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History talks for 2014

Our team of specialist speakers welcome you all to the new season of History talks.

As last season the talks will be held on the last Monday of each month at 10.30 am.

The venue has not changed and we will use the lecture theatre in the la Senieta civic building adjacent to the large free car park in central Moraira.

You do not have to join a group just turn up.

Cheda Panajotovic will e-mail you prior to each talk if you give him your e-mail address.

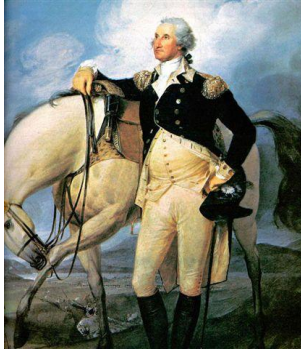


January 2014

Monday 27th

The Birth of a Nation: the American War of Independence and its Aftermath

A talk by Peter Atkinson



Covering the period 1750 to 1820, the lecture will start with a review of the events and ideas that led 13 colonies to rebel against the Crown and resulted in the founding of the United States of America. It will follow the course of the war (1775-83), focusing on the main strategic and political threads rather than on the detail of individual battles. It will close with the principal events that shaped the new nation in its early years: the drafting of the Constitution and the creation of Washington DC; the Louisiana Purchase, which gave impetus to westward expansion; and the War of 1812, which resolved the remaining differences between the USA and Britain.



March 2014

Monday 10th

SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION
By Fabio Bezoari.

'WAR IN THE ALPS'

In June 1940 Benito Mussolini ,
having declared his allegiance to
Hitler's Nazi regime flexed his military
muscles by invading France through
the Alpine boundary between the
two countries.

Neither side were particularly well
prepared and the conflict only lasted
for 11 days. Using video and lecture
Fabio will take us through a conflict
that was full of strategic and technical
mistakes , leading to a useless loss of
lives and equipment.



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March 2014

Monday 31st



THE BRITISH EAST INDIA TRADING COMPANY



A HISTORY presentation by LARRY SHERRINGTON

From piracy to privateering, by stealing from Spain, beating the French, and joining with Portugal and Holland, the Company translated a British trading and Diplomatic presence into the Government of India. For better or worse, fair or foul, the world we know today is, in large measure, the product of Britain's 'Age of Empire'.



Winston Churchill said:

'What enterprise that an enlightened community may attempt is more noble and more profitable than the reclamation from barbarism of fertile regions and large populations. But, the inevitable gap between conquest and dominion becomes filled with figures of the greedy trader, the inopportune missionary, the ambitious soldier and the lying speculator, who disquiet the minds of the conquered and excite the sordid appetites of the conquerors'.



April 2014

Monday 14th

HISTORY TALK By Dee Craig

Victoria's Children



The life and times of Queen Victoria have been well documented, and while I was I was researching I began to think that it had all been said before, and besides I got more and more irritated with her, so I turned my attention to her children. I didn't realize that she had so many of them!

BUT

Queen Victoria must have been the mother from hell. She may have been queen, but she was certainly no great shakes as a mother!

From Victoria's 9 children she had 42 grandchildren and 85 great grandchildren and left a lasting legacy throughout Europe.