

Dear Members,

Meeting on Tuesday 21 June 2022– 10.30 hrs. Doors open at 09.45 hrs

Woodlands Centre

We will be serving coffees and teas. A reminder: a drink and a biscuit will be £1.

Guests are welcome. We charge a fee of £7.

We have had some problems with the sound and our IT volunteer experts have played around with different settings on the microphone. We hope to do more tests next Tuesday before the lecture starts and will ask for feedback from those members already seated in the auditorium.

Raffle £1. The book is: *The Lady in Gold* by Anne-Marie O'Connor. The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer*. The author writes of the painting, inspired by the Byzantine mosaics Klimt had studied in Italy, with their exotic symbols and swirls, the subject an idol in a golden shrine. We see how, sixty years after it was stolen by the Nazis, the *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer* became the subject of a decade-long litigation between the Austrian government and the Bloch-Bauer heirs.

June's Lecture: *Art of the Steal: Nazi Looting during WW2*

Shauna is a freelance art historian who has lectured throughout Europe, the United States and Australia. She is passionate about art and how its history is a reflection of society. She loves to share her knowledge via lectures and publications.



The Nazi's looted over 20% of Western art during WW2, confiscating art from Jewish families and emptying museums throughout Europe. Shauna discusses Hitler's obsession with art and how the 'Monuments Men' recovered art after the war.

Events to come

Wednesday 22 June 2022: A visit to *Philip Jackson's Studio*

This is a self-drive visit. (Sculpture Studio, Mill Lane, Cocking, Midhurst - 10.45 am start)

FULLY BOOKED

The following tickets will be on sale on 21 June 22 at Woodlands

Guided Walk in Midhurst by Frances Farrer-Brown – self-drive: £6

Those of you who joined Frances last year in Lewes, will know what a mine of information Frances is. Did you know that the name Midhurst was first recorded in **1186** as *Middeherst*, meaning "Middle wooded hill", or "(place) among the wooded hills". The place has quite a history as the remains of the castle and Tudor buildings show. Tickets can be bought on the day of the lecture, and a booking form is on the website. There is likely to be an afternoon tour at 2 pm, if we get more interest.

Goodwood House tour and Afternoon Tea (scones – and more!) – 17 October 2022
2.30 pm Cost £30.

Another self-drive visit. Goodwood requires final numbers by the end of August.



Goodwood House is the perfect place to visit, combining the glamour of a great English country house with the warmth of a family home and an outstanding collection of art on display. Be guided by one of our knowledgeable tour guides around each of the State Apartments and gain an insight into the fascinating history and heritage of Goodwood.

After the guided tour, visitors will enjoy a splendid Afternoon Tea in the Ballroom, made using estate-reared, organic produce from

Goodwood Home Farm. A booking form will be on the website after the meeting.

Visit suggestions: I will once again prepare a form for you to list places you would like to visit. Some may not be feasible in a day such as Chatsworth House, but anything reasonable will be considered.

Cancellation

It is with regret that I announce the resignation for health reasons by Mary Davies. Mary has only been with us for a brief time, but she arranged the Goodwood tour, now taken over by Pat King. We thank Mary for her contributions.

As we find ourselves once again short of a full committee it has been decided that we cannot give sufficient time and attention to finalising the proposed visit to **The National Gallery tour – 21 November 2022** and this tour has now been cancelled. We are working on a visits programme for next year, based mainly around self-drive visits but hope to introduce coach trips when we feel the time is right.

HELP NEEDED

Following on from the above:

Is there any member out there who is interested in taking over from Mary and assist Pat and myself with arranging visits? If you are interested in mixing with people and visiting places you are more than half-way there. Do come forward and join us.

Day of Special Interest (DSI): I am so pleased that we had two members prepared to assist with the DSI. We picked the first name on the list and Willa Hislop with Carolyne's input is working on our next DSI. This will be held on Wednesday 10 May 2023 at Woodlands. The format will be as before: two lectures in the morning and one after our Ploughman's lunch.

The Seine – River of Light - Home to Impressionism Speaker: Carole Petipher

You may recall Carole's lecture in February on the collections at the Chateau de Malmaison. Many of us were ready after that talk to set off there and then to visit the castle. Further information such as cost will follow in due course.

AGM – 18 October 2022

An early reminder that the AGM will take place in October. If you have any items for the agenda, we need those by the end of August after which we start putting the papers together, so we are ready in September to pass these on for your information. You will receive another reminder nearer the time.

I hope to see you next week.

Miek Bell - Chair