

What's on at the Lit&Sci in November?



NEWS

'I have enjoyed the HLSI talks and classes so much. It has been water in the desert in these taxing times. Thank you.' I trust that the member who sent us that comment continues to enjoy HLSI activities during this new period of lockdown. Zoom has allowed many of us to stay alert, engaged and in touch with each other, and happily HLSI now offers a great deal remotely. So, HLSI remains open in spirit and very active. Do join in! We look forward to your presence online. Wishing you all the very best once more, Kathy Dallas, HLSI President

Victoria Hall and Library For a month from Thursday 5 November, all activities that would have taken place in the building will now be deferred. Our plans for a gallery exhibition, a film, a fair and an extension of the library opening hours in November must now be paused, as will the few classes being held in the Victoria Hall. Those concerned will be contacted. (See below for more about the classes...)



Quiz - Tuesday 1 December Our quiz hosts are already getting their minds round devising a devilishly tricky set of questions and pictures to test your little grey cells. Join us on 1 December at 6.00pm for Fiendish Fun and Frenetic Facts over Zoom! You can read about quiz host Julia's life in quizzing in the latest newsletter. Please email to reserve your place, whether as an individual or a pre-arranged team of 5, by emailing: president@hlsi.net

Education - Feedback on classes Many thanks to those current students who have completed a feedback form. If you have not yet done so, there is still time. If you've lost the link, please contact Ashley: ashleyyoung@hlsi.net

Contacting the office During November, please continue to use email to contact the office: admin@hlsi.net. If you need to speak to a member of staff, you may use the temporary telephone number: 07724 569208

Booking events online Please note that we now ask that bookings are made by **1.00pm** on the day of the event so as to allow time for the staff to issue the Zoom invitations. For weekend events, cut off will be at 1.00pm the previous Friday.

AGM Due to changes in legislation we were able to hold the AGM on Zoom without the need for a quorum in person. Officers gathered in the Members Room and broadcast the meeting to a remote group of around 40 members. Bill English was confirmed as Treasurer and Simon Edwards was voted in as Honorary Secretary.

Instagram Some of you may have taken part in our Instagram photographic #HLSIAutumnLeavesChallenge which gave us a riot of beautiful autumn colours during the last week of October - have a look on the HLSI website for a selection.

Social Media Intern Our intern Victor Philpott has now come to the end of his time with HLSI, advising us on our use of social media. His advice will guide our communications to spread the word about our activities. Happily, he has also found it a useful experience which will contribute constructively to his CV.

IT Skills and Experience Needed Do you have skills and experience in IT and systems management? We would love to hear from you if you are willing to put these at the service of HLSI. Please contact: admin@hlsi.net

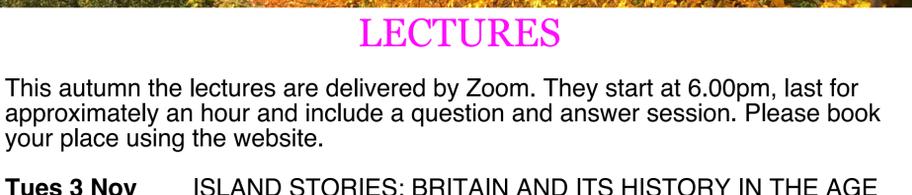


NOVEMBER DIARY

KEY:	VH Victoria Hall	Z Zoom
Z	Mon 2 4.00pm	VIRTUAL SOCIAL informal online chat
Z	Tues 3 6.00pm	LECTURE Britain's History in the age of Brexit
Z	Tues 10 8.00pm	LECTURE Artemisia Gentileschi
Z	Thurs 12 6.00pm	SCIENCE GROUP Pulmonary Diseases
Z	Mon 16 4.00pm	VIRTUAL SOCIAL informal online chat
Z	Tues 17 6.00pm	LECTURE Laura Cumming: On Chapel Sands
Z	Tues 24 6.00pm	LECTURE Society, Policy and the Internet
VH	Fri 27 to 10 Dec	EXHIBITION Philip Sanderson - to be confirmed
Z	Sun 29 4.00pm	ONE-TO-ONE INTERVIEW
Z	Mon 30 4.00pm	VIRTUAL SOCIAL informal online chat

AND A HEADS UP FOR DECEMBER...

Z	Tues 1 6.00pm	HLSI CHRISTMAS QUIZ
Z	Sun 6 4.00pm	PIANO RECITAL Tessa Uys & Ben Schoeman
Z	Tues 8 6.00pm	LECTURE King of the World: Louis XIV
Z	Thurs 10 8.00pm	SCIENCE GROUP The Entangled History of G&T



LECTURES

This autumn the lectures are delivered by Zoom. They start at 6.00pm, last for approximately an hour and include a question and answer session. Please book your place using the website.

