



# THE ARTS SOCIETY SHREWSBURY

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Chairman's Newsletter  
January 2019

Dear Members

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had an enjoyable festive season.

## **Past Events**

Our lecture on 21 November was *A Potted History of Britain* by Julian Richards in which we were taken on a fascinating journey of 6000 years of ceramic production.

On 5 December, our lecture was *Art Inspired by Wine* in which we enjoyed a lively presentation by John Ericson to get us in the festive spirit for our very enjoyable Christmas lunch.

Thank you to Deborah Yates, Pippa Walker, Lucy Harvey-Scholes and Ceri Lewis for all these enjoyable events, and to the Lord Hill Hotel for looking after us so well, not just for this special occasion but all through the year. We are very lucky to have such a good venue for our lunches and our lecture meetings.

## **Future Events**

On 21 February 2019, we have our trip to Birmingham to see the BRB production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

On 28 February 2019, we have our trip to Brampton Bryan Hall and Church in conjunction with The Arts Society Wrekin.

On 13 March 2019, a Day of Special Interest has been arranged with Douglas Skeggs talking on *Bankrolling the Renaissance: a history of the Medici family*.

On 4 April 2019, there will be a trip to Manchester. (Details enclosed)

On 20 to 23 May 2019, there will be a three-night UK tour to the North East.

On 6 June 2019, there will be a trip to Morton Hall gardens and Congleton Court. (Details to follow)

From September 25 - 4 October 2019, our overseas trip will be to Madrid, Segovia, Salamanca and Toledo to study The Art of Spain. (Details enclosed)

Thank you to Corinne Russell, Cathy Young and Jane Benson for organising these events for us.

## **Heritage Volunteering**

There is an exciting new opportunity to volunteer at the Shropshire Archives in Shrewsbury for which there will be a training day on Tuesday 19 February at 10.30 am. The project, to clean and restore negatives and plates of old photographs, will take place at the Shropshire Archives in Castle Gates, Shrewsbury, SY1 2AQ, on Tuesday mornings between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm. It will not be necessary to come every week, and, if we can find enough volunteers, we can make a rota to suit everyone's availability. We are undertaking this project with The Arts Society Wrekin. It is a warm and friendly environment in which to work, and it is a great opportunity to help the Shropshire Archives to undertake this valuable work. If you are interested, please contact Caroline Auger at [cdauger42@aol.com](mailto:cdauger42@aol.com) or 01743 369585.

Finally, I look forward to sharing with you our very exciting and enticing 2019 programme put together for us by Pippa Walker, Deborah Yates and Lucy Harvey-Scholes on The Art of Spain. ¡Viva España! I hope you have a wonderful year ahead.

Best wishes  
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