

Dear Members,



William Hogarth

We had the brilliant Julia Musgrave entertaining us last Tuesday with her tales about William Hogarth and - hence the title *Sex and the City* - his cartoons such as *A Harlot's Progress* and *Gin Lane* (see picture). Less well-known is his involvement as Governor and Foster Parent in the Foundling Hospital as he deeply cared for the abandoned children in London, often a side effect of the sex trade.

I apologise for the late opening of the Zoom room and hope that most of you did not give up if you were unable to enter. Despite my computer problems and with Julia's help we managed to start the lecture on time.

AGM - a change in date to 19th October 2021

The AGM is listed in your programme for 16th November 2021. The Committee looked at the work that needs to be done before and after the AGM. We also considered the Members' renewal process, now taking place in autumn. We would like to get the new programme to you by the November meeting, and, in order to achieve that, we decided to bring the AGM forward to the October meeting. A reminder and further details will be in the next Newsletter.

CANCELLED

St Mary's House: tour of house and gardens

Unfortunately, this visit is now cancelled due to the continuing Covid 19 restrictions. The corridors and stairs are too narrow to allow a comfortable 2 m distance between visitors, making a tour of the house unviable. My thanks to the members who booked. You will be refunded asap.

Tour of Lewes - only £6. Wednesday 21st July

Book your place for this walking tour while you can. Booking form is on the website [here](#). I have listed several car parks with their postcodes. However, after checking on the Southern Trains' website, I have decided to go by train. (Angmering: **09.18**, Brighton: **09.52** (platform 1), Brighton **10.11** (platform 7), arrival Lewes **10.28** (platform 3)). It should only be a short walk to the High Street. Return cost with pass £8.45. There are regular train services back to Brighton for changing to the Littlehampton train. If you don't want to drive, why not join me?

(Update: The morning walk, starting at 11 am is now full. Places left for the afternoon walk, starting at 2pm.)



Leeds Castle - £35. Thursday 02nd September

The booking form is now on the website [here](#) with additional information about the visit. This will be a coach trip. I am hopeful that we can safely travel by September. Worthing Coaches will do all that is necessary to provide a clean coach. This trip will feel like the good old days before Covid 19. Do come along. Needless to say that we will follow Government advice and, if necessary, cancel the trip - your money will be refunded.

Lectures at Home - The Arts Society website

Have you visited The Arts Society's website recently? The Society has added more short lectures. An interesting 12 minute talk about a folding fan dating from mid 18th century at the Fan Museum, half hour lectures covering other subjects such as *Music of the Caribbean* by Graham Jones, a lovely talk about *Lighting the lamp of knowledge* by Justin Reay, about objects held by the Antiquities Society and about the Society itself, established at Burlington House in London.

***The Subtle Science and Exact Art of Colour in English Gardens* by Timothy Walker**

Join us on **Tuesday 20th July** for our next lecture, when Timothy Walker looks at garden design and links it with paintings and painters ranging from Turner to Hockney (did you see the latest Hockney exhibition about Spring in Normandy 2020 at the Royal Academy?) This will be our last lecture before the summer break and - fingers crossed - the last Zoom lecture.

Enjoy our unpredictable summer and don't get caught in the downpours. I swear my hedges have grown at least 30 cm in last Friday's deluge.

Miek Bell
Chair