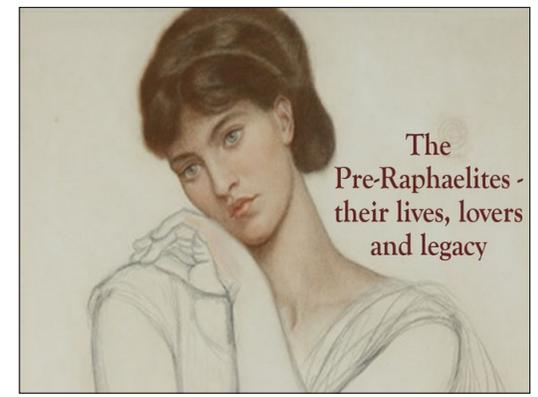


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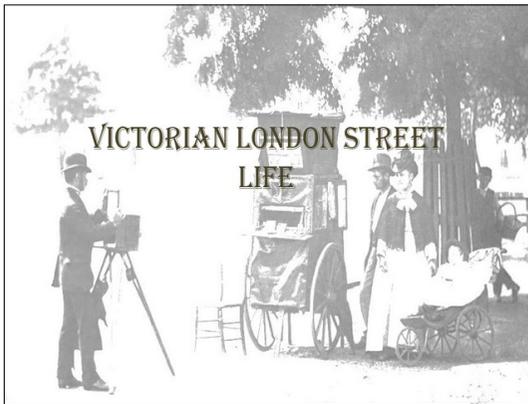


Relive the decade of the four F’s – Fashion, Flappers, Film and Fun. Learn how younger generation wanted to forget about past traditions of behaviour and instead wanted to ‘Live for the moment’ following WWI. We see how The Bright Young Things went too far and made themselves unpopular with the general population. Find out who the stars of Hollywood were and the music which defined the era as well as the change in fashion. A light hearted talk with short videos. .

When WWII was declared, the government felt entertainment was important to keep up people’s moral. The Entertainments National Service Association was set up and entertainers were encouraged to join; over 50,000 answered the call.

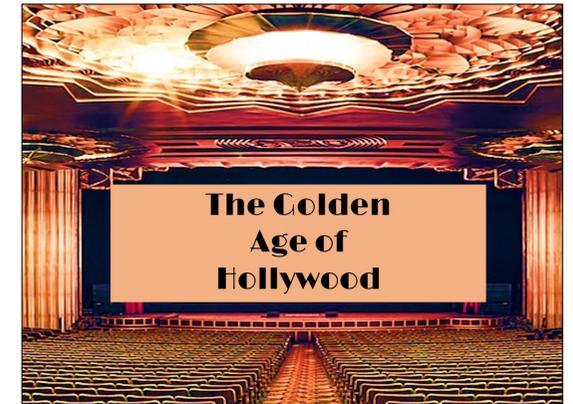
So join me and enjoy a trip down memory lane learning about the artists who would become household names and loved by millions of troops fighting around the world.

This talk is a feast for the eyes. We look at the formation of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood and at the paintings that made them famous. The brotherhood led to the Arts and Craft Movement in which William Morris, a great friend of the members, embraced their art through textiles and wallpaper. Eventually it became so popular that it was copied by architects, jewellers, interior and fashion designers and evolved into the style known as Art



This is a fascinating insight into how poor people in London lived and survived in the late nineteenth century. The fear of the Workhouse with personal stories and details what sort of food was popular and the plight of working children are just a few of the topics covered. We follow them throughout a typical day, ending in a Music Hall.

Prior to WW1 the role of women was strictly in the home and being educated or holding down a profession was not encouraged. This talk shows how WW1 changed that and women were at last welcomed into the workplace. After the war, with the fight for women’s suffrage being high on the agenda, things were never the same and we look at how women fought on and how things stand in the present day.



This talk is an opportunity to visit the golden age of Hollywood when people visited the cinema to forget the impact of the Great Depression. During this period flocked to see Busby Berkeley musicals, the birth of Technicolor and the first film by Walt Disney. Two of the greatest films in cinema history were made during this period. There are lots of clips of the stars and music of this era. A real treat for film fans.

I have been a speaker for over 15 years and in the past four years have auditioned for both the West Kent and East Sussex Federations of WIs and been approved by both. I have spoken at company AGMs, private clubs and numerous organisations.

All my talks are PowerPoint presentations with video, music and up to 65 slides each. I may be available at short notice should your speaker be unable to attend a booking. Please contact me for availability.

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