

THE ARTS SOCIETY MID CORNWALL

Discovery Day

Wednesday 26th March 2025

in St Mary's Parish Centre,
St Mary's Road, Bodmin, PL31 1NF

The Second Sex

Women in Art and Society During the Italian Renaissance with Sarah Dunant

Sarah thinks Discovery Days often ask a bit too much of the audience. However fascinating the subject, three lectures can feel more like school than fun. THE SECOND SEX is an attempt to address that.

Sarah is a well-known writer, historian and Arts Society lecturer. She has written five best-selling novels featuring the lives of women in the Italian renaissance, from infamous figures like Lucrezia Borgia and the patron Isabella d'Este to the unknown and unsung; painters, writers, courtesans and nuns.

9.30 Complimentary tea and coffee on arrival

10.00 Lecture 1: The Second Sex: The Rich History of
Courtesans and Nuns

11.00 Comfort Break

11.30 A Portrait of One Great Woman – Isabella d'Este, (*see right*)
Patron, Collector, Fashion Icon and Political Manipulator –

1.00 Lunch. Either bring your own packed lunch or pre-order below.
There will be a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink (*Titian, 1535, Kunsthistorisches Museum, Wien*)

2.00 Sarah would like participants to read one of her novels, not all the same one, as we will discuss this wonderful thing, historical fiction. How do novelists do it? How much is fact, how much made up? Can fiction get to parts of the history that other disciplines can't reach.

This is a study day where what the participants think is as important as what the lecturer knows.

£45 per person plus £5 for lunch. Payment is due at the time of booking and is not normally refundable.

[If you would like to reserve a place, please complete the application form below:](#)



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Please reserve me Place(s) at £45.00 each without lunch or £50.00 with a pre-ordered lunch.
Choose your lunch option below, a traybake sweet is included. Soft drinks, a glass of wine, hot drinks are free.

Please tick: (a) Leek and Potato soup and roll ☐ or (b) Quiche Lorraine and salad ☐

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