

# THE ARTS SOCIETY WINDSOR

**OUR SPEAKER** on **Wed 24 November 2021 at 1:30pm** will be

## **Joanna Banham**

who will talk to us about:

### **The Roaring 20's Art, Design and High Society**



Jo Banham is a freelance curator, lecturer and writer. From 2006-2016 she was Head of Adult Learning at the Victoria & Albert Museum, and before that Head of Learning and Access at the National Portrait Gallery, and Head of Public Programmes at Tate Britain. She has also been Curator of Leighton House and Assistant Keeper at the Whitworth Art Gallery. She has published on many aspects of Victorian and early 20th century decoration and interiors. She is currently curating an exhibition on William Morris and the Arts and

Crafts Movement for the Juan March Fundacion in Madrid and the Museu Nacional d'Art Catalunya in Barcelona. She is also Director of the Victorian Society Summer School.

Like its name, the Roaring Twenties was a loud and boisterous decade, marked by novelty, modernity and huge social, technological, and economic change. Following the dark days of the Great War, it spawned a generation of wealthy and privileged Bright Young Things who were determined to shock and who broke with the conventions of the past: the women wore fur coats and cloche hats and had short, cropped hair, the men drove fast cars and smoked American cigarettes, the wealthy danced the Charleston and drank in the Café de Paris!

The Roaring Twenties was also a period of enormous vitality in art and design. Fashionable society was immortalised by John Lavery and Cecil Beaton, the excitement of jazz was portrayed by Burra and Roberts, while the speed of the city was explored by McKnight Kauffer and Nevinson. Furniture and decoration showed the influence of Cubism and other styles associated with the avant-garde, while the discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb ushered in an obsession with all things Egyptian.

This lecture aims to conjure up the energy and originality of the decade and to explore the lives of its leading figures and examples of its most innovative art and design.

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