



Save the Date

Sunday, May 1, 2016: International Cricket Festival at the Merion Cricket Club



2016 Evelyn Wrench Speaker

Richard Buckley, OBE, PhD

Co-Director of the University of Leicester Archaeological Services

The King Under the Car Park: The Search for Richard III

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 5PM

Richard III, England's last Plantagenet king, has long been a figure of fascination and debate. One of the mysteries surrounding him is where he was buried. In 2012, a team of archaeologists from the University of Leicester set out to search for his final resting place under a parking lot in central Leicester. Against all odds, the project located the burial site of the king, who died in 1485 in the Battle of Bosworth Field. In this lecture, Richard Buckley, the leader of this team, will tell the remarkable story of this search and the complex process of confirming Richard's identity.

Please join us at McGillin's Olde Ale House, 1310 Drury Street, Philadelphia at 5PM on Wednesday, April 6. Tickets: \$40 Members/\$50 Non-Members includes open bar and buffet. Your invitation is enclosed. For information or reservations please call Barbara 215-545-3619 or email esu@libertynet.org.

Richard Buckley, OBE, PhD, is a graduate in archaeology from the Universities of Durham and Leicester and has spent over 35 years working as an archaeologist in specializing in complex Roman and medieval urban sites and historic buildings. He is Co-Director of University of Leicester Archaeological Services and was lead archaeologist from the University of Leicester on the *Search for Richard* project.

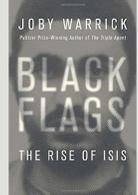


Joby Warrick

Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS

Monday, March 14, 2016 6:30PM

In this lecture, Joby Warrick will discuss *Black Flags: The Rise of Isis*, a brilliant and definitive history that reveals the long arc of today's most dangerous extremist threat. Drawing on unique high-level access to CIA and Jordanian sources, Warrick has woven gripping, moment-by-moment operational details with the perspectives of diplomats and spies, generals and heads of state, many of whom foresaw a menace worse than al Qaeda and tried desperately to stop it.



"A Best Book of 2015"—*The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *People Magazine*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Kansas City Star*, and *Kirkus Reviews*

Please join us on Monday, March 14 at 6:30PM at The Racquet Club of Philadelphia, 215 S. 16th Street. Tickets: \$25 Members; \$35 Non-Members includes hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Your invitation is enclosed. For more information please call Barbara at 215-545-3619 or email esu@libertynet.org.

Joby Warrick, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of *Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS*, joined the Washington Post's national staff in 1996. He has covered national security, intelligence and the Middle East, and currently writes about the environment.



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Welcome New Members

Dr. Phyllis MacDonald, Lancaster
Mr. A. Elliott Rittenhouse, Philadelphia

President's Column

Dear Friends,

First, I ask you to peruse this newsletter for our events in February and save the dates for those this spring. We very much look forward to seeing your friendly faces. Now, I want to take this opportunity to introduce you to the two new members of the ESU Board, Mandy Muckle and Liz Mills:



Amanda Mucklé is a true "home-grown tomato". She was born at Bryn Mawr Hospital, graduated from Lower Merion HS, and attended Penn State. She serves on the Lower Merion HS alumni committee and is very active in several clubs and hereditary societies. She and her sister own a home on Cape Cod that was passed down from their grandparents to their parents. Her love of photography extends blessings to all of her friends. Mandy not only takes great pictures, but shares copies always having a bag full of brightly-colored envelopes for those images captured within.



Elizabeth Mills is, in comparison, a world traveler being born to a father who was in the Air Force. She grew up in England and her family ended up in North Carolina where she attended UNC-Chapel Hill and met her husband, Craig. She served five years in the Air Force, making Captain before Craig, who was in the Marine Corp. She

worked at the Pentagon as specialist in Asia affairs which resulted in many trips to that region. They moved to Pennsylvania in 1997 where Liz worked for a nonprofit for several years. She and Craig have three grown children and today Liz is tending their three dogs.

Very truly yours,

Gayla McCluskey
President

Filter Theatre's 'Twelfth Night' at the Annenberg: Fast, funny, not the subtlest...but fun!

Toby Zinman For The Inquirer



On Wednesday, February 10, ESU members enjoyed Britain's avant-garde Filter Theatre's production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company. New ESU members **Rick and Robin Gregg** (left) had an opportunity to meet the cast and other ESU members at the reception following the performance at the Annenberg Center.

2016 Shakespeare Competition

Our Branch's 29th Annual Shakespeare Competition was held February 15, 2016 at the Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School.



We congratulate the winners:

1st place: **Emma Muller**, Perkiomen Valley High School;
2nd place: **Zillah Elcin**, The Academy at Palumbo; and
3rd place: **Thomas Van Dean**, Central High School.

The **Andrew F. Webster Scholarship** will be awarded to the winners on Sunday, March 6 at the Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School at 1600 Vine Street.

A very special thanks to:

- The Andrew F. Webster Scholarship
- The Shakspeare Society of Philadelphia
- Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School, Dr. Jack Carr, Rachel Hunter, Maria Newman
- Shakespeare Competition Committee: Diana Evans, Stephen Holt, Geni Klein, Suzanne Lavins, Sheila Leith
- Dr. Donald Rosato
- Patricia Bushyager, Susan Gerrity, Audrey Parsons, Doug Pugliese, John P. Rosso, Peter Wilding



Left: Sheila Leith, Thomas Van Dean, Emma Muller, Zillah Elcin and Stephen Holt

Below: The 10 finalists with this year's judges: Bill Madeira, Kittson O'Neill and Bohdan Senkow



Students from seventeen Greater Philadelphia area high schools competed this year.

Royal Oak Foundation at the Union League

Our branch has received the honor of being listed as a co-sponsor of these events to recognize the steadfast support they receive from our membership.

Location: The Union League of Philadelphia, 140 S. Broad Street.

FORMAL BUSINESS ATTIRE REQUIRED. For each lecture, there will be a cash bar reception at 6:00PM. **Dinner reservations are non-refundable and must be made by the Wednesday before the lecture.**

Lecture only: \$30 members and co-sponsors*; \$40 non-members.

Lecture and dinner: \$75 members and co-sponsors*; \$80 non-members.

Registration is required: <http://www.royal-oak.org/lectures> or 800-913-6565, x.201 *use code 16SEUP to receive the discounted price.

"The Heart of England": The History and Design of British Pubs Ian Cox, Decorative Arts Historian Thursday, March 31, 6:30PM



The 17th-century diarist Samuel Pepys described the pub as the heart of England. Indeed a history of pubs can be traced back to Roman occupied taverns and Anglo-Saxon alehouses. By the 18th century, the term alehouse evolved to "public house" and by the mid-to-late 19th century, the village public house was a feature of every British community. Art historian Ian Cox will discuss this fascinating history of pubs in Britain and explain their important role in the 19th to early 20th century and how new technologies and the burgeoning social and economic changes during the Victorian era led to the popularity of such lively establishments.

The Grand(er) Tour: Architectural Imagination Beyond the Classical World Abraham Thomas, Architectural Historian Tuesday, April 12, 6:30PM



For centuries, architects have used their travels to fuel their cultural and artistic education. From the late 17th to early 19th century, the Grand Tour of Greek and Roman sites of antiquity was *de rigueur* for any architect, providing a finishing school for young men wishing to round off their academic training. Today, rather than visiting Athens and Rome to discover the classical world, contemporary architects now travel to places such as Lagos and Dhaka to understand contemporary urban planning. Using drawings and photographs from the Royal Institute of British Architects' collection, Abraham Thomas will illustrate various journeys undertaken by designers during the past 300 years—resulting in buildings that have changed the architectural landscape of London, Paris, New York and the rest of the world.

"Such an Unsafe Throne": Queen Victoria, Russia, and the Romanovs Helen Rappaport, Historian and Author Tuesday, April 26, 6:30PM



Following the Crimean War (1854-1856), an intense period of Russophobia took hold in the UK. Queen Victoria always had a deep mistrust and implacable dislike of all things Russian. Rapprochement came as her children and grandchildren reached marriageable ages and her ambitions for suitable dynastic unions became urgent. However, she always nursed apprehensions about any union with Russia, which she deemed a place, with an 'unsafe throne.' Spanning 80 years, from 1839 to the murder of the Romanovs, historian and best-selling author Helen Rappaport will explore the British Royal family's ever-changing relationship with Russia.

