



# HORSE RACING INTEREST GROUP

Wednesday 16 November 2022

*Treasures of the Turf*

*The Fine and Decorative Art of Horseracing*

**Christopher Garibaldi**

This talk looks at the history of horseracing from the late seventeenth century to the modern period and considers the development of the sport in the UK through its associated cultural material. The lecture focusses on the wealth of paintings, archive material and decorative art objects associated with and depicting the Sport of Kings. Its starting point is the earliest origins of horseracing including the development of Newmarket, its royal palace and the Jockey Club as the traditional headquarters of the sport. It also includes an examination of the cultural material linked to other influential horseracing circuits.

The talk will interest fans of horseracing under the auspices of the Horse Racing Interest Group as well as historians and other Club members – Charles II's horse Old Rowley raced at Newmarket giving rise to one of the Newmarket courses now being known as the Rowley Mile, on which the 1000 and 2000 Guineas are run.

The talk will be given by Club member Christopher Garibaldi who ran and developed the National Horseracing Museum during his stewardship as its Director at Newmarket from 2010 to 2019. The museum contains, amongst other features, a national collection of British sporting art in Palace House (the last remaining element of Charles II's racing palace), equestrian demonstrations by the Retraining of Racehorses charity as well as a mock horse 'equicizer' which visitors can try.

Christopher originally graduated in English from Greyfriars, Oxford and has recently returned to studying, completing his MPhil in the History of Art and Architecture at St John's College, Cambridge where he is currently studying for his doctorate on the architectural history of the palace of Newmarket and associated aspects of royal patronage.



**The evening will begin with a drinks and canapés reception before the lecture.**

**Timing: 6.30pm for 7pm    Dress: Lounge Suit    Tickets: £24.50 per head**

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