




CHALKE HISTORY FESTIVAL

PROGRAMME MONDAY 23rd JUNE

	SEAT RESERVATION AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS		SEAT RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED	
	VENUE	EVENT	VENUE	EVENT
AFTERNOON 16.45-17.30	MOOT	16:45-17:45 1. REVOLUTION & REPUBLIC: ENGLAND IN THE 17th CENTURY Paul Lay, Alice Hunt, Jonathan Healey	FORUM	16:45-17:45 2. HOLBEIN: THE AMBASSADORS Tracy Borman
			HENGE	16:45-17:30 3. EDWARD GEOFFREY STANLEY'S NORTH AMERICAN TOUR, 1824-25: THE MAKING OF A PRIME MINISTER Caroline Derby
EVENING 18.15 - 21.30	GUILDHALL	18:15-19:15 4. WOLF HALL AND THE EXTRAORDINARY LEGACY OF HILARY MANTEL Tracy Borman, Peter Florence, Owen Emmerson	FORUM	18:15-9:15 6. LITTLE ENGLANDERS: BRITAIN IN THE EDWARDIAN ERA Alywn Turner
	MOOT	18:15-19:15 5. TRUMP AND THE END OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY: WHAT NEXT? John Gray, Helen Thompson	FORUM	19:30-20:15 8. IZABELA THE VALIANT: THE STORY OF AN INDOMITABLE POLISH PRINCESS Adam Zamoyski
	MOOT	20:30-21:30 10. ALL THE KING'S MEN: AT THE HEART OF THE JAMES I'S COURT Lucy Hughes-Hallett, Gareth Russell	FORUM	20:30-21:30 11. THE QUEST FOR ETERNAL LIFE: A HISTORY OF AGEING AND DEATH John Tregoning, Suzie Edge

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TUESDAY 24th JUNE

		SEAT RESERVATION AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS		SEAT RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED	
		VENUE	EVENT	VENUE	EVENT
AFTERNOON 16.45-17.30	GUILDHALL	16:45-17:45 13. THERE AND BACK: DIARIES 1999-2009 Michael Palin	FORUM	16:45-17:45 15. TOXIC LOVE: POWER, BETRAYAL AND SCANDAL THROUGH THE AGES Eleanor Janjega, Estelle Paraque, Zack White, Shalina Patel	
	MOOT	18:15-19:15 17. JANE AUSTEN AT 250: ROMANTIC OR RADICAL? Gill Hornby, Helena Kelly	FORUM	18:15-19:15 19. CRUSADER CRIMINALS: THE KNIGHTS WHO WENT ROGUE IN THE HOLY LAND Steve Tibble	
EVENING 18.15 - 21.30	GUILDHALL	18:15-19:15 18. SUETONIUS Tom Holland	HENGE	19:30-20:15 22. WE ARE NOT NUMBERS: THE VOICES OF GAZA'S YOUTH Ahmed Alnaouq	
	MOOT	19:30-20:15 21. THE WAITING GAME: THE UNTOLD STORIES OF THE WOMEN WHO SERVED THE TUDOR QUEENS Nicola Clark	FORUM	20:30-21:30 25. THE HAUNTED WOOD: A HISTORY OF CHILDHOOD READING Sam Leith	
	GUILDHALL	20:30-21:30 24. HAROLD WILSON: TWENTIETH CENTURY MAN Alan Johnson	HENGE	20:30-21:30 26. CROWN OF THORNS: HUMBLE GODS AND HUMILIATED KINGS Faith Tibble	



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WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE

