



# Gloucester History Festival

THE BLACKFRIARS TALKS SATURDAY 11 - SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER  
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## Saturday 11 September

2-3pm £11

**Janina Ramirez**

### **Raiders of the Lost Past**

Join **Janina Ramirez** as she takes us on an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the filming of BBC2's hugely successful *Raiders of the Lost Past*. From Viking ships in Norway to ancient palaces in Crete, she reveals some of the greatest archaeological finds of the last century and the stories of the people who made them. Join her to hear plans for the new series, visiting China's Terracotta Warriors, the tomb of Tutankhamen and Machu Picchu, and enjoy a revealing warts-and-all look at the highs and lows of filming TV history!



4-5pm £10

**Vince Cable**

### **Money and Power: The World Leaders Who Changed Economics**

Through economics, politicians have the power to change lives for better or worse. Think Deng Xiaoping who lifted millions out of poverty by opening up China; Franklin D Roosevelt whose 'New Deal' helped the US break free of the Great Depression. Or Peron and his successors in Argentina who brought the country to the brink of ruin. In his fascinating talk, economist and former Liberal Democrat leader **Vince Cable** examines the legacy of the world leaders who transformed their countries' economic fortunes and also challenged economic convention. From Thatcher to Trump, from Lenin to Bismarck, he offers a compelling journey through some of the most significant people and events of the last 300 years.



6-7pm £9

**Marc Morris**

### **The Anglo-Saxons: The Beginnings of England**

Sixteen hundred years ago Britain left the Roman Empire and swiftly fell into ruin. Grand cities and luxurious villas were left to crumble and civil society collapsed into chaos. Into this violent and unstable world came foreign invaders from across the sea, and established themselves as its new masters. It's a tale of famous figures like King Offa and Alfred the Great but also ambitious queens, revolutionary saints, intolerant monks and grasping nobles. Presenter of Channel 4's *Castle*, renowned historian **Marc Morris** separates the truth from the legends and tells the extraordinary story of how the foundations of England were laid. 'An absolute masterpiece'. (Dan Snow)



8-9.30pm £10

**Ian Mortimer**

### **The Time Traveller's Guide to Regency Britain**

Join **Ian Mortimer** for the latest in his celebrated and bestselling series of Time Traveller guides where he takes us on a thrilling journey to Regency Britain; the age of Jane Austen and the Romantic poets, the paintings of John Constable and the gardens of Henry Repton, Britain's military victories at Trafalgar and Waterloo, the threat of Revolution and the Peterloo Massacre. Conveying the sights, sounds and smells of the Regency period, this is history at its most exciting, physical and visceral.



**Sunday 12 September**

**12-1pm £10**

**Waldemar Januszczak & Janina Ramirez**  
**Pioneers, Portraits & Pleasure Palaces**

From Leonardo da Vinci to Barbara Hepworth, Hampton Court to the Hermitage, Sunday Times art critic **Waldemar Januszczak** joins **Janina Ramirez** to tour the world exploring the lives of some of the greatest pioneers of the history of art – some unknown and unsung - and put under the microscope the extraordinary artworks that changed the course of history.

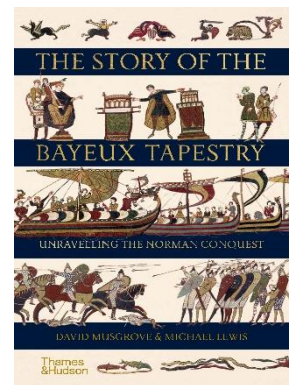


**2-3pm £9**

**The Bayeux Tapestry**

**David Musgrove**

The Bayeux Tapestry famously tells the story of the conquest of England in 1066 – that much most people know, but there's a lot more to this most celebrated of embroideries than that. What's particularly interesting is to consider what's not shown in the tapestry, and what that tells us about the motives of the design minds behind it. Join historian and content director of BBC History Magazine **David Musgrove** to explore the Tapestry's brilliantly depicted but still enigmatic story of what happened in the fateful year of 1066. Full of fresh insights and unexpected discoveries he shares convincing explanations for many of the riddles left to us by the makers.



