



Traditionally April rounds off the winter lecture season, but if you can't wait until September for more, do re-watch, or catch up on any of the wonderful lectures you missed on the HLSI's YouTube channel. There's still time to enrol on one of the dozen new spring/summer courses which have a strong emphasis on short courses. Please do come along to the annual HLSI vs Highgate Society quiz and why not give the musical theatre choir a go?

Best wishes from Simon Edwards, HLSI Chair

STILL IN MARCH....

KEY: Z Zoom VH Victoria Hall L Library MR Members Room

VH **Thurs 28 8.00pm** **SCIENCE TALK** Artificial Intelligence

APRIL 2024 DIARY

	Tues 2 10.00am	HLSI RE-OPENS after Easter closure
VH/Z	Tues 9 8.00pm	LECTURE Animals and Us
VH	Fri 12 6.00pm	PRIVATE VIEW Wiggins, James, Connolly
VH/Z	Tues 16 8.00pm	LECTURE Beethoven Variations
VH	Thurs 18 7.30pm	FILM The Quiet Girl
VH	Thurs 25 8.00pm	SCIENCE TALK subject to be confirmed
L	Fri 26 2.00pm	LIBRARY TOUR open to all
VH	Tues 30 8.00pm	QUIZ HLSI v. HIGHGATE SOCIETY

AND LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY...

VH **Weds 1 7.30pm** **OPERA CIRCLE** The Barber of Seville

HLSI NEWS

SUPPORTING HLSI We are always delighted to hear about the special place that HLSI has in members' lives. To support our activities, many members are keen to make a donation on top of the regular subscription. It is easy to increase your Direct Debit to include a donation, and HLSI can claim Gift Aid on the donation element. Your contribution really assists HLSI's work providing a cultural hub in Highgate. Thank you! Contact Sarah Lane for more information or assistance: 020 8340 3343, or admin@hlsi.net.

OPERA CIRCLE EVENING In March we were introduced to Purcell's *The Fairy Queen*, and to the production by HGO taking place at Jacksons Lane Theatre this month. It was enhanced by presentations by the directors, three HGO singers, and HGO Co-President and distinguished singer, Dame Emma Kirkby who gave an enlightening mini-master class to the singers.



THE MERRY MUG Join us on Tuesday 30 April for the annual HLSI v Highgate Society Quiz. 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. No need to book - just turn up on the night and help us win - 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start.

NEW ROLES As you see below, in Education News, we will be welcoming a new member of staff soon. **Lotte Rimoncelli** will be introduced more fully once she has taken up her role. We very much look forward to her joining the team.



In addition, we would like to welcome **Robbie Robertson** as the new Chair of the Lecture Committee, taking over from the formidable and hugely admired Hilary Laurie. Robbie is an avid convert to HLSI and has served on the committee for a year or two. This vital aspect of HLSI remains in safe hands. Next year's lectures look set to be another cracking programme.

LIBRARY NEWS

From Lucy Matheson, Librarian:

One of our new additions to stock is ‘**A Bookshop of One’s Own: How a group of women set out to change the world**’ by Jane Cholmeley, one of the co-founders of Silver Moon, the feminist bookshop on Charing Cross Road.

‘The captivating true story of an underdog business – a feminist bookshop founded in Thatcher’s Britain – from a woman at the heart of the women’s liberation movement’



Many of us have vivid memories of Silver Moon (and I even managed to locate my book bag) which became the largest bookshop of its kind in Europe at the time. Opening in the 80s and closing in 2001, it became an emblem of women's rights and even evolved into something of a resource centre. The bookshop promoted and hosted many acclaimed authors, including Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, Margaret Atwood and Jeanette Winterson.

From Stuart Baines, Chair of the Library committee:

The next Library Tour will be held on Friday 26 April from 2-3pm. Members and non members are most welcome. While researching for the new Library Tour another chance discovery was made: a copy of the poem “Enid” by Lord Alfred Tennyson which was beautifully bound and illustrated by Gustave Dore.

I had the opportunity to visit the Wohl Campus for Jewish Education Library after the Librarian had joined a Library Tour at HLSI. The Librarian showed me some of the Library treasures and it was interesting to see how journals and newspapers were organised using moveable stacks.

The Library participated in the Handmade in Highgate Fair by operating a book stall selling fiction, non fiction, art books, children’s books and vintage editions. Thanks to all our members for their donations and also thanks to the volunteers who assisted in making it possible. Happy reading!

EDUCATION NEWS

From Cherry Crowley, Chair of the Education committee:

We are delighted to report the appointment of Lotte Rimoncelli to the post of administrator with responsibility for education and support for all other HLSI committees. Lotte should be free to join us at the end of April and she will be working 5 days a week in the office so a few months hence there will always be someone in the office to answer your queries. Thank you for your patience over the past understaffed months, and thank you to Luca and Sarah who have coped with a huge amount of extra work on behalf of the education committee.

Enrolments for the summer term have been very strong; two courses are already full and others are close. Do sign up for your favourite subjects as soon as possible.

A reminder that we are hosting a free ‘taster’ session for our new Musical Theatre choir on Tuesday, 23rd April. We have created a separate heading for this event listed under courses. Please sign up and lend your voice to a joyful evening.