Tues 3 Nov ISLAND STORIES: BRITAIN AND ITS HISTORY IN THE AGE OF BREXIT - David Reynolds, Professor Emeritus of International History, Christ's College, University of Cambridge

Tues 10 Nov ARTEMISIA GENTILESCHI - Lucy Chiswell, The Dorset Curatorial Fellow 1600-1800 at the National Gallery

Tues 17 Nov ON CHAPEL SANDS: MY MOTHER AND OTHER MISSING PERSONS, A BOOK OF MYSTERY AND MEMOIR - Laura Cumming, author and art critic of the Observer

Tues 24 Nov SOCIETY, POLICY AND THE INTERNET - Helen Margetts, political scientist, Professor of Society and Internet, the Oxford Internet Institute *The John Hines Memorial Lecture*

It is possible to sign up for the entire series of Autumn Lectures as well as for individual lectures. For individual lectures please sign up by 1.00pm on the day of the lecture: www.hlsi.net/lectures. Members: free; Non-members: £5 per lecture



EXHIBITIONS

Highgate Gallery

The exhibition of **Rachael Weitzman's** paintings of trees - 'including portraits' of recognisable trees from Hampstead Heath and Highgate Woods - has been withdrawn because of the lockdown. We hope that this exhibition will be re-scheduled for Highgate Gallery next year.

Looking ahead, **Philip Sanderson's** exhibition, People, Places and Light, was due to open on 27 November. This now falls within the lockdown period. We intend to alter the dates in order to keep this attractive exhibition open in December. Please see the website for the latest information.

Dates to be confirmed **PHILIP SANDERSON** People, Places and Light Philip captures townscapes and other scenes from a wide variety of sources, particularly London and Highgate, with a lightness of touch that is at once engaging and appealing.

Gallery open: Tuesday-Friday 1-5pm, Saturday 11am-4pm, Sunday 11am-5pm. No need to book, but visitor numbers are limited. All must wear face masks. Please book all related events online. Friends of Highgate Gallery receive exhibition information by post: sign up by emailing gallery@hlsi.net



SCIENCE GROUP

Thurs 12 Nov PULMONARY DISEASES - *Smoking in 21st century Britain: why should we care about it and what can we learn from it?*

8.00pm by Zoom Our speaker: John Britton, emeritus professor of epidemiology at the University of Nottingham, and formerly a consultant in respiratory medicine at Nottingham City Hospital.

Sign up by 1pm on the day for Zoom invitation. Members: £5 Non-members: £7



HLSI ONE-TO-ONE INTERVIEWS

Join us for the next in our series of interviews with local people of interest.

Sun 29 Nov MARTYN BOND interviews JEAN COUSSINS

4.00pm on Zoom Baroness Coussins of Whitehall Park is a cross-bencher in the House of Lords, an adviser on corporate responsibility, and a member of both the Advertising Standards Authority and the Better Regulation Group.

Please register online by 1.00pm, Friday 27 November: www.hlsi.net. After that time you may email: president@hlsi.net



EDUCATION UPDATE

Anne Jamieson, Chair of the Education committee writes:

It is with much sadness that we have to suspend the **classes in the hall**, Music, Painting and Art History. They have been a great success, and people reported feeling entirely safe and enjoying seeing each other and tutor 'for real'. We will be back in the hall as soon as government guidelines allow it. Thankfully, most of our classes continue to be on **Zoom**, which has become ever better as a class tool, as both tutors and students have got used to it and discovered its potentials, such as sharing material and doing group work.

The Wednesday **Art History** class will switch to Zoom from 11 November (in addition to the Thursday classes). **London Walks** continues on Zoom, giving us magnificent virtual experiences and providing maps and notes for us to do the walks on our own. There are still places on these courses, and you can join for the remainder of this term. Just contact the office.

We are planning the **Spring term** programme and can say that it will have an exciting new course 'Russian language and culture'. There will be a free taster session in December. You will receive further information about this and about enrolment dates shortly.

Course Feedback: We are grateful to those students who have provided us with course feedback. If you have not done so already, there's still time. Just click on the link in the email accompanying this message. It may also be found on the website.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Once again, HLSI is happy to support the annual Christmas Lights in Highgate Village. At the time of writing, organisers are hoping to raise sufficient funds to bring this uplifting display to the village, to raise morale and bring the festive spirit to the community. If you would like to contribute, please use this link to the JustGiving page to make a donation: <https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/n62020>.

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