

Thursday 18th September 2025

ENCHANTED WOODS – THE LOST WORLD OF RUPERT BEAR

Lecturer: **Tim Stimson** - Professional painter and ceramicist, freelance cultural art historian, lecturer at Cambridge, Nottingham and Hull Universities

Thursday 16th October 2025

CATHERINE THE GREAT - AUTOCRAT AND PATRON OF THE ARTS

Lecturer: **Chris Newlands** - British Council Algeria, Embassy Chaplain, cruise lecturer

Thursday 20th November 2025

SIXTY YEARS ON - LIFE IN BRITAIN AS SEEN IN 1960 FILMS

Lecturer: **Colin Shindler** - Lecturer US and British Social and Cultural History, TV writer, producer

Thursday 11th December 2025

DINGLEY DELL TO "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" - CHARLES DICKENS AND CHRISTMAS

Lecturer: **Vicky Bailey** - London Blue Badge Guide, volunteer at British Museum

Thursday 15th January 2026

AN INTRODUCTION TO ICE AGE ART

Lecturer: **Paul Bahn** - Archaeologist, team leader in first British Ice Age Cave Art discovery

Thursday 19th February 2026

PORTRAITS IN STONE: THE GREAT CATHEDRALS

Lecturer: **Mark Cottle** - Lecturer Exeter College, Bath and Plymouth

Thursday 19th March 2026

DAVID HOCKNEY - THE OLD MASTER OF THE MODERN WORLD

Lecturer: **Douglas Skeggs** - Lecturer at Study Centre Christie's, TV presenter and novelist

Thursday 16th April 2026

ART TRANSPORTED : HOW DID IT GET HERE FROM WHERE IT WAS MADE? WHO OWNED IT BEFORE?

Lecturer: **Chantal Brotherton-Ratcliffe** - Lecturer Sotheby's, National Gallery, Wallace Collection, paintings conservator

Thursday 21st May 2026

GOING POTTY ABOUT COMMODES

Lecturer: **Janusz Karczewski-Slowikowski** - Researcher English furniture history, antique dealer

Thursday 18th June 2026

THE ART OF TRICKERY: HOW MAGICIANS ARE SEEN IN PAINTINGS, PRINTS AND CARTOONS

Lecturer: **Ian Keable** - Professional magician, Inner Magic Circle member

Our lectures are held on a Thursday morning at 11am in the Albert Halls, Dumbarton Road, Stirling

Visitors are welcome at a lecture for a charge

In addition to our monthly lectures we also organise visits and study days for members.