

The Constable Trust is pleased to present the **Fourteenth Annual Lecture**

WHAT DID GAINSBOROUGH PAINT?

by **Hugh Belsey**

Gainsborough expert and freelance lecturer



on **Saturday 14 April 2018, 6.30 for 7pm**
at the Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt
Tickets are **£12.50 (includes wine and canapés)**

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Hugh Belsey built up the collection at Gainsborough's House during his 23 years as Curator. In 1981 when he started to work in Sudbury the museum exhibited loans, as it still does, but owned none of the artist's work; and by the time he left, the charity that runs the museum owned and exhibited a dozen paintings, a score of drawings and much else besides. One of his colleagues introduced him as the man who knows more about Gainsborough than Gainsborough knew himself.

In 2004 he left the museum to compile a catalogue of Gainsborough's work. He has written 850,000 words, gathered 1100 illustrations and travelled from Gainsborough to Gainsborough around the USA, Australia and Britain. The book will finally be published this coming Autumn. How do you go about gathering all this information? What expertise do you need? What is the point of a book like this and who will read it?

Hugh now works as a freelance lecturer, reviewer and curator. He looks forward to having time to read bad novels and looking at paintings by artists other than Gainsborough.

IMAGE OVERLEAF: Thomas Gainsborough, *Portrait of Lady Carr*, c. 1763.

Oil on canvas, 127 x 101.6 cm (50 x 40 in). Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, Connecticut (Bequest of Mrs Harry Payne Bingham)

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