

What's on at the Lit & Sci this month?



NEWS

Days are longer and brighter, but we still hope to attract you to HSLI events: Opera, Film Talk and Virtual Social are online; classes are both in, and beyond, the building and on Zoom; and in the Victoria Hall we have an Exhibition, Film Screening as well as a fascinating Special Exhibition, with Talks, on early pioneer of cinema and inventor, Robert Paul, who had studios in Muswell Hill in the early 20th century. We must also celebrate the newsletter, out now. This 60th edition is surely one of the most impressive and enjoyable. Kathy Dallas, HSLI President

EDUCATION at HSLI

Summer Short Courses in June and July The programme is now online and members' enrolment is open. Booking opens to the general public on 4 May. The exciting programme of new courses includes Creative Writing, Philosophy, History of Art, Music and Yoga.

Lectures The 2022-23 lecture programme has come to an end but we look forward to the new programme starting on 20 September when we will be once again in the Victoria Hall. The lecture committee would like to thank our audience for joining us week after week, for listening intently, asking searching questions and making our speakers feel appreciated and welcome.

AGM - Tuesday 24 May at 6.30pm We are delighted to welcome you to the Victoria Hall this month for our AGM. The agenda is enclosed in the newsletter which was distributed recently. If you are unable to attend and would like to put a question, please send that directly to president@hlsi.net. Our AGM business will be preceded by a short presentation from The Coleridge Trust about their work and plans, and followed by the offer of a glass of wine.

HLSI v Highgate Society Quiz - Tuesday 17 May at 8.00pm Join us in the Victoria Hall for the annual quiz when a team from the HSLI will compete against a team from the Highgate Society for the Merry Mug. Come with a friend or on your own - you will join a table of six and work out the answers together. It's always great fun. There's no need to book - just turn up on the night and help us win!

Virtual Socials If you would like to join HSLI members for a relaxed chat on Zoom, please contact the office to get the monthly invitation emailed to you: email admin@hlsi.net or call 8340 3343.

Highgate Debates - Thursday 26 May The next debate will be on the topic of Ukraine and the role of Nato, or the West as a whole. Please check online for full information on the motion, speakers and whether we'll be on Zoom or in the hall.

Highgate School Museum and Archive You are invited to a private tour of the Highgate School Museum, led by the school's archivist. The Museum is housed in the Highgate Tabernacle on Southwood Lane and holds documents, artefacts, photographs and paintings which tell the story of school life through the centuries, the school's relationship with Highgate Village, and how it endured two world wars. The tour is free and takes place on **Tuesday 14 June at 11.00am**. Spaces are limited. Please email the office to reserve your place: admin@hlsi.net.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library skills sessions In recent library skills sessions we covered the basics of searching and navigating the online library catalogue, as well as how members will log-in to the catalogue in the future and how they can then reserve and renew books themselves. Instructions for this are now up on the Library homepage. Members will be notified once this functionality is available.

Visiting the Library The Library is now also open on Mondays, in line with the new opening hours of the building. If you have friends interested in visiting the Library, please note that during the Highgate Festival we are offering two tours, led by Librarian, Tom Pink. Visits can be made at other times by arrangement.



MAY DIARY

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| KEY: | Z Zoom | VH Victoria Hall, HSLI | |
| Z | Weds 4 | 7.30pm | OPERA CIRCLE Samson and Dalila |
| VH | Fri 6 | 6.00pm | PRIVATE VIEW paintings, drawings and prints by Ken Gallagher, John Mortimer, Anthony Taylor |
| VH | Tues 17 | 8.00pm | QUIZ Highgate Society v. HSLI |
| VH | Thurs 19 | 8.00pm | FILM SCREENING Distant Voices, Still Lives |
| Z | Fri 20 | 5.00pm | FILM TALK online discussion about screened film |
| VH | Sat 21 | 3.00pm | PRIVATE VIEW Before Hollywood: Robert Paul exhibition continues to 1 June - open times below |
| VH | Tues 24 | 6.30pm | HLSI AGM in the Victoria Hall |
| VH | Weds 25 | 3.00pm | SCIENCE TALK Robert Paul's innovations |
| | Thurs 26 | | HIGHGATE DEBATE Ukraine and Nato |
| VH | Fri 27 | 3.00pm | TALK Robert Paul and the world from Muswell Hill |
| Z | Mon 30 | 4.00pm | VIRTUAL SOCIAL informal online chat |

AND A HEADS UP FOR JUNE.....

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| Weds 1 | 5.00pm | HLSI CLOSSES for Bank Holiday |
| Mon 6 | 10.00am | HLSI RE-OPENS |
| VH Fri 10 | 6.00pm | PRIVATE VIEW London Dreams: Tina Leslie |



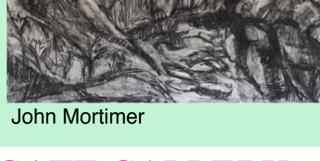
OPERA CIRCLE

Weds 4 June 7.30pm - 9.30pm
[on Zoom](#)
SAMSON AND DALILA
Geoff Hunt presents an evening exploring the glorious music of Saint-Saen's opera, including Jon Vickers in one of his greatest roles.

