

St Peter's Residents' Association



Annual General Meeting

at: The Beerling Hall St. Peters Lane

Thursday 17th April 2025 at 6.30 p.m.

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followed by a talk by Dr Jean Baker on:

Sarah Baker and her Kentish Theatres 1737-1816



The Orange Street Theatre prior to its re-fronting in 1815 by William Downton - (By permission of the Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales)

About the talk:

Sarah Baker is considered to be one of the most successful of Georgian theatre impresarios. In 1789 Sarah opened her 'Great Grand Theatre' in Orange Street, the façade of which can still be seen. Making the unlikely transition from strolling player to wealthy entrepreneur, she opened three more purpose-built theatres in the county at Rochester (1791), Maidstone (1798) and Tunbridge Wells (1802).

A fascinating story about a colourful Canterbury woman

(Copies of Dr Baker's book, 'Sarah Baker and her Kentish Theatres, 1737-1816: Challenging the Status Quo' will be available to purchase on the night.)

All are welcome to attend

SPRA Members free *(including the first glass of wine or soft drink)*

Non-members - £5.00