



The Arts Society East Surrey Area

Special Interest Morning - Friday 9th November 2018

The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon, Cobham Road, Cobham KT11 3QQ

The Forbidden City

The Secrets of China's Imperial Palace and Museum

Lecturer – Anne Haworth



The **Forbidden City**, built in early 15th century, was home to the two most powerful dynasties of China, the Ming and Qing dragon emperors who lived in walled seclusion with their empresses, concubines and palace eunuchs. After the abdication of the last emperor in 1911, it became the Palace Museum of today housing extensive collections of works of art collected by generations of Chinese Emperors. It was known as the Middle Kingdom whose Emperors had a cosmic role as semi-divine Sons of Heaven whose lives were bound by rituals and secrecy.

Programme for the Morning:

- 10.00 am Registration and Welcome (coffee/tea available)
- 10.30 am Lecture 1. Architecture & Symbolism of the Palace and the Construction during the Ming Dynasty
- 11.30 am Break for coffee/tea and biscuits
- 12 noon Lecture 2. Palace Interiors and the Story of the Twilight Days of the Empire
- 1.00 pm Approximate end of Special Interest Morning

Ticket cost - £19.00 per person (two lectures, coffee/tea on arrival and during the interval). Send completed booking form below and cheque made out to The Arts Society East Surrey Area with Stamped Addressed Envelope (22 x 11 cm).

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