



THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST MIDLANDS AREA

SUMMER SPECIAL INTEREST DAY

TWO WREKIN GEMS – TONG CHURCH & WESTON PARK

Thursday 19th July 2018 (10.00am – 4.30pm)

Booking form

Tobias Capwell - Armour in Alabaster: Knightly Church Monuments of the late Middle Ages

Tong Church is said to have the finest collection of monuments and memorials in Shropshire. A fitting venue for Toby's talk on one of the most important of all medieval art-forms. Monumental effigies were not just elaborate tomb markers, they were above all motivators of intercessionary prayer. This was an art-form on which the soul of the artist's patron literally depended. The effectiveness of the intercessions depended on the realistic, true-to-life qualities of the sculpted effigy - the more life-like the image, the more effective the prayer. Effigies not only bring us face-to-face with the real inhabitants of the medieval world, they also provide a unique way for us to understand the art of the medieval English armourer.

Following the talk there will be time to look around the church and at the monuments in particular with Toby, before a two-course lunch in Tong Parish Hall. The Arts Society Wrekin has recently produced a Church Trail for Tong.

Toby is Curator of Arms and Armour at the Wallace Collection in London, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and an internationally acknowledged expert on Medieval and Renaissance weapons.

Gareth Williams – Chippendale's Workshop at Weston Park

Thomas Chippendale was arguably the greatest cabinet maker that Britain produced in the eighteenth century and his name became a by-word for excellence in design and construction. Following Gareth's illustrated talk there will be a guided tour of the house. Discover the collection items ascribed to Thomas Chippendale and to other contemporary makers and artists including Josiah Wedgwood, Matthew Boulton, Gobelins, George Stubbs, John Constable, Sir Joshua Reynolds, James Paine and Lancelot Brown. Enjoy a Cream Tea before a self-guided visit to the Granary Gallery exhibition, formal gardens and parkland.

Gareth Williams is Curator and Head of Learning to the Weston Park Foundation. He was previously a furniture and works of art specialist for Phillips and Sotheby's.

Cost: £45pp, includes coffee/tea on arrival, two course lunch at Tong, admission and Cream Tea at Weston Park

There is plenty of free parking at both venues. They are both close to Junction 3 of the M54 and easily accessible.

Application forms can also be downloaded from www.westmidlandsarea.theartsociety.org

Please apply early as numbers are limited; at the latest, by 18th June 2018. After this date there will be no refunds unless there is a waiting list. If you have to cancel, please let me know by email or telephone as soon as possible.

Reply to: Nicky Lipscombe Sawmill Cottage, Badger, Shropshire WV6 7JP Email tlipscombe@aol.com Tel: 01746 783591

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I require _____ place(s) Cost pp: £45 Please include all names for attendance list.

Cheque enclosed for total £ _____ payable to: **The Arts Society-West Midlands Area**

Please advise of any special dietary requirements _____

Please email me to confirm that you have sent in your booking. I will acknowledge and send you further directions by e-mail. For written confirmation (if you are unable to email me) please enclose a SAE.

