

What's on in April 2021 at HLSI?



NEWS

Sign up now for the **Summer term's Courses** which begin soon. Most classes are on Zoom but some will be offered in the hall with all appropriate measures in place. Exhibitions at **Highgate Gallery** kick off in April with a stunning show from Philip Diggle and the **Library** will be partially open too. A further programme of entertaining and stimulating **lectures and talks** is being developed to take us into May and June. We wish you health and all the joys of Spring as we continue to make connections with each other and enjoy HLSI. With best wishes, Kathy Dallas, HLSI President

HLSI Librarian Margaret Mackay, who has been the librarian at HLSI for 17 years, will be retiring at the end of June this year. Margaret's deep knowledge of our collections, her quiet authority and willingness to advise and assist members have been hallmarks of her time at HLSI. She will be missed. See below for news on how we hope the library can re-open shortly.

What are your experiences of online communication during the pandemic? A member's daughter is conducting research as part of an MSc Dissertation about how the over-60s have chosen to stay in touch online this past year. She is hoping to interview HLSI members, in complete confidence, using Zoom. If you would like to take part, please email a.h-cameron@lse.ac.uk.

An invitation from the HLSI Archives committee Please see below for details....

Virtual Socials Online Socials take place on Mondays on Zoom and last about an hour. Simply email to join the list of those receiving weekly links to these friendly informal sessions: president@hlsi.net

Zoom invitations These sometimes land up in your Spam or Junk box so please check there first if you find you have not received one you are expecting.

AGM Please note the date of the AGM - 25 May at 6.00pm. This will be held on Zoom once more. The agenda will be within the May newsletter which you will receive shortly.

APRIL 2021 DIARY

KEY:	Z Zoom	VH Victoria Hall	
Z	Mon 12	4.00pm	VIRTUAL SOCIAL informal online chat
Z	Tues 13	10.00am	HLSI OFFICE OPENS
Z	Tues 13	6.00pm	LECTURE Britain's Secret Archives
VH	Fri 16	1.00pm	HIGHGATE GALLERY Philip Diggle show opens
Z	Mon 19	4.00pm	VIRTUAL SOCIAL informal online chat
Z	Tues 20	6.00pm	LECTURE Animal Navigation
VH/Z	Thurs 22	8.00pm	SCIENCE TALK Covid Statistics Part 2
Z	Fri 23	6.00pm	FILM TALK BLACKKLANSMAN
Z	Sun 25	5.00pm	ONE-TO-ONE HLSI members' interview
Z	Mon 26	11.30am	VIRTUAL SOCIAL informal online chat
Z	Tues 27	6.00pm	LECTURE Sir Thomas Gresham
Z	Thurs 29	6.00pm	DEBATE A Federal United Kingdom?

AND A HEADS UP FOR MAY...

Z	Mon 3	4.00pm	VIRTUAL SOCIAL informal online chat
Z	Weds 5	7.30pm	OPERA CIRCLE Elektra
VH	Fri 7	1.00pm	HIGHGATE GALLERY Tom Scase show opens
Z	Tues 25	6.00pm	HLSI AGM

EDUCATION

SUMMER TERM CLASSES ARE STARTING ON 19 APRIL

Enrolments are now open for the 5-week Summer term. Most classes are on Zoom. We hope to be in the hall for a few classes. For the full programme please see the website: www.hlsi.net or click on the link in the email accompanying this update.



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LECTURES

A further season of Zoom lectures will start on Tuesday 4 May. Full details will be in the May Update and on our website, where you can sign up to attend.

Tues 13 April 6.00pm **UNCOVERING BRITAIN'S SECRET ARCHIVES: MARGARET THATCHER AND THE DICTATORSHIPS OF ARGENTINA AND CHILE BEFORE THE FALKLANDS WAR** - Grace Livingstone, academic and journalist

Tues 20 April 6.00pm **ANIMAL NAVIGATION** - David Barrie, author and navigator

Tues 27 April 6.00pm **'LOVE, SERVE AND OBEY': SIR THOMAS GRESHAM, ELIZABETH I'S BANKER** - John Guy, historian and Fellow of Clare College, University of Cambridge

Lectures are free to HLSI members; £5 for non-members. Sign up by 1.00pm.



