

Champs Hill: Simon Gillespie, Art Restorer 'Revitalising Breadwinners'

Thursday 27 January 2022

2.45 Doors open

3.00 Lecture, followed by tea & coffee

£15.50

Self drive

Champs Hill, Waltham Park Road, Coldwaltham,
Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1LY



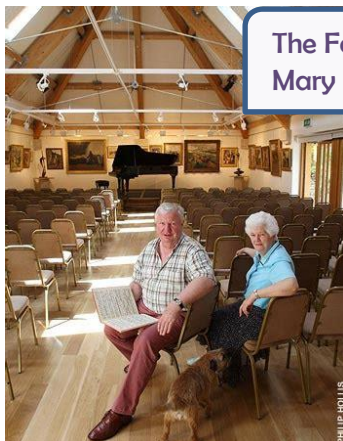
***The Breadwinners (Newlyn Fishwives), by
Walter Langley (1852-1922)***

From the title of the work we learn that these elderly women must keep on with their drudgery in order to feed their families. They almost blend in with their surroundings, just as the sea mingles with the sand, and the colours of both merge in the wide expanse of sky. But the artist sees and

recognises their back-breaking toil, and pays a memorable tribute to them.

Simon Gillespie, a fine art conservator whose studio has a global reputation for its work treating some of the finest works of art in private and public collections. Simon's experience covers artworks from the early Renaissance, including paintings by Raphael through to Artemisia Gentileschi to more modern great masters such as Lucian Freud, Pablo Picasso, Damien Hirst, Banksy, Paula Rego and many more. You may recognise Simon from the well-loved BBC4 television programme 'Britain's Lost Masterpieces' where he and art historian Bendor Grosvenor uncover some of the nation's overlooked gems. The pair have made it possible to reattribute artworks to Botticelli, Rubens, van Dyck, Bruegel and Titian.

Simon worked with David Bowerman from his very early days of collecting and is delighted to be able to talk about the bringing back to life of this magnificent new acquisition.



**The Founders: David and
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