



## The Arts Society North West Area

Day of Special Interest - Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Elizabethan Enigmas, with Dr Jonathan Foyle

The Elizabethan Age is familiar to us through fabulous portraits of Queen Elizabeth I, Shakespeare's drama and Francis Drake's bravado - but behind the mask these are strange figures to us: static, reluctant to reveal their emotions, wrapped in symbolism and living through the consequences of a turbulent era. What did they inherit of the old medieval world, and what did they create? (Right: 'Queen Elizabeth I, after George Gower [1540–1596], courtesy of Wikimedia Commons)



The venue for our exploration of that era of enigma, endeavour and excitement is the appropriately atmospheric Houghton Tower, open exclusively for us. Rebuilt in 1568 for Thomas Houghton, it is the only true baronial hall in Lancashire, occupying a commanding position with magnificent views of Lancashire, the Lake District and North Wales. (For more details, directions and access statement, visit <https://www.hoghtontower.co.uk>.) (Image courtesy of Houghton Tower Preservation Trust)

Our lecturer is Dr Jonathan Foyle. He was Chief Executive of World Monuments Fund Britain for eight years, and a Curator of Historic Buildings at Hampton Court for as long. His passions are architecture, history and craft, on which he has written many scholarly papers and articles for newspapers and popular magazines. His published works include monographs on Canterbury, Lincoln, Lichfield and Peterborough Cathedrals. He is an Honorary Professor in Conservation at the University of Lincoln. He will be familiar to you as the presenter of numerous television programmes including BBC4's *Henry VIII: Patron or Plunderer?* and BBC2's *Climbing Great Buildings*. Above all, he shares his knowledge with verve, clarity and a sense of fun.

#### Programme

- 10.00 a.m.** Registration and coffee/tea.  
**10.30 a.m.** *Queen Elizabeth and the 'Tudor Rose': the politics of royal identity in art*  
Short break  
**11.45 a.m.** *Elizabethan Houses and Gardens: witnesses to the changing patterns of late sixteenth-century life*  
**12.45 p.m.** **Lunch.** Buffet with soup and a glass of wine (or soft drink)  
**1.45 p.m.** *Hampton Court and Windsor: Visiting Two Palaces in the Elizabethan Age*  
**2.45 p.m.** Tours of house and time for the gardens  
**Close** **4.00 p.m.** onwards. The property will close at **5.30 p.m.**

**Cost:** **£50.00 per person** (kindly subsidised by The Arts Society North West Area)

**Venue:** **Houghton Tower, Houghton, Nr Preston, PR5 0SH.**

**Organiser:** **Sue O'Brien, for the North West Area Support Team**

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**To book:** Please follow the instructions overleaf.

## The Arts Society North West Area - Elizabethan Enigmas, 06/09/2021, at Hoghton Tower

**PLEASE NOTE:** Numbers are limited to allow for social distancing.

**To book places, please either**

**(preferred)** Complete the booking form below, one for each person attending, and email to Sue O'Brien at [suegreenfoot@outlook.com](mailto:suegreenfoot@outlook.com) and pay online using the bank details below. **(Please be aware that** when setting up The Arts Society North West Area as a payee for online banking you may receive a warning that your bank cannot verify our account name and number. This is because CAF Bank is not a clearing bank. It is important therefore that you double check that you have entered the correct details and then proceed as normal.)

Name of payee: The Arts Society North West Area  
Sort Code: 40-52-40  
Account Number: 00060405  
Reference: Hoghton Tower

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### ----- **THE ARTS SOCIETY NORTH WEST AREA - DAY OF SPECIAL INTEREST 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021, ELIZABETHAN ENIGMAS**

Name of person attending.....

Society.....

Address.....

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Email:.....

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Special requirements.....

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*By continuing with this booking you agree to accept any precautions and/or any amendments to the programme required by the Arts Society North West Area Support Team and/or staff of Hoghton Tower in order to comply with Government regulations and/or advice concerning the COVID pandemic, current on the day of the event.*

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