

**Wye Arts Association
Joint Programme Secretary
Dr. Sally Leaver**

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Speaker: 'Marion Pettet'

Review

Marion Pettet came to Wye to give a general talk on ballet to Wye Arts Association on Monday, 20th May 2019.

Members were unanimous in their appreciation of Marion's talk in every respect. The talk had been scrupulously prepared; the content covered the history of ballet from its inception in the court of Louis XIV of France until the current time. It relayed the different styles of ballet schools and contrasting artistic directors, choreographers, prima ballerinas and premier dancers.

Marion used a microphone which in no way distorted her diction, her talk was pleasant to listen to and articulate. There were, unusually, no complaints about not being able to hear.

Her many power point slides used to illustrate points of interest and contrasts, were stimulating, well selected and quite beautiful. The talk concluded with a short film, which Marion considered to be an 'exceptionally beautiful' scene from ballet and was quite breath taking.

Those of us fortunate enough to have attended this talk were full of praise for Marion's talk. Some of us who were lukewarm about ballet, left as enthusiasts – intending to enjoy more. We parted considerably better informed about ballet than before and thoroughly appreciative.

We highly recommend Marion as a speaker for a range of groups such as art, literary and community groups and for educational establishments.



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