



CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

I'm writing this on a very hot day at the end of July- having 'googled' portable air con systems and then, having seen the price, rummaged in the back of a cupboard to retrieve a fan. I hope when you read this, all of us will have had a very good summer break.

Since our last newsletter, we've had a most enjoyable away trip to The Netherlands and have visited four beautiful and interesting gardens of differing design – with scrumptious cakes available with tea! For the October 2019-2020 season, we have a good selection of lectures. However, one lecturer has let us down. In May, 'Artists and the Sea' will be replaced by 'Women in Art: Gentileschi to Emin' with Lynne Gibson.

Some of the events we have to look forward to:

Our Special Interest Day on 'Fire and Form: 7000 years of Ceramic Art' - 25th February.

A visit to Windsor Castle on 30th October.

An away trip, visiting the art and palaces of Bologna, Ravenna, Mantua and Padua, in early October 2020.

And, of course, visits to some beautiful gardens in the summer months.

Details of these and more are in this newsletter and on our Website: taskl.org.uk.

Jackie Jones

YOUNG ARTS

Hardenhuish School's Art Week 2019



Drawing to Learn NOT Learning to Draw



Lacock School going to "Primary Live"



Details of the above events can be found on our website

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VISITS

DUTCH TRIP APRIL 2019

In April a group of us travelled to the Hague where we visited firstly the Panorama Mesdag, an extraordinary cylindrical painting over 14 metres high and 120 metres in circumference and secondly, the Mauritshuis where among other glorious paintings we saw Vermeer's Girl with the Pearl Earring. We also went to the tulips at Keukenhof along with several thousand others, the Delft porcelain factory and in Amsterdam, the Rijksmuseum with Rembrandt's The Night Watch and went on a cruise to see some of the city's architecture from the canals. On the way home, we had a brief visit into Bruges.



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GARDEN VISITS JUNE 2019

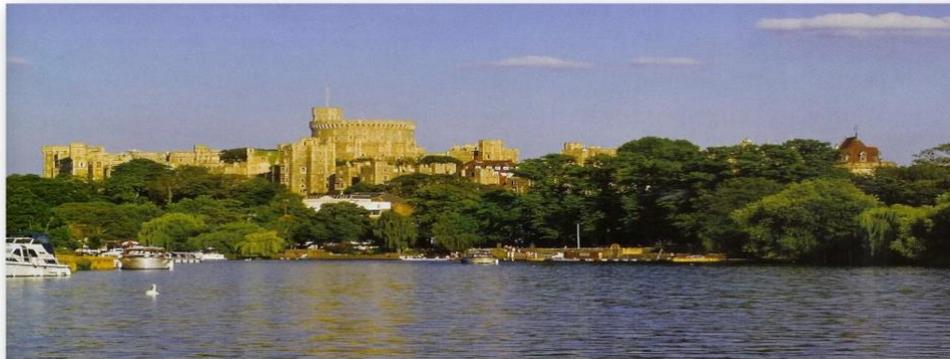
Our 2019 Garden Visits – Barrington Court & Bradon Farm in Somerset, The Old Rectory and Doynton House near Bristol. On Tuesday 16th June 2020, we are having a morning visit to Badminton House & Gardens & the Dowager Duchess of Beaufort's private garden in Little Badminton.



Carolyn Adams with thanks to Nick Burrige and Lindi Reynolds for photos.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

WINDSOR, A CASTLE RESTORED, WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER, 2019



Windsor Castle is the largest and oldest inhabited castle in the world. In the morning, we will have a lecture tracing the development of the Castle from a medieval fortress to the palace that it is today. We will then have time for lunch in Windsor and spend the afternoon in the Castle itself. The tour includes St George's Chapel, the State and Semi-State Apartments.

Leave Morrisons in Chippenham at 9am. Return Approx 6 – 6.30pm

Cost including entry into the Castle £48

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SPECIAL INTEREST DAY TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2020

FIRE AND FORM: 7000 YEARS OF CERAMIC ART

MARTIN ELLIS



Martin Ellis is an experienced curator, lecturer and broadcaster, being a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's Making History. His Special Interest Day is based on an exhibition which he produced for the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, in which he explores ceramic art as an almost universal form of human creativity throughout different periods, cultures and societies.

The first lecture will look at handmade ceramics, and the development of wheel-thrown and kiln-fired pottery.

The second talk explores high-fired traditions and the growth of ceramic industry.

After lunch, part three will be a short review of art-pottery, and this is also your opportunity to bring in any items you might like Martin to discuss.

The day begins with coffee at 10.00am, and will end at about 3.15pm.

Cost for the day, including a light lunch, is £30.



NOTES ON LECTURES FROM OCTOBER 2019 TO MARCH 2020

Tuesday 1ST October 2019

TEMPLES, TOMBS AND TREASURE: IN SEARCH OF THE QUEEN OF SHEBA - LOUISE SCHOFIELD

Louise is an archaeologist who, for many years, was a curator at the British Museum. She has been involved on many prestigious projects and is currently working in Ethiopia. She last visited us in 2012.

(This lecture will be followed by the Newcomers' Lunch)

Tuesday 5th November 2019

THE DAY PARLIAMENT BURNED DOWN- CAROLINE SHENTON

Caroline is an archivist and historian and was formerly the Director of parliamentary archives. Her book of the lecture title was Political Book of the Year in 2013.

Tuesday 3rd December 2019

CONTEMPORARY BRITISH THEATRE: A SECOND GOLDEN AGE – GILES RAMSAY

Giles Ramsay is an independent theatre director and producer who specialises in creating new work with artist in developing countries. He regularly lectures on the history and practice of theatre on the Queen Mary II as it sails from New York to the UK. Giles combines academic analysis with hands on experience to bring a unique insight to the world of the theatre.

Tuesday 7th January 2020

PAINTING WINTER: SNOW SCENES IN ART – STELLA GRACE LYONS

Stella is a relatively recent addition to the Arts Society after art studies at Bristol, Warwick, Florence & Venice.

Tuesday 4th February 2020

THE ART OF THE RIVER – ALEXANDRA EPPS

Alexandra is an official guide and lecturer at the Tate galleries and The Guildhall. Her background is in graphic design and she has her own consultancy.

Tuesday 3rd March 2020

DOMES AND MINARETS: MOSQUES OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD – JAMES ALLAN

James was formerly a curator of the Islamic Collection at the Ashmolean Oxford and taught Islamic art and architecture at the university.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH IS HELD AFTER THE DECEMBER MEETING

Tickets on sale at the October & November meetings.

The lunch is for members only and seats are limited.



For details of past and future visits, photos, contact details of the committee and for an invaluable source of information of all our activities, don't forget to visit our website
www.taskl.org.uk