

# What's on in June 2021 at HLSI?



## NEWS

Have you signed up for a **short course** in June and July? There are still a few places, so hurry! We have three enticing **exhibitions** this month, four more **lectures**, an evening celebrating the sparkling music of **Vivaldi** and another of the popular **interview** series. Please refer to the website for **library** opening hours and arrangements. Several HLSI events take place during the Highgate Festival (19-27 June), joining a host of other local events (see the festival website: [www.highgatefestival.org](http://www.highgatefestival.org)). In particular, we present a Zoom **theatre** show which explores the 'lockdown' experience of a medieval anchoress. **Film** goers will be delighted to be able to see *Capernaum* in the Victoria Hall, and to discuss it online the next day. If a friendly chat fits the bill for you, email to receive an invitation to our online **socials**: [president@hlsi.net](mailto:president@hlsi.net). Please continue your support for HLSI and sign up for events online. With best wishes, Kathy Dallas, HLSI President

**Margaret Mackay - a message from Megan Pilgrim, Chair of the Library Committee** As most members will know, Margaret Mackay, our librarian, will be leaving HLSI at the end of the month. We wish her all the very best for the future but I know I speak on behalf of all library volunteers when I say how much we will miss her. During the past 17 years Margaret has approached her role with professionalism, energy and enthusiasm, while displaying an impressive depth of knowledge across the whole collection. She oversaw the introduction of a computerised catalogue and loans system, a huge project which has transformed the library and what it can offer. This is just one example of her invaluable contribution. Margaret's friendly and helpful manner has made the library a welcoming space for members and visitors. The volunteers will make every effort to carry on her good work by supporting her successor. It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of her team.

**Reflections in Lockdown: a new archives project** HLSI Archives want to collect the reflections of everyone living in Highgate and thereabouts, creating a record of what we feel and are experiencing at this unprecedented time. Please send us up to 200 words on one aspect of your life, a particular incident, or your more general commentary, anonymously if you wish. Email [archives@hlsi.net](mailto:archives@hlsi.net), or by post to the Archives, 11 South Grove, N6 6BS, before 21 June 2021.

**South Grove** We have a beautiful building. Do you have the time, interest and experience to join the small team that oversees its condition? We are looking for new people on the House & Buildings committee. Please contact the office for more information: [admin@hlsi.net](mailto:admin@hlsi.net).



## JUNE 2021 DIARY

<b>KEY:</b>	Z	Zoom	VH	Victoria Hall	
Z	Tues 1	6.00pm			<b>LECTURE</b> Betjeman's Metropolitan Line
	Mon 7				<b>SUMMER SHORT COURSES START</b>
Z	Tues 8	6.00pm			<b>LECTURE</b> London Underground Design
Z	Weds 9	7.30pm			<b>OPERA CIRCLE</b> Vivaldi
VH	Sat 12	11.00am			<b>HIGHGATE GALLERY</b> Linda Landers show opens
Z	Mon 14	4.00pm			<b>VIRTUAL SOCIAL</b> informal online chance to chat
Z	Tues 15	6.00pm			<b>LECTURE</b> The Prefabricated Home
VH	Thurs 17	8.00pm			<b>FILM</b> Capernaum
Z	Fri 18	5.00pm			<b>FILM TALK</b> online discussion of Capernaum
Z	Tues 22	6.00pm			<b>LECTURE</b> The Venice Campanile
Z	Weds 23	6.00pm			<b>THEATRE</b> Walled Up Woman
VH	Fri 25	1.00pm			<b>HIGHGATE GALLERY</b> Helen de Sybel show opens
Z	Sun 27	5.00pm			<b>ONE-TO-ONE INTERVIEW</b> Jane de Swiet

The Russians: Identity and culture **Virgil's Aeneid in translation** **Tree Identification** **Artists of Great Bardfield** **Medicinal Plants** **Architecture for wellbeing** **London Walks: Regent's Canal** **Inside Opera: Rigoletto** **scientific Enlightenment: Newton to Maxwell** **Social Housing in London**

## SHORT COURSES FOR JUNE AND JULY

Expand your horizons: explore opera, science, art history, architecture and more in one of the short courses which start on 7 June. There are still places available on some courses in June and through July. Most classes are on Zoom, some in the Victoria Hall and some in the open air! For the full programme please see the website: [www.hlsi.net](http://www.hlsi.net) or click on the link in the email accompanying this update.



## EXTENDED SPRING LECTURE PROGRAMME

Four lectures remain in this series, two of which relate to the exhibition in the Highgate Gallery, *Bodenpress: the poetics of print* (28 May - 10 June). The lectures will be delivered by Zoom. Lectures start at 6pm, last for approximately an hour and include a question and answer session.

