



# Gloucester History Festival

2<sup>nd</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Join Britain's leading historians and thinkers for two weeks of compelling talks and controversial debates at Gloucester's magical Blackfriars Priory, Britain's oldest history festival venue built in 1249.

Over two hundred events for history-lovers of all ages span the ancient city. At the Festival's heart is the unique tradition of Gloucester Day, celebrating the lifting of the English Civil War siege of the city in 1643, and Heritage Open Days throwing magnificent historic buildings open to all.

**Tracy Borman** explores Anne Boleyn and Elizabeth I

**Jeremy Bowen** analyses the Modern Middle East

**Bridgerton to Poldark:** top historical consultants reveal their secrets

**Call the Midwife:** Stephen McGann & Heidi Thomas on history versus drama

**General Richard Dannatt** interrogates the history of the British Army

**Susie Dent** explores the eccentric world of curious words

**Nandini Das** voyages with James I's first Ambassador to India

**Gavin Esler & Iain Dale** put Westminster under the microscope

**Helen Fry** reveals Women in Intelligence

**Natalie Haynes** brings the infamous Medusa back to life

**Tom Holland** transports us to Ancient Rome

**Cat Jarman** unlocks The Bone Chests of Winchester Cathedral

Former Prime Minister **Theresa May** in conversation about her forthcoming book The Abuse of Power

**James Naughtie** explores 21st century America in fact and fiction

**David Olusoga** in conversation

**David Owen** discusses Russia, Ukraine and meeting President Brezhnev in Moscow

**Janina Ramirez** reveals extraordinary medieval women in Femina

**Adam Rutherford** discusses his book Where Are You Really From?

**Michael Scott** tours the world's greatest archaeological wonders

**Michael Wood** discusses why the Anglo-Saxons matter

**Gary Younge** offers Dispatches from the Diaspora.



Tickets and full programme: [gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk](http://gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk)