

Hello All,

We are very pleased to present a new online programme for BEA for Jan-April 2021. Thank you very much to our lecturers, old and new, for rising to the challenge of putting their presentations on Zoom, and we hope that you will all find something to interest you.

It seems that there is still the occasional difficulty connecting to some Zoom lectures from the Eventbrite invitation for a few users. We have introduced an extra email from Eventbrite which will go out the evening before the first lecture of a series giving a direct link to the Zoom meeting. Please use this if your original invitation does not work, and let us know if you have any problems by emailing berwickea@gmail.com

BEA PROGRAMME

The following online lectures and courses are available for booking either as single sessions or full courses on [Eventbrite](#), or by going to our website www.berwickea.org:

BEA will be holding three lecture series in association with Berwick Literary Festival over the next few months. Patrons of the Literary Festival will be offered a 50% discount when they sign up for any of these events (full course only).

JANUARY

In the first of the series, journalist Gerry Foley, who some of you will have seen hosting sessions for the Festival, will talk about his life and travels as a journalist in '**From Bombs to Brexit - a Life in Journalism**'. As a Westminster correspondent, Gerry has covered some of the biggest events in UK politics from the Thatcher era onwards and has plenty of stories to tell. The course will run on four Saturday mornings from 11am-12 noon from 9th Jan to 30th Jan at a cost of £12 bookable [here](#) or £4 per session bookable [here](#).

This month also sees the welcome return of Alison Tymon with a six part course entitled '**Geology of Britain**'. This will run twice weekly at 4-5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12th Jan to 28th Jan at a cost of £18 bookable [here](#) or £4 per session bookable [here](#).

FEBRUARY

From 6th Feb there will be another chance to attend weekly lectures in an **'Introduction to Astronomy'** with Dr Adrian Jannetta, who will also suggest practical observing tips and interesting things to look for in the night sky for the weeks ahead.

On 9th Feb, Prof Maria Chester will revisit **'La Belle Epoque 1871-1914'**. In ten lectures over five weeks, Maria will discuss aspects of art, literature, fashion, cinema, music and classical ballet.

MARCH

Beginning on 13th March, Mike Fraser will present a series of three one-hour lectures on Northumbrian politicians, organised in association with Berwick Literary Festival. In **'History Through a Northumbrian Lens'**, the biographies of three prominent people associated with Northumberland provide insights into key events in British history.

We'll also take a look at the life and times of St Cuthbert with respected author Kathy Tiernan, who will discuss the remarkable story of the North's iconic saint and his community through four hundred turbulent years in **'Lindisfarne to Durham: St Cuthbert and the Haliwerfolc'**. The lectures, in association with Berwick Literary Festival, start on 16th March.

APRIL

On the 10th April, Anne Everest returns with a review of life in **Roman Britain**, with a particular emphasis on the north and Scotland.

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Later in the year it may be that a return to the classroom will be possible, and we will keep you informed of any changes as we plan our programme for the rest of 2021.

Very Best Wishes for the New Year

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