**4-5pm £10**

**Sathnam Sanghera**

**Empireland: How Imperialism has Shaped Modern Britain**

Strangely hidden from view, the British Empire remains a subject of both shame and glorification. In his bestselling and award-winning book historian and Times journalist **Sathnam Sanghera** shows how our imperial past is everywhere: from how we live and think to the foundation of the NHS and even our response to the Covid-19 crisis. At a time of great division, when we are arguing about what it means to be British, Empireland is a groundbreaking revelation – a much-needed and enlightening portrait of contemporary British society, shining a light on everything that usually gets left unsaid. 'Lucid but never simplistic, entertaining but never frivolous – Empireland takes a perfectly judged approach to its contentious but necessary subject.' (Jonathan Coe)



**6-7pm £11**

**Jess Phillips**

**Everything You Really Need To Know About Politics**

From agonizing decisions on foreign air-strikes to making headlines about orgasms and sitting in on history-making moments at the UN, the life of a politician is never dull, and it's also never been more important. With trademark humour and honesty, MP **Jess Phillips** lifts the lid on what a career in politics is really like and why it matters - to all of us. Join her to hear the inside story of what's really going on in Westminster and beyond and why now more than ever we all need to be a part of it.





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**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**2-3pm £9**

**Andrew Armstrong**

**A Time Traveller's Guide to Gloucester's Great Discoveries**

The last three years have seen a thrilling archaeological treasure trove emerge from beneath the streets of Gloucester, from new discoveries at Gloucester Castle, the old Roman city walls discovered beneath Kings' Square, fragments of an altar found under Southgate Street and most recently the nationally important revelation of Whitefriars Priory under a demolished multi-storey carpark. Join city archaeologist **Andrew Armstrong** for a fascinating tour of three magnificent years of archaeological discovery in Gloucester.

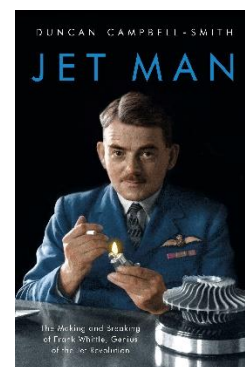


**4-5pm £8**

**Frank Whittle, Genius of the Jet Revolution**

**Ian Whittle & Duncan Campbell-Smith**

Had the authorities listened to Frank Whittle the Battle of Britain would have been over within days with countless lives saved. We know the tale of the Dam Busters' bouncing bomb but less well-known is the extraordinary story of how a British inventor created one of the twentieth-century's most important inventions. **Duncan Campbell-Smith**, author of a major new biography, is joined by **Ian Whittle**, son of Sir Frank Whittle and himself a pilot, to explore the intriguing life and extraordinary story of one of Britain's greatest pioneers, marking the 80th anniversary of the very first jet engine flight in Brockworth just outside Gloucester. Chaired by the BBC's **Vernon Harwood**.



**6-7pm £9**

**Loot: Britain and the Benin Bronzes**

**Barnaby Phillips**

Former BBC and Al Jazeera journalist **Barnaby Phillips** tells the dramatic and tragic tale of the Benin Bronzes; the story of a powerful West African kingdom and British imperial greed. He explores their removal in 1897, the subsequent dispersal of the Bronzes amongst the world's great museums and private collections, and the intense debate about their future. Based for the BBC in Mozambique, Angola, Nigeria and South Africa, Barnaby Phillips has gained access to an extraordinary range of people involved from the Benin royal family to the descendants of British officers of 1897.



**8-9.15pm £12**

**Natalie Haynes**

**Pandora's Jar: Women in the Greek Myths**

From Medusa to Medea, Penelope to Pandora, women in Greek myths are often painted - usually by men - as monstrous, devious, vengeful or just plain evil. Classicist, stand-up comedian and Radio 4 broadcaster, **Natalie Haynes** returns with her brand new show to put the record straight: a sharp, witty and hilarious retelling of the stories of the Greek Myths: 'Beyoncé, Star Trek, Ray Harryhausen... the best book about Greek myths you will ever read, absolutely brimming with subversive enthusiasm.' (Mark Haddon).





