

All Saints Church – Upper Clatford Annual Winter Lecture Series

Review of past Speakers at All Saints Winter Lectures

2011

The Theme was The Political and Military background to recent British interventions in the Middle East. The talks were by a resident of Goodworth Clatford, **Sir Hillary Synnott** a career diplomat with postings in Paris, Amman and India, prior to his appointment as High Commissioner to Pakistan from 2000 to 2003, which coincided with 9/11. Subsequently he was Coalition Provincial Coordinator in Southern Iraq in the Second Gulf War. The second speaker was **Major General Patrick Cordingley**, who commanded the 7th Armoured Brigade the “Desert Rats” in the first Gulf War and spoke on this chapter of British History.

2012

The theme was “**The Role of Charities in War Zones**”. Three Charities came and described their work; **Help for Heroes with Bryn Parry (Co-Founder and CEO)**, **Afghan Connection with Dr Sarah Fane** and **St John Eye Hospital - Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza with Dr Denise Magauran** the former Chief Surgeon. Fifty percent of the funds raised were distributed to these charities.

2013

The theme was “**Artists in War Zones**”. The first speaker was an Upper Clatford resident, **Air Commodore Phil Wilkinson**, who had been the UK Defence and Air Attaché in Moscow during perestroika and spoke on “Lev Kerbel – the Sculptor of Lenin”. The second talk, delivered by **Dennis Silk CBE**, a person that knew Siegfried Sassoons personally, was entitled “Sassoon’s War Poems”.

2014

No talks.

2015

The first speaker was **Colin Thurberon** who described his experiences in researching his book “Shadow of the Silk Road”. The second talk by **Lt Col Tony Coutts-Britton** was on “The Christmas Truce”, to commemorate the Centenary of the event in the First World War.

2016

The first speaker, **General Sir Richard Shirreff, former Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe**, spoke on Russian UK/EU strategic defence issues. **Rt. Hon Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, former Deputy Secretary General on the United Nations and a British Cabinet Minister** gave the second lecture on social and environmental issues linked to global security.

2017

James Landale, BBC Diplomatic Correspondent gave the first lecture on the geopolitical issues around Brexit. **Dr Matthew Dryden, the Director of Infections at Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust** and **Public Health England Rare and Imported Pathogens laboratory at Porton Down** spoke on the challenges and threats associated with antibiotic resistance and plague such as Ebola.

2018

The first speakers was **Juliet Lyon, former Director of the Prison Reform Trust and current Chair of the Commission of Enquiry on Death in Custody** who questioned whether British prisons are a reflection civilisation, whether they are fit for purpose and how they could be improved. **David Lough**, an expert in the field of personal finance management and the author of “No More Cigars”, gave an entertaining and highly unusual and revealing review of Churchill’s finances.

2019

Our first speaker was **Alan Watson**, a renowned expert on Enigma, whose talk entitled **Enigma: the unbreakable but broken**, put into perspective, the developments of the time and the sometimes

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incredible twists in the story of how and why they were developed. He brought 5 Enigma machines including an original German machine from WW2. The second talk by **Ed Conway, Economics Editor of Sky News and a weekly columnist for The Times**, and the longest-serving economics editor of any of the major UK broadcasters, is also an expert on the Breton Woods Conference. Describing the characters, process and outcomes, he questioned whether lessons could be learnt to provide a smart fix to our current geopolitical crises.