

SPECIAL INTEREST DAY – TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2023**To be held in the Dove Suite at The Ark, Turners Hill. Timing 10.00 - 15.00****Subject: What have the Huguenots Ever Done for us?****Mass Migration and the Arts in Britain consisting of 3 Lectures****Lecturer: Viv Lawes BA MA**

The mass migration of the French Protestant Huguenots in the 16th and 17th centuries impacted the arts, the military and finance sectors of the countries to which they fled after suffering Catholic persecution in their homeland. It is estimated that upwards of 50,000 people settled in the British Isles, and that perhaps one in six of the country's current population descends from Huguenot lineage.

This Special Interest Day examines the phenomenon of Huguenot migration and its effects on the arts in Britain.

Agenda: Timings are approximate

10.00 Arrival and Coffee

10.30 **Calvinism and Persecution in 16th & 17th Century France**

The first lecture is historically orientated and will examine the religious conflicts within 16th and 17th century France. This saw the adoption of Calvinism across large areas of the country and the subsequent waves of persecution against the Protestant Huguenots, leading to mass migration.

11.30 Comfort Break

11.45 **Silk and Silver: Huguenot Emigrée Treasures**

The second lecture will examine the industries established by Huguenot migrants in Britain, focusing on the silk industry in Spitalfields and precious metal production in the workshops of Soho and Chelsea, London.

12.45 Buffet Lunch

13.45 **Daniel Marot and the Versailles Style under William and Mary**

The final lecture will examine the work of Huguenot masters who worked with the new constitutional monarchy of William and Mary at major national sites such as Hampton Court Palace and St Paul's Cathedral, ushering in the grand Baroque style of Louis XIV's Versailles.

15.00 Finish

Cost: £36 which includes morning coffee and buffet lunch with a choice of sandwiches, fresh fruit, chocolate brownie, wine and coffee

Closing date: Tuesday 11 April 2023

Contact Rosemary Chamberlain on 01342 322940 or jandrchamberlain@sky.com so that we know that you wish to attend as numbers will be restricted.

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