Philip Diggle

HIGHGATE GALLERY

Fri 16 April - Thurs 29 April **PHILIP DIGGLE** Here and Now: Tathandlung This is Philip's seventh exhibition at Highgate Gallery and explores his continued fascination with the physicality of oil paint and the 'intense physical process' of painting.

Gallery open: Tues-Fri 1-5pm, Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 11am- 5pm. Visitor numbers are limited and all are required to wear face coverings. Sign up as a Friend of Highgate Gallery to receive exhibition information by post: gallery@hlsi.net



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SCIENCE TALKS

Thurs 22 April 8.00pm **COVID STATISTICS PART 2** - John Ryan John Ryan will provide us with a second look at the statistics of the pandemic in the light of the changes that have occurred over the past nine months.

We hope to hold the talk in the hall as well as on Zoom. Please check the website.



HIGHGATE FILM SOCIETY

Fri 23 April 5.00pm **FILM TALK** - an online discussion about **BLACKKLANSMAN**

USA 2018, 135 mins. Directed by Spike Lee, starring John David Washington and Adam Driver

The incredible, but true, story of the first African-American undercover detective in the Colorado Springs Police Department who infiltrates the Ku Klux Klan. Set during the time of the civil rights movement, the film unflinchingly examines 1970s race relations in America, and is as relevant in today's world.

Film Talk is the online film discussion group hosted by the Highgate Film Society. We invite you to see the films independently on DVD or Amazon. Please note that the library page is being shown on Channel 4 on Saturday 4 April.

Join the Film Talk list online to receive Zoom invitations: www.hlsi.net or email: president@hlsi.net.



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ONE TO ONE INTERVIEW

Sun 25 April 5.00pm **BILL ENGLISH** interviews **ISABEL RAPHAEL**, former Headmistress of Channing School and past President of HLSI

In these Sunday tea-time slots one HLSI member interviews another. Register for a Zoom invitation by 1.00pm on Friday 26 March: www.hlsi.net. For bookings after that time, please email: president@hlsi.net.



HIGHGATE DEBATES

Thurs 29 April 6.00pm **THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT... ONLY FEDERATION CAN SAVE THE UNITED KINGDOM**

Highgate Debates currently take place on Zoom and feature expert main speakers supported by seconders from local sixth forms.

Proposing and Opposing speakers for this debate will be announced shortly. Please see the website for further details and to book. A Zoom link will be sent on the afternoon of the debate.

HLSI ARCHIVES

REFLECTIONS IN LOCKDOWN: A New Archives Project

What is your experience of life under Covid, of life in lockdown? We would like to know. We want to collect the reflections of everyone living in Highgate and thereabouts which we will add to the HLSI archives, creating a record of what we feel and are experiencing at this unprecedented time. You may choose to write about one aspect of your life, about a particular incident, or you may wish to comment more generally. Whatever you decide, we ask you to limit yourself to 200 words. Should you wish, you can submit your text anonymously. Please send it to archives@hlsi.net, or by post to the Archives, 11 South Grove, N6 6BS, before 21 June 2021.



LIBRARY

We very much hope that national guidelines will allow us partial re-opening from Tuesday 13 April, when we will offer pre-booked visits to the library between 11.00am and 4.00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays, and between 11.00am and 3.00pm on alternate Saturdays, starting with Saturday 17 April. Please check the library page of the website for the latest news and contact the librarian to arrange a time. Ring 020 8340 3343 on Tuesdays or Fridays or email librarian@hlsi.net. Emails can be answered only on those days.

Recently added to the library, novels by three of our most popular and most frequently requested authors:

Anne Tyler Redhead by the side of the road Another deceptively simple narrative set in Baltimore from the ever reliable Anne Tyler. An imperfect protagonist is gradually revealed to himself and to the reader, as always with clear-eyed compassion.

Donna Leon Transient desires A detective novel, but for Leon's fans an enjoyable immersion in Venetian food and family (possibly a somewhat atypical family) alongside topical challenges to policing.

Elly Griffiths The Night Hawks Ruth Galloway, forensic archaeologist, is a more recent addition to the favourite characters of the crime and detective genre. The activities of a group of metal detectorists draws her into a murderous mystery and inevitable danger.

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