**Tuesday 14 September**

**2-3pm £8**

**Russia: From the Pagans to Putin**

**Mark Galeotti**

Can anyone truly understand Russia? Why does it have such a tricky relationship with the West? And why does it love a strong leader? Russia is one of the most powerful nations on Earth, a master game player on the global stage with a rich history of war and peace, poets and revolutionaries - yet it's a country with no natural borders, no true central identity at the crossroads of Europe and Asia. Professor **Mark Galeotti** – Britain's foremost Russia expert – answers these questions and tells Russia's story. From Ivan the Terrible to Catherine the Great, from the Romanovs to the Russian Revolution and from Chernobyl to the arrival of an obscure politician named Vladimir Putin.



**4-5pm £8**

**Simon Thurley**

**The Stuarts: Palaces of Revolution**

**Simon Thurley**, former chief of English Heritage and leading architectural historian, tells us the story of the Stuart dynasty – a breathless soap opera played out in just a hundred years – through an array of buildings that span Europe. From Charles II's Turkish Baths in Whitehall, where he seduced his mistresses, to James I's extraordinary Newmarket 'housing estate' he gives a fascinating insight into the everyday life of the monarchy through the buildings in which they lived.



**6-7.15pm £12**

**Michael Wood**

**Uncovering Aethelflaed: Lady Of The Mercians**

Warrior Queen Æthelflæd, buried in Gloucester in 918, is one of the most remarkable women in medieval Britain, but the fragmentary records of her career are a striking example of the erasure of women's history. Eldest child of Alfred the Great, she governed the ancient kingdom of the Mercians for 32 years, the last eight as sole ruler. She founded cities, built fortresses and even led her troops into battle against the Danes, playing a crucial role in the creation of the kingdom of the English that emerged in the 920s under her foster son Athelstan. In this riveting illustrated talk, historian and broadcaster **Michael Wood** shares his latest thinking about the life, times and legacy of the Lady of the Mercians.



**8.15-9.15pm £9**

**Ronald Hutton**

**Oliver Cromwell & The English Revolution**

The 11 years when England was governed as a republic between 1649 and 1660 were amongst the most seismic in its history. Britain's top 17th century historian **Ronald Hutton** explores this unique period through the life of Oliver Cromwell – the only English commoner ever to become the overall head of state. Untangling the man from the myth, he uncovers the inner workings of the ruler who has puzzled biographers for centuries; at once both courageous and devout yet also devious and self-serving, genuine in his faith yet deliberate in his dishonesty.





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Wednesday 15 September

**2-3pm £9**

## **The Tudors in Love: Henry VIII & Elizabeth I**

**Sarah Gristwood**

Why did Henry VIII marry six times? Why did Anne Boleyn have to die? Why did Elizabeth I's courtiers hail her as goddess come to earth? In this groundbreaking talk **Sarah Gristwood** reveals the way courtly love made and marred the Tudor dynasty. She dissects the codes of love, desire and power first laid out in medieval literature unveiling romantic obsessions that shaped both the Tudors and the history of the Crown through the centuries and right up to the present day.



**4-5pm £9**

**Alison Weir**

## **Eleanor of Aquitaine & the Queens of the Crusades**

Eleanor of Aquitaine and her four successors – England's first five Plantagenet Queens – played a role in some of the most dramatic events in our history. Crusading queens, rebel queens, learned queens, seductresses, fighting queens, these determined women often broke through medieval restrictions to exercise power and influence, for good and sometimes ill. Bestselling historian **Alison Weir** tells the enthralling story of Eleanor of Aquitaine, wife of Henry II, Berengaria of Navarre, queen of Richard the Lionheart, Isabella of Angouleme, queen of King John, Alienor of Provence, queen of Henry III and Eleanor of Castile, wife of Edward I. She provides a fresh perspective on a dramatic period of high romance and low politics, with determined women at its heart.

