

# Kings and Queens

## St Anne's College, Oxford 2-3 March 2019

Discover the fascinating history of some of Britain's most intriguing monarchs over two days of talks by expert historians. There are six lectures on the Saturday and five on the Sunday. Both days also include book signings, a buffet