



LISKEARD ARTS

South East Cornwall

Chair's December Newsletter 2025

Dear all,

Well here we are nearly at the end of 2025! Before anything else may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026.

I hope you have enjoyed our 2025 lectures. We have a varied and hopefully enjoyable programme coming in 2026. The full programme will be on your new membership cards but in the meantime, here are the highlights. Membership subscriptions (£65) are now due and I hope this taste of the 2026 will show what good value for money we offer!

Can I take this opportunity to thank all of you who have encouraged your friends to come along and sign up for membership; we are making good progress towards our plan for growth. Word of mouth recommendations really is the most effective way of getting new members.

Thank you as well to our hard-working committee and helpers who keep our Society running so smoothly. Many thanks also to those of you who responded to Mary Utton's call for additional helpers; many hands make light work!

Finally don't forget our December lecture will be preceded by a free glass of festive refreshment and a mince pie. Our December lecturer will be Charlie Waite, arguably Britain's finest landscape photographer. I'm sure anyone with a love of landscapes or is a photographer will find Charlie's lecture extremely rewarding; he always scores very highly on audience feedbacks. Do bring your friends along!

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Chair

Our 2026 Programme

January: Faberge- the world's greatest goldsmith

February: Leonardo, Michelangelo and Raphael, the big three in Florence

March: How great design influenced the railways

April: Spanish Art in the age of Velazquez

May: The colour blue

June: John Singer Sargent and fashion

September: Scandinavian modern design

October: Investigating Medieval Churches

November: From Tchaikovsky to Tin PanAlley; music for Christmas

December: Photography and Paintings

Visit to THE STORY OF EMILY Thursday 26th February 2026 £15 per person

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The **Programme** for the day includes a visit to Emily's **Rectory** plus the **War Rooms**. Lunch can be in the **South African café** (*Refreshments not included in the ticket price*)

You will have received the booking form by email and you will find a copy attached to this newsletter. You will also find it online at www.liskeardartsociety.org.uk

About the Speaker

CHARLIE WAITE



Charlie Waite is firmly established as one of the world's leading landscape photographers.

He was born in 1949 and worked as an actor in British theatre and television for the first ten years of his professional life. Gradually, the landscape and the way it can be revealed to us through light and shade stole him away from the acting profession.

His style is unique in that his photographs convey a spiritual quality of serenity and calm. He has established a worldwide reputation for his particular approach to his work.

Over the last thirty-five years, Charlie has lectured throughout the UK, Europe and the US. He has held numerous solo exhibitions all over the world. Charlie has provided and continues to provide tuition to amateur, professional and aspiring photographers of all ages from the UK, Australia, Europe and the US which he hugely enjoys.

Charlie is the owner and founder of Light and Land, the UK's leading photographic workshop and tour company.

In 2007, Charlie launched the UK Landscape Photographer of the Year, an annual international photography competition to find the UK's 'Landscape Photographer of the Year'.

THE MAKING OF LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHS

Charlie Waite

Tuesday 9th December 2025
at 19:30

Join us in Liskeard Public Hall from 19:00 and help us celebrate the Christmas Season with complimentary Prosecco and mince pies (non-alcoholic beverages available)

Guests (£10) are always welcome

Landscape photography is a way of life and is an essential method of expression for Charlie Waite.

This fully illustrated talk with in excess of 60 images explores the relationship between the making of an image and the way in which it is perceived by the viewer.

Further discussion centres around the eye and the brain being an extraordinary double act made up of visual references and intellectual interpretation.



Mere Downs, © Charlie Waite

Looking ahead:

Talk on 13th January

John Benjamin's talk will be on **Fabergé: The Life and Work of the World's Greatest Goldsmith**. This talk analyses the mercurial rise of Carl Fabergé in pre-revolution Russia. By his late 30s he was producing incomparable jewels and objets d'art for the Imperial Court and bourgeois Moscow and St Petersburg. We will learn about Fabergé's early life and influences as well as exploring the objets d'art he created.

MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAMME CARD 2026

Thank you to those of you who have already renewed your membership for 2026. You will be able to pick up your Membership Card from the registration desk at our December meeting. Each card is named.

If you renew at the December meeting, Graham will hand you a card. If you are waiting to renew until the New Year, then you will receive the card at January's meeting.

DISCOVERY DAYS, VISITS AND TOURS

We had a very successful and enjoyable Discovery Day led by Sarah Cove on 27th November. More details about the day will be in January's newsletter.

I'm now beginning to get my head around DDays, visits and tours! I thought it would be a good idea to share with you an outline programme for a year and what we have already planned for 2026. Thank you to Janet Greaves-Stocker who's helping me with this.

OVERVIEW PLAN and ideas for 2026

Month	Event launched and advertised at LAS meeting, in newsletter and website	EVENT with potential idea for 2026 <i>To be held in the second half of the month indicated</i>
January	Discovery Day	
February		VISIT 1 <i>'Story of Emily' visit Thursday 26/2/26</i>
March	Visit 2 Summer social	DISCOVERY DAY <i>Liskeard Arts Society with Mid Cornwall Arts – date and speaker to be confirmed</i>
April		
May		VISIT 2 <i>Exeter cathedral tour - still in the planning stages</i>
June	Visit 3	SUMMER SOCIAL – TOUR & CREAM TEA <i>Prideaux Place, Padstow</i>
July		
August		
September	Discovery Day	
October		VISIT 3
November		DISCOVERY DAY <i>Mid Cornwall Arts Society with Liskeard Arts</i>
December	Visit 1	

Mary Utton, Lead for Publicity, Discovery Days, Visits and Tours

UPDATE from THE ARTS SOCIETY

The wish of Head Office is that all Members become better informed about the strategy and activities of The Arts Society; so here is the latest news from Trustees

It's worth following The Arts Society directly on social media to get direct access to the newest videos, images and stories – all ready to enjoy and re-share.