800 Years of Family History: Berkeley Castle Charles Berkeley, Heir to Berkeley Castle Tuesday, May 3, 6:30PM

In a country rich in history, only the Berkeley family can lay claim to having passed their estates the longest from father-to-son since Saxon times. Their home, Berkeley Castle—built on the Anglo-Welsh border — is the oldest continuously occupied castle in England after the royal fortresses of the Tower of London and Windsor Castle. If its walls could talk they might whisper about the notorious murder of King Edward II which took place here in 1327. Castle Director and heir, Charles Berkeley will illustrate his family home, and discuss how 27 generations have enhanced and maintained the Castle, an irreplaceable piece of English history.



Gentry, Generals and Industrialists: English Country Houses in the Thames Valley Dr. Oliver Cox, Oxford University Fellow Monday, May 9, 6:30PM

The Thames Valley has historically been synonymous with the rich and powerful throughout Britain's history. It is dotted with lavish country estates and castles and the site for many of England's most celebrated (and posh) sporting events: the Royal Ascot and the Royal Henley Regatta. The country houses of the Thames Valley are not only architectural marvels, but tell a fascinating story of England. In this richly illustrated lecture, Oxford University Fellow Dr. Oliver Cox will explore the history of these houses, outlining how changes in fashion, money and power created a rich tapestry of interlinked country houses of all ages and sizes.

Over 500 Years Guarding the Tower of London Chief Yeoman Warder Alan Kingshott Thursday, May 19, 6:30PM



Over 1000 years of history can be unearthed at Her Majesty's Tower of London starting from the establishment of Tower Hill at the end of 1066 and the White Tower built in 1078. The Tower of London has been expertly guarded by the Body of Yeoman Warders—more commonly known as "Beefeaters"—since 1485 when they were formed by King Henry VII. As the most senior member of the Sovereign's Bodyguard based at the Tower of London, Alan Kingshott will explore the role of the Body of Yeoman Warders, and the traditional ceremonies held within the grounds, including the Ceremony of the Keys; the official locking up of the Tower that has taken place every night without fail for at least 700 years.

Capability Brown and Belvoir Castle: Discovering a Lost Landscape Emma Manners, the 11th Duchess of Rutland Thursday, May 26, 6:30PM



In the early 1800s, the Duke of Rutland's gardens at Belvoir Castle, Leicestershire, were considered to be amongst the finest in the land. Although the gardens were rumored to be the work of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown (1716-1783), nothing could be confirmed until now. In 2015, after 235 years, Brown's plans were discovered hidden in the castle archives. Her Grace, Emma, will talk about the development of the Belvoir gardens and the breakthrough discovery of the lost plans. She will explain how Brown's enduring landscape is still as appropriate for today and – crucially – for the next generation.

Calendar of Events

- Mar. 6** Shakespeare Competition Reception
- Mar. 14** Joby Warrick: *Black Flags: The Rise of Isis*
- April 6** 2016 Wrench Speaker: Richard Buckley
The King Under the Car Park
- May 1** International Cricket Festival
- TBA** Benefactors Reception
- June 12** Queen's Birthday Garden Party

Shakespeare Competition Reception Sunday, March 6, 2016

Please join us Sunday, March 6, 2016 when the winners of the 29th Annual Shakespeare Competition recite their winning monologues, and The Andrew F. Webster Scholarship is awarded. The reception will be held at the Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School, 1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia from 2:30PM to 4PM.

This is a free event for ESU members—donations are requested to support the Shakespeare program. Reservations are required. To reserve your place or to make a donation please call Barbara at 215 545-3619.



ESU Members enjoy dining privileges* at
The Racquet Club of Philadelphia, 215 S. 16th St.

Gold Leaf Café: Monday to Friday, Noon to 2:30 PM
Full Service Brunch: Saturday, 11 AM to 2 PM

1889 Pub: Monday to Friday
5 to 11 PM: Bar Open; 5 to 10 PM: Food Served

*ESU members must first register at the Front Desk with a credit card to receive a Guest Pass.

Oranges and Lemons



In the days when the River Thames at London was wider than it is now, barges carrying oranges and lemons landed just below the churchyard of St. Clements Dane.

On the last day of March, local primary school children gather at the church to attend a service. They recite the famous nursery rhyme and, on occasions, play the tune on hand bells. At the end of the service, the children are presented with an orange and a lemon from a table outside the church.

The nursery rhyme, begins with the lines:

*Oranges and lemons
Say the bells of St Clement's*

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