		SEAT RESERVATION AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS		SEAT RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED	
		VENUE	EVENT	VENUE	EVENT
MORNING 10.15-13.30	MOOT	10:15-11:15 28. THE STRATEGISTS: CHURCHILL, STALIN, ROOSEVELT, MUSSOLINI AND HITLER - HOW THE WAR MADE THEM, AND HOW THEY MADE WAR Phillips Payson O'Brien	FORUM	10:00-11:00 27. FROM UTMOST EAST TO UTMOST WEST: MY LIFE OF EXPLORATION AND ADVENTURE John Blashford Snell	
	GUILDHALL	11:30-12:30 31. THE SUN RISING: JAMES I AND THE DAWN OF A GLOBAL BRITAIN Anna Whitelock	HENGE	10:30-11:15 29. TWO DAYS IN MAY: MASS OBSERVATION AND THE PEOPLE'S VICTORY Lucy Noakes	
			FORUM	11:30-12:30 30. THE HOUSE OF WAR: THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN CHRISTENDOM AND THE CALIPHATE Simon Mayall	
			HENGE	12:00-12:45 32. WHEN SCIENCE MEETS HISTORY: THE CODED LETTERS OF MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS Estelle Paranque, Alex Courtney, George Lasry, Jackson van Uden	
AFTERNOON 14.00-15.30	GUILDHALL	14:00-15:00 35. A SHORT HISTORY OF BRITISH ARCHITECTURE: FROM STONEHENGE TO THE SHARD Simon Jenkins	FORUM	13:00-14:00 33. MEET THE BLOOMSBURY HISTORIANS Anna Whitelock, Toby Wilkinson, Owen Rees	
	MOOT	14:15-15:15 36. ARTISTS, SIBLINGS, VISIONARIES: THE LIVES AND LOVES OF GWEN AND AUGUSTUS JOHN Judith Mackrell	FORUM	14:30-15:30 37. THE PTOLEMIES: WHEN GREEKS RULED EGYPT Toby Wilkinson, Owen Rees, Tristan Hughes	
	GUILDHALL	15:45-16:45 39. HITLER'S PEOPLE: FACES OF THE THIRD REICH Richard Evans, Peter Caddick-Adams	HENGE	15:45-16:30 40. AWAKE: WILLIAM BLAKE AND THE POWER OF IMAGINATION Mark Vernon	
EVENING 16.15 - 22.30	MOOT	16:00-17:00 41. THE GOLDEN THRONE: THE CURSE OF A KING Christopher de Bellaigue	FORUM	16:00-17:00 42. THE MERCIAN CHRONICLES: KING OFFA AND THE BIRTH OF THE ANGLO-SAXON STATE Max Adams	
	MOOT	17:30-18:30 45. SOVIET AND NAZI DEFECTORS: COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE IN WORLD WAR II AND THE COLD WAR Paul Beaver, Nigel West	FORUM	17:30-18:30 46. THE PLAYERS Minette Walters	
	GUILDHALL		FORUM	19:00-20:00 47. LIVE MUSIC: JON BODEN AND THE REMNANT KINGS Jon Boden and The Remnant Kings	
	GUILDHALL	20:00-21:00 49. THE AGE OF DISHONOUR: THE CHANGING VALUES OF THE PRESIDENT FROM FDR TO TRUMP Anthony Scaramucci, James Holland	HENGE	19:00-19:45 48. PERFORMANCE: THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN Estelle Phillips	
	MOOT	20:00-21:00 50. CHRISTIANITY: THE RETURN OF A MYTH Mark Vernon, Martin Shaw	HENGE	20:30-22:30 51. AFTER DARK Storytelling with Martin Shaw	
			FORUM	21:00-22:30 52. PERFORMANCE: HENRY V On Cue Theatre Company	

