

A Village Vision

Two days of talks, walks and discussions about the work of
Sir Stanley Spencer, CBE, RA
in the heart of the Village where he was born, lived and worked

MAIN SPEAKERS ON SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER: (registration 9.30 – 10am)

Sir Stanley Spencer - Inspiration and British Master

An assessment of Spencer's place in the history of British art, and how Dr Fox was personally inspired to study art history

Dr James Fox: Art historian and broadcaster. A research fellow at Cambridge University he specialises in 20th Century art. His style has been called 'passionate, accessible and authoritative'. In 2011 he made a highly acclaimed series of programmes for the BBC on 'British Masters' which included the work of Stanley Spencer.

Taking One's Mind for a Walk

Approaches to drawing, design and composition in Spencer's work

Professor Paul Gough: Professor of Fine Arts and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West of England, Bristol. Paul is an artist and broadcaster who has written extensively about Spencer, including *Journey to Burghclere* about the Sandham Memorial Chapel and *Your Loving Friend* – using the collection of Spencer's letters to Desmond Chute held in the Gallery.

Approaching Heaven Through Earth

Stanley Spencer's Scrapbook Drawings

Carolyn Leder: Art historian and a Trustee of the Stanley Spencer Gallery. Carolyn wrote *Stanley Spencer: The Astor Collection* documenting the Scrapbook Drawings, as well as many catalogues for Gallery exhibitions. She has been associated with Cookham and Spencer's circle for many years. Until 2011 she was Curator of the Old Speech Room Gallery at Harrow School and has written extensively on English art.

A Burning Bush in Cookham

The spirituality of place and the importance of Cookham in Stanley Spencer's art

The Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford: Bishop Stephen has a lifelong interest in the arts and Spencer in particular. He writes extensively on spirituality and discipleship. He has recently examined Spencer's series of works 'Christ in the Wilderness', an unfinished series of paintings which Spencer intended should hang in Holy Trinity Church, Cookham.

(Close – approx 5.30pm)

MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER PROGRAMME:

Carolyn Leder will talk about the '**The Collection at Cookham: paintings & drawings in the Stanley Spencer Gallery**', and knowledgeable Gallery staff will give guided walks of the Village and the current exhibition in the Gallery – '**Spencer's Earthly Paradise: Stanley Spencer Gallery – 50th Anniversary Exhibition**'.