

U3a BLYTH ARTS APPRECIATION NEWSLETTER



**PROGRAMME
SEPTEMBER 2026
TO
JUNE 2027**

I found I could say things with colour and shapes that I couldn't say
any other way - Georgia O'Keeffe

Join us for another year where each month opens a new
window onto art, design and the stories behind them.

We meet on:

The THIRD THURSDAY of every month

Doors open for refreshments at 1.00pm

The talk for the month starts at 1.30pm

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

**Your comments, questions and queries are always
welcome.**

Contact me at 3amarie@gmail.com.

**DESIGN AS ART?
FROM DRESSER TO THE DIGITAL AGE
SEPTEMBER
THURSDAY 17TH
1.30PM**

Speaker: Marie

Is design simply about function, or can it stand alongside painting and sculpture as an art form in its own right?

This talk explores 150 years of industrial design through its most influential and recognisable objects



**A VISIT TO THE
SHIPLEY ART GALLERY
OCTOBER
THURSDAY 15th
1.30PM**

A guided tour of the Gallery - but there's more...

an opportunity to actually handle selected objects from its vast collection with insights provided by a member of staff.

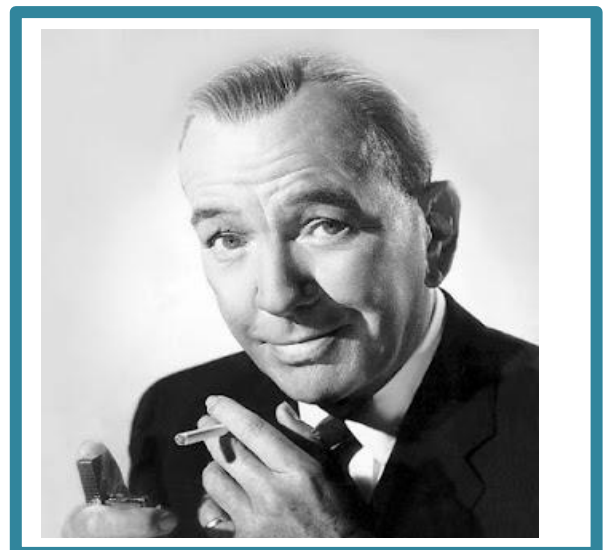
Lunch at the Angel View Inn and... up close and personal with the Angel of the North



**THE MUSIC OF THE
'THE MASTER'
NOEL COWARD
NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 19TH
1.30PM**

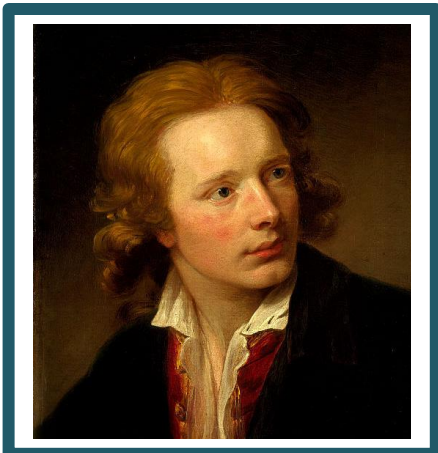
Guest Speaker: David Faulkner

Witty, urbane, and effortlessly stylish, this talk explores Noël Coward's music – from his razor-sharp comic numbers to the unexpectedly tender songs that reveal the man behind the persona





**A CHRISTMAS TREAT?
KEEPING IT UNDER WRAPS FOR NOW....**



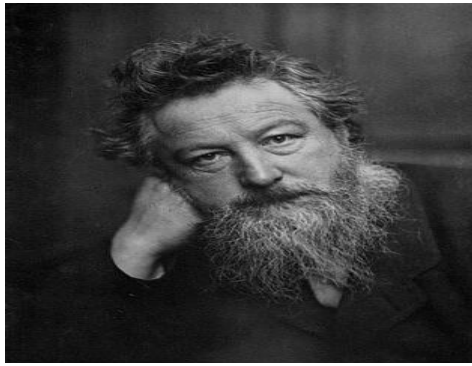
**JOHN MARTIN: PAINTER OF THE SUBLIME
JANUARY
THURSDAY 21ST
1.30PM**

Guest Speaker: Chris Tipple
Discover John Martin, the Northumberland artist whose explosive, cinematic paintings made him one of the most unforgettable figures of his age.

**THE CULLERCOATS ARTISTS'
COLONY
FEBRUARY
THURSDAY 18TH
1.30PM**

**Guest Speaker:
Michael Gatherar**
Discover the remarkable group of painters who made their home in the tiny fishing village of Cullercoats, creating atmospheric and deeply human images of coastal life that still captivate today.





**WILLIAM MORRIS: BEAUTY FOR ALL
MARCH
THURSDAY 18TH
1.30PM**

Guest Speaker: Simon Foley

An exploration of Morris's life, ideals, and creative legacy, inspired by the 2025 *William Morris Mania* exhibition in Walthamstow.

**THE MYSTERIOUS ROCK ART OF SOUTHERN
AFRICA
APRIL
THURSDAY 16TH
1.30PM**

Guest Speaker: Aron Mazel

A look at Aron's long-term study of Southern African rock art and the insights it offers into the lives and beliefs of early communities.



**SEEING NORTHUMBERLAND:
AN ARTISTS' VIEW
MAY
THURSDAY 20TH
1.30PM**

Speaker: Marie

An exploration of how seven artists have interpreted Northumberland – its landscapes, communities, and character – and an invitation to consider which vision of the county most closely matches your own



**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!
JUNE 18TH**

A midsummer surprise to round off our season
Details will be shared nearer the time.