

ARTS SOCIETY
Spring Term 2019 Programme

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Letters to Mother

As Mothering Sunday falls on the last day of March this year, it seemed a fitting tribute to mothers to reflect on their sacrifice during the First World War. Some mothers lost all their sons in the conflict; all mothers were affected by what their beloved sons had endured.

For many soldiers dying in hospital or on the battlefields, their last words concerned their mothers. Men relied on supportive letters from their families and found solace in memories of maternal love, warmth and protection as they faced the horrors of industrialised warfare.

In their letters home, they usually presented a positive image of life on active service to avoid causing anxiety. Poignantly, before a major battle when the chances of survival were slim, many wrote touching farewell notes expressing gratitude and love.

This illustrated talk will focus on eleven people whose letters provide a moving insight into the enduring power and comfort of love.

7.30pm on Tuesday 19 March 2019

Sixth Form Lecture Theatre

followed by wine and light refreshments in The Atrium

Tickets may also be purchased at the door; but advance notice helps catering, please. Princethorpe, Crackley Hall and The Crescent School pupils free of charge. We are happy to receive provisional bookings by e-mail, please, to alexdarkes@princethorpe.co.uk

Please supply the following tickets:

Letters to Mother – 7.30pm, Tuesday 19 March 2019

_____ Adult (£5) _____ Child (free)

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