

LECTURE: 12 November 2020

Presenter: Caroline Knight

Provincial towns expanded and altered substantially in the 18th century with new buildings for social life, town houses for the gentry, the rise of the middle class, and improved communications.

The lecture will examine towns such as York, Norwich and Nottingham and the rise of resorts such as Bath and Brighton.

The transformation of English provincial towns in the 18th Century: society, art, architecture and travel



Caroline Knight, FSA, is an architectural historian, trained at the Courtauld Institute. She was then commissioned to research the history of Kensington Palace, and has combined research and teaching since then.

Her recent teaching has been mainly at the Victoria & Albert Museum, where she set up and directed a year course, 'The Visual Arts in Europe: High Renaissance to Baroque, 1500-1720.' She now runs occasional short courses at the V & A, and lectures on various courses there. In 2009 she published 'London's Country Houses' looking at the large houses close to London, often now in outer suburbs.

Her current research is into the architectural and social history of towns in 18th century England. She is a trustee of the Georgian Group.