



23rd Levantine Heritage Foundation dinner gathering

Our next talk and dinner will be on Wednesday 7th September 2016, at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LF, starting at 6 pm.

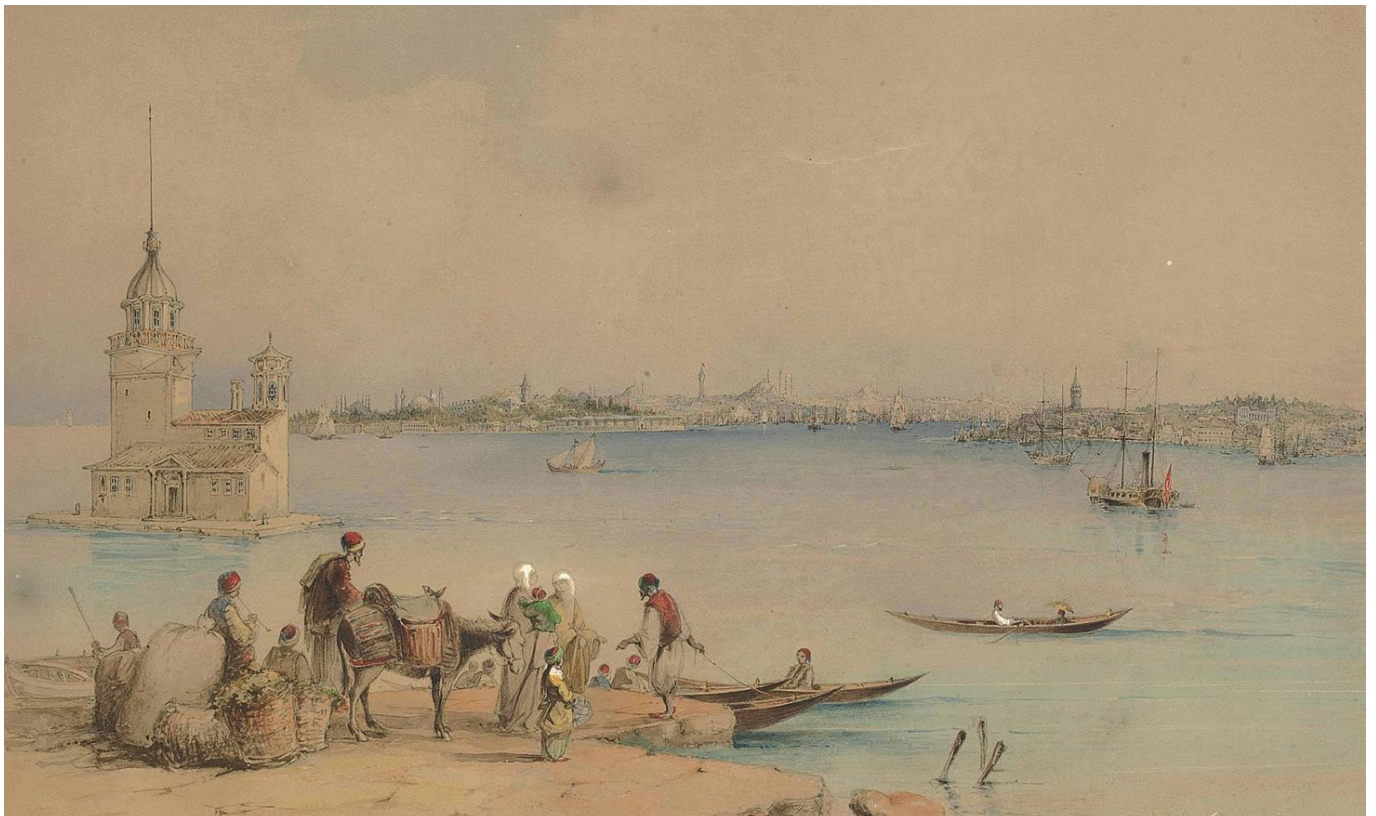
The evening will start with 2 guest speakers:

Charles Newton, '**Count Amadeo Preziosi: Levantines Observed**'

Amadeo, Count Preziosi moved from his native Malta in 1842 and settled in Istanbul, abandoning his training in the law to become a painter of the very diverse population of that city, until his death in 1882. He was the artist to whom most visitors would go when they desired an accurate picture as a keepsake of their visit. His quirky and brilliantly coloured portraits of the citizens and their lives are a valuable resource now for historians and collectors alike.

Charles Newton was a curator in the Victoria and Albert Museum from 1969. He worked in various departments, including Travelling Exhibitions, Textiles, and Sculpture. He was in Prints & Drawings department from 1975 until his retirement in 2005, when he was Deputy Head of Paintings.

He has organised exhibitions, published articles and books, and lectured on a wide variety of subjects, including Victorian genre painting, printmaking, illustration, the Searight Collection, Orientalism, John Frederick Lewis, 19th century design, British textile designs, Owen Jones and Christopher Dresser, Achille-Constant-Théodore-Émile Prisse d'Avennes, and contributed to many exhibition catalogues. His special interest is in pictures of the Ottoman Empire, particularly Turkey,



Count Amadeo Preziosi (1816-1882) | Figures on the quay before the Maiden's Tower, Istanbul

Malcolm Billings, '**Vartan of Nazareth**'

Dr Pacradooni Kaloost Vartan was the son of an Armenian tailor, born in Constantinople in 1835. He became a leading medical pioneer and the founding father of the Nazareth Hospital, an institution which celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2012.

In this lecture, Malcolm Billings, formerly of the BBC World Service, tells the life story of this remarkable man, charting his career from interpreter with the British Army during the Crimean War to medical student in Edinburgh, and finally as a missionary and qualified surgeon and physician in Palestine.



The talks themselves are free but you are invited to the optional dinner.

Eventbrite for bookings: <https://lhf-23rd-gathering.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note the venue has a strict dress policy for gentlemen, jacket and tie please.

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