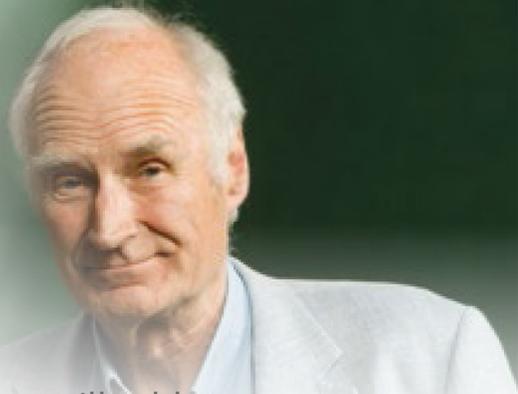


Event « Speakers' corner



Stanley Johnson (father of Boris) and historian Peter Snow will address audiences at the first Farnham Speakers' Festival, from October 22nd to 25th.

The event, which takes place at The Maltings, is the brainchild of Marc Rattray, who, until July, was a teacher at Lord Wandsworth College in Long Sutton and started The Lewes Speakers Festival five years ago.

Marc says: "We've just moved to Farnham where my parents have lived for many years and we're delighted to bring so many well-known interesting ministers and politicians, national journalists and thinkers to this wonderful town. Over the last few years it's proved a success in Lewes and we hope it will be here, too."

Television presenter Peter Snow will open the event on October 22nd (8-9.15pm) with his account of the Battle of Waterloo Experience. ITN's diplomatic and defence correspondent from 1966 to 1979, Mr Snow presented *Newsnight* from 1980 to 1997 and has covered military matters on and off the world's battlefields for 40 years.

Like all great battles, Waterloo is steeped in controversy. The battle ended in decisive victory, but might easily have turned out differently. In his talk, Mr Snow will look at the strengths and weaknesses of the leaders, their armies and weapons, asking questions such as: 'Whose victory was it?' 'Would Wellington have won without Blücher and his Prussians?' To help make his case, he will examine previously unpublished sketch maps, letters, orders, official papers and proclamations held by the National Army Museum and other archives from around Europe.

Other speakers include former MEP Stanley Johnson who will recount the key moments of his personal and political life; Tony Little, Headmaster of Eton; former Minister for Europe Denis McShane on Britain's fraught relationship with Europe and Harry Mount, of the *Telegraph*. For more details about the event and to book, visit www.farnhamspeakersfestival.com or call **0333 666 3366**.

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