

THE ARTS SOCIETY LIMPSFIELD

STUDY DAY- DOWNTON TO DIOR: JEWELLERY AND FASHION IN TURBULENT TIMES

TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2024 - UNITED REFORM CHURCH, OXTED



COST PER PERSON: £42.00 per person (Includes 3 lectures and a buffet lunch) Members of other Arts Societies and non-members welcome.

The day will consist of three lectures in which Andrew Prince, who was commissioned to make the jewellery for the main characters of Downton Abbey, will talk about how Jewellery and Fashion are often seen as two separate and distinct fields of design, but this is not the case. He will accompany his lectures with examples of his work.

We will be taken through the extraordinary decades and events between 1890 and 1958, where the great couturiers collaborated with the finest of jewellers to produce jewels and clothes of outstanding quality and glittering opulence. We will find out who were the clients and patrons that commissioned the jewels and how they worn with their sumptuous gowns. The Great Depression and the Second World war had an extraordinary impact on fashion and jewellery design including the rise of cinema and Hollywood.

The development of advertising, labour saving devices and leisure time, gave people more opportunities to enjoy themselves and spend money on the finer things in life. Political events also had an influence, and the Belle Epoque and Art Deco styles did not end at the outbreak of the Second World War, but combined, to flower again with Christian Dior's 'New Look'.

Andrew Prince has been making jewellery from the age of five. His interest is in costume jewellery rather than jewellery using precious stones. As well as designing the jewellery for Downton Abbey he has worked on other films and TV series.

TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

9.45 Members and guests to arrive at the United Reform Church, Bluehouse Lane, Oxted. RH8 0AA
10.00 Lecture 1
11.00 Coffee
11.30 Lecture 2
12.30 Lunch – Finger Buffet provided. *Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking*
1.30 Lecture 3
2.30 Questions
3.00 End of Study Day

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE: Please contact visits.limpsfield@theartsociety.org or phone 01 883 713205. Please pay by bank transfer to Nat West Bank, Sort Code 60 16 09 Account No. 75668327. Account Name TAS Limpsfield giving the reference “Study Day” and your surname and confirm you have made the payment to the above email address. Please send cheques made payable to TAS Limpsfield to the Visits Secretary, The Arts Society Limpsfield, 36 Silkhams Road, Oxted RH8 0NY.

Contact number on the day 07780 800334 – Seanne Giddy