



Special Interest Day

at Big School Epsom College

Thursday 23rd October 2025

“Art between the Wars”

Three lectures presented by Val Woodgate

Political and social upheavals in the 1920s and -30s had a profound effect on artists, and were to inspire some of the greatest works of modern art in the first half of the twentieth century. Under the Nazis avant-garde art was condemned as ‘degenerate’ and in 1937 the Entartete Kunst (Degenerate Art) Exhibition in Munich displayed artistic masterpieces confiscated and put on show to be mocked and vilified. Meanwhile, the horrors of the Spanish Civil War inspired some of Picasso’s and Dali’s greatest works. Other artists like Chagall responded in a deeply personal way to the political atmosphere of the time, and in the late thirties paintings by British artists such as Piper and Sutherland reflected the uneasy period which culminated in the outbreak of the Second World War.

Registration in the foyer of Big School **10.00am**

Lecture 1. **10:15 -11:15**

“The Aftermath of the First World War and the Rise of Hitler”

Coffee & comfort break **11.15-12.00**

Lecture 2 **12.00-13.00**

**“The Great Depression and the Degenerate Art Exhibition,
Totalitarianism v the Avant-Garde”**

Lunch **13.00-14.30**

Lecture 3 **14.30-15.30**

“The Spanish Civil War and the Outbreak of the Second World War “

This is an Open meeting.

Bring your friends!

Tickets cost **£48** and include a hot lunch.

From 1st September, tickets can be obtained by payment by bank transfer.

Firstly, please email me at: specialinterestdays@gmail.com.

Please include details of:

Your name and those of any guests

Your telephone number

Any special dietary or mobility needs.

Please then make payment by bank transfer online to the Society account :

The Arts Society Epsom

Sort code: 40-08-44 Account no: 71237640

Using the reference: SID followed by your surname.

Alternatively, tickets will be on sale before the lectures on Wednesday **17th September and 1st October 2025** for payment by credit/debit card.

When I receive updates from the treasurer regarding payments made I will send an email confirming that your place has been reserved. Tickets will not then be issued but simply please come to Big School at Epsom College at 10am on the day and give your name to the volunteer on the desk who will check you in. (No refunds unless the ticket is resold.)

Kind regards

Virginia Jervis

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