



THE ARTS SOCIETY MID CORNWALL and THE ARTS SOCIETY LISKEARD

DISCOVERY DAY

Wednesday 25th November 2026

in St Mary's Parish Centre
St Mary's Road, Bodmin, PL31 1NF

The Forensic Eye – Find Your Inner Connoisseur with Chantal Brotherton-Ratcliffe



How do dealers, auctioneers and museum staff determine whether a piece is by one painter or another? What are the clues to look for when deciding who painted the picture? Artists before the 18th century usually worked with a number of assistants, who were trained to reproduce the style of the master, so how can we distinguish between master and pupil, master and copyists? During this Discovery Day we consider clues and learn some tricks of the connoisseur. The day ends with a chance to try out your skills where you will learn to develop a discerning eye.



The Art Gallery of Jan
Gildemeester Jansz
Adriaan de Lelie (image cropped)

9.30 Complementary tea and coffee on arrival

10.00 Lecture: **Looking with the Eyes Wide Open**

We can stand for minutes in front of a painting and think we are seeing it, but how much have we noticed?

11.00 Comfort Break

11.30 Lecture: **Family likenesses significant characteristics**

How do artists reveal their identity through their work? Learn ways to distinguish individual artistic hands.

1.00 Lunch. Complementary glass of wine or soft drink is included. Pre-order below.

2.00 Lecture: Finding your inner connoisseur

Chantal will guide you through an opportunity to try out your skills, identifying artists in a "spot the artist", with a study of expert clues and give you a chance to try out your budding connoisseur skills of recognition.

Tickets £37 per person including lunch. Payment is due at the time of booking and is not normally refundable.

If you would like to reserve a place, please complete the application form below:

Please reserve me place(s) at £37.00 each including lunch. Please choose your menu option below, a traybake sweet is also included. Soft drinks, a glass of wine and hot drinks are free.

Please tick: (a) Winter Vegetable Soup with roll and butter ☐ or (b) Quiche Lorraine and salad ☐

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