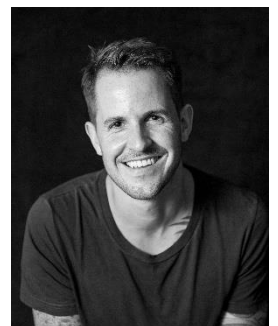


**6-7pm £10**

**Dan Jones**

## **Powers and Thrones: A New History of the Middle Ages**

From the broadcaster and bestselling author of *The Templars*, **Dan Jones'** epic new history tells nothing less than the story of how the world we know today came to be built. It's a thousand-year adventure that moves from the ruins of the once mighty city of Rome, sacked by Barbarians in AD410, to the first contact between the old and new worlds in the 16th century. In an enthralling talk he shows how from a state of crisis and collapse the West was rebuilt and came to dominate the entire globe through commerce, conquest and Christianity. He casts new light on iconic locations from Rome and Paris to Venice and Constantinople and features some of history's most famous - and notorious – men and women.

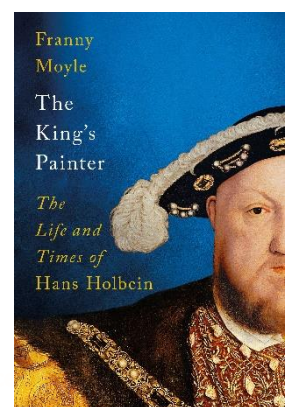


**8-9pm £9**

**Franny Moyle**

## **The King's Painter: Hans Holbein & Henry VIII**

Hans Holbein the Younger is celebrated for his beautiful and iconic portraits including Henry VIII, Thomas Cromwell, Anne Of Cleves, Jane Seymour, Thomas More and a dazzling array of the Tudor lords and ladies he encountered during his two stays in England. These rich and symbolic images define our perception of Henry's court. Award winning biographer and filmmaker **Franny Moyle** traces the life and work of an extraordinary, pioneering artist against the backdrop of an era of political turbulence and change, to which his art offers a subtle and endlessly refracting mirror. 'Evokes the painter and his world as vividly as a Holbein masterpiece' (Tracy Borman).





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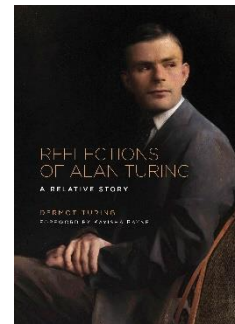
**Thursday 16 September**

**2-3pm £9**

**Alan Turing: Life & Legend**

**Dermot Turing**

Join us to explore the extraordinary life and legacy of Alan Turing, codebreaking pioneer during the years of the Second World War who has now become an icon. In this event, Alan Turing's nephew **Dermot Turing** explores the man behind the myth from Turing's family roots in Scotland and India to codebreaking at Bletchley Park and beyond.



**4-5pm £9**

**The Roman Army, Gloucester and the Conquest of the West**

**Neil Holbrook**

Within a decade of the Roman invasion of Britain in AD 43 Gloucester had been selected as a key location from which to launch campaigns against the hostile tribes of South Wales. Gloucester therefore lay on the western frontier of the new province, a crucial and dangerous location. Drawing on recent archaeological discoveries, Time Team expert and head of Cotswold Archaeology **Neil Holbrook** examines why Gloucester was chosen as a legionary base, explores the military infrastructure created, and explains how the campaigns and ultimate conquest were accomplished. Join him as he tells the extraordinary story of the Roman Army's march westward, meet some of the very first citizens of the city and find out how they lived.



**6-7pm £11**

**Gloucester: Recreating the Past**

**Andrew Armstrong and Phil Moss**

If you stand today in the middle of Gloucester, you're above 2,000 years of history: a Roman fortress, a Saxon royal centre, a prosperous medieval market town, a Roundhead bastion and a Victorian industrial hub. Join city archaeologist **Andrew Armstrong** and local historian and illustrator **Phil Moss** as they tell the story of Gloucester through its amazing archaeological discoveries and its magnificent buildings, celebrated in the Festival's new book Gloucester: Recreating the Past and make a rallying cry to protect the city's rich heritage.



