series of lectures, Special Interest Days and trips.

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

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

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Coming to Devizes...an interaction between the arts, environment and well-being.
Watch this space for details.

. Special Interest Days:

November 27th - The Silk Road Cities. March 2024 - The Layers of Rome, Eternal City.

. Don't Forget to Renew your Membership for a superb line-up of wide and fascinating topics!

**. Next Lecture October 18th Grace Darling: The Fine Art of Saving Lives At Sea
by James Taylor.**

Grace is a historic figure and was the poster girl of the early RNLI. Her life story at Brownsman and Longstone Lighthouses, will include details of her time alongside artists, whose works kept her in the public eye well into the 1970's.

Brave and resourceful, her daring rescue of steamship passengers off the Northumberland coast in 1838, brought her international fame. In her story we will find more about her bravery and the life that surrounded her. Notably, Grace became the first woman to be awarded a medal for gallantry.

James Taylor, is a former Curator of Paintings and Prints at The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich. An author, his publications include: An Illustrated History of Marine Painting (1995), The Voyage of The Beagle – Darwin's extraordinary adventures (2008), , Dazzle – Disguise and Disruption in War and Art (2016) and Sir Joseph Banks and the Shipboard Artists of Captain's Cook and Flinders (2018).

At the Town Hall on the 18th October, 10.30am for 11am.

**Looking forward very much to seeing you there.
Your Committee.**

