



*STEVENAGE AND
KNEBWORTH ARTS GROUP*

AUTUMN 2010

COURSES AND OUTINGS

AUTUMN COURSES

HUNTING FOR HERTFORDSHIRE'S PARKS

Tutor – Anne Rowe

10 weeks commencing Wednesday 22nd September 2010

10.15 – 12.15 – Church of Christ the King, Symonds Green, Stevenage

Cost £35

This course aims to explore an important aspect of the landscape history of the county over the last millennium – its parks. Hertfordshire has a particularly rich parkland heritage which starts with the three (at Benington, St Albans and Ware) which were recorded in the Domesday book and continues up to the present day. In the first three sessions we shall examine the county's seventy medieval parks: their origins, how they worked, where they were and why. We will then look at the parks which survived into the sixteenth century – when many came into the hands of Henry VIII, a passionate huntsman – and the new parks which were created. A century later, another passionate huntsman, James I, was on the throne and indulged in perhaps the most audacious act of park-making in the county at Theobalds, Cheshunt. The Civil War caused major problems for some Hertfordshire landowners – and their parks – but more new parks continued to be created after the Restoration. Even more were laid out in the 18th and 19th centuries – many with the help of famous landscape designers like Capability Brown and Humphry Repton. We shall examine the fate of the county's parks during the 20th century and assess the important legacy that is left to us. It is hoped that the course will incorporate two field trips, one to the site of a medieval park and the other to a designed park landscape of the 18th century.

SCIENCE IN THE OTHER MIDDLE AGES: FROM THE ORIGINS OF ISLAM TO THE INFLUENCES OF EARLY ISLAMIC SCIENCE.

TUTOR – Piers Bursill-Hall

10 weeks commencing Thursday 7th October 2010 (Please note late start date)

10.15 – 12.15 Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg, Stevenage

Cost £35

In these lectures Piers will look at what we might call science and religion in late antiquity in Byzantium, ancient Syria, Persia, and Arabia, and then at the context in which Islam was born and developed (which is controversial) in the 7th century AD. He will talk about the circumstances that lead Muslims to become interested in natural philosophy and learning, and then the extraordinary flourishing of Muslim culture and the Muslim development of various sciences (9th-12th centuries). Finally, also the transmission of Muslim culture, technology, and science to Europe at the beginning of the western Middle Ages (11th-13th centuries) and how much of western thinking - and indeed, our very conception of what science is - has roots in Muslim culture.

COUNTRYSIDE PHOTOGRAPHY

Tutor – Brian Sawford

10 weeks commencing Wednesday 22nd September 2010

7.30 – 9.30 Pavilion, Knebworth Recreation Ground, entrance off Watton Road

Cost £35

You don't necessarily need a lot of expensive equipment to capture images of our countryside and wildlife. This course will introduce the many opportunities to photograph wildlife in Britain at all times of the year.

DAY SCHOOL (booking form enclosed)

THE HISTORY OF THE DANDY

Tutor - Robin Dutt

Saturday 2nd October 2010

Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg Retail Park, Stevenage

Cost £20 including lunch

Robin Dutt has had a varied career in the arts world but is particularly well known in the world of fashion. He has featured in many celebrated papers and journals eg. The Times and Mayfair Life. In addition, he has been interviewed by renowned names in the fashion and art worlds, including Pierre Cardin, Jean Paul Gaultier and Conroy Maddox. Robin has also taken part in many television and radio programmes.

In his spare time, he lectures in Fashion Journalism, Fashion Styling and Dandyism. He has been researching 'The History of the Dandy' for several years, planning to publish his findings and is well placed to lead our study day on this very topic.

AGM – After class on Thursday 28th October 2010

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THE HISTORY OF THE DANDY



Saturday 2ND October, 2010

Community Arts Centre, Roaring Meg, Stevenage

10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Cost (including lunch): £20.00

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Booking Form

Please reserve..... places for The History of the Dandy

Name.....

Address.....

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Cheques should be made payable to Stevenage and Knebworth Arts Group. Please return booking form and cheque to Jean Vaughan, 28 Mozart Court, Stevenage SG1 2NF.