THE ARTS SOCIETY LIMPSFIELD

STUDY DAY

COVENT GARDEN WITH SIMON WHITEHOUSE

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2027

ST PETERS CHURCH HALL, LIMPSFIELD RH8 0DG



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Cost Per person: £36.00 – includes three lectures and a sandwich lunch *(Please note that your place will not be confirmed until payment has been received)*

Our lecturer, Simon Whitehouse, will trace the history of the area's development from its origins as a Saxon port, to a piazza and how the famous fruit and vegetable market was nearly brutally demolished. Followed by a deeper dive into the demi monde world of the Georgian vice industry memorably depicted by Hogarth and other artists. We will meet some extraordinary and enterprising characters and open the pages of Harris's infamous list of "Covent Garden Ladies". After lunch we will learn about the birth of the West End with two royal theatres that thrive today, meet some of the stars and see how the piazza itself has attracted street performers for centuries.

9.45 - Arrive – St Peter's Church Hall, Limpsfield

10.00 - Lecture One: From Convent to Concrete

11.00 - Coffee

11.30 - Lecture Two: Hogarth and Harlots

12.30 – Lunch (*Please let me know of any dietary requirements*)

1.30 Lecture Three: Punch, Pygmalion and Puccini

2.30 – Questions and finish

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

To book online: https://form.jotform.com/jotformlimpsfield/study-day-coventgarden

Or contact visits.limpsfield@outlook.com or phone 01 883 713205. Pay by bank transfer to Nat West Bank, Sort Code 60 16 09 Account No. 75668327. Account Name TAS Limpsfield giving the reference "*Covent."* Cheques made payable to TAS Limpsfield should be sent to the Visits Secretary, The Arts Society Limpsfield, 36 Silkham Road, Oxted RH8 0NY.

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