



# The Arts Society, Devizes NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

Dear friends,

Although lulled into a False Spring, we are closer to the real one and, hopefully getting more enjoyment through people and nature. As you have found at our lectures, the buzz of enjoyment in meeting up and sharing with friends the topics presented, is a real life uplift.

It was centrally the people of **Imogen Corrigan's** talk, **'The Men behind the Pen: The Life of a Medieval Scribe.'** that led us into the world of glorious manuscripts and the, curiously relateable, ways of the men and women who spent so long creating them.

From nearly a thousand years before the Reformation we met these identifiable individuals, who, in spite of all life's troubles, created such superb pieces of work, that are now such a rich treasure for us to see and understand today.

See our website for all lectures and activities: [www.theartssocietydevizes.org](http://www.theartssocietydevizes.org)

The following was circulated at the March lecture. It is a plea to all of you to encourage others to join our worthy society.

## CAN YOU HELP US?

**Dear members,**

**As you will appreciate, the costs involved in running our society are steadily rising - lecturers' fees and travel expenses, printing, stationery and postage, coach hire.**

**Your committee are dedicated and working hard. However, we do need new members. Our membership has not yet returned to its pre-Covid numbers and we greatly appreciate the new members who have joined us during the current lecture year. Welcome!**

**Now we would like to ask you all for help in reaching more people.**

**Friends are the best source, of course, and you can still bring a friend for free to see what it's like until and including the July lecture, but only once for each friend please!**

**Do you belong to any groups who may be interested? A book group, adult education class, painting, history or craft class, U3A, WI?**

**Perhaps you attend activities in a local village hall and could put up a poster? We have a poster on our website (Our Society > Documents and Forms > Recruitment Poster) which you can download and print.**

**Thank you for considering this request. We're sure we can reach our target with your help!**

The Committee, March 2024.

**. Next Special Interest Day: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 @ £35pp – 10.30am to 3.15pm**

**Buffet lunch and 3 lectures on: 'The Layers of Rome, Eternal City.'**

**At Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane. SN12 6NS Tickets available at meetings/online.**

. **This Year's Trips to join:**

**Tuesday 11th June : Athelhampton House, Dorset.**

**Wednesday 10th July: Talos Sculpture Park/Gallery, Calne.**

**Booking for both trips will open in April. Watch for the email!**

. **Next Lecture 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024. 10.30am for 11am.**

*( At this lecture we plan to re-introduce coffee provided by the Town Hall, who will charge the society £2.50 per cup. We will therefore be asking for a contribution of about £2.50, cash only. So if you would like to have a coffee before-hand then come a little earlier and bring some cash ! This should allow people to congregate and chat in the bar room and if it works out well then we hope to keep it going at future lectures. We will be interested to hear your feed-back about this. )*

**Russell Nash will talk about, 'The Men Who Made Menswear'.**

**Come and hear the story of men's tailoring over the past 200 years, told through the lives of the men who commissioned and created it.**

**We'll hear about the designers and makers of places like Savile Row, Jermyn Street and many others and how they shaped the way men chose their outfits.**

**These people were central to this growing cultural area and the wider cultural shifts since Regency times, which greatly affected how men and their women chose to attire themselves.**

**Russell** *trained and worked as an actor, writer, puppeteer and theatre maker for 15 years. In 2015 he qualified as a London Blue Badge Guide, regularly taking groups through the major galleries and museums in London, like The National Gallery, Tate Modern & Tate Britain and The British Museum. During Covid lock-downs, Russell devised and delivered more than 30 different Virtual Tours and Lectures to groups across the UK and world.*

*10.30am for 11am in the Town Hall.*

*See you there.*

**Your Committee.**