

# RDS Library Speaker Series

## Autumn 2017



Monday 2 October 6.30pm

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**Professor Eamon Duffy**

**'The Reformation in Fiction and Faction'**

Historical novels, stage-plays and TV dramas set in Tudor England have been hugely popular in recent years. In this lecture Reformation historian Eamon Duffy reflects on the ways in which modern fictional accounts of the English Reformation have created, reflected or challenged historical understanding.



Wednesday 18 October 6.30pm

RDS Minerva Suite

**Duff Hart-Davis**

**'Never Say No'**

A widely-experienced author and journalist, Duff Hart-Davis has written or edited over 50 books. Here he describes how he followed a policy of never refusing a good offer – whether it was to drive to the Crimea in the depths of the Cold War or the chance to fly in a supersonic Lightning fighter.



Thursday 26 October 6.30pm

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**Nick Miller**

**'Encounter: Painting and the World As You Find It'**

Nick Miller describes his approach to making art as, “setting up situations that I have to paint my way out of”. He continues to re-address the traditional genres of Portraiture, Landscape and Still Life with a unique and personal approach, details of which he will share with the audience.



Wednesday 8 November 6.30pm

RDS Minerva Suite

**Dr Niall Holohan**

**‘An Irish Diplomat’s View of the Middle East’**

Dr Niall Holohan recently retired after forty years of service in the Dept. of Foreign Affairs. He will discuss the unstable situation in the region where several ongoing conflicts present a serious threat to international peace and security.



Monday 20 November 6.30pm

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**William Laffan**

**‘Abbey Leix: A History of the Landscape and Architecture of one of Ireland’s Great Demesnes’**

Abbey Leix, originally the site of a Cistercian monastery founded in the twelfth century, is one of the great Irish country houses. Over the last few decades it has been restored by Sir David Davies, President of the Irish Georgian Society. This talk will explore the architectural history of the house.



Wednesday 29 November 6.30pm

RDS Minerva Suite

**Captain Michael McKenna**

**‘Current and Future Challenges of the Dublin Port Company’**

Dublin Port is experiencing growth due to the business and domestic needs of the nation. This demand requires larger ships in greater numbers to arrive, carry out their business and depart in a safe and efficient manner. This presentation will give an insight into the Port Operations from the perspective of the Harbour Master.

**Please join us for these fascinating presentations.**

Admission to lectures in the series is free and open to the public, but booking is essential.

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