

THE ARTS SOCIETY WINDSOR

OUR SPEAKER on Wednesday 26 October 2022 at 1:30pm will be

Charlie Forman

who will talk to us about:

When Horses Ran London

As a London walking tour guide and lecturer, Charlie highlights the social, architectural and artistic history of his home city. It is a city he is passionate about, not least because it has a historic core larger and richer than any other world city. A member of the City of Westminster Guide Lecturers Association, his talks focus on the forces that have shaped and changed this multi-faceted metropolis and the artistic and cultural heritage that this has given us.



After many hundreds of walks and a four-decade long career in housing and regeneration he has absorbed a deep understanding and appreciation of the capital. He has had some fascinating vantage points like the seven years build-up to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games where he played a role in channelling potential long-term benefits into surrounding East London communities. His publications include *Spitalfields: A battle for land*.

Take a trip into a horse drawn city just as a revolution was motoring in. Without its horses, London in 1900 would have ground to a halt – no buses, no deliveries, no goods trains. Alongside London's growing dependence on technology was a vast increase in the demand for horses. This eye opener to a lost city mixes what's still there - the mews, horse hospitals, cab shelters and drinking troughs - with what is less apparent - like the horsepower each bus route needed, and why flogging a dead horse wasn't just a turn of phrase. In fact, in 1900 the end was nigh – as the internal combustion engine fired up and the Great War loomed. Buildings survive that evidence this extremely abrupt transition – from the factory that built the buses to the Edwardian multi-storey carpark the housed the taxi fleet. All this is brought alive through painters like Robert Bevan and early photographs.

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at www.theartsocietywindsor.org.uk, or email us at info@theartsocietywindsor.org.uk We have been meeting live again since February 2022 on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 1.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Old Windsor, SL4 2RN N.B. Please consult website re each lecture which we will update regularly.