

Christ Church's Special Interest Weekend Programmes

Every Spring Christ Church holds a Special Interest Weekend, open to all, with a choice of themes. As well as setting standards of sound scholarship, these programmes are designed to be readily accessible to the informed visitor wishing to discover more on a topic of current interest. The programmes are led by tutors and guest speakers of distinction in their fields. Participants will also experience facets of Christ Church not normally open to the day visitor. Guests stay in college rooms, and numbers attending these Special Interest Weekends are limited to preserve the friendly and convivial atmosphere which participants enjoy. The weekend concludes with a Gala Banquet in Hall.

The Edwardian Banquet

World War I was the curtain that came down on this unforgettable era of British life; participants in both options will enjoy the closing Gala Banquet – a celebration of the Edwardian Age and its legacy.

Created by Food Historian Sara Paston Williams and rated 'unforgettable' and 'spectacular' by previous programme participants, this will be one of the weekend's highlights.

VERDUN AND THE SOMME: FR



Ninety years after the catastrophes of Verdun and the Somme, this programme, led by military historian and author **Robin Neillands**, brings together a range of historians, authors and experts to present a portrait of the cataclysmic progress of the 'war to end all wars', viewed from the perspective of those twin battles of 1916.

These battles cost the lives of a million British, French and German men and affected their nations for generations. Each was a human tragedy on a massive scale.

But what caused them, why were they fought in those places – and for so long at such cost? Who was responsible for such carnage and why, of all the battles of World War I are these the ones the French and British chiefly remember?

Participants will learn how the Great War's subsequent conduct was influenced by these events, and of its progress to conclusion, armistice and peace.



The Trustees of the Imperial War Museum

In association with Holts Tours we are pleased to offer an optional addition to the History programme - a Tour to Verdun and the Somme.

Major Gordon Corrigan will lead the tour, departing from Christ Church on Monday 10 April and returning on Saturday 15 April.

For further information please contact;

Tel: 01293 455356

Web: www.holts.co.uk



THURSDAY 6 APRIL

- 2.00 – 4.30 pm Registration in the Junior Common Room with Afternoon Tea
- 5.00 pm Programme Welcome in the Upper Library by John Harris, Steward of Christ Church
- 6.00 pm Buttery Bar Opens
- 7.00 pm Dinner in Hall
- 8.00 pm Traditional College Dessert
- After Dinner Buttery Bar Open

FRIDAY 7 APRIL

- 8.00-9.00 am Breakfast
- 9.15 am Lectures – **The Road to Verdun and the Somme: 1914-1916**
 - **The Course of the War from 1914:** Correlli Barnett;
 - **1916 The Year of Attrition:** Robin Neillands
- 10.45 am Coffee
- 11.15 am Lecture – **Strategy for Verdun**
Major-General Julian Thompson
- 12.45 pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm Lecture – **Planning the Anglo-French Somme Offensive** Dr John Bourne
- 3.30 pm Afternoon Tea in Hall
- 4.00 pm Lecture – **Character and Competence: Great War Commanders** Major Gordon Corrigan
- 6.00 pm Buttery Bar open
- 7.30 pm Dinner in Hall
- 8.30 pm Buttery Bar open – an opportunity to meet programme speakers

SATURDAY 8 APRIL

- 8.00–9.00 am Breakfast
- 9.15 am Lecture - **The German Army 1916-1918**
Dr Robert Foley
- 10.45 am Coffee
- 11.15 am Lecture - **Verdun Part II: to the End of the Battle and Beyond** Dr Bill Philpott
- 12.45 pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm Lecture – **The Somme Part II: from Fleurs to the End of the Battle and Beyond**
Dr Gary Sheffield
- 3.30 pm Tea & Biscuits in the Junior Common Room
- 4.00 pm Lecture – **The Great War 1916-1918: Armistice and Aftermath** Dr Correlli Barnett
- 7.00 pm Pre-banquet Reception
- 7.30 pm Gala Edwardian Banquet in Hall

SUNDAY 9 APRIL

- 8.30 – 9.30 am Breakfast in Hall
- 10.00 am Opportunity to attend Cathedral Service or Tour of Christ Church or a Guided Meadow Walk
- 11.15 am
- 12.00 pm Buttery Bar Opens
- 12.30 pm Light Lunch in Ante Hall
- 2.00 pm Christ Church Picture Gallery Opens



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VANCES OF THE EDWARDIAN TABLE



Vances of The Edwardian Table
Edwardian age's zenith, Food Historian and author leads this Special Interest option, examining the lives of the privileged few who lived 'above stairs' in the Edwardian household.
Examine, describe and review the grand hosts and their entertainments and novelties, the great chefs and the unnamed women who laboured behind the baize door.
The programme comprises lectures, tastings and samplings led by food historians and authors, and includes visits behind-the-scenes to see their own 'household' arrangements, Edwardian and earlier!