SCIENCE TALK

Thurs 28 Mar 8.00pm **GAZING AT THE CEILING - The capabilities of AI**

Victoria Hall and online Jerome Wynne

Data scientist Jerome Wynne is a research strategy and delivery lead at the UK Government's Artificial Intelligence Safety Institute, the agency that detects and mitigates the adverse effects of AI risk. He will speak about the current capabilities of AI, and likely developments over the next decade.

Free and open to all. No need to book in order to attend in person. For online link, register online before 1.00pm on the day: www.hlsi.net



LECTURES

Two very different lectures bring our current programme to a close. Join us in the Victoria Hall – no need to book a place – or watch from home. The link will be sent on the afternoon of the lecture. We look forward to seeing you again when the new programme begins on 17 September. Treats in store, we promise!

Tues 9 Apr ANIMALS AND US

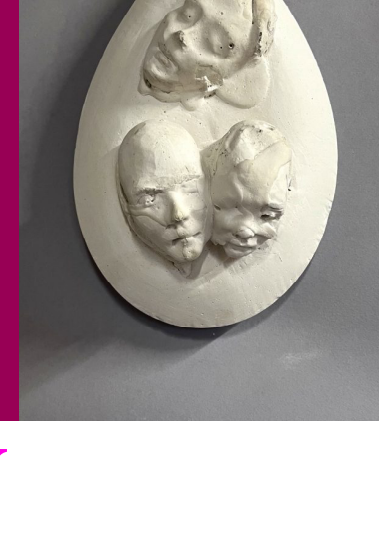
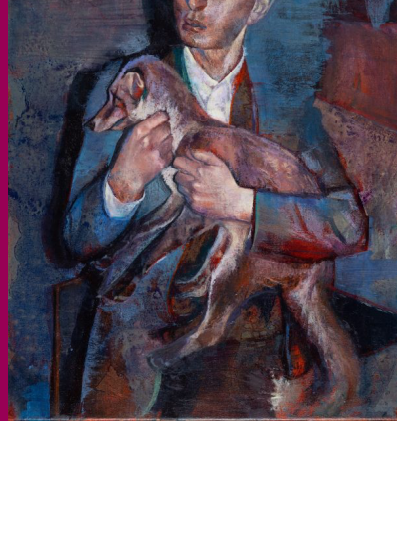
Keggie Carew, prize-winning biographer, misadventurer and nature-lover

Tues 16 Apr BEETHOVEN VARIATIONS

Ruth Padel, poet, novelist, tiger-tracker

Lectures are free to HLSI members; non-members: £10 per lecture

In the Victoria Hall and online: book your online link via the website: www.hlsi.net



HIGHGATE GALLERY

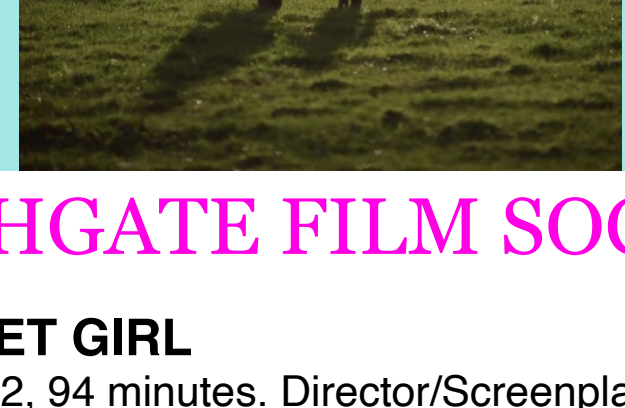
12- 25 Apr TOBY WIGGINS, ANDREW JAMES, ANTHONY CONNOLLY

The Heart has its Reasons: Three painters in conversation

President of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters, Anthony Connolly exhibits with two fellow members, Toby Wiggins and Andrew James. Connolly writes: "our conversations have highlighted very powerfully the sympathies we have for each other's work, what we really value in contemporary figurative art."

12 Apr PRIVATE VIEW - 6.00-8.30pm

Gallery Open: Weds-Fri 1.00-5.00pm; Sat 11.00am-5.00pm; Sun 11.00am-4.00pm



HIGHGATE FILM SOCIETY

Thurs 18 Apr THE QUIET GIRL

7.30pm Ireland 2022, 94 minutes. Director/Screenplay Colm Bairéad. Starring Carrie Crowley, Andrew Bennett

Based on the novella *Foster* by Claire Keegan, and set in 1980s County Waterford in Ireland, the story follows 10-year-old Cáit whose parents send her to stay with her mother's childless cousin while her own family awaits the birth of yet another baby. It is a summer of new experiences for Cáit, and secrets held between the adults. This bitter-sweet tale makes a beautiful film, sensitively told.

FILM TALK Everyone is invited to stay on after the screening for an informal discussion about the film.

HLSI members: £9 non-members: £12 Please book online by 1.00pm on the day

Doors open at 7.00pm for refreshments (included in admission fee).

Please book online by 1pm on the day.



OPERA CIRCLE

Weds 1 May THE BARBER OF SEVILLE

7.30pm Bill English hosts an entertaining evening introducing the most popular of comic operas.

HLSI members in advance: £7; non-members and all on the door: £12

Doors open at 7.00pm for refreshments (included in admission fee).

Please book online by 1pm on the day.