

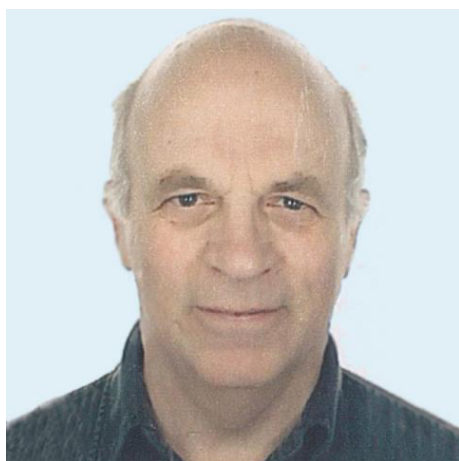
OUR SPEAKER on **Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 1:30pm**

will be

John Osborne

who will talk to us about:

Beyond Borders: Fortified and Painted Churches in Romania



Graduated in Classics at Cambridge University. Taught Classics at Marlborough College for over thirty years. Worked for the British Council in Iran and Turkey, and lectures in Islamic Civilisation. Tutor, Marlborough College Summer School. Lecturer, Department of Continuing Education, University of Bath. Guide at Salisbury Cathedral. Lecturer on cruises and leader of numerous study tours to Bulgaria, Romania, Iran, and Turkey and other countries in S.E. Europe and the Mediterranean. Lecture tours of Australia (twice) and New Zealand.

In the medieval period highly distinctive styles of architecture developed in remote Transylvania, Moldavia and Maramures. This lecture illustrates the fine Gothic churches that the Saxon settlers built in Transylvania and survive in their elegant towns and, uniquely, behind formidable fortifications in their villages. It depicts the 'Painted Monasteries' of Moldavia, famous for their frescoes that stem from the Orthodox Byzantine tradition, and cover the outside walls of the churches, still maintaining their wonderfully vivid colour and details in their lovely architectural ensembles. There is a mention, too, of the remarkable wooden churches of the rural villages of Maramures. All this is set in the context of Romania's landscape and history.

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