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HISTORIANS DELVE INTO WAR AND POLITICS AT NEXT LITERARY LUNCH



Victoria Schofield at the Royal Scots Club by Simon Williams

The Royal Scots Club are delighted to announce their next Literary Lunch on the theme of History featuring Victoria Schofield who will be discussing her journey from Writer to Military Historian and what led her to write about Kashmir, Wavell, The Black Watch and her lifelong friendship with Former Pakistani Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto.

The Literary Lunch will be held on Thursday 21st October at The Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh. Victoria Schofield will be joined by Trevor Royle whose book *Britain's Lost Regiments: The Illustrious Band of Brother Time has Forgotten* celebrates the historic regiments and the men who served in them and Rosemary Goring whose latest work *Homecoming: The Scottish Years of Mary Queen of Scots* will be published next year.

Rosemary Goring's latest book *Scotland: Her Story* which tells Scotland history by the women through the centuries. This extortionary collection brings to life first-hand testimonies of dramatic events and ordinary life which are often hidden or ignored from Nicola Sturgeon to Mary Queen of Scots who is the subject of Goring's next book.

Trevor Royle who is known for his vivid people centred narrative, takes us into the ranks on both sides of the notorious battle of Culloden and how it changed the course of British History. Royle is an expert in military history and *The Scottish Regiments* who excels in explaining the tactics and technique of warfare.

Like Royle, Victoria Schofield tells the stories of individuals who helped shape history. Her friendship with Benazir Bhutto, whose life and career were defined by tragedy, inspired a longstanding interest and love of South Asia. Schofield takes an intricate look at the events which are changing the lives of many in the region.

The event will again be chaired by **Jackie McGlone** the first woman deputy editor of a Scottish newspaper. Jackie chairs a number of events every year at the Edinburgh International Book Festival and has also mediated at author events at the British Library, in London, and at various venues in New York.

The Literary Lunch is open to members of The Royal Scots Club and non-members alike and will provide an excellent opportunity to delve into the incredible lives of those who have witnessed history in the making.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

The Literary Lunch will take place on Thursday 21st October 2021 and guests will receive a three-course lunch with champagne on arrival and refreshments. The authors will participate in a panel discussion followed by a Q&A with Jackie McGlone. During the event there will be an opportunity to purchase books for signing by our three authors at a bookshop provided by Topping & Company Booksellers, Edinburgh.

Tickets are available for £60 per person bookable in advance via The Royal Scots Club. Tickets are available to members and non-members.

Tickets will be available on by contacting events@royalscotsclub.com

The Literary Lunch event will be held on Thursday 21 October 2021 at The Royal Scots Club, 29-31 Abercromby Place, Edinburgh, EH3 6QE starting at 12 pm.

Founded in 1919 as a tribute to those who fell in The Great War, and situated in one of Edinburgh's finest Georgian streets, The Royal Scots Club offers that rare combination; the charm of a country house hotel with a cosy club atmosphere.

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