

ARUN WEST



**January 2021 to December 2021**

**Via Zoom until we can meet Face to Face again**

**Wednesday 20 January 2021 – Sex, Secrets, Scandal and Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court 1660-1830 – Sarah Slater.** The speaker is a Guide Lecturer for Historic Royal Palaces at Hampton Court. She wears one of her costumes and talks about all the naughty bits of history you would probably not have learnt about at school.

**Wednesday 10 February 2021 – Dogs for Good - Assistance Dog Charity.** The charity makes life-changing differences for people with disabilities through the power of expertly trained dogs.

**Wednesday 10 March 2021 – Dark Light – The Flannan Island Mystery. An acoustic production – Steve Robson.** This show blends together a (true) story, visuals and live acoustic music. Dark light is based on true events of 1900 regarding the mysterious disappearance of three lighthouse keepers from a remote island. The mystery is still unsolved until this day. Or is it?

**Wednesday 21 April 2021 – Annual General Meeting – No monthly Talk.** If we cannot hold the AGM there will be a Mirthy talk

**Wednesday 19 May 2021– A Schoolgirl’s War – School Life in the South East during WW2 – Mary Smith.** This talk features the exquisite and highly original work of a Kent school art teacher. She set out to document in paint and pencil the lives of school children and their teachers as the war unfolded.

**Wednesday 9 June 2021– Japan, Bowing to Tradition – Jim Holmes.** The speaker is a freelance documentary photographer. From the northern ‘snow country’ to the southern tropical beaches, Japan is a diverse and complicated country. See how Japan has integrated very traditional aspects of its culture into a modern society.

**Wednesday 14 July 2021– Great American Songbook – Roger Browne.** The speaker is a raconteur, writer, musician and actor. In this talk, Roger traces the history and music of the great composers of the years between the two world wars. He illustrates it with live examples on the piano, and the hilarious stories about the people, places and events that fueled the development of this unique milestone in Western popular music.

**Wednesday 11 August 2021– No Monthly Talk**

**Wednesday 15 September 2021 – Georgia O’Keeffe – Richard Cupidi.** The talk is about one of America’s most popular artists with an international reputation. She is best known for her dramatic pictures of enlarged flowers, New York Skyscrapers and the landscapes of New Mexico

**Wednesday 13 October 2021 – Working with the ghosts of Hampton Court Palace – Sarah Slater.** We are pleased to welcome Sarah back to speak to us again. She wears one of her costumes, and talks about her experiences working with the ghosts at Hampton Court Palace. She gives a glimpse of what it is like to wander the galleries late at night on her own in the dark.

**Wednesday 10 November 2021 – Lewes and Bonfire Night – Andy Thomas.** Illustrated with his own spectacular photographs, Andy explores the historical town of Lewes – renowned for the biggest Bonfire Night celebrations in the world – and reveals the enthralling rituals and events which makes its colourful and controversial November mix of folklore, liberty issues and burlesque humour unique.

**Wednesday 9 December 2021 - TBA**