

January Newsletter

First of all, Happy New Year and all best wishes for the coming year to you and yours. We aim to enhance the year for you with our exciting programme of lectures and events.

Our first lecture of the year on **Tuesday January 20th** is **A Village in Heaven: Stanley Spencer's Cookham**. Cookham, in Berkshire, was the birthplace and home of the artist Stanley Spencer. The village dominated his imagination and was the inspiration and location for many of his greatest paintings. Our lecturer, Dr Amy Lin will look at Cookham's place in Spencer's art and how it was central to his unique vision of English domestic and spiritual life. Amy is well-qualified to talk on the artist being, inter alia, curator of the Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham.



'Summer Strolls', Stanley Spencer, Stanley Spencer Gallery

As usual lectures begin at 2.15pm at Cley Village Hall and doors are open from 1.45pm. Please park considerately and if you are able to car share, please do. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available after the lecture. As always, we welcome visitors and potential members, entrance fee £10. If you are bringing someone please let the Secretary know (email: tasgvsecretary@gmail.com) and if your visitor joins on the day we deduct the £10 from their subscription and you may claim a book voucher for introducing a new member.

A future date for your diary is our **Special Interest Day on Tuesday 10 March**. Peter Medhurst, the noted musician and scholar will be lecturing of Paintings Inspired by Music and Music Inspired by Paintings. It has long been recognised that the worlds of the visual and aural arts link with extraordinary power when one medium inspires the other. Peter will analyse and discuss a range of related works spanning over 600 years of the arts, bringing together the music of Martinu with the frescoes of Piero della Francesca, Botticelli's Birth of Venus with Respighi's Trittico botticelliano, Böcklin's Isle of the Dead with Rachmaninoff's symphonic poem and Poet Mondrain's Broadway Boogie Woogie with the piano playing of Albert Ammons. **Look out for booking details coming soon.**

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