

The ARTS & CRAFTS MOVEMENT in Surrey

Zoom Lecture

"FIVE HOUSES BY EDWARD SCHRÖDER PRIOR"

Tuesday 10th November 2026

at 7.30 pm

A lecture by David Valinsky

E. S. Prior's career as an architect was unusually irregular. His two best-known 'Arts and Crafts' houses, also by far his two most experimental houses, were contemporaries of his largest and most classical buildings; The Barn was begun in 1896, seven years since his previous domestic design, and Voewood followed another seven-year gap. From 1909 Prior received five domestic commissions in quick succession at a time when the Arts and Crafts Movement was steadily overpowered by neo-Georgian tendencies in domestic design – Prior's friend Voysey's career had peaked in 1906 and was then in sharp decline. These five Arts and Crafts houses provide a different insight into Prior's work to that with which we have become accustomed. They share a consistency of design approach, material and detail previously unseen in a career that had been marked by unpredictability and sometimes contradictory approaches.

They are undoubtedly less exuberant than The Barn and Voewood, but these quieter essays were based on many of the ideas that Prior had developed with these two more famous building experiments. They are rarely mentioned in summaries of Prior's work, but in fact they have claim to represent the mature expression of his thoughts – mostly unspoken – on house building.



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David Valinsky studied architecture and architectural history, practised as an architect for over a decade and now works as an architectural photographer. He has been intermittently researching the work of E. S. Prior since 2007 and his new monograph – *The Architecture and Writings of E. S. Prior, Challenging the Arts and Crafts* – was published by Lund Humphries in May 2026.

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