**8-9pm**

**Jonathan Dimbleby £11**

**Barbarossa: How Hitler Lost the War**

Operation Barbarossa, Hitler's invasion of Russia in June 1941, aimed at nothing less than a war of extermination to annihilate Soviet communism, but it led to the destruction of the Third Reich, and was cataclysmic for Germany, with millions killed. Drawing on unseen archival material, top broadcaster and historian **Jonathan Dimbleby** puts Barbarossa in its proper place in history for the first time, transforming our understanding of WW2 and the twentieth century. 'Like a fast-moving juggernaut of horror, Jonathan Dimbleby's Barbarossa is a page-turning descent into hell and back. Part warning, part fable, but all too true, this fresh and compelling account of Hitler's failed invasion of the Soviet Union should be on everyone's reading list for 2021'. (Amanda Foreman).





**Friday 17 September**

**2-3pm £8**

## **A History of Britain in 21 Churches**

**Peter Stanford**

Britain's parish churches, chapels, cathedrals, convents, abbeys and monasteries spanning 1600 years are a spectacularly rich heritage. Many are visited for their architecture and beauty - they make up 45% of all grade 1 listed buildings – but rarely is the deeper historical story that they tell explored. Bestselling historian **Peter Stanford** unlocks a unique history of Christianity in the British Isles, told through its sacred buildings – from ancient wooden churches and medieval priories to remote island monasteries and lofty cathedrals – one chosen for each thousand years. Join him for a spectacular journey as he travels from Jarrow to Glastonbury, Westminster to Canterbury and Liverpool to Blackfriars.



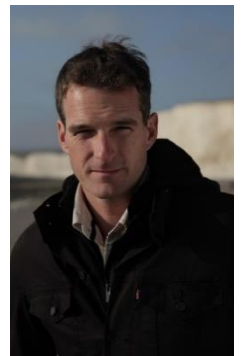
**4-5pm £12**

**Dan Snow**

## **The Seven Years' War**

The Seven Years' War started in 1756 when Britain declared war on France over disputed territories in the Americas and is often described as the first ever world war. Spreading over five continents, involving all the great powers of Europe, and including the legendary Battle of Quebec, Britain emerged with a larger empire and greater trading powers than ever before. Join leading historian **Dan Snow** as he brings to life the history of the Seven Years' War in this gripping talk.

For more about Dan Snow's History Hit go to [www.historyhit.com](http://www.historyhit.com)



**6-7pm £12**

## **The Battle of the Imjin River**

**Dan Snow & the Veterans of Imjin River**

The Battle of the Imjin River in 1951 was a major turning point of the Korean War, when the communist advance from the North was met in the bloodiest battle endured by the British Army since WW2. 700 men of the Gloucester Regiment faced more than 10,000 Chinese. Marking its 70th anniversary, leading historian **Dan Snow** explores the history of the battle and is joined by veterans of the battle **Brian Hamblett** and **Tommy Clough**, who were Chinese prisoners of war for more than two years. They discuss their battle experiences, Tommy's bid to escape the prison camp and the role of British soldiers in the Korean War.

*Recorded for a special edition of Dan Snow's History Hit podcast. History Hit is the UK's biggest digital history brand across podcasts, video on demand, social media and the web. Go to [www.historyhit.com](http://www.historyhit.com) for more.*



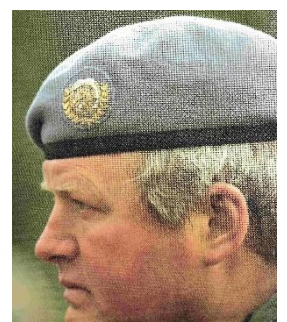
**8-9pm £9**

## **Life and Death in Bosnia 30 Years On**

**A British UN Officers' View**

**Colonel Bob Stewart**

**Colonel Bob Stewart**, the first United Nations Military Commander of British Forces in the Bosnian War, became widely known as 'Bosnia Bob' by winning the confidence of the world's media and lasting respect from soldiers of all ranks in very difficult circumstances, himself a target for sniper bullets. He shares his own experiences of the brutal conflict, the events he witnessed and what it taught him. 30 years on he offers a frank, eye-witness account of his experiences in Srebrenica and discusses the repercussions of the Bosnian War echoing down the decades.