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- 7.00 pm Dinner in Hall
- 8.00 pm Traditional College Dessert
- After Dinner Bar Open

FRIDAY 7 APRIL

- 8.00-9.00 am Breakfast
- 9.15 am Lecture – **The English Country House Party** Sara Paston Williams
- 10.45 am Coffee
- 11.15 am Lecture – **Behind the Green Baize Door** Peter Brears
- 12.45 pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm Tutored Tours of Wolsey's Kitchen, the College Cellar, College Silver and an Edwardian Table Display led by members of Christ Church's hospitality team
- 3.45 pm Afternoon tea in Hall
- 4.15 pm Lecture & Tasting – **'Ices are the Tops'** Robin Weir
- 6.00 pm Buttery Bar open
- 7.30 pm Dinner in Hall
- 8.30 pm Buttery Bar open – an opportunity to meet programme speakers.

SATURDAY 8 APRIL

- 8.00–9.00 am Breakfast
- 9.15 am Lecture – **La Belle Epoque** Raymond Notley
- 10.45 am Coffee
- 11.15 am Lecture – **Dinner with the Rothschilds 1870-1910** Philippa Glanville
- 12.45 pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm Lecture & Tasting – **Tales from the Tea Table** Jane Pettigrew
- 3.30 pm Tea & Biscuits in the Junior Common Room
- 4.00 pm Lecture – **Marshall and Garrett – two great chefs of the late 19th and early 20th Centuries** Ivan Day
- 7.00 pm Pre-banquet Reception
- 7.30 pm Gala Edwardian Banquet in Hall

SUNDAY 9 APRIL

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- 10.00 am Opportunity to attend Cathedral Service or Tour of Christ Church or Guided Walk around Christ Church Meadow
- 11.15 am
- 12.00 pm Buttery Bar Opens
- 12.30 pm Light Lunch in Ante Hall
- 2.00 pm Christ Church Picture Gallery Opens

Christ Church, Oxford – Special Interest Spring Weekend 2006

6 - 9 April 2006

Name(s) as you wish to appear on name badge

Option (please circle choice)

TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	Option (please circle choice)
1			HISTORY FOOD & DRINK
2			HISTORY FOOD & DRINK

ADDRESS

POSTCODE/ZIPCODE

EMAIL

TELEPHONE

FAX

DIETARY OR OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS (INCLUDING ACCESS REQUIREMENTS)

CONFERENCE FEE

@ £395 X _____ PERSONS _____

ENSUITE SUPPLEMENT @ £70 PER ROOM _____

TOTAL _____

LESS DEPOSIT
@ £50 PER PERSON ENCLOSED _____

BALANCE DUE BY 31 JANUARY 2006 _____

AGE GROUP (PLEASE CIRCLE) Information for accommodation purposes only

20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE SPECIAL INTEREST WEEKEND?

ALL CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO
THE STEWARD OF CHRIST CHURCH IN £ STERLING.

VISA MASTERCARD SWITCH

(we regret we are unable to accept American Express)

CARD NUMBER

START DATE

EXPIRY DATE

ISSUE NO: if applicable

SECURITY NO: (3 digits)

NAME OF CARD HOLDER

CARD HOLDER'S SIGNATURE

DECLARATION

I certify that I am authorised to make this booking on behalf of the persons named above. I have read and accepted the booking terms and conditions detailed in the conference programme. I confirm the details on the booking form are correct.

