SUPPER TALK

on Thursday, 22nd February 2018

At 7.30 for 8.00pm in the McKenna Room Christ Church

Professor Jerry Brotton

will talk about

The Sale of the Late King Charles I’s Pictures

Jerry Brotton is Professor of Renaissance Studies at Queen Mary University of London. He is a regular reviewer and broadcaster for both radio and television and is the author of several books, including the bestselling and award-winning A History of the World in Twelve Maps (2012), This Orient Isle: Elizabethan England and the Islamic World (2016) and The Sale of the Late King’s Goods: Charles I and his Art Collection (2006), shortlisted for the Samuel Johnson Prize and the subject of tonight’s talk.

During the reign of King Charles I the king assembled a remarkable collection of almost 2,000 magnificent paintings, tapestries, statues and drawings, bought from across Europe. Charles was the first English ruler to seriously collect art which came to form the backbone of today’s Royal Collection. Following his execution in 1649 the republican authorities passed legislation for the sale of the late king’s goods, including his art collection, that was sold off to merchants and artisans first in a public sale and then offered to settle political debts. With the Restoration of 1660 Charles II ordered the return of the collection in a political act of restitution. In this illustrated talk Professor Brotton tells the extraordinary story of the creation, dispersal and restoration of Charles I’s art collection, and reflects on what it tells us about English attitudes to art and collecting then and now.

This year, our annual dinner coincides with a major exhibition by the Royal Academy of Arts entitled Charles 1st, King and Collector. (27th January 2018 – 15th April 2018).

Sherry or soft drinks will be offered prior to a two course supper with wine and coffee.

Tickets: Friends £43 each / Guests - £45 each

Limited parking will be available. Please apply for a display permit if required.

Refund Policy: It is not possible to offer refunds. However, if an event is over-subscribed a reserve list will be started. If you need to cancel you will be put in touch with someone on that reserve list.

Event Organiser: Elizabeth Harrison (Home telephone: 01865 358979)

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