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**Saturday 18 September**

**12-1pm £9**

## **The Cold War: Checkmate in Berlin**

**Giles Milton**

An exhilarating high-stakes tale of grit, skulduggery and raw power. From the high politics of Yalta to the desperate scramble to break the Soviet stranglehold of Berlin with the greatest aerial operation in history, **Giles Milton** tells the epic story of the first battle of the Cold War between 1945 and 1949. He explores how it shaped the modern world and set the path toward the ultimate Cold War frontier – the Berlin Wall – ‘brilliantly re-capturing the febrile atmosphere of Berlin in the first four years after the Second World War’. (Andrew Roberts)



**2-3pm £11**

**Max Hastings**

## **Operation Pedestal: The Fleet That Battled To Malta in 1942**

In 1942 the Luftwaffe had a stranglehold on Malta. In the months of April and May, they dropped more bombs on the Island than London in the entire Blitz. British attempts to bring in supplies were failing with heavy losses and the people of Malta were close to starvation. Winston Churchill made a personal decision that at all costs the island fortress must be saved. Operation Pedestal saw an armada of 50 British ships attempt to fight its way in convoy to the island. **Max Hastings**, one of Britain's most acclaimed historians, brings to life in his trademark thrilling narrative this little-known yet pivotal naval battle, telling the story of Operation Pedestal – the fleet that ultimately saved Malta.



**4-5pm £9**

## **The Korean War: 70 Years On**

### **The Korean Ambassador, Richard Graham & Christopher Ryland**

Join us for the premiere of a brand new documentary produced in conjunction with the Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum exploring the Battle of Imjin River and its lasting legacy in Gloucester. The film will highlight the extraordinary personal testimonies of the men who fought on the Imjin, and how on the 70th anniversary its story and impact continues to be felt. This is followed by a discussion with the **Korean Ambassador** and SOGM Chair **Christopher Ryland** – with we hope a filmed contribution from **Jeremy Hunt** MP - chaired by Gloucester MP **Richard Graham** exploring how the links forged in war between the UK and Korea are recognised and relevant today as part of the UK's Indo-Pacific pivot, and what role Gloucestershire can play in this.



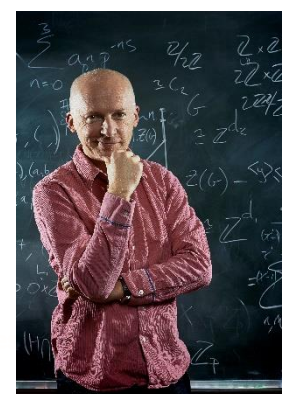
**6-7pm £10**

## **History's Big Decisions**

**Marcus du Sautoy & Janina Ramirez**

History's big decisions may have changed the world but how did leaders reach them? What clever shortcuts did they use, and how can we apply their thinking today?

**Marcus du Sautoy**, presenter of the BBC's Story of Maths and Oxford Professor for the Public Understanding of Science is joined by **Janina Ramirez** to explore some of history's most intriguing decisions - from the building of the cities around the Euphrates 5,000 years ago to Napoleon's 1812 March on Moscow - how they were made, what they led to, the shortcuts the decision-makers used and what we can learnt from them.







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**8-9pm £10**

## **The Real World of Sherlock Holmes**

**Hallie Rubenhold, Shrabani Basu & Janina Ramirez**

From novel to TV screen, the world of Sherlock Holmes feels really familiar, but the reality of Victorian life was often a much darker one. So what can the world of Sherlock Holmes teach us? And what – from poverty to politics, prejudice to prostitution – does it leave out? **Hallie Rubenhold**, author of the award-winning *The Five* and **Shrabani Basu**, creator of *Victoria & Abdul* and now *The Mystery of the Parsee Lawyer*, joins Sherlock-lover **Janina Ramirez** to explore the real world of Sherlock Holmes, seek out the hidden histories of Victorian and Edwardian England and reveal the powerful stories of lives still to be told.



