

**The Summer Exhibition 2010  
at the Stanley Spencer Gallery, Cookham**

***STANLEY AND THE FIRST MRS SPENCER*  
April 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010**

The Summer Exhibition *Stanley and the First Mrs Spencer* at the Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham promises to bring a new approach to the Gallery's display of artist Stanley Spencer's work by concentrating attention on his first wife Hilda Carline, and her influence on his work. The exhibition honours Hilda on the sixtieth anniversary of her death. It shows her as a highly talented artist who had a profound influence on Spencer's life and work. The exhibition includes portrayals of their two daughters, Shirin and Unity, and the extraordinary portraits *Hilda, Unity and Dolls* and *Hilda and I at Burghclere*. This unusual marriage shaped the work of Stanley Spencer, one of the most important British painters of the twentieth century, and the exhibition promises to shed light on their unconventional relationship.

The Summer Exhibition will be open daily from 10.30am-5.30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010. There is nearby parking in Cookham village, including disabled parking in marked spaces on the High Street. The village offers several choices of pubs and restaurants, and leaflets are available at the Gallery for village and riverside walks. These take in the locations of many well known Spencer pictures, most of which remain virtually unchanged. Guided walks are also offered – enquire at the Gallery or on phone / website. Knowledgeable custodians are available to answer questions on the artist and his work.

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