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VENUE

Our temporary venue is:
Fairplace Church
3 Fairplace Terrace
Okehampton EX20 1DT

Members will be notified when it is possible to return to the Charter Hall.

PARKING IN OKEHAMPTON

MARKET STREET

(Waitrose 169 spaces)

3hr max £2.20

ACORNS

(28 spaces opposite Lidl)

4 hrs max £2.40

WEST STREET OPPOSITE LLOYDS BANK

(Rosemary House 10 spaces)

4 hrs max £2.40

MILL ROAD

4 hrs max £2.40

SIMMONS PARK

4 hrs max £1.80



PROGRAMME 2023

LECTURE PROGRAMME 2023

Our lectures this year will be delivered in person at our temporary venue. We are not able to deliver hybrid lectures via Zoom. Please read the monthly newsletter carefully to ensure that you do not miss the lecture.

January 11th 2023

THE MAKING OF LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHS

Charlie Waite

A fully illustrated talk exploring the relationship between the making of an image and the way in which it is perceived. How the eye and the brain are an extraordinary double act made up of visual references and intellectual interpretation.

February 8th 2023

AGATHA CHRISTIE: Queen of Crime

Jane Tapley

Agatha Christie is undoubtedly the world's greatest crime writer. This biographical talk will surprise and enlighten you about how Agatha Christie developed her talent for writing having never attended proper school.

March 8th 2023

FOOD & ART THROUGH THE AGES: Renaissance Sugar Sculpture to 3D Printing

Tasha Marks

A whistle-stop tour of the history of food as artistic medium; starting with 16th century sugar sculpture and venturing all the way up to 3D dessert printing and beyond. A treat for those with a sweet tooth.

April 12th 2023

LAMORNA COLONY PIONEERS

David Tovey

This lecture looks at the art colony that formed in the Lamorna Valley and came into being several decades after those at Newlyn and St Ives.

May 17th 2023

GREAT LENGTHS - on the art and architecture of swimming pools and lidos

Simon Inglis

Swimming is Britain's second favourite form of physical recreation. Almost everyone has memories of visiting their local baths and for many swimmers the baths themselves are cherished.

June 14th 2023

THE NOMADIC TRIBES OF IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN: woven art of the nomads

Brian MacDonald

This lecture illustrates the woven art of the nomads as they moved over the lands they have travelled for generations, seeing their way of life and looking at 19th century rugs and utilitarian weavings..

September 13th 2023

LENI REIFENSTAHL - Hitlers Filmmaker

Howard Smith

Leni Reifenstahl was one of the most creative women of the 20th c. From early days as an actress to producing her own films she was always difficult and uncompromising in what she wanted to achieve.

October 11th 2023

PIONEERS OF THE NEW AMERICA: ARTISTS OF THE HUDSON RIVER

Brian Healey

The lecture focuses on the work of English born Thomas Cole, who founded the movement, and his followers who took the style beyond the Hudson to the mighty Rocky mountains, the volcanoes of the Andes and the icebergs of the Arctic.

November 8th 2023

INSPIRED BY STONEHENGE

Julian Richards

Explaining why Stonehenge must be regarded as architectural in its layout and construction, for centuries convincing antiquarians that could not have been built by 'primitive' ancient Britons but must be a product of the 'sophisticated' Romans.

December 13th 2023

THE SUBTLE SCIENCE & EXACT ART OF COLOUR IN ENGLISH GARDEN DESIGN

Timothy Walker

This lecture looks at Gertrude Jekyll and how contemporary work by the likes of Turner, Monet, Rothko and Jackson Pollack evolved in parallel with ideas about what a garden or border should look like.

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