



DICKIE & EDWINA: THE LIVES AND LOVES OF THE MOUNTBATTENS

Tuesday 10th September

8.00pm | Cawthorne Lecture Theatre

A Talk by Dr Andrew Lownie for the Tennant Lecture Series

The 1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma is one of Britain's major historical figures of the 20th century. Head of Combined Operations, Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in South East Asia during WWII, the last Viceroy and first Governor General of India, First Sea Lord and Chief of the Defence Staff, member of the Royal Family and mentor of Prince Philip and Prince Charles: his life provides an opportunity to look at the most important and controversial issues of the last century. Andrew Lownie is a Royal Fellow of the Historical Society and former Cambridge History Fellow.



CHARLES DICKENS: THE MAN, HIS LIFE AND HIS CHARACTERS

Thursday 19th September

8.00pm | Cawthorne Lecture Theatre

A Talk by Bertie Pearce for the Tennant Lecture Series

In this lecture Bertie Pearce will look at the life of Charles Dickens, one of the greatest novelists of the Victorian Era, while interspersing readings of his works. His writing enjoyed unprecedented popularity during his lifetime, and by the 20th century critics and scholars had recognised him as a literary genius. He brought into the world a staggering array of wonderful characters, from orphans to starving children, misers to murderers; Mr Mcawber, Fagin and Abel Magwitch, all of whom remain in our literary psyche long after the books are put down.



D-DAY 6TH JUNE 1944: THE ALLIED ASSAULT ON NORMANDY

Tuesday 29th October

8.00pm | Cawthorne Lecture Theatre

A Talk by Hugh Willing for the Tennant Lecture Series

On D-Day, Allied Forces launched a combined naval, air and land assault on Nazi-occupied France. The Allied landings on Normandy beaches marked the start of a long and costly campaign to liberate north-west Europe from German occupation. *"It is my unshakeable decision to make this front impregnable against every enemy"* - so wrote Hitler of his Atlantic Wall. But 75 years ago, a vast fleet of ships moved into position 12 miles off the Normandy Coast and prepared to launch a flood of soldiers onto the beaches, bringing a start to one of the greatest amphibious assaults in the history of warfare.



FORGOTTEN FOUNDERS: THE JUDD-SMYTHE FAMILY

Tuesday 12th November

8.00pm | Cawthorne Lecture Theatre

A Talk by Simon Targett for the Tennant Lecture Series

Histories of the founding of America focus on the role of the Pilgrims; and on the founding of British Empire, they focus on the expansionary ambitions of Elizabeth I. The real founders, however, were London's leading merchants—chief among them, Sir Andrew Judde. His entrepreneurial family masterminded a stream of commercial enterprises dedicated to discovery, exploration, development, and settlement. This lecture, led by award-winning journalist, Simon Targett, tells the story of what caused Sir Andrew and his fellow merchants to begin the search for new markets beyond Europe.



THE HIGHEST COMMONER IN THE LAND

Thursday 28th November

8.00pm | Cawthorne Lecture Theatre

A Talk by Vivian Widgery for the Tennant Lecture Series

As one of the highest-ranking political officials in the kingdom, the Speaker has often played a pivotal role in times of uncertainty and stress. Vivian Widgery will tell us about the sometimes turbulent history of the Speaker of House of Commons, at a time when the profile of this post has never been higher. Vivian Widgery has worked for the House of Commons for 32 years, starting as one of the first trainee reporters and ending up as Deputy Editor of Hansard. As a senior member of the management team, she has worked with the Council of Europe and continues to do freelance editing work for Select Committees.