## **Sunday 19 September**

**12-1pm £9**

## **Vanley Burke & Patrick Vernon**

### **Black British History through the Lens**

**Vanley Burke** – ‘the godfather of black British photography’ - is joined by leading writer and campaigner **Patrick Vernon** OBE, creator of the 100 Great Black Britons list and co-author of the book, as they use a special selection of his iconic photographs as a starting point to explore the last 50 years of Black British history. With Vanley Burke’s body of work regarded as “the greatest photographic record of African Caribbean people in post-war Britain” (BBC Radio 4), they share a unique perspective on the history of 20th century Britain through the lens of one of its greatest photographers.



**2-3pm £9**

## **Dynasty of Surprises: the Chinese Communist Party 100 Years On**

**Rana Mitter & Richard Graham**

How do Chinese dynasties collapse and will the Chinese Communist Party prove different? If China is the world’s only successful communist party, what does that mean for democracy - and how should we react? Former British Trade Commissioner China and All Party Parliamentary China Group Chair **Richard Graham** MP talks China with top historian and author **Rana Mitter**, Oxford University Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China



**4-5pm £10**

## **Tristram Hunt**

### **Josiah Wedgwood: Protest, Pottery & the Transformation of Britain**

Join leading historian and Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum **Tristram Hunt** to hear the story of Josiah Wedgwood, the pioneering designer, entrepreneur, abolitionist and beacon of the early Industrial Revolution explored in his spectacular new biography. Wedgwood was perhaps the greatest ever English potter and British entrepreneur, and an influential radical campaigner. From his kilns in Stoke-on-Trent he not only revolutionised the production of ceramics but helped to usher in a mass consumer society and is described by Tristram Hunt as ‘the Steve Jobs of the 18th century’.





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**6-7pm £9**

## **Women Spies: The Cold War and World War Two**

**Helen Fry & Anne Sebba**

Women spies played a pivotal role in the Cold War and World War Two. In June 1953 Soviet spy Ethel Rosenberg was executed – and her case became an American obsession at the height of the Cold War. Her conviction for conspiracy to commit espionage remains extremely controversial and is explored in **Anne Sebba's** bestselling book. **Helen Fry's** new book MI9 reveals the extraordinary role daring and dangerous women spies played in WW2. Join them as they explore women spies, lies and justice and discuss the extraordinary lives of some of the most intriguing women spies of the twentieth century.



**8-9pm £12**

**Janina Ramirez**

## **The Goddess Revolution**

Join presenter of BBC2's Raiders of the Lost Past **Janina Ramirez** as she rediscovers the divine women of the past and celebrates some of history's most amazing female deities. From Artemis to Freya, Lakshmi to Isis, she celebrates the glory of ancient goddesses. Exploring magnificent ancient sculpture from Greece, Egypt and India to Western fine art, she travels across the world and through time to ask: what is the enduring power of goddesses from the ancient world to the present day?



## **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

### **The 2021 Winstone Talk**

**6.30pm-7.30pm Cirencester Parish Church, Cirencester £10**

**Tracy Borman**

## **Anne Boleyn and the History of England's Queens**

Leading historian and broadcaster **Tracy Borman** explores the intriguing life of Anne Boleyn and the history of English Queens from the Tudors to the Windsors. The British monarchy has weathered the storms of rebellion, revolution and war that brought many of Europe's royal families to an abrupt and bloody end, yet often spearheading seismic change it is an extraordinary survivor. Join her as she explores the history of the British monarchy through the lives of some of its most powerful women. Tracy Borman is a bestselling historian and TV broadcaster specialising in the Tudor period and is joint Chief Curator of Historic Royal Palaces. Her new book Crown & Sceptre exploring the British monarchy from 1066 to the present day is published this autumn. Tracy Borman is giving this year's Winstone Talk in Cirencester - speaking just ten feet away from Cirencester Parish Church's greatest treasure, the Anne Boleyn Cup, made for Henry VIII's queen in 1535 and which can still be viewed at the Church today.



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