HLSI members: free Non-members: £5 Book online by 1.00pm on the day



Ken Gallagher



John Mortimer



Anthony Taylor

HIGHGATE GALLERY

Friday 6 May - Thurs 19 May
KEN GALLAGHER, JOHN MORTIMER, ANTHONY TAYLOR - paintings, drawings and prints

Friday 6 May
Private View
6.00-8.30pm

Friends since art college, these three artists share a common interest in figurative and landscape themes. The landscape of Donegal and his family are the subjects of Ken Gallagher's drawings and etchings; in London, he records everyday city life. John Mortimer's work concerns the urban and rural landscape, as well as the more recent interest in self-portraiture; for Anthony Taylor, subjects include the moors of the North West of England, in contrast to the dryer surroundings of Minorca.

Gallery opening hours: Tues-Fri 1-5pm, Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 11am-5pm



HIGHGATE FILM SOCIETY

Thurs 19 May 8.00pm
[Victoria Hall](#)
FILM SCREENING - DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES
UK, 1988, 84 mins. Directed by Terrance Davies. Starring Pete Postlethwaite, Freda Dowie and Angela Walsh.
The film is the backbone of this film set in working class Liverpool of the 1940s and '50s. The cast sing popular songs in the pub, around the piano and in the street. The film was re-released in 2007 and ranked third in a poll to find the 100 best British films of all time.

HLSI members: £7 Non-members: £10

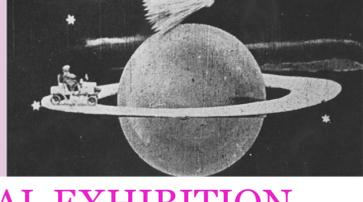
Fri 20 May 5.00pm
[on Zoom](#)
FILM TALK - we discuss **DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES**
A lively online discussion group meets on Zoom to share reactions to the films programmed by Highgate Film Society. You are also welcome to join us if you have watched the film independently.

FREE - register online to receive Zoom invitations

Book online for both events by 1.00pm on the day



Robert Paul



SPECIAL EXHIBITION

Sat 21 May - Weds 1 June
see below for opening hours
[Victoria Hall](#)
[Members Room](#)
BEFORE HOLLYWOOD: ROBERT PAUL'S INVENTION OF CINEMA
Robert Paul became Britain's film pioneer 'by chance' in 1894 and had studios in Muswell Hill. Discover the range of his still under-appreciated achievement in this exhibition, with accompanying video and free copies of the graphic novel, *Time Traveller*.

Donations may be made online: www.hlsi.net under Support Us

Sat 21 May 3.00 - 5.00pm
[Victoria Hall](#)
PRIVATE VIEW An opportunity to meet Ian Christie, the originator of the exhibition.

Weds 25 May 3.00 - 5.00pm
[Victoria Hall](#)
SCIENCE TALK: ROBERT PAUL'S INSTRUMENTS
Ian Christie introduces us to Paul's technical inventions in electrical science with a hands-on talk and demonstration.
Free and open to all. Book online by 1.00pm on the day

Fri 27 May 3.00 - 5.00pm
[Victoria Hall](#)
ILLUSTRATED TALK: ROBERT PAUL AND THE WORLD VIEWED FROM MUSWELL HILL
With less than a tenth of Paul's studio output surviving, it's hard to grasp the huge range of subjects his films covered. Here, with the aid of Paul's illustrated catalogues, Ian Christie will survey some of what's currently lost - including *High Diving at Highgate* from 1903.

Tickets: £5 Book online by 1.00pm on the day



Ian Christie is Professor of Film and Media History at Birkbeck College, University of London, and the author of many books about cinema, including *Robert Paul and the Origins of British Cinema* (Chicago, 2019).

EXHIBITION OPENING HOURS

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| Sat 21 May | 10am - 3pm | Fri 27 May | 1pm - 5pm |
| Tues 24 May | 1pm - 5pm | Sat 28 May | 10am - 5pm |
| Weds 25 May | 1pm - 5pm | Tues 31 May | 10am - 5pm |
| Thurs 26 May | 10am - 5pm | Weds 1 June | 10am - 1pm |



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and in June...HLSI at HIGHGATE FESTIVAL

Sat 11 June **FAIR IN THE SQUARE** Pond Square
11-19 June **HIGHGATE FESTIVAL** Venues in Highgate

HLSI has two stalls at the Fair in the Square on 11 June, one of which is our Library stall, selling good quality books. During the Festival, HSLI is offering tours of the Library, led by the Librarian, Tom Pink, to introduce people to the range and scope of the Library, in particular the special collections - books on London, Coleridge, Betjeman, Mary Kingsley and others. Tours take place on **Monday 13 June, 2.00pm and 3.30pm**. Numbers are limited. Those interested should contact the office to reserve a place: admin@hlsi.net or 020 8340 3343.

For the full programme of Highgate Festival events, visit www.highgatefestival.org

Website for all details: www.hlsi.net.

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