IF PAYING BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD

I authorise Christ Church to collect the balance of the programme fee on 31 January 2006

(please tick)

SIGNED

DATE

Please tick box only if you do not wish to receive further information about programmes at Christ Church

OFFICE USE ONLY

DEPOSIT & BOOKING RECEIVED

CONFIRMED

FINAL INFO SENT

How to Book

Prices are per person (except where stated) and include the full lecture and activity programme, escorted tours, three nights' accommodation in Christ Church, all meals, wines and refreshments as scheduled, the opening reception, Gala Dinner with wine, and a staff service charge. Gratuities are not expected.

Inclusive charge per person in a standard single or twin room is £395.
Ensuite supplement: £70.

Provisional reservations are welcome at any time and may be made by post, telephone, fax or email. All are subject to early completion, signature and return of the attached booking form together with a deposit of £50 per person. Payment of the balance of the fee is required by 31 January 2006. Bookings will be acknowledged, but final payment reminders will not be sent. For bookings after 31 January, full payment is required.

Acceptance by the college of a reservation constitutes a confirmed booking. In the event of cancellation, the college will act in good faith in the circumstances of each case and, at its discretion, anticipates adhering to the following timetable:

- 1 Cancellations received before 31 January 2006 – loss of deposit only.
- 2 Cancellations received on or after 1 February 2006 – the organisers reserve the right to retain 50% of the fee.
- 3 Cancellations received after 1 March 2006 – the organisers reserve the right to retain the full fee.

All monies are held by Christ Church.

Please direct all bookings and enquiries to:
Special Interest Weekend
The Steward's Office
Christ Church
Oxford OX1 1DP
Tel: 01865 286848 and 276174
Fax: 01865 286328
Email: conferences@chch.ox.ac.uk

Force majeure: the college reserves the right to make alterations and substitutions to the programmes, and will not be liable for any non-performance under this contract arising out of circumstances beyond its control.

Special needs: the conference is centred in the Christ Church main site in the heart of Oxford. All facilities are conveniently located within a few minutes' walk. Some ground floor bedrooms are available but the college cannot presently offer residential facilities for wheelchair users. We shall do our best to support other special access needs, within the constraints of a historic built environment. Early advice on special needs is requested.

Comments from previous programme participants:

"I thought the event was very well organised and I enjoyed every moment!"

"A family atmosphere with professionalism – a privilege to have shared in this experience."

"The idea of two parallel courses was well conceived allowing those of different interests to share the course/travel together."

"the icing on the cake... the banquet"

"I am delighted to say the weekend lived up to and indeed exceeded expectations"

"Outstanding, stimulating, challenging, hugely entertaining".

The Experience

Weekend guests are accommodated in the college's comfortably modernised student study bedrooms. These are located in buildings of architectural and historical interest beside lawned quadrangles or overlooking gardens or the Meadow.

Rooms are located on ground, first, second and third floors. Each has self-service tea and coffee-making facilities, wash hand basin, shaver point and telephones. Bathrooms, showers and toilets are plentifully available and located nearby, though not always on the same floor. The college's accommodation includes the popular twin 'sets' providing a separate private lounge in addition to individual bedrooms. Single and twin ensuite rooms (with private shower and toilet) are also available. Please indicate your choice of room on the booking form. A free laundry room is provided.

Meals are prepared under the direction of the college's Head Chef, Mr Roland Dépit, and are served in the magnificent Tudor Hall. A vegetarian option (ovo-lacto-vegetarian) is available at meals by advance arrangement, and other diets can be catered for. Please ensure this is requested on your booking form. The Buttery Bar, adjacent to Hall, will be open before meals and after dinner. House wines, included in the price, are served at dinner. Participants will also be able to purchase wines from the college's well-stocked cellar.

A common room is available and offers telephone, fax and internet connections.

Christ Church

Christ Church, one of the largest of Oxford's colleges, was founded by Henry VIII in 1546. Today, Christ Church is home to about 550 students, reading a wide range of subjects in the arts and sciences.

Christ Church is also, uniquely, the Cathedral seat of Oxford and occupies a 150-acre site in the heart of the city. This includes the Meadow, a tranquil pasture preserved for centuries, and bounded by the Rivers Isis and Cherwell.

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The Speakers

Dr. Correlli Barnett, CBE, President. The Western Front Association, Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge, former Keeper of the Churchill Archives Centre and Haig Fellow 2004. His books include *The Audit of War* and *The Swordbearers*.