You Tube: [The Arts Society](#)

Facebook: [The Arts Society](#)

Instagram: [@theartssociety](#)

Do share these links. The more people who follow and share, the more we can spread the word about The Arts Society and the great things our local Societies are doing.

Boom Radio Campaign

The Arts Society has been running a national advertising campaign with Boom Radio. The first run took place from 25 August – 2 September and the current run, which started on 24 October, will finish on 1 December.

As a result, The Arts Society has had over 350 direct enquires and we expect that in addition to this, many listeners will have got in touch with their local Society directly.

South West Area Webpages

Don't forget we can access the South West webpages on The Arts Society website.

- Go to theartssociety.org on your web browser (Google etc)
- Scroll to the bottom of the home page
- Click "Our Societies & Areas"
- Scroll down to "Our Areas"
- Click "Explore our Areas"
- Scroll down to South West and click to access South West Area pages
- Scroll down for Events and News

Or save this link on your computer/phone and just click

<https://theartssociety.org/south-west-area>

REMINDERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

December's Refreshments Don't forget that at this month's meeting our Refreshment Team will be serving a complimentary glass of Prosecco or non-alcoholic beverage and mince pie from 7.00pm to help us get into the Christmas spirit.	Guests Welcome! Our doors are open to guests (£10). If you have family nearby or visiting, or have friends interested in seeing what we're about, please do encourage them to come along with you. Even better would be for you to persuade them to become members! Membership contact: 07790 821714
Hearing Difficulties If you have difficulty hearing our speaker, please email me or Liz Undy by 9.00am on the day of each talk if you wish to reserve seats at the front	Raffle Please bring your £1 coin for the raffle. Tickets will be on sale for £1 / per ticket with a chance to win a bottle of wine.
Liskeard Arts Website Have you ever visited and explored our website – www.liskeardartssociety.org.uk ? If not, I encourage you to do so. There's all the relevant information there about talks, Discovery Days, visits, tours and other activities we have been, are and will be involved in. You can also give feedback on the speakers and their talk.	
Speaker Feedback Don't forget to provide your feedback on the speaker and their talk. Please go to our website, www.liskeardartssociety.org.uk You should see on the front page a box saying 'Lecture Feedback'. Click here and it will take you to a page where you enter a password which is Liskeard and then can grade the quality of the lecture and the quality of overheads/slides. There is also a box for your comments.	

If you have any ideas, comments or queries or you can help us in any way please contact me.

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THE ARTS SOCIETY LISKEARD

Visit to **THE STORY OF EMILY**
Thursday 26th February 2026

£15 per person

Step into the life and legacy of **Emily Hobhouse** at the beautifully restored attraction in St Eve, near Liskeard
<https://thestoryofemily.com/>

As a fearless humanitarian and pacifist, **Emily Hobhouse** defied the British Empire to expose the horrors of the concentration camps during the Anglo-Boer War. Branded a "hysterical woman" and "traitor," she refused to be silenced, saving thousands of Boer women and children.

The Rectory: explore the Victorian world of the Hobhouse family, set in 1875. This thoughtfully restored Grade II listed building invites you to step into Emily Hobhouse's childhood home, where she lived from birth until the age of 34.

The War Rooms: step back in time to experience a typical Boer homestead. Witness the tactics used in guerrilla warfare and the terrible Scorched Earth Policy. Travel by train with Emily and enter a concentration camp as she shares what she witnessed.

You will make your own way **The Story of Emily**. There is plenty of parking.
Address: **St Ive, Liskeard PL14 3LX**

The cost will be **£15** per person. Refreshments are not included in the ticket price.

SEE OVERLEAF for the PROGRAMME. (*This may be subject to slight changes dependent on how many people book. Minimum group size 8; maximum 30*)

You may book and pay by cash/cheque at a Liskeard Arts meeting, or online.
Or post this completed slip with your cheque to The Arts Society Liskeard to:
Mary Utton, Tregantle, Barn Street, Liskeard PL14 4BL
01579 345140, 07731380715, mary.utton2@gmail.com

If you give your email address (or send a sae), your cheque will be acknowledged in writing.

Please reserve me place(s) @ £15 per person

NAME(S)

POSTCODE TEL NUMBER

EMAIL

Online booking and payment

1. Please pay **£15 per person** to:
The Arts Society Liskeard, sort code **20 68 10**, account number **70729515**, ref **TripSoE**.
2. Then email mary.utton2@gmail.com

Subject: Trip The Story of Emily

Message: how many places, how much you've paid, and your telephone number.

You should get a reply to your email within 24 hours, acknowledging your payment and booking.

GDPR: Your details will be retained only until the event has taken place, solely for Liskeard Arts to inform you of any updates about it.

PROGRAMME

10:10: Arrival from. Time for a coffee if you wish in the South African café.

10:50: Welcome and introductory video

11:15: Visit to the **Rectory**

We will travel back to the 19th century to learn the untold story of Emily Hobhouse. We will visit her rectory to see everyday life through Emily's eyes. (Approx 1 hour)

12:15: Lunch in the South African café and time to visit the shop.

You may prefer to go off site for lunch. (*Eating one's own picnic is not allowed on site*)

13:45: Re-group

14:00: Visit to the **War Rooms**

Set in the time around the Anglo-Boer wars. History blends with cutting edge technology to create a fascinating experience. This shares the resolve and courage of Emily and other women during this awful war. (Approx. 1 hour 45 mins)

Please Note

The above Programme and timings may be subject to change depending on how many people book and whether we will be split into 2 groups.

Refreshments are not included in the ticket price.

