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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.

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For anyone whose details we hold, that fails to respond to us for three years, details are erased.

Subscriptions for this season -

Please note the small price increases

Season Ticket (eleven talks) _____ **£25**
January to March (six talks) _____ **£14**
Visitor's Fee (per talk) _____ **£6**

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.

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Purley Lit

2022/2023

109th Programme

- **Eleven stimulating talks to entertain you from Autumn to Spring**
- **Even better than Zoom!**
- **Enjoy an evening out in Purley!**

Meetings: October to March

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

**Some of the Autumn term's meetings
will be in the church itself, but access
is by the same side door as usual**

**Visit our website at:
www.PurleyLit.org.uk**

11 October **Andy Theobald**
**Atmospheric and Pneumatic railways of the
Victorian Era**

Andy will take a close look at these novel alternatives to the standard steam locomotive.

25 October **Lois Oliver**
**The Impressionists and the Painting of Modern
Life**

Dr Oliver is a Curator at the Royal Academy and co-curator of “Berthe Morisot: Impressionism and the Eighteenth Century” opening at Dulwich Picture Gallery in Spring 2023.

8 November **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 who paid the bill? Martin's aim is to communicate his enthusiasm for History of Art.

22 November **Julie Chandler**
**The work of the Commonwealth War Graves
Commission.**

Covering the history of the CWGC and providing an overview of its work, this talk will also include some personalisation about a few of the War Graves in our area. Julie is a London Blue Badge, City of London and City of Westminster Guide.

6 December **Brian Freeland**
The View from the Wings

If you’re looking for backstage gossip then this is the talk for you, naughty bits and all! Brian turned to writing books and scripts and giving talks at the end of a theatre career which started in 1959, direct from National Service, and has taken him to forty-four different countries.

10 January **Edward Gransden**
A Young Bargemaster's Tale

Edward will tell us about the highs and lows of his life as a skipper, sailing Whitstable oyster smacks and Thames sailing barges, and his efforts to preserve them for future generations.

24 January **Michael Withers**
Medieval and Renaissance Musical Instruments

Michael is a multi-instrumentalist and an experienced conductor and arranger, as well as being a member of Faronel - a late medieval and renaissance music group. He will talk about the development of the string and woodwind instruments, with demonstrations of many instruments.

7 February **Paul Whittle**
The Malta Story

Paul is a keen military historian, and has been a travel lecturer since 2003. We will learn about Malta, a tiny island, which for centuries has exerted a huge influence over the Mediterranean region.

21 February **Janet O’Donnell**
The Chelsea Physic Garden

Since its foundation by the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries in 1673, London's oldest botanic garden has borne witness to countless tales of courage and obsession, genius, derring-do, passion and politics. Janet, a guide at the Garden, will explore the Garden's story, inspired by the power and potential of plants.

7 March **Antonia Gallop**
**A Gallop Through the History of Carriage
Driving**

Antonia will introduce us to the joys, difficulties, and dangers of Carriage Driving. Amongst other positions, she is a driving instructor for the British Driving Society.

21 March
AGM at 7:30 followed by
Ian Keable
**The Century of Deception: The Birth of the
Hoax in Eighteenth Century England**

The 1700's was a century when the people of England seemed to be especially gullible – for example, believing that a woman could give birth to rabbits! Ian will talk about some of these strange tales, and how the satirists portrayed them.