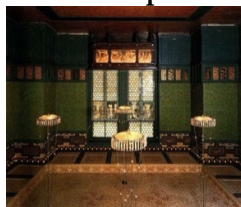




The President's Lecture

Thursday 15th August 2024 at 10.45 am

At Kenwood House Hampstead Lane NW3 7JR



President's Lecture given by Dr Julius Bryant on 15 August 2024 at 10.45

'William Morris and the Green Dining Room'

William Morris (1834-1896) is Britain's best-known artist-designer and interior decorator. He is equally distinguished as a socialist and poet. His company was commissioned to decorate what is known as "The Green Dining Room". People coming to the V&A can enjoy visiting this room which, opened in 1868 and features a number of the organic patterns that made him famous. The Green Dining Room is part of a suite of three restaurant spaces which opened in 1868. Better known as 'The Morris Room', this public commission heralded the launch of Morris's business, later known as 'Morris & Co.' Julius Bryant has written about the room in two V&A books (published in 1986 and in 2017) but now his new research has made him question the extent of Morris's contribution to its design and decoration.

The commission offered to William Morris' company coincided with the firm's other key early public project, namely a series of reception rooms at St James's Palace that are known there as 'The Morris Rooms', which Dr Bryant has also been researching. It now seems more appropriate to name them after his friends and business partners the artist Edward Burne-Jones and the architect Philip Webb, who designed Morris's first family home, Red House in Bexleyheath. Recent discoveries also raise the question of just how, when and why the V&A's public dining room became so identified with Morris alone.

This lecture is about the research process, in which questions will arise more often than they can be answered

We are delighted that Julius Bryant has again agreed to give the Presidential Lecture when he will tell us about William Morris and his contribution to the Victoria and Albert. Julius is the Keeper Emeritus of Word and Image at the Victoria and Albert Museum. He is the author of many books and in an earlier life was Curator at Kenwood House and has written the authoritative book on the Iveagh Bequest

The cost of the lecture is **£20** per person or guest

ALL PROFITS FROM THIS LECTURE WILL BE PAID TO MAGIC LANTERN

Even if you are unable to attend, you may wish to make a donation to Magic Lantern. If so, please send it to us using the instructions below.

✂.....

The cost for this lecture is **£20.00 per person** (non-refundable). If you can, please pay by making a bank transfer to the TASHH bank account, Sort Code: **20-36-16**, Account number: **40475416**, giving as reference **President** and telling our treasurer Celia on treasurerTASHH@gmail.com that you have done so. If you wish to pay by cheque, please complete this tear-off slip and send it, together with your cheque payable to TASHH, to Celia Newgas at 32 Merton Lane, London N6 6NB

Name(s):e-mailTel:.....Date.....

