

DRAMA, re-enactment, a royal garden and a bit of science: this programme includes talks by travel writers, a novelist, a stonemason and an art historian. From the wealth of material currently being streamed we have tried to select professionally presented talks by experts in their field, often with some local interest.

It is suggested that members all watch the item during the week indicated. Once you have seen it please share your thoughts/comments in one of three ways - a submission for the next Newsletter, a post to our Facebook Group **Spire U3A**, or during a Zoom session.

All films can be watched as 'Full Screen' - click the symbol which is usually bottom right.

ENJOY!

From 16/7

National Theatre at Home: Amadeus

by Peter Shaffer

From 7pm on 16 July to 23 July

National Theatre at Home: Amadeus

Vienna: the music capital of the world.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, a rowdy young prodigy, arrives determined to make a splash.

Awestruck by his genius, court composer Antonio Salieri has the power to promote his talent or destroy it. Seized by obsessive jealousy he begins a war with Mozart, with music and, ultimately, with God.

Peter Shaffer's iconic play had its premiere at the National Theatre in 1979, winning multiple Olivier and Tony awards before being adapted into an Academy Award-winning film.

In this new production, directed by Michael Longhurst (*Constellations*, *The World of Extreme Happiness*), Lucian Msamati (*Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, *'Master Harold'... and the boys*) plays Salieri – with live orchestral accompaniment by Southbank Sinfonia.

- You can watch *Amadeus* as part of National Theatre at Home from 7pm on Thursday 16 July on the National Theatre's YouTube channel, then on demand for one week until 7pm on Thursday 23 July, but you'll need to start watching by 4pm on 23 July to see it all.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ntdiscovertheatre>

19/7

The National Garden Scheme Virtual Garden Visits - 200 are available to watch here....

<https://ngs.org.uk/virtual-garden-visits/>

We recommend

Sandringham (2 minutes)

<https://ngs.org.uk/sandringham-a-royal-favourite/>

The Barn (8 minutes)

<https://ngs.org.uk/tom-stuart-smith-the-barn/>

And The Hospital of St Cross, Winchester (5 minutes)

<https://ngs.org.uk/the-hospital-of-st-cross-winchester-tranquility-in-troubled-times/>

26/7

Chalke Valley History Show 1

The first instalment presented by James Holland, with contributions from Sophy Roberts, Anita Anand, the 10th Essex Regt. Living History Group and Luke Winter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04TqaJPMEXI>

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TWO TED TALKS

What happens in your brain when you taste food?

With fascinating research and hilarious anecdotes, neuroscientist Camilla Arndal Andersen takes us into the lab where she studies people's sense of taste via brain scans. She reveals surprising insights about the way our brains subconsciously experience food -- and shows how this data could help us eat healthier without sacrificing taste.

https://www.ted.com/talks/camilla_arndal_andersen_what_happens_in_your_brain_when_you_taste_food?language=en#t-808119

Optical Illusions Show How We See

Beau Lotto's colour games puzzle your vision, but they also spotlight what you can't normally see: how your brain works. This fun, first-hand look at your own versatile sense of sight reveals how evolution tints your perception of what's really out there.

https://www.ted.com/talks/beau_lotto_optical_illusions_show_how_we_see?language=en

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Chalke Valley History Show 2

Second instalment of this year's digital edition of The Chalke Valley History Show. Presented by James Holland, with contributions from Saul David, Tracy Chevalier, Suzannah Lipscomb, Dave Allan and Ali Ansari.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSGU9mDulpM>

16/8

TWO MORE TED TALKS

How a handful of fishing villages sparked a marine conservation revolution

We need a radically new approach to ocean conservation, says marine biologist and TED Fellow Alasdair Harris. In a visionary talk, he lays out a surprising solution to the problem of overfishing that could both revive marine life and rebuild local fisheries -- all by taking less from the ocean. "When we design it right, marine conservation reaps dividends that go far beyond protecting nature," he says.

https://www.ted.com/talks/alasdair_harris_how_a_handful_of_fishing_villages_sparked_a_marine_conservation_revolution#t-2878

The Case for Vermicomposting

In this educational talk, worm farmer David Witzeneder explains how vermicomposting -- the use of worms to break down organic matter -- can empower us to turn household waste into a fertile resource without even leaving our homes.

https://www.ted.com/talks/david_witzeneder_the_case_for_vermicomposting

23/8

The Chalke Valley History Show 3

The third instalment of this year's digital edition of The Chalke Valley History Show. Presented by James Holland, with contributions from Andrew Ziminski, Tracy Borman, The History Tellers, Peter Frankopan, John Winder and Dan Snow

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmimB0KBm_c

30/8

Artists in times of crisis: Simon Schama talks to Samira Ahmed (1 hour)

In this event, Simon Schama recounts the remarkable stories of artists who, under extreme stress, have created something unprecedented, altering the course of art forever.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuO9nu-wV_Y

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The Chalke Valley History Show 4

Fourth instalment presented by James Holland, with contributions from Adam Rutherford, Al Murray, Annette Gordon-Reed, Thomas Timbrell and Lara Maiklem.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=maozYxV_44U

13/9

Pompeii Live from the British Museum

In 2013 we broadcast live from our blockbuster exhibition Life and Death in Pompeii and Herculaneum. This 90 minute broadcast presented by Bettany Hughes and Peter Snow includes interviews with Rachel De Thame, Giorgio Locatelli and Mary Beard.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Cinu9yIbp0>

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The Chalke Valley History Show 5

Fifth instalment - and it's a Living History Special! Presented by James Holland, with contributions from Luke Winter, Will Sherman, Caroline Nicolay, 10th Essex Regt. WWI Living History Group, Foreign Field Living History Group, Ian Thackray and Georgina Ratcliffe.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-6aMXIJ9eM>

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Vikings: Live from the British Museum

The Vikings are coming... again! In 2014 we followed on from the success of Pompeii Live with another live broadcast- this time from the exhibition Vikings: life and legend. Here is that broadcast, presented by Bettany Hughes and Michael Wood, featuring the largest Viking warship ever found, Roskilde 6 along with interviews with Viking scholars from across the world. Michael and Bettany explore the viking world from the homelands to its farthest reaches, Viking ship craft, trading, warfare and religion are brought to life through the spectacular objects that were brought together for this blockbuster exhibition.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuL0Q0tsid4>

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Chalke Valley History Show 6

Sixth instalment presented by James Holland, with contributions from Caryn Mandabach, Tim Bouverie, Al Murray, Georgina Ratcliffe and Michael Wood.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlhxx9eM6cw>

11/10

Sue Allenby - Elias: a Story of the Founding of Salisbury

Sue had never thought she would be writing a novel when she was researching the role of Elias of Dereham, the elusive rebel lawyer-priest and artistic genius. And John Elliott, of Spire Books, had never thought of publishing one. This story, of the excited, resilient people watching Salisbury being built around them, is her 800th birthday gift to the city.

<https://salisbury2020.com/event/sue-allenby-elias-a-story-of-the-founding-of-salisbury/>

18/10

The Chalke Valley History Show 7

The final bumper instalment presented by James Holland, with contributions from Tom Holland, Joanna Grochowicz, Clare Mulley, Alex Compiani, Colin Bell DFC, Bernard Gardner and Philippe Sands.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6hyld_YOwk