<b>Tues 1 June</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>BETJEMAN, THE METROPOLITAN LINE AND THE ROMANCE OF TRAINS</b> - Andrew Martin, author of railway-themed fiction and non-fiction, including a series of historic crime fiction set on the railways, the most recent being 'Powder Smoke'.
<b>Tues 8 June</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>150 YEARS OF LONDON UNDERGROUND DESIGN</b> - Mark Ovenden, author and lecturer on design, architecture, cartography, signage and typefaces in the world of transport.
<b>Tues 15 June</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>LIVING WITHOUT ARCHITECTURE: THE PREFABRICATED HOME</b> - Colin Davies, architect and author. Colin's most recent book is 'A New History of Modern Architecture'.
<b>Tues 22 June</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>THE FALL AND RISE OF THE VENICE CAMPANILE</b> - Sarah Quill, lecturer and author. Sarah is a Trustee of the Venice in Peril Fund.

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Non-Members: £5 each



## OPERA CIRCLE

**Weds 9 June** 7.30pm on Zoom  
**BEYOND THE FOUR SEASONS: EXPLORING THE OTHER SIDE OF VIVALDI** - Brian Hargreaves  
Explore some of the most exquisitely beautiful and exciting vocal music in Baroque Opera!

HLSI members: free non-members: £5 Please book online by 1.00pm on 9 June.



## HIGHGATE GALLERY

**Fri 28 May - Thurs 10 June** **BODENPRESS The Poetics of Print**  
Fourteen printmakers present work inspired by John Betjeman, particularly the nostalgic poems in 'Metroland'. Two Tuesday lectures will accompany the exhibition in June.

**Sat 12 June - Weds 23 June** **LINDA LANDERS Memories, Dreams, Visions - The Earth and Beyond**  
Paintings, etchings and wood engravings infused with magic realism, mixing past memories and the present, landscape and figures, all with an aura of wonder and mysticism.

**Fri 25 June - Thurs 8 July** **HELEN DE SYBEL Borders**  
Through the medium of oil paint and collage, Helen references the conditions of war and displacement that have driven many refugees from their countries to seek a better life.

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](mailto:gallery@hlsi.net)

**Tues 6 July** 3.30pm **GALLERY EVENT Helen de Sybel**  
Helen will talk about the background to, and evolution of her work, including her techniques. Chris Brice, Chair of the London Churches Refugee Fund, will discuss the work of this important charity, which will receive 30% of all artwork sales from Helen's exhibition. The talk will last approximately one hour.  
Please register to attend: [www.hlsi.net/highgate-gallery](http://www.hlsi.net/highgate-gallery)



## HIGHGATE FILM SOCIETY

**Thurs 17 June** 8.00pm Victoria Hall **CAPERNAUM**  
Lebanon 2018, 126 mins. Directed by Nadine Labaki, starring Zain al-Rafeea, Yordanos Shiferaw, Boluwatife Bankole and Kawthar al-Haddad

**CAPERNAUM** follows the 12 year-old Zain as he flees from his negligent parents to fend for himself on the streets of Beirut. The film won the Jury Prize at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival and features two astonishing child performances.

**Fri 18 June** 5.00pm on Zoom **FILM TALK** - Whether you have seen the film at HLSI or independently on DVD or Amazon, you are welcome to join the online discussion about **CAPERNAUM**.

Film screening in Victoria Hall: £7 per person. Please book by 1.00pm on 17 June. To join the Film Talk list email: [president@hlsi.net](mailto:president@hlsi.net).



## ONLINE THEATRE

**Weds 23 June** 6.00pm **THE WALLED UP WOMAN**  
Solo Performance by Georgina Lock

This 45-minute theatrical solo zooms in on the joys and conflicts of an anchoress, one of many lay-women who, throughout the Middle Ages, chose prayer, fasting and lone lockdown in a church lean-to for life.

Dr Georgina Lock is a writer, actress and film-maker based in Suffolk. She focusses on creative narratives about women marginalised or obscured by history. HLSI zoomed Georgina's solo show about Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, *Lady in a Veil* in March 2021. There will be an opportunity for audience members to ask Georgina questions at the end and the whole event will last around one hour.

HLSI members: £5 Non-members: £8 Please book online before 1pm on the day. Please note: audience numbers are limited and all should wear masks.



## ONE-TO-ONE INTERVIEW

**Sun 27 June** 5.00pm **PAUL KAFNO** interviews **JANE DE SWIET**, Ex-Headteacher of The Henrietta Barnett School and current member of the HLSI Education Committee.

Register for a Zoom invitation by 1.00pm on 25 June: [www.hlsi.net](http://www.hlsi.net). For bookings after that time, email [president@hlsi.net](mailto:president@hlsi.net).

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