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THE ARTS SOCIETY

is a leading arts education charity with a global network of local Societies which bring people together through a shared curiosity for the arts.

Our events provide welcoming places to hear expert speakers share their specialist knowledge about the arts.

We preserve and contribute to our artistic heritage through volunteering and grants.

Our strength is our people, joined together by a passion for the arts which can nourish and empower us all.

Our work creates a better, healthier and more connected society.



*'With the arrogance of youth,
I determined to do no less than to
transform the world with Beauty.
If I have succeeded in some small way, if
only in one small corner of the world,
amongst the men and women I love, then I
shall count myself blessed, and blessed
and blessed, and the work goes on.'*

William Morris

The Well At The World's End: Volume I

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*designed by John Henry Dearle for
Morris and Company, 1897.*

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*made especially for the Kelmscott
Chaucher, William Morris, 1896.*



THE ARTS SOCIETY GREAT OUSE VALLEY PROGRAMME 2023-24

ART TALKS

September 19th 2023

William Morris and the Art
of the Home

Fiona Rose

October 17th 2023 AGM *followed by*
Treasures of the Turf: The Fine and
Decorative Arts of Horseracing

Christopher Garibaldi

November 21st 2023

The Architecture of Mughal India:
Palaces, Mosques, Gardens
and Mausoleums

John Stevens

January 16th 2024

Maps and British Painting:
The Geography of Art

Steven Taylor

February 20th 2024

Shaken by Earthquake:
Igor Stravinsky, the Ballets Russe
and the Astonishing Premiere of
the Rite of Spring

Sandy Burnett

March 19th 2024

Canal History and Heritage

Roger Butler

April 16th 2024

Whistler v Ruskin: Flinging a
Pot of Paint in the Public's Face

Alan Read

May 21st 2024

Fashion, Fury and Feminism:
Women's Fight for Change

Tessa Boase

June 18th 2024

Paradise Lost and Restored:
400 Years of Garden Design
in Oxfordshire

Timothy Walker

EVENTS*

Tue 5th DEC 2023 6.30^{pm}

Cinema Evening *Film TBC*
with Drinks & Canapes
Stevington Village Hall, MK43 7QT.

VISITS*

FRI 10th MAY 2024

Kettle's Yard Visit
Castle St, Cambridge CB3 0AQ.

We will let you know more detail on our
upcoming events and how to book your place,
at our Art Talk evenings. Please also look out
for information on our monthly email newsletters.

**Events & Visits can be booked at additional
cost to membership. Limited spaces available,
filled on a first come, first served basis.*

*The committee reserves the right to change
the programme at short notice.*

ART TALKS are held on the
3rd Tuesday of each month
except July, August & December

at **7.30^{pm}**

Pavenham Village Hall,
Bedford Road, Pavenham,
Bedford, MK43 7PH

Refreshments will be available

from **6.45^{pm}**

Guests may attend up to
3 Art Talks per Programme

Guest Fee £8

Guests must be over 14

THE ARTS SOCIETY GREAT OUSE VALLEY

*cannot be held responsible for
any personal accident, loss,
damage, or theft of members'
personal property.*

*Members are covered against
proven liability of third parties.*