

John P Smith:
Glass Lighting for English Country Houses in the 19th century.
Thursday, 12th October 2017



Lighting in the 18th century was all about candle light. The nineteenth century introduced first oil, then gas, then electricity. This changed the design of chandeliers and other lighting to accommodate oil reservoirs or gas pipes. The amount of light generated was greatly increased, so much so, that by the end of the 19th century ladies of a certain age were complaining the such lighting was unflattering and requested a return to candle light.



John P Smith first joined The Glass Circle 50 years ago. He has lectured internationally on lighting, he is chairman of The Glass Circle and a Fellow at The Corning Museum of Glass. He is the author of three publications concerning lighting: *Osler, for Royalty and*

Rajah; The Art of Enlightenment; Mallett Glass, as well as numerous articles.

Osler chandeliers (or 'electroliers') circa 1890. Note, for the first time the lighting is pointing down.

Meeting Place: **The Art Workers' Guild, 6 Queen Square, London WC1N 3AT (Ground Floor Lecture Hall)** (Gradidge Room, first floor – please give notice if you need help with mobility)

Co-Hosts:

Time: The lecture will start promptly at **19.15**. Coffee and light refreshments are provided from 18.30. The meeting will finish by 21.00
NB There is a charge of £10 each per meeting.

Queen Square lies between Southampton Row and Gt. Ormond St. It can be reached by Underground using either Russell Sq. (Piccadilly) or Holborn (Piccadilly and Central). Buses 68, 91, 168 and 188 run along Southampton Row and 19, 38, 55 and 505 along Theobald's Rd. Access by car is one-way only: take the first turning to the left off Theobald's Rd (after the junction with Southampton Row) into Old Gloucester St which continues into Queen Sq. The Artworkers' Guild is half way along on the left. The congestion charge finishes at 6.00. Cars may readily be parked in the square after 6.30 free of charge.

Next Meetings: Thursday 9th November, Thursday 7th December

NB We need to know if you will attend the meeting for numbers restrictions, for catering or unforeseen changes.

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 will attend the lecture by **John P Smith** on **Thursday 12 October 2017, at £10 pp.**

I/we will bring..... Guests (£15.00 each) and enclose a cheque made payable to *The Glass Circle* for £..... (If you wish to be a future co-host please tick the box and enclose a cheque for £15.00).

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