

Friday 30th October
10.30am - 3.30pm
Sevenoaks/Knole



**Discover
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in
Sevenoaks**

Covent Garden-
A Story in Three Acts!
A Study Day of three lectures
by Simon Whitehouse

Bat and Ball Centre,
Cramptons Road,
TN14 5DN

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**The Arts Societies Sevenoaks and Knole
Registration with tea & coffee from
10.00am**

Simon Whitehouse presents three lectures on Covent Garden

FROM CONVENT TO CONCRETE

Covent Garden has been a popular destination for over 1500 years. We trace the story of the area's development, from its origins as a thriving Saxon port to Inigo Jones' revolutionary plan for a 'piazza', and how the world-famous fruit and vegetable market was nearly 'brutally' demolished in the 1970s!

HOGARTH & HARLOTS

By the early 1700s, Covent Garden became infamous as the 'Square of Venus'. We take a deeper dive into the demi monde world of the Georgian vice industry memorably depicted by Hogarth & other artists. We meet some extraordinary (and enterprising!) characters and open the pages of Harris's infamous list of "Covent Garden Ladies".

PUNCH, PYGMALION & PUCCINI

After lunch, in our 'finale' lecture, we raise the curtain on Covent Garden as a place of entertainment. We examine the birth of the West End with two royal theatres that thrive today, and see how the piazza itself has attracted street performers for centuries.

We also meet some of the famous (and often forgotten) stars who have graced the stages of London's famed 'theatreland'.

Simon is an actor, lecturer, presenter, teacher and award-winning London guide. He has worked as a guide lecturer in house at Shakespeare's Globe, the Royal Opera House, the BBC and the National Gallery.

The fee for the day, including lunch with wine, is £45 (£40 for our members). Entry must be pre-booked. For further information and for an application form, contact Michael Jones at michaelcjones51@gmail.com

Arts Society Sevenoaks & Arts Society Knole

Study Day 30 October 2026

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at Bat and Ball Centre, Cramptons Road, off Otford Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5DN

10.00-10.30	Registration and coffee
10.30-11.35	'From Convent to Concrete'
11.45-12.50	'Hogarth and Harlots'
13.00-14.15	Lunch
14.15-15.20	'Punch, Pygmalion and Puccini'

Cost £40 for a member of Arts Society Knole or Sevenoaks
£45 for non-member guests and visitors
... to include coffee on arrival, and a catered lunch with a glass of wine.

Email application (preferred) – send your application form (below) to
michaelcjones51@gmail.com

Postal application – please send to Michael Jones 10 Burlington Mews Sevenoaks TN13 1FJ

Payment

Bank Transfer (preferred) - The Arts Society Sevenoaks

Sort code: 54-21-25
A/c no: 25959433
Ref: [your surname] / Covent

Cheque – post with your completed application form

Please note that no refunds will be made after 14 October 2026

Application Form

I wish to apply for ticket(s) for the Study Day at Bat & Ball Centre on 30 October 2026

Member Name: _____ of Arts Society [Knole] [Sevenoaks] @ £40

Non-member Name: _____ @ £45

Address: _____

Tel.no: _____

Person to contact in emergency: _____

Tel.no: _____

Please state if you prefer a vegetarian lunch, suffer any food allergies, or have any dietary requirements for yourself or your guests: