

CHALKE HISTORY FESTIVAL

24 - 30 June 2024

TALKS PROGRAMME

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MONDAY 24th JUNE

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| AFTERNOON 15.30 - 17.00 | 16.15-17.15 1. THE STALIN AFFAIR: THE IMPOSSIBLE ALLIANCE THAT WON THE WAR Giles Milton £5 | 16.15 -17.15 2. THORNS, LUST AND GLORY: THE BETRAYAL OF ANNE BOLEYN Estelle Paranque £5 Sponsored by LIZ EARLE | 16.30-17.30 3. CLEAR WATER: HOW WE RESTORE OUR COASTAL WATERS Charles Clover & Helen Scales w. Alex Langlands | 16.30-17.30 4. SURVIVORS: THE LOST STORIES OF THE LAST CAPTIVES OF THE ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE Hannah Durkin |
| EVENING 17.00 - 23.00 | 17.45-18.45 5. BUST? SAVING THE ECONOMY, DEMOCRACY AND OUR SANITY Robert Peston w. Fred Casella £8 Sponsored by WILSONS | 17.45-18.45 6. HOW THE WORLD MADE THE WEST: A 4,000 YEAR HISTORY Josephine Quinn w. Nicholas Spencer £5 Sponsored by THE STEPHENSON JAMES TRUST | 18.00-19.00 7. JACK AND EVE: TWO WOMEN IN LOVE AND AT WAR Wendy Moore | 18.00-19.00 8. ANCIENT FUTURES: FARMING A MEDIEVAL LANDSCAPE IN THE 21ST CENTURY Adam Nicolson w. James Holland |
| | 19.30-20.30 9. THE SEVENTH SON: THE HISTORY OF HUMANS Sebastian Faulks, Adam Rutherford & Rebecca Wragg Sykes £5 | 19.30-20.30 10. THE END OF ENLIGHTENMENT: EMPIRE, COMMERCE, CRISIS Richard Whatmore w. Ali Ansari £5 | 19.30-20.30 11. THE PICNIC: A DREAM OF FREEDOM AND THE COLLAPSE OF THE IRON CURTAIN Matthew Longo | |
| | | | 21.00-22.00 12. FROM ALIENS TO ASTEROIDS: A HISTORY OF ACCIDENTAL ASTRONOMY Chris Lintott | |

Plus live music from Charlie Greenwood, living history, performances and children's activities. Visit chalkefestival.com for more details.

TUESDAY 25th JUNE

| AFTERNOON 15.30 - 17.00 | 16.00-17.00 14. IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF DU FU: CHINA'S GREATEST POET Michael Wood £5 | 16.00-17.00 15. BRITAIN'S PAGAN HERITAGE Ronald Hutton £5 Supported by GET HISTORY | 16.00-17.00 16. THE SECRETS OF THE ROYAL PALACES Tracy Borman | 16.15-17.15 17. ONE MAN KING ARTHUR Autojeu Theatre |
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| EVENING 17.00 - 23.00 | 17.30-18.30 18. POWER: THE LEADER Tracy Borman & Michael Wood w. Tim Bouverie £5 Sponsored by BRYANSTON | 17.30-18.30 19. AN AFRICAN HISTORY OF AFRICA: FROM THE DAWN OF HUMANITY TO INDEPENDENCE Zeinab Badawi £5 | 17.45-18.45 20. OUR ISLAND STORIES: COUNTRY WALKS THROUGH COLONIAL BRITAIN Corinne Fowler w. Alex Langlands | 17.45-18.45 21. YOUNG ELIZABETH: PRINCESS. PRISONER. QUEEN Nicola Tallis |
| | 19:15-20:15 22. THE REST IS HISTORY LIVE! Tom Holland & Dominic Sandbrook £15 Sponsored by RATHBONES | | | |

Plus live music from Ribble, living history, performances and children's activities. Visit chalkefestival.com for more details.



WEDNESDAY 26th JUNE

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| MORNING 9.30 - 12.00 | 10.30-11.30 23. BEYOND TROWELS AND TRADITIONS: CONTEMPORARY ARCHAEOLOGY AS SOCIAL ACTION Raksha Dave & Richard Osgood w. Alex Langlands £5 | 10.30-11.30 24. VERSAILLES, THE OLYMPICS AND LOUIS XIV Philip Mansel £5 Sponsored by ARABELLA STAGG LTD | 11.30-12.30 25. THE MARY ROSE: UNCOVERING SECRETS OF THE PAST Alex Hildred, Will Sherman & Andrew Braund | |
| AFTERNOON 12.00 - 17.00 | 12.15-13.15 26. THE INFERNAL WORD: NOTES FROM A FALLEN ANGEL Nicholas Papadopulos w. Tom Holland £5 | 12.15-13.15 27. THE AERIAL ATLAS OF ANCIENT WESSEX David R. Abram £5 | 13.00-14.00 28. THE CHALK STREAM Feargal Sharkey w. Guy Walters Supported by THE SALISBURY JOURNAL | 13.00-14.00 29. THE TECH REVOLUTION: BRINGING HISTORY INTO THE 21ST CENTURY Rebecca Wragg Sykes & Alex Hildred w. Robert Lyman |
| | 14.00-15.00 30. ALEXANDER THE GREAT: HIS INFLUENCE ON WESTERN CIVILISATION James Heneage £5 | 14.00-15.00 31. ERIC RAVILIOUS: DRAWN TO WAR Caryn Mandabach & Margy Kinmonth £5 | 14.30-15.30 32. SAVING THE PAST: THE FUTURE OF OUR HERITAGE John Orna-Ornstein & Rachel Spencer w. Tom Holland | 14.30-15.30 33. BRITAIN'S EARLIEST CHURCH? INVESTIGATING THE HINTON ST MARY MOSAIC Peter Guest |
| | 15.45-16.45 34. READING THE POLITICAL RUNES: ELECTIONS 2024 Roger Parry & James Kanagasooriam £5 | 15.45-16.45 35. THE ART OF CHALK Anna Dillon & Adrian Green w. Alex Langlands £5 | 16.15-17.15 36. ADVENTURES IN ARCTIC SIBERIA Charlie Walker Sponsored by HILLARY CHARITABLE TRUST | 16.15-17.15 37. RETREAT FROM STRATEGY Julian Lindley-French & David Richards w. Peter Caddick-Adams |
| EVENING 17.00 - 23.00 | 17.30-18.30 38. POWER: EMPIRES Tom Holland & Helen Thompson w. Ali Ansari £8 Sponsored by EDMISTON | 17.30-18.45 39. EUROPEAN DEFENCE WITHOUT THE AMERICANS Rob Bertholee, Kate Hansen Bundt, David Richards & Daniel Tarshish w. Julian Lindley-French £5 Sponsored by FRANCIS CLARK | 17.45-18.45 40. AGENT ZO: THE UNTOLD STORY OF FEARLESS RESISTANCE FIGHTER ELZBIETA ZAWACKA Clare Mulley | 17.45-18.45 41. THE LAND AT WAR James Holland & Alex Langlands |
| | 19.30-20.30 42. WE HAVE WAYS LIVE! James Holland & Al Murray £8 Sponsored by WILSONS | 19.30-20.30 43. MAGISTERIA: THE ENTANGLED HISTORIES OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION Nicholas Spencer w. Tom Holland £5 Sponsored by EVELYN PARTNERS | 19.15-20.15 44. PRECIOUS: A HISTORY OF THE WORLD'S MOST TREASURED GEMSTONES AND WHO WORE THEM Helen Molesworth | 19.15-20.15 44B. ONE MAN KING ARTHUR Autojeu Theatre |
| | | 21.00-22.00 45. THE PUB LANDLORD: THE FIRST DRAUGHT OF HISTORY Al Murray £5 All proceeds will be donated to FINLEY'S TOUCH | | |

Plus live music from Salisbury Big Band, living history, performances and children's activities. Visit chalkefestival.com for more details.



THURSDAY 27th JUNE

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| MORNING 9.30 - 12.00 | 9.30-13.15 46. D-DAY MORNING Peter Caddick-Adams, James Holland, Stephen Prince, John Buckley & Stephen Fisher £20 Sponsored by SARASIN & PARTNERS | 10.30-11.30 47. IMAGINING ENGLAND'S PAST: INSPIRATION, ENCHANTMENT, OBSESSION Susan Owens £5 | 11.00-12.00 48. THE NEED FOR SPEED: DRIVING LE MANS AND F1 Emanuele Pirro & Jan Lammers w. Greg Mills | 11.00-12.00 49. STORYTELLING IN THE MEDIEVAL MONGOL BOOK OF KINGS Robert Hillenbrand |
| | | 12.15-13.15 50. THE VICTORIAN REVIVAL Stephen Calloway £5 | 12.30-13.30 51. UKRAINE: RHETORIC AND REALITY Francis Dearnley, David Knowles, Hanna Shelest, Dominic Nicholls & Victoria Vdovychenko Supported by THE TELEGRAPH | 12.30-13.30 52. JOYCE WILDING: SOE FANY Joyce Wilding w. Kate Vigurs |
| AFTERNOON 12.00 - 17.00 | 14.00-15.00 53. IMPHAL AND KOHIMA James Holland & Robert Lyman £5 Sponsored by BURMA STAR MEMORIAL FUND | 14.00-15.00 54. A NORTHERN WIND: BRITAIN 1962-65 David Kynaston £5 | 14.00-15.00 55. THE FUTURE OF THE TANK Hamish de Bretton-Gordon, John Buckley & Dominic Nicholls Supported by THE TELEGRAPH | 14.00-15.00 56. MAPPING WORLD WAR TWO Jeremy Black |
| | 15:45-16:45 59. FORTITUDE: D-DAY DECEPTION Tom Petch & Robert Hutton £5 | 15.45-16.45 60. JAMES AND JOHN: A TRUE STORY OF PREJUDICE AND MURDER Chris Bryant £5 | 15.30-16.30 57. A HISTORY OF IRAN Ali Ansari | 15.30-16.30 58. ROME'S EASTERN FRONTIER: ON FOOT THROUGH A VANISHED WORLD Timothy Bruce Mitford |
| | 17:30-18.30 63. THE FUTURE OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY: LESSONS FROM THE BORDERLANDS Toomas Hendrik Ilves w. Tom Tugendhat £5 Sponsored by SARASIN & PARTNERS | 17:30-18.30 64. POWER: MEDIA & INFORMATION Jeremy Black & Tom Clark w. Phil Tinline £5 | 17.00-18.00 61. HISTORY'S GREATEST EXPLORER? YOU DECIDE! Michael Palin & Levison Wood w. Alex Bescoby | 17.00-18.00 62. THE DICTIONARY PEOPLE: THE UNSUNG HEROES WHO CREATED THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY Sarah Ogilvie |
| EVENING 17.00 - 23.00 | | | 18.30-19.45 65. WHAT DO WE DO NEXT IN UKRAINE Paul Beaver, Richard Shirreff, Paul Schulte & Hanna Shelest w. Julian Lindley-French Supported by THE ALPHEN GROUP | 18.30-19.30 66. NAPOLEON: THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY Zack White |
| | 19.30-20.30 67. GREAT UNCLE HARRY: A TALE OF WAR AND EMPIRE Michael Palin w. James Holland £8 Sponsored by RATHBONES | 19.30-20.30 68. LONDON LABOUR, LONDON POOR: VOICES OF THE EAST END Rachel Dawick £5 | | 20.30-21.30 68B. GOOD LUCK MR PRESIDENT: THE INSIDE TAKE ON LIFE AT THE TOP Toomas Hendrik Ilves w. Fred Casella |
| | Plus live music from Trip For Biscuits, living history, performances and children's activities. Visit chalkefestival.com for more details. | | | |



FRIDAY 28th JUNE

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| MORNING 9.30 - 12.00 | 10.30-11.30 69. CASSINO '44 James Holland £5 Supported by LOVE READING | 10.30-11.30 70. POLICY OF DECEIT: BRITAIN AND PALESTINE, 1914 - 1939 Peter Shambrook w. Ali Ansari £5 Sponsored by CHURCH HOUSE | 10.30-11.30 71. DYNAMO KIEV: THE GREATEST FOOTBALL MATCH OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR Jonathan Wilson | 10.30-11.30 72. THE POWER BEHIND THE PORTICO: THE FEMALE PATRONS OF GEORGIAN ARCHITECTURE Amy Boyington w. Alice Loxton |
| | | | 12.00-13.00 74. MAKING HISTORY DO THE TALKING: BRINGING PEOPLE AND PLACES TO LIFE Michelle Douglass, Jesus Gomez, James Grasby & Claire Hickinbotham Supported by THE NATIONAL TRUST | 11.45-12.45 73. LADIES OF LETTERS: LIFE AS A LITERARY TRAILBLAZER Laura Bailey w. Francesca Peacock |
| AFTERNOON 12.00 - 17.00 | 12.15-13.15 75. OPERATION BITING: THE 1942 PARACHUTE ASSAULT TO CAPTURE HITLER'S RADAR Max Hastings £8 Sponsored by EDMISTON | 12.15-13.15 76. NATURE'S GHOSTS: THE WORLD WE LOST AND HOW TO BRING IT BACK Sophie Yeo £5 | 13.30-14.30 78. NOSTALGIA: A CONTRUCTIVE FORCE FOR LOST COMMUNITIES? David Kynaston & Tom Clark w. Dan Jackson | 13.15-14.15 77. DRAWN ACROSS BORDERS: TRUE STORIES OF MIGRATION George Butler w. Francesca Peacock |
| | 14.00-15.00 79. THE DEEP STATE THROUGH TIME Dan Jones & Calder Walton £5 | 14.00-15.00 80. ONE FINE DAY: A JOURNEY THROUGH ENGLISH TIME lan Marchant w. James Holland £5 | 15.00-16.00 82. THE SEEDS OF GAZA: PALESTINE 1944 Michael Neiberg | 14.30-15.30 81. FROM SCROLLS TO SCROLLING: WRITING HISTORY IN THE 21ST CENTURY Honor Cargill-Martin & Rachel Cockerell w. Laura Bailey |
| | 15.45-16.45 83. SPIES: THE EPIC INTELLIGENCE WAR BETWEEN EAST AND WEST Calder Walton £5 | 15.45-16.45 84. SKY WARRIORS: BRITISH AIRBORNE FORCES IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR Saul David £5 | 16.30-17.30 86. FARMERS AT THE CROSSROADS: TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE AND PROFITABLE FUTURE Robert Shepherd, Nick Shorter & Becci Berry w. Victoria Vyvyan Sponsored by SAVILLS | 15.45-16.45 85. EINSTEIN IN TIME AND SPACE Samuel Graydon w. Rachel Cockerell |
| EVENING 17.00 - 23.00 | 17.30-18.30 88. WAR MOVIES Antony Beevor & Charlie Higson w. James Holland £8 Sponsored by QUILTER CHEVIOT | 17.30-18.30 89. POWER: THE PEOPLE Lynne Jones & Erica Benner w. Ali Ansari £5 | 17.45-18.45 89B. GHOSTS Ben Willbond & Laurence Rickard w. Fred Casella | 17.00-18.00 87. WRITING ON THE WALL: GRAFFITI, REBELLION AND THE MAKING OF 18TH-CENTURY BRITAIN Madeleine Pelling w. Alice Loxton |
| | 19.30-20.30 92. HISTRIONICS Dan Snow, Charlie Higson, Alice Loxton & Ben Willbond £5 Sponsored by WOOLLEY & WALLIS | 19.30-20.30 93. AFGHANISTAN: WHAT CAN WE LEARN? Aziz Amin, Nick Carter & Greg Mills £5 | 19.00-20.00 91. THE MIDDLE AGES AND THE MOVIES Tobias Capwell & Robert Bartlett Sponsored by NIDHOGGR MEAD CO | 18.15-19.15 90. THIS IS NOT AMERICA: WHY BLACK LIVES IN BRITAIN MATTER Tomiwa Owolade w. James Marriott |

Plus live music from The Branflakes and Abba's Angels, living history, performances and children's activities. Visit chalkefestival.com for more details.



SATURDAY 29th JUNE

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| MORNING 9.30 - 12.00 | 10.00-11.00 94. END GAME 1944: HOW STALIN WON THE WAR Jonathan Dimbleby £5 Supported by HISTORY WITH JACKSON | 10.00-11.00 95. SEVEN MYTHS THAT CHANGED A COUNTRY - AND HOW TO SET THEM STRAIGHT Marc Stears & Tom Baldwin £5 | 10.00-11.00 96. WHAT DO WE REALLY KNOW ABOUT HISTORY? Charlie Higson & guests | 10.00-11.00 97. HISTORY IN FLAMES: THE FATE OF MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS Robert Bartlett w. Ali Ansari |
| MC 9.3 | | | 11.30-12.30 98. THE LIGHT OF ASIA: A HISTORY OF WESTERN FASCINATION WITH THE WEST Christopher Harding | 11.30-12.30 99. MORE THAN A GAME: A HISTORY OF HOW SPORT MADE BRITAIN David Horspool |
| | 11.45-12.45 100. 100 YEARS WAR Jonathan Sumption £5 Sponsored by FLETCHER AND PARTNERS | 11.45-12.45 101. EMPIREWORLD: HOW BRITISH IMPERIALISM HAS SHAPED THE WORLD William Dalrymple & Sathnam Sanghera £5 Sponsored by ARABELLA STAGG LTD | 13.15-14.15 102. PUTTING THE 'HER' BACK IN ANCIENT HIS-TORY Daisy Dunn & Emma Southon Supported by LITERARY REVIEW | 13.15-14.15 103. THE ARMOUR OF THE ENGLISH KNIGHT: A 25 YEAR QUEST Tobias Capwell |
| AFTERNOON 12.00 - 17.00 | 13.30-14.30 104. 100 YEARS OF LABOUR: WHAT NEXT? Marc Stears & Tom Baldwin £5 | 13.30-14.30 105. POWER: CORPORATIONS William Dalrymple & Jens Tholstrup w. Helen Thompson £5 Sponsored by H/ADVISORS | 14.45-15.45 106. BATTLEGROUND LIVE! Saul David & Patrick Bishop | 14.45-15.45 107. TRAVELLERS IN THE GOLDEN REALM: HOW MUGHAL INDIA CONNECTED ENGLAND TO THE WORLD Lubaaba Al-Azami |
| | 15.15-16.15 108. THE HISTORY HIT GUIDE TO MEDIEVAL ENGLAND Dan Snow & Matt Lewis £5 | 15.15-16.15 109. COURTING POPULARITY: A CAUTIONARY TALE FROM HITLER TO TRUMP Frank McDonough & Jonathan Sumption £5 Sponsored by STANHOPE CAPITAL | | 16.15-17.15 111. FASHION CITY: HOW JEWISH LONDONERS SHAPED GLOBAL STYLE Bethan Bide & Lucie Whitmore |
| EVENING 17.00 - 23.00 | 17.00-18.00 112. THE CAR: DID WE GET IT WRONG? James May w. James Holland £8 | 17.00-18.00 113. HOW TO WIN AN INFORMATION WAR: THE PROPAGANDIST WHO OUTWITTED HITLER Peter Pomerantsev £5 Supported by LITERARY REVIEW | 17.30-18.30 114. THE ULTIMATE BODYGUARD: VIKING, SPARTAN OR SAMURAI Tom Holland, Christopher Harding & Justin Pollard Sponsored by GUIDL | 17.30-18.30 115. DANCING ON A VOLCANO: THE RISE AND FALL OF WEIMAR CULTURE Frank McDonough & Paul McGann |
| | 19.00-20.00 116. 2024: A TURNING POINT IN HISTORY? Helen Thompson & guests £5 | | 19.00-20.00 117. D-DAY 80: THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY Kate Vigurs Sponsored by BATTLES THROUGH HISTORY | |

Plus evening D-Day Dance, featuring live music from Lili Redman, The Swing Ninjas, and The Polka Dots. Dressing up encouraged!

During the day live music from The Branflakes, living history, performances and children's activities. Visit chalkefestival.com for more details.



SUNDAY 30th JUNE

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| MORNING 9.30 - 12.00 | 10.00-11.00 118. THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD Bettany Hughes £5 | 10.00-11.00 119. THE HISTORY OF TEST CRICKET Simon Hughes & David Gower w. James Holland £5 | 10.00-11.00 120. RESPECTFULLY YOURS: DISCUSSING DIFFICULT HISTORY Shalina Patel, Kavita Puri & Sathnam Sanghera | 10.00-11.00 121. THE JUST WAR Peter Caddick-Adams & Rory Cox |
| MOR 9.30 - | 11.30-12.30 122. CHARLES III: NEW KING. NEW COURT. THE INSIDE STORY Robert Hardman £5 | 11.30-12.30 123. INHERITANCE: THE EVOLUTIONARY ORIGINS OF THE MODERN WORLD Harvey Whitehouse £5 | 11.30-12.30 124. REMAKING HISTORY: THE PRITTLEWELL BURIAL Andrew Ziminski, Ian Thackray, Adam Batty, Phill Gregson & Will Sherman w. Alex Langlands | 11.30-12.30 125. SOUND TRACKS: UNCOVERING OUR MUSICAL PAST Graeme Lawson |
| AFTERNOON 12.00 - 17.30 | 13.30-14.30 126. THE FINAL VERDICT: A HOLOCAUST TRIAL IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY Tobias Buck £5 | 13.30-14.30 127. OUR SECRET WAR: THREE CENTENARIANS REMEMBER Betty Webb, Christian Lamb & Pat Owtram w. Simon Robinson £5 Sponsored by THE GROSVENOR ARMS | 13.30-14.30 128. HISTORY HIT QUIZ Matt Lewis | 13.30-14.30 129. THE RNLI: 200 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES AT SEA Helen Doe Supported by THE RNLI |
| | 15.00-16.00 130. EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR: WOMEN WHO RESISTED Kate Mosse £5 | 15.00-16.00 131. CAR DESIGN: THE HISTORY OF THE SOUL OF THE MACHINE Jason Barlow & Richard Sutton £5 | 15.00-16.00 132. THE EXPLORER'S GENE: WHY DO WE TRAVEL? Ash Bhardwaj & Pip Stewart w. Alex Bescoby | 15.00-16.00 133. WATERLOO BY AIR: THE BATTLEGROUND MYTHBUSTED Zack White |
| | 16.30-17.30 134. INVASION Frank Gardner £5 Supported by ASPECTS OF HISTORY | 16.30-17.30 135. THE PIANO PLAYER OF BUDAPEST: A TRUE STORY OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVAL, MUSIC AND HOPE Roxanne de Bastion £5 | 16.30-17.30 136. SURPRISING VICTORIANS Rosalind Crone, David Musgrove & Bob Nicholson Supported by BBC HISTORY MAGAZINE | |

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