Professor T. G. Otte, M.A., Ph.D  

Wednesday 17 September 2014  
Main Hall  

July Crisis: Descent into War 1914  

Thomas Otte is Professor of Diplomatic History at the University of East Anglia. He is the author or editor of fifteen books. Among his latest publications are *The China Question: Great Power Rivalry and British Isolation, 1894–1905* (OUP, 2007), *The Foreign Office Mind: The Making of British Foreign Policy, 1865-1914* (CUP, 2011), *July 1914: Europe’s Descent into World War* (CUP, 2014), and (ed.), *An Historian in Peace and War: The Diaries of Harold Temperley, 1900-1939* (Ashgate, 2014). He has been an advisor to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the FCO Historical Collection.

Kathleen Tyson  

Thursday 16 October 2014  

Wynne Room  

The Geography of the Norman Conquest, from the Carmen de Triumpho Normannico  

Kathleen Tyson is a central banker, securities regulator and banker turned independent historian after a twenty-five-year career in the City of London. Her translation of the earliest account of the Norman Conquest, the 1067 *Carmen* attributed to Bishop Guy d’Amiens, is the first to use digital images of the 12th century manuscript in Latin Miniscule. It is available as *Carmen de Triumpho Normannico – The Song of the Norman Conquest*. The transcription and translation shed new light on the causes, scope and events of the Norman Conquest.

Lt. Col. (retd) Roderic MacArthur  

Thursday 20 November 2014  

Wynne Room  

The Peninsular War; Busaco and Torres Vedras  

Rod MacArthur served in the British Army (Royal Engineers) for 30 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, then worked as Head of Finance & Administration at a large secondary school for 14 years. Now retired again, he gives talks on Military History and serves on the committees of several Forces Charities. He developed an interest in Hanoverian and King’s German Legion history when serving in Germany and is a member of the Bexhill Hanoverian Study Group. He is President of a Royal British Legion Branch in Spain, where he has a second home and has visited several Peninsular War battlefields.

Christmas Party  

Wednesday 17 December 2014  

Wynne Room  

With an Entertainment by Mr Geoff Hutchinson  

Geoff Hutchinson was born in Hastings in 1942. He lives in Brede and has lived in East Sussex all his life. He is a local history enthusiast with a passion for drama. His ability to combine the two has proved a successful formula for making history lively and vibrant. His books, talks and impersonation of local worthies are popular with all ages and he has made many contributions to radio and television.

Sir Brian Crowe KCMG  

Thursday 15 January 2015  

Wynne Room  

A Century of Anglo-German Relations in One Family  

Brian Crowe was Director General for External and Politico-Military Affairs in the Council of the EU between 1994–2002, following a career as a British diplomat during which he served in Moscow, Washington, Brussels (office of the UK Representative to the EU) and Bonn culminating in Vienna (as ambassador) and Director General in the Foreign Office. More recently he has been Deputy Chairman of Chatham House and a foreign policy consultant.

Mr George Kiloh  

Thursday 19 February 2015  

Wynne Room  

Battle 1914–19: Those who returned and those who did not  

George Kiloh is a member of the BDHS Committee and Deputy Chairman of the Society. He read history at Oxford and after a brief dalliance with politics and the law (his own words) went into university administration. He has worked in four continents and his last substantive post was as academic registrar of the London School of Economics. Other jobs were at the beginning of the Open University in 1970 and as the first registrar of what became the Hong Kong Open University in 1989. He has lived in Sussex since 1990, but in Battle only since 2010. His main historical interests are in post-1815 Europe.
Mr Peter Cole        Thursday 19 March 2015         Wynne Room
South-East England; the Eternal Battlefield
Peter Cole’s interest in history follows from a career starting from Bexhill Grammar School via the Army, property development, and as a building Engineer to being President of the Bexhill Old Town Preservation Society, Vice President Bexhill Hanoverian Study Group, Member of Bexhill Museum, and a Friend of the Wealden & Downland Museum and of the Royal Logistical Corps Museum. Many years ago he bought the late Gregory Blaxland’s book, South-East England: the Eternal Battlefield, in Battle Bookshop.

Mr Richard Filmer       Thursday 16 April 2015         Wynne Room
Rural Romania Revealed; A Rare Survival of a Medieval Way of Life
Richard Filmer was born in Kent and can trace his family history back in the county through some seven centuries. He has a keen interest in vernacular architecture, travel and local history together with traditional trades and skills, both locally and worldwide. He has written and lectured extensively on these subjects and has compiled nine books. Many of his photographs and articles on topographical, agricultural and architectural themes have appeared in numerous regional and national magazines and journals.

Mr Roger Clark        Thursday 21 May 2015         Battle Abbey
Lecture on and tour of Battle Abbey
Roger Clark was Head of Battle Abbey School for 15 years and developed a love for the history of the building and those that inhabited it. He worked closely with English Heritage and gave permission for the return of the Battle of Hastings painting and the Webster family portraits. He will give the Society a personal insight into a living building.

Lt. General Sir Christopher Wallace KBE DL   Saturday 20 June 2015         Main Hall
Waterloo: the Rout of the French Imperial Guard
Christopher Wallace was a career soldier in The Royal Green Jackets, who retired from the Army after thirty-eight years service in 1999. He has since become a military historian and author of three books. He was a trustee of the Imperial War Museum from 1999–2008, including Deputy Chairman from 2006. He is presently Chairman of The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum in Winchester masterminding the Museum’s £250K Battle of Waterloo Bicentenary Exhibition opening on 25th March 2015. As a result he has become a bit of an expert on Waterloo and has visited the battlefield on a number of occasions. He was knighted in 1997 and became a Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire in 2004.

Dr Marc Morris        Thursday 16 July         Main Hall
King John
Marc Morris is an historian and broadcaster, specialising in the Middle Ages. An expert on medieval monarchy and aristocracy, Marc has written numerous articles for History Today, BBC History Magazine and Heritage Today. He wrote a bestselling biography of Edward I, A Great and Terrible King (Hutchinson, 2008) and his most recent book is The Norman Conquest (Hutchinson, 2012). In 2003 Marc presented the highly acclaimed six-part series Castle for Channel 4 and wrote its accompanying book (now published in paperback by Windmill). He has also contributed to history programmes such as Time Team, as well as other shows on both television and radio.