Peter Brears, Dip AD, FMA, FSA. Following twenty years directing the City Museum services of York and then Leeds, Peter Brears has operated a food history consultancy since 1994. He has restored and/or interpreted over fifty of Britain's major historic kitchens and has published extensively in this discipline.

Dr. John Bourne, Director of The Centre for First World War Studies and Head of the Department of Modern History at the University of Birmingham. His books include *The Great War 1914–1945* and *The Haig Diaries*, co-authored with Gary Sheffield.

Major Gordon Corrigan MBE. Author and television presenter of military documentaries, he also leads battlefield tours to the Western Front. His books include *Mud Blood and Poppycock*, an exploration of the Great War myths.

Ivan Day is a food history scholar with a special interest in re-creating the food of the past in period settings. Described by Tom Jaine as 'Britain's foremost reconstructionist cook', his work has been exhibited in many major museums in both Britain and the USA. He is the presenter of the television series *Hungry for the Past*.

Dr. Robert Foley A senior lecturer at the Joint Services Command and Staff College and at King's College London. His books include *German Strategy and the path to Verdun* and *The Battle of the Somme; An Eyewitness History*. His current research is examining the development of German strategy and operations from 1916 to 1918. Dr Foley will be lecturer at the School of History, University of Liverpool from September 2005.

Philippa Glanville FSA. Silver Curator and recently Academic Director at Waddesdon Manor the Rothschild Collection, has a longstanding research interest in the history of dining. Author of *Elegant Eating* and contributor to the 2006 Smithsonian/Cooper Hewitt exhibition *Feeding Desire*, she also lectures and broadcasts on social history.

Robin Neillands MA, BA, FRHistS. A member of the British Commission for Military History, Robin Neillands lectures at the National Army Museum and for the University of Oxford. His books include *The Great War Generals, Attrition: The Western Front 1916*, and *The Old Contemptibles*.

Raymond Notley Consultant and the Lecturer Emeritus with Sotheby's Institute of Art in London. He lectures on specialist subjects from the history of interior decoration and design, to glass and ceramics. He teaches at the Victoria and Albert Museum and other major museums.

Jane Pettigrew an international speaker on tea and tea history. She has worked in Brazil, Japan, Europe and the United States. She appears regularly on television and radio, and has written 10 books on this vital beverage.

Dr. William Philpott, is Senior Lecturer in the Department of War Studies, King's College, London, a member of the Western Front Association and the British Commission for Military History. His books include *Anglo-French Relations and Strategy on the Western Front* and *Three Armies on the Somme*.

Dr. Gary Sheffield A former Haig Fellow, Gary Sheffield is Land Warfare Historian at the Joint Services Command and Staff College, Shrivenham and Senior Lecturer at King's College London. His books include *Forgotten Victory: The First World War Myths and Realities*, and *The Somme*.

Major-General Julian Thompson, CB, OBE. General Thompson served in the Royal Marines for 30 years and commanded the 3rd Commando Brigade, Royal Marines, in the Falklands War. Now a prolific author of military histories he has just completed a major book on the Battles of Verdun and the Somme.

Robin Weir specialises in ice cream, the ice industry and frozen foods. He lectures at food conferences and has co-authored four books – *Ices* being a best seller. He is currently working on a major ice cream exhibition due to be staged in Brighton during Summer of 2007.

Sara Paston Williams Food Writer, Food Historian, lecturer for Sotheby's Institute, consultant to the National Trust restaurants and prolific author. Her books include *The Art of Dining: A History of Cooking and Eating*, *A Book of Historical Recipes* and *The National Trust Book of Traditional Puddings*.

The Organisers

John Harris is Steward of Christ Church and director of the college's conferences and summer schools.

Alexandra Webb administers the full range of programmes and events at Christ Church

Kerry Deeley supports the weekend programme administration



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SPECIAL INTEREST WEEKEND PROGRAMME

Thursday 6 – Sunday 9 April 2006

HISTORY

The Great War:
Verdun and the Somme 1916
From Catastrophe to
Conclusion



FOOD & DRINK

Extravagances of the
Edwardian Table



Full-board residence in
Oxford's largest college
All meals in Hall,
including Gala Dinner

Talks by Oxford Tutors
and distinguished
guest speakers

Social programme and
special tours