

Arts Society Wensum Special Interest Day

Wednesday 6 March 2019 Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett

Prasannajit de Silva: British Landscape Views of India

British artists first travelled to India in the mid-eighteenth century and views of the country remained a popular subject for numerous artists, professional and amateur, throughout the period of the Empire. Their work encompassed both India's natural scenery and its rich architectural heritage. After a brief introduction to the nature of British involvement in India, we will consider the work of artists who travelled to India in the late eighteenth century, including William Hodges and Thomas Daniell, whose paintings and prints of Indian scenes were hugely influential in shaping British understanding of Indian settings. We will then explore how depictions of landscapes evolved in the nineteenth century, with an increasing romanticism of Indian rural life, growing British scholarly interest in Indian architecture and archaeology and, from mid-century, the rapid growth in the use of photography. Through all this, we will consider some key questions. What was the appeal of this Indian material to a British audience? What were the issues facing artists from one culture engaged in portraying scenes from another? How was their work shaped by prevailing European aesthetic theories? And what was the impact back in Britain of the material they produced?

10.30-11.00 Coffee; 11.00 -1.15 lectures; 1.15-2.15 lunch; 2.15-3.15ish lecture

The cost is **£47.00** including coffee, a 2- course lunch (quiche, salad & a choice of pud & coffee). Please fill in the booking form below and return it with a **cheque** for **£47.00** made out to **Arts Society Wensum** by 27 February 2019. No refunds after this date as we have to give the hotel final numbers. Free parking is available at Park Farm. No tickets will be issued. Late applications will only be considered if there has been a cancellation.

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SID tickets £47.00 including coffee and a 2 course lunch

Name of 1st person.....email.....

(Please write clearly) phone.....

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I would like.....tickets at £47.00 each and enclose payment of £.....

Please make cheques payable to Arts Society Wensum and send to Jacqueline Story, 24 Leopold Road, Norwich NR4 7AD phone 01603 259751 jlstory@virginmedia.com. Your application will be acknowledged, preferably by email.

