

The Alliance of Literary Societies (ALS)

The Highgate Highflyers

An on-line programme hosted jointly by the Hopkins and the Betjeman Societies

Saturday 2nd October 2021

This conference was initially planned to take place in person over the ALS AGM then transferred to the first weekend of October. Unfortunately Covid-19 has intervened, and we are holding a single day online event.

The juxtaposition of Hopkins & Betjeman, two very different poets, may at first seem odd. There are, however, many points of intersection between the two in their lives, poetry and interests. We have retained a top-flight team of speakers and which we think you'll find too good to miss.

Book on-line for Saturday 2nd October and learn more about these two much loved poets. To accompany this joint day with ALS members, both societies have produced special issues of their journals highlighting the two poets and their influences on and from other writers. Copies of these journals can be ordered on the Registration Form and sent by post to applicants.

^b 10.30	Welcome and introduction by the President of the ALS, Claire Harman
10.45 to 11.30	'Hopkins and Betjeman: Poetry's Odd Couple' Lance Pierson - Betjeman Society Chairman; Hopkins Society Vice- President
11.45 to 12.30	'Making Sense of Hopkins' Poetry' Dr Jane Wright - Senior Lecturer in English, University of Bristol. (<i>Contributed to Melvyn Bragg's 'In Our Time' on Hopkins on Radio 4</i>).
	Lunch Break
14.00 to 14.45	'A Shared Enthusiasm': Hopkins, Betjeman, and Victorian Church Architecture. Dr Jill Robson - Hopkins Society
14.55 to 15.15	Highgate School Archives of the Two Poets Julia Hudson - Archivist
15.15 to 15.45	ALS news with Marty Ross (Chair) and Mark Green (Secretary).