

## 2021/2022

### 108th PROGRAMME

- **Eleven stimulating talks to entertain you from Autumn to Spring**
- **Take a break from Lockdown TV and the computer, and bring a friend or two to listen to enthusiasts speak about their pet subjects.**
- **Enjoy an illustrated talk, and ask questions of the speaker.**
- **Listen to authors discuss their latest books – maybe buy a signed copy.**

**Meetings: October to March**

**8 pm in the hall of  
Purley United Reformed Church,  
906, Brighton Road,  
Purley. CR8 2LN**

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[www.PurleyLit.org.uk](http://www.PurleyLit.org.uk)**

### SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THIS SEASON

**Season Ticket** (eleven talks) \_\_\_\_\_ £22  
**January to March** (six talks) \_\_\_\_\_ £12  
**Visitor's Fee** (per talk) \_\_\_\_\_ £5

If you would like your membership card sent to you BEFORE the first meeting, then please include a stamped, addressed envelope (9x4). Otherwise, your card will be held until the first meeting that you attend.

Very rarely, a talk has to be postponed for some reason. Please check on our website for any last-minute changes to the advertised programme, or contact a member of the committee.

*To encourage wider membership, members are urged to invite a friend to use their ticket if they are unable to attend a talk themselves.*

#### The Committee

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### General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

#### Update May 2018

When joining the Society, we ask for your name and contact details. Any such data that you provide is kept on a small database, and is held by the Membership Secretary.

**We do not pass this data to third parties**, and use it solely for contacting you at renewal time, and where we hold an email address, for sending out reminders a few days before each meeting.

You have the right at any time to ask to have your details removed from the database.

For any members that fail to respond to any contacts, details are erased after three years.

#### New Facility

For anyone wishing to pay their membership by online-banking or other forms of bank transfer, please contact the Membership Secretary directly for details:

Yvonne Walker,  
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**12 October** **Nicola Moorby**  
***A short AGM at 7:30, followed by***

**Artist of Note: A Close Look at the Turner £20 note**

This talk will take a close look at the new £20, released in February 2020, and discuss how the Bank of England's design represents the various aspects of Turner's life, work and legacy. Nicola is an art historian who specialises in British art of the 19th and early 20th centuries

**26 October** **Hilary Osborn**  
**Losing My Way and Misadventures of a Blue Badge Drivers Guide**

Tales of driving rich Americans around Britain and Europe, including getting lost in Kent, taking a helicopter ride, and shepherding members of a Gardening Club. Hilary has been an announcer, news reader, and interviewer on BBC radio and TV.

**9 November** **Tony Pearson**  
**A Goaler's Tale**

A serious as well as diverting look at prisons and prisoners from a career lasting 38 years in the Prison Service. Tony encountered a rich mix of prisons, prisoners (and staff) during his time inside before moving to the different alarms of working for Ministers.

**23 November** **Pam Buttrey**  
**Cane Hill Hospital: Patients, Potatoes... and Pigs!**

Cane Hill Asylum was opened in 1883 for Surrey's mentally ill. Patients arrived from all over London by train and carriage. About a third were discharged, a few escaped, and many never left. Pam has an MA in local history.

**7 December** **Martin Heard**  
**George IV the Prince Regent: Connoisseur or Conman?**

An overview of George IV's legacy of palaces, architecture and great collections of paintings, furniture and decorative arts. But what did it all cost and who paid the bill? Martin's aim is to communicate his enthusiasm for History of Art, which he studied at Manchester University.

**Followed by Christmas Fare**

**11 January** **Bernard Lockett**  
**The Social and Political Satire of Gilbert and Sullivan**

During a partnership lasting 25 years G&S wrote 14 operettas, and this talk explores the historical context in which they wrote and the social and political satire contained in the works. As well as speaking, Bernard is an author and also a Trustee of the International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival.

**25 January** **Andy Robertshaw**  
**Making the Film '1917'**

Andy worked with props, set design, costume, hair and make-up, in the making of Sam Mendes' recent film, '1917', where he was engaged as a military adviser. Andy is currently in the process of creating a replica trench!

**8 February** **Nicola Howe**  
**The National Health Service**

It is difficult to imagine another period when the NHS has been quite so prominent in everybody's minds, as during the recent pandemic. Nicola will talk about the Service, and her part in it.

**22 February** **Anne Sebba**  
**Ethel Rosenberg – a cold war tragedy**

Ethel was just 37 when she was executed by the US government for conspiracy to commit espionage following a very dodgy trial in 1951. Anne Sebba is a biographer, lecturer, journalist and former Reuters foreign correspondent.

**8 March** **Andy Thomas**  
**The Crop Circle Mystery**

The extraordinary phenomena of crop circles – intricate shapes appearing in fields – will be explored. Some of the amazing designs are considered as well as imaginative and varied theories put forward to explain the circles over the years. Andy is one of the UK's best-known authors and lecturers on unexplained mysteries and global cover-ups.

**22 March**  
***AGM at 7:30 followed by*** **Nick Brazil**

**Chile and Easter Island: Desert, Fire, Ice and Mysticism**

This country of extremes hosts at least ten major climatic subtypes, and will be examined by Nick, along with its 'special territory,' Easter Island. Nick is an author, documentary film maker and photographer.