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THURSDAY 26th JUNE

		SEAT RESERVATION AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS		SEAT RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED	
		VENUE	EVENT	VENUE	EVENT
MORNING 10.00 - 14.00	GUILDHALL	10:00-13:00 53. SECOND WORLD WAR MORNING: WAR IN THE FAR EAST James Holland, Phil Craig, Rob Lyman, Saul David, Frank Close, Richard Dannatt, Iain MacGregor	HENGE	10:30-11:15 56. SAILS THROUGH THE AGES The Historical Sailmaker	
	MOOT	11:15-12:15 59. ENGLAND'S WARRIOR KINGS Dan Jones, Helen Carr	FORUM	11:45-12:30 57. HOW HISTORY WAS MADE: VOICES FROM ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIA Moudhy Al-Rashid, Becky Wragg Sykes, Selena Wisnom	
			HENGE	11:45-12:30 58. COMMUNICATING BRITISH HISTORY: AN AMERICAN INFLUENCER'S PERSPECTIVE Lance Geiger	
			FORUM	13:00-14:00 60. LAND OF GIANTS: RETHINKING THE GREAT HILL FIGURES OF WESSEX Alex Langlands, David Miles, Helen Gittos	
			HENGE	13:00-14:00 61. AGINCOURT: TRIUMPH OF HENRY V AND THE ENGLISH LONGBOW Michael Livingston, Will Sherman, Dan Jones	
AFTERNOON 14.00 - 16.30	GUILDHALL	14:00-15:00 62. THE GOLDEN ROAD: HOW ANCIENT INDIA TRANSFORMED THE WORLD William Dalrymple	FORUM	14:30-15:15 64. BLOOD AND TREASURE: THE ECONOMICS OF CONFLICT FROM THE VIKINGS TO UKRAINE Duncan Weldon	
	MOOT	14:15-15:15 63. SCEPTRED ISLE: A NEW HISTORY OF THE 14TH CENTURY Helen Carr	HENGE	14:30-15:15 65. TAKING SHAPE: AN ARTIST'S HISTORY OF THE FIGURE IN BRONZE Laurence Edwards	
	MOOT	16:00-17:00 69. ROGUES AND SCHOLARS: BOOM AND BUST IN THE LONDON ART MARKET, 1945-2000 James Stourton	FORUM	15:45-16:30 67. SUBJUGATE THE EARTH: THE BEGINNING AND END OF HUMAN DOMINATION OF NATURE Philip Blom	
	GUILDHALL	17:30-18:30 72. ANTHONY SCARAMUCCI: TRUMP, US POLITICS AND ME Anthony Scaramucci, Tony Pastor	HENGE	15:45-16:30 68. FIERY TRANSFORMATIONS: UNDERSTANDING ANCIENT TECHNOLOGIES Rebecca Wragg-Sykes, Peter Hommel	
EVENING 16.15 - 22.30	MOOT	17:30-18:30 73. THE MURDERS AT 10 RILLINGTON PLACE Kate Summerscale	FORUM	18:45-20:00 74. PERFORMANCE: THE LAST BANTAM Michael Hughes	
			HENGE	19:00-19:45 75. HISTORY RAGE: LIVE!! Paul Bavill	
	GUILDHALL	20:00-21:00 76. CHANGE MAKER: MICHAEL GOVE, A LIFE IN POLITICS Michael Gove	HENGE	20:30-22:30 78. AFTER DARK Storytelling: Monsterland with Nick Jubber	
	MOOT	20:00-21:00 77. CAPTIVES AND COMPANIONS: SLAVERY AND THE SLAVE TRADE IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD Justin Marozzi	FORUM	21:00-22:30 79. BLACK SHEEP BARN DANCE Black Sheep	

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	SEAT RESERVATION AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS		SEAT RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED	
	VENUE	EVENT	VENUE	EVENT
MORNING 10.00 - 14.00	MOOT	10:00-11:00 80. KINGMAKER: PAMELA CHURCHILL Sonia Purnell	FORUM	10:00-11:00 81. BENEATH OUR FEET: EVERYDAY DISCOVERIES RESHAPING HISTORY Michael Lewis, Ian Richardson
	GUILDHALL	10:15-11:15 82. UKRAINE: THE LATEST Francis Dearnley and Oleksandra Matviichuk	HENGE	10:15-11:00 83. COMMONING IN THE NEW FOREST: AN UNCOMMON PRACTICE Gale Pettifer
	MOOT	11:45-12:45 86. THE WOMEN'S ORCHESTRA OF AUSCHWITZ Anne Sebba	FORUM	11:30-12:30 84. WHO REALLY CARES FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE Guy Shrubsole
	GUILDHALL	12:00-13:00 87. THE NAZI MIND: 12 WARNINGS FROM HISTORY Laurence Rees	HENGE	12:45-13:30 88. KNEAD TO KNOW: A HISTORY OF BAKING Neil Buttery
			FORUM	13:00-14:00 89. THE POWER BEHIND THE PLOUGH: WOMEN AND THE LAND Minette Batters, Cherish Watton, Helen Rebanks
AFTERNOON 14.00 - 16.30	GUILDHALL	14:00-15:00 90. SWORD: D-DAY BAPTISM OF FIRE Max Hastings	FORUM	14:30-15:30 93. WOMEN AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM: RIGHTING THE WRONGS OF THE PAST Edwina Grosvenor, Wendy Joseph, Blessin Adams
	MOOT	14:00-15:00 91. THE BOOKSHOP, THE DRAPER AND THE CANDLESTICK MAKER: A HISTORY OF THE HIGH STREET Annie Gray	FORUM	16:00 - 16:45 97. A SHORT HISTORY OF BRITAIN, THROUGH ITS TOILETS David Musgrove
	MOOT	15:30-16:30 95. FROM THE PLACE OF TIDES TO NEW FARMING HORIZONS: A CONVERSATION WITH JAMES REBANKS James Rebanks, Alex Langlands	HENGE	16:30-17:15 98. ON THE ROOF: A THATCHER'S JOURNEY Tom Allan
	GUILDHALL	15:45-16:45 96. VICTORY '45: THE END OF THE WAR IN 8 SURRENDERS James Holland, Al Murray	FORUM	17:30-18:30 101. SPIES, LIES AND BETRAYAL: THE HIDDEN WORLD OF RUSSIAN ESPIONAGE Charles Cummings, Gordon Corera
	GUILDHALL	17:15-18:30 99. FUTURE WAR IN THE PACIFIC John Allen, Rob Bertholee, Ben Hodges, Mick Ryan, Julian Lindley-French	HENGE	17:45-18:30 102. THE COLOURFUL PAST: PAINT AND THE ENGLISH COUNTRY HOUSE Edward Bulmer
EVENING 16.15 - 23.30	MOOT	17:30-18:30 100. HISTORY FOR TOMORROW: INSPIRATION FROM THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY Roman Krznaric, Ali Ansari	FORUM	19:00-20:00 103. MISSION EUROPE: SECRET HISTORY OF THE WOMEN OF SOE Kate Vigurs
			HENGE	19:00-19:45 104. CLOTHING HISTORY: DISCOVERING PREHISTORIC FASHION Prehistory to Present
	GUILDHALL	20:00-21:00 105. THE PUB LANDLORD Al Murray	HENGE	20:30-23:00 107. AFTER DARK Music and performance
	MOOT	20:00-21:00 106. THE FUTURE OF WAR Ben Hodges, Nick Carter, Greg Mills	FORUM	21:00-22:30 108. LIVE MUSIC: SUPERSONIC QUEEN Supersonic Queen
			FORUM	22:30-23:30 109. DJ SET: STILL MOVING DJS Still Moving DJs

