

## Monthly Update II September 2021

It was most enjoyable to be back in the host seat for our opening lecture of the Autumn season on September 7th. Unfortunately, still on Zoom but nevertheless a fascinating lecture on Rachel Whiteread delivered by Linda Smith on very warm afternoon!

The patterns and plans for our future delivery of lectures are evolving fast and please see details below for:

October Lecture Details and booking information

November Lecture Booking information

AGM November 9<sup>th</sup>

• Day of Special Interest 21st October – Origin of the Icon PLEASE BOOK asap to avoid

disappointment

## Monthly Lecture - 5th October - Our First Hybrid

**Sophie Matthews** will lecture on **Music in Art** at **Solberge Hall** at **2pm** with a concurrent lecture streamed via Zoom to those unable to attend in person.

The audience at Solberge will be strictly restricted to **80** persons for this event and we are currently asking members to register for attendance **as soon as possible** on a first come first served basis. Non-members and other interested parties may join a waiting list which will be converted to actual registration on the **26**<sup>th</sup> **September**. Please note that so far we are already well underway for your attendance!

If you would like to join us at Solberge Hall, please

email or telephone: **Norma Rodmell**; <u>norma.s16@btinternet.com</u> 01845 537503, at the latest by **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** so we can ensure full capacity.

Norma will write to you confirming your booking and giving further information about safety measures etc. and answer any queries. If you are already booked in you do not need to do anything unless you need to cancel.

As usual details for Zoom / online access will be sent out towards the end of the September. This lecture will be carefully monitored as a mirror for the future and hopefully we can begin to safely increase numbers quite quickly.

The old lunch ordering system has been suspended whilst we gauge the available space in the hall. Members are asked to make their own arrangements direct with the hotel by phone or email as the kitchens are not yet operating as normal through staffing issues and they would like early warning of demand. <a href="mailto:reservations@solbergehall.co.uk">reservations@solbergehall.co.uk</a> or **01609 779191** 

Throughout your visit there will be a stewarding system in place to help traffic flow and your cooperation is requested. We ask you to wear masks when arriving and moving around the hotel and to be respectful of other guests. Please ensure that you are in good health on the day.

The next monthly lecture on **November 2nd** when **Arantxa Sardina** will be lecturing on **Sorolla, Master of Light,** will follow the same registration model and members are again asked to contact

**Norma Rodmell** to register interest as soon as possible. An update like this will be issued in the third week of October and the online access invitations will be issued as usual.

Please note that the **AGM** has been postponed from happening prior to the November lecture at Solberge and will be held instead **via Zoom** as a Meeting on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 1100**. You will receive your papers in due course via the normal route and are encouraged to attend .......I am hoping that as it will be held as a Zoom Meeting, to offer you the opportunity to give us some face to face feedback after the official business is over!

**Membership renewal** for 2022 is once again on the horizon. Again, for logistical reasons, Norma will be managing this from the November Lecture but as a headsup right now there will be no increase in the membership fee this year despite ever rising costs. If you would like to send or give her your **£55** it will be gratefully received. Renewal papers will arrive mid-October.

Finally, this is a plea for you all to hurry along to apply for the Day of Special Interest on the 21<sup>st</sup> October. Take up has been slow so far and I am sure you will be cross if you miss it but as it's less than a month away, we do not want to risk having to cancel it. It is now open to non-members.

## **Day of Special Interest**



Thursday 21 October 10-4pm Geri Parlby

## Origin of the Icon – Painted Wood Panels or Icons to Heaven

Learn about the origins and turbulent history of icons. Study the artistic techniques used.

Understand how to read an icon through its people and symbols.

A separate invitation to attend will be issued but please contact:

Norma Rodmell; norma.s16@btinternet.com 01845 53750 — NB CHANGE to book place at this exciting event.

Numbers are limited to 30 and the price is £32 so don't delay!

Thank you for reading this and really looking forward to our return to Solberge very soon! Stay safe and well.

Lizzie Johnston
22nd September 2021