



RADLETT ART SOCIETY

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presents

Charleston and Brighton Sunday 1st May 2022 –

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Charleston, in East Sussex, is, as you may remember from the lecture we had last year, a property associated with the Bloomsbury group. It was the country home of Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant and is an example of their decorative style within a domestic context. The artists moved to Charleston in 1916 and over the following half-century it became the country meeting place for the group of artists, writers and intellectuals known as the Bloomsbury group. Clive Bell and Maynard Keynes lived at Charleston for considerable periods; Virginia and Leonard Woolf, E. M. Forster, Lytton Strachey and Roger Fry were frequent visitors. Inspired by Italian fresco painting and the Post-Impressionists, the artists decorated the walls, doors and furniture at Charleston.

As well as the house our visit will include access to the two special exhibitions they will have on at that time:

- ‘Absent Artists’, curated by Langlands & Bell, explores artists’ studios in which the artists themselves are conspicuously absent. The exhibition includes works by Phyllida Barlow, Annie Leibovitz, David Hockney, Michael Craig-Martin, William Hogarth and James Ensor in a range of different mediums including paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture and print.
- ‘Langlands & Bell: Ideas of Utopia’ presents an exhibition spotlighting over 40 years of work by the BAFTA award-winning and Turner Prize-shortlisted artist duo. It includes artworks which examine attempts –

knowing and unknowing – to create utopias whether domestic, religious, social or commercial.

When we finish at Charleston we will stop off in Brighton on our way back home. There will be nothing formally booked there so you can just spend some time exploring the sights or enjoying and coffee and cake in one of the many coffee shops.

**Cost RAS members - £41.50,
Depart Radlett 9:30, arrive 11:30,
18:30**

**Non-RAS members - £49.50
Depart 16:30, Arrive Radlett**

Bookings to be made by Friday 8th April

Booking also open to **U3A** members, family and friends. Booking form available on Radlett Art Society website <http://www.radlett-art-society.co.uk/> or contact:

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