

What's on in July 2021 at HLSI?



NEWS

We are still very much operating in a 'hybrid' way. A great range of online **courses**, talks, **lectures** and discussion groups, such as **Film Talk**, has been running on Zoom, whilst the ever-vibrant exhibitions continue in HLSI's **Highgate Gallery**. The **library** is also open for members' use. Please check the website for full details of all activities, or contact the office: 020 8340 3343, admin@hlsi.net. Staff members are busy in the office and some have taken on new tasks. Lisa Bjorkstrand is ready to hear from you if you want to enquire about **hiring space** at HLSI (see below). We look forward to the autumn when we introduce and welcome our **new librarian**. We also hope to open the Members Room once more. In the meantime, I would like to wish you very happy summer break.

Kathy Dallas, HLSI President

Volunteering at HLSI Being involved in running the activities of HLSI can be very enjoyable and rewarding. If you would like to become more involved, please email to discuss your interests and experience, especially if you have expertise in education, finance, law, IT or building management: president@hlsi.net.



JULY 2021 DIARY

KEY: Z Zoom VH Victoria Hall
VH to Fri 8 **GALLERY** Helen de Sybel exhibition continues
VH Weds 6 3.30pm **ARTIST'S TALK** Helen de Sybel
VH Sat 10 11.00am **GALLERY** Cuillin Bantock exhibition opens
VH Sun 11 6.00pm **ARTIST'S TALK** Cuillin Bantock
Z Mon 19 4.00pm **VIRTUAL SOCIAL** informal online chance to chat

A HEADS UP FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER...

AUG Sat 7 4.00pm **OFFICE CLOSURES FOR SUMMER BREAK**
SEP Weds 1 10.00am **OFFICE OPENS FOR AUTUMN TERM**
SEP Mon 13 **EDUCATION COURSES START**



Tree identification
 Golders Hill Park
 June 2021

EDUCATION

Short courses starting in July There are still a few places left on these July short courses: London Walks; Inside Opera: Rigoletto; Scientific Enlightenment: from Newton to Maxwell; and Social Housing in London: Architecture and Evolution.

2021-22 Courses We are just completing the final touches for the HLSI Autumn Programme of courses. As there is still so much uncertainty about the continuing impact of Covid we are taking every precaution to keep our students and tutors safe. To maximise the use of the hall we have built our programme around the availability of both the space and our tutors, as well as the need to accommodate other activities of HLSI. The Education Committee has explored all possibilities before making difficult decisions about scheduling next term's courses. We will, of course, monitor and review the situation during the year. We look forward to welcoming you to classes in the Autumn and hope booking will open later in July.

For full information on all courses, and to book, visit the website: www.hlsi.net



HIGHGATE GALLERY

EXHIBITIONS
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.

Sat 10 July - Fri 23 July **CULLIN BANTOCK Hyraeth**
 The exhibition includes *plein air* landscapes of the dunes of Harlech Morfa in North Wales, non-depictive images also based on maritime Harlech, and drawings and paintings created from memories of the Worcestershire village which was the other base for the Bantock family.

ARTIST TALKS
Tues 6 July 3.30pm **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.

Sun 11 July 6.00pm **Cuillin Bantock** Cuillin will talk about his show and how his own work relates to that of earlier painters.

Exhibitions open Tues-Fri 1-5pm, Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 11am- 5pm. Visitor numbers are limited and all are required to wear face coverings.
Artist's Talks Please book a place online; www.hlsi.net/highgate-gallery
Friends of Highgate Gallery Sign up to become a Friend and receive exhibition information by post: gALLERY@hlsi.net



LIBRARY

Above are some of the many new books that you can borrow from the library. In July our library volunteers will be able to issue books between 10.30am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 4.30pm, Tuesdays to Fridays, and 1.00pm - 3.30pm every Saturday. Numbers in the library are limited to two at any time, but there is no need to book a slot in advance. You may be asked to wait in the Members Room if too many people come at once. Do come and take out some of these lovely books!



MARGARET MACKAY

Thank you, Margaret, for your seventeen years of dedication, expertise and professionalism as our librarian. You have contributed so much to HLSI. We wish you a very happy retirement, but hope to see you back at HLSI from time to time as you enjoy your lifetime membership, part of the parting gift from us all.



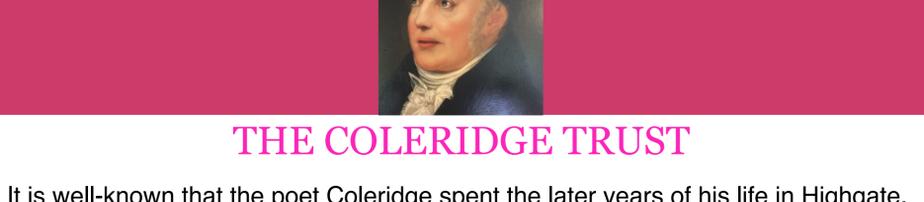
HIGHGATE FILM SOCIETY

Showing films in the Victoria Hall has become an integral part of HLSI and Highgate life. We also have a lively online discussion group called Film Talk which meets on Zoom to share views of the films we show. As a reminder of the exciting programming of recent years, do visit the HFS page on the website where we now have an array of the relevant film posters (a segment is shown above). One Film Talk participant says: 'I have really appreciated the Film Club and the choice of movies has been excellent'. For the next season's films please see the website. If you would like to be sent invitations to the Film Talk discussions, email president@hlsi.net.



ROOM HIRE AT HLSI

At HLSI we host book launches, weddings, birthday parties, bar mitzvah celebrations - every sort of social event. If you would like to book one of our lovely spaces - the Members Room, Victoria Hall or Coleridge Room - please contact Lisa Bjorkstrand. Lisa is well known as the force behind Handmade in Highgate and as a caretaker for many events at HLSI. She has now stepped in to deal with all room hires. She looks forward to hearing from you. Lisa's email address is bookings@hlsi.net.



THE COLERIDGE TRUST

It is well-known that the poet Coleridge spent the later years of his life in Highgate. The Coleridge Trust has created a film called **Live from the Crypt** telling touching and revealing stories about Samuel Taylor Coleridge's connections to many Highgate sites, with contributions from academics, actors, the Trust's president, Sir Paul Coleridge, and STC's direct descendant, Richard Coleridge. For more details, visit the [Trust's website](http://www.thecoleridgetrust.com): www.thecoleridgetrust.com. The full film is released online at **3.30pm on 25 July** and will be followed by a live discussion with the participants. The link for that is <https://bit.ly/3qvpifm>.



HGO

HGO (formerly Hampstead Garden Opera) is a partner organisation of HLSI's Opera Circle. The artistic team and singers for each production regularly make presentations as part of the OC programme. Many of you may have enjoyed their recent performances of Cavalli's L'egisto at the Cockpit Theatre which were very well reviewed by the critics. The excellent HGO singers are giving two concerts in July to which all are invited. For full details and to book, visit www.hgo.org.uk.

3 July 5.30pm - 8.00pm **Shakespeare at the Opera** at St Jude's Church, Hampstead Garden Suburb, part of the Proms at St Jude's
 Two one-hour concerts

24 July 6.00pm **HGO Summer Concert** at St Michael's Church, Highgate
 'A Wonderful Dream'

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