



The Arts Society South West
SPECIAL INTEREST DAY
Friday 1st May 2020
Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre

From Holbein to Hockney:
A history of British Portrait Painting
with
Valerie Woodgate

Historically, portrait painting has been more prolific in this country than anywhere else in Europe. This study day will explore the reasons for this, and consider how the artist reveals information about the sitters and, frequently, about the social and political circumstances in which they were painted. At the same time we will explore the immense artistic changes in portraiture over several centuries.

Lecture 1. The origins of portrait painting; Tudor, Jacobean and Stuart portraits, including Holbein, Hilliard, van Dyck, Lely and Kneller.

Lecture 2. Eighteenth and nineteenth century portrait painting: the rise of the native-born artist, and the genius of Hogarth, Reynolds and Gainsborough.

Lecture 3. Portrait painting in the modern era.

Venue: Buckfast Abbey Conference Center

Timings: 10.00 for 10.30 start (Close 3.30pm)

Cost: £39, including coffee on arrival and two course buffet lunch

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