



## 2024 Series 2 Course B

<b>Title</b>	<b>The English Stately Home</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Tuesdays 21 May – 25 June 2024</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>2:15 pm – 4:15 pm</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Otago Golf Club, 125 Balmacewen Road, Dunedin</b>
<b>Convenor</b>	<b>Barrie Peake</b> Email: barrie.m.peake@gmail.com Phone: 021 079 5054
<b>Developer</b>	Doug Hart
<b>Course fee</b>	\$50 (please do not pay until you receive an invoice)

This is an updated version of an earlier course presented by Dunedin artist, Doug Hart. This course examines the establishment of the privileged classes, the fabulous arts and crafts collections their accumulated wealth enabled and the servants who toiled to support the great country estates.

**All applications must be received by Thursday 25 April 2024.** You will receive a response to your application by Monday 6 May 2024.

Please contact the Programme Secretary [courses@u3adunedin.org.nz](mailto:courses@u3adunedin.org.nz), phone 467 2594 with any queries.

# The English Stately Home

- 21 May**                    **Not just a house**  
The evolution of the stately home from defensive stronghold to palatial dwelling. An investigation of the famous and not so famous grand estates of England.
- 28 May**                    **The crème de la crème**  
The rise of the aristocracy from the war lords to the royal dynasties. A privileged society full of scandal, plots, intrigue and occasional bizarre behaviour.
- 4 June**                    **Upstairs, downstairs**  
A focus on the servants whose life of duty, toil and drudgery supported the sumptuous lifestyle of the aristocracy. A comparison of life below stairs and in the magnificent rooms above.
- 11 June**                   **Everything in the garden is lovely**  
The evolution of the landscaped gardens and parklands of the estates. A look at Lancelot “Capability” Brown, other gardeners, follies and features of the house surrounds.
- 18 June**                   **O.M.G! Can you believe this?**  
With their great wealth and privilege the landowners were able to accumulate fabulous art and craft collections. A look at eccentric, exotic and curious artefacts.
- 25 June**                   **Is there a butler in the house?**  
The demise of the stately home and estates. An examination of the past, present and future, and the saviours in the form of the National Trust and English Heritage.