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SATURDAY 28TH JUNE

		SEAT RESERVATION AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS		SEAT RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED	
		VENUE	EVENT	VENUE	EVENT
MORNING 10.00 - 13.30	GUILDHALL	10:00-11:15 110. WILL NATO SURVIVE TRUMP Rob Bertholee, Mick Ryan, Ben Hodges, Julian Lindley-French, John Allen	FORUM	10:00-10:45 111. RING OF FIRE: A NEW GLOBAL HISTORY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR Alex Churchill	
	MOOT	10:15-11:15 113. 1066 AND ALL WHAT: IMPORTANT DATES IN BRITISH HISTORY Charlie Higson, Alice Loxton, Al Murray, Helen Carr	HENGE	10:00-10:45 112. THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ROMANY GYPSIES John-Henry Phillips	
	GUILDHALL	12:00-13:00 116. COOKING AND THE CROWN Tom Parker Bowles, Annie Gray	HENGE	11:15-12:00 114. THE TOWER Flora Carr	
	MOOT	12:00-13:00 117. ALLIES AT WAR: THE POLITICS OF DEFEATING HITLER Tim Bouverie	FORUM	11:30-12:15 115. WILD THING: A LIFE OF PAUL GAUGUIN Sue Prideaux	
			HENGE	12:30-13:30 118. PERFORMANCE: KITH AND KIN Leela Bunce	
			FORUM	13:00-14:00 119. THE SECOND WORLD WAR: WHY WE STILL REMEMBER Alex Bescoby, Adam Hart, John-Henry Phillips, Colin Bell	
AFTERNOON 14.00 - 16.00	MOOT	14:00-15:00 120. THE CHALLENGES OF DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW Jonathan Sumption, Ali Ansari	HENGE	14:00-14:45 121. EMPIRE WITHOUT END: A NEW HISTORY OF BRITAIN AND THE CARIBBEAN Imaobong Umoren	
	GUILDHALL	14:14-15:15 122. IAN HISLOP'S OLD JOKES Ian Hislop	FORUM	14:45-15:30 123. EMBERS OF THE HANDS: HIDDEN HISTORIES OF THE VIKING AGE Eleanor Barraclough	
	MOOT	15:45-16:45 125. CLARISSA: THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE COUNTESS OF AVON Hugo Vickers	HENGE	15:15-16:00 124: FORGOTTEN FOOTPRINTS: REVOICING THE PAST IN THE DIGITAL WORLD Han Parker, Steph Black	
EVENING 16.15 - 23.30	GUILDHALL	16:00-17:00 126. THE WORLD TODAY WITH NIAL FERGUSON Niall Ferguson	FORUM	16:15-17:15 127. SPEAK WELL OF THE DEAD: MEMORIALISING HISTORIC FIGURES Alice Loxton, Georgia Heneage	
	MOOT	17:15-18:15 129. BERLIN '45 Antony Beevor, James Holland	HENGE	16:30-17:15 128. HEROES AND SINNERS: THE LIVES OF MEDIEVAL SAINTS Luke Daly, Amy Jeffs	
	GUILDHALL	17:30-18:30 130. PETER KOSMINSKY, DIRECTOR OF WOLF HALL: A LIFE IN TV AND FILM Peter Kosminsky	HENGE	17:45-18:30 132. SHATTERED LANDS: FIVE PARTITIONS AND THE MAKING OF MODERN ASIA Sam Dalrymple	
	GUILDHALL	20:00-21:00 135. HISTRIONICS Ian Hislop, Charlie Higson, Al Murray	HENGE	20:30-23:00 137. AFTER DARK Saints, music and magic with Amy Jeffs, Natalie Brice and Paul Regan	
	MOOT	20:00-21:00 136. MURDER IN THE GULAG: THE EXPLOSIVE ACCOUNT OF HOW PUTIN POISONED ALEXEI NAVALNY John Sweeney	FORUM	21:00-22:30 138. LIVE MUSIC: D-DAY DARLINGS D-Day Darlings	
		FORUM	22:30-23:30 139. DJ SET: UPTOWN SWING Uptown Swing		

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SUNDAY 29th JUNE

	SEAT RESERVATION AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS		SEAT RESERVATION NOT REQUIRED	
	VENUE	EVENT	VENUE	EVENT
MORNING 10.00 - 13.30	GUILDHALL	10:00-11:00 140. SAILING INTO HISTORY: ONE WOMAN'S RECORD-BREAKING SOLO VOYAGE AROUND ANTARCTICA Lisa Blair	HENGE	10:00-10.45 141. NATURE NEEDS YOU: THE FIGHT TO SAVE OUR SWIFTS Hannah Bourne Taylor, Keggie Carew
	MOOT	10:15-11:15 142. DARKNESS IN THE CITY OF LIGHT: THE 1937 PARIS WORLD'S FAIR Michael Neiberg	FORUM	10:00-10:45 143. CHURCHGOING: THE CURIOUS STORY OF BRITAIN'S CHURCHES Andrew Ziminski
	GUILDHALL	11:45-12:45 146. THE SEIGE: THE REMARKABLE STORY OF THE GREATEST SAS HOSTAGE DRAMA Ben Macintyre	HENGE	11:15-12:00 144. MOTHERLAND: A JOURNEY THROUGH 500,000 YEARS OF AFRICAN CULTURE AND IDENTITY Luke Pepera
	MOOT	11:45-12:45 147. REMAKING OUR HISTORY: REBUILDING OUR HERITAGE Kevin McCloud, Remaking History	FORUM	11:15-12:15 145. ART MARKET: TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED John Axford, Clare Durham & Ned Cowell
	GUILDHALL	13:45-14:45 150. THE ALBIGENSIAN CRUSADE: THE HISTORICAL BACKDROP TO LABYRINTH Kate Mosse	FORUM	12:45 - 13:45 148. THE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR ELEPHANTS: A QUEST INTO THE HEART OF AFRICA Sophy Roberts
	MOOT	13:45-14:45 151. BURMA '45: MY GRANDFATHER'S WAR Alex Bescoby, Levison Wood	HENGE	12:45-13:30 149. OLD BUILDINGS, NEW VISITORS: BRINGING HERITAGE TO A 21ST CENTURY AUDIENCE Jack Chesher, Daniel Wilson, Alfred Hawkins
AFTERNOON 14.00 - 18.15			FORUM	14:00-14:45 152. GHOSTS OF IRON MOUNTAIN: THE HOAX THAT DUPED AMERICA AND ITS SINISTER LEGACY Phil Tinline
	MOOT	15:15-16:15 154. THE EAGLE AND THE HART: THE TRAGEDY OF RICHARD II AND HENRY IV Helen Castor	FORUM	15:15-16:15 155. REACHING FOR JOY: ON LOSING AND FINDING LANGUAGES Lorna Gibb, Samantha Ellis
	GUILDHALL	15:30-16:30 157. GRAND DESIGNS AT 25: GAME CHANGING DESIGNS FROM THE ICONIC SERIES Kevin McCloud	HENGE	15:15-16:00 156. HISTORY GOSSIP: WAS ANNE OF CLEVES A MINGER? Alice Loxton, Katie Kennedy
	GUILDHALL	17:15-18:15 160. THE SILK ROADS: 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY Peter Frankopan	FORUM	16:30-18:00 158. PERFORMANCE: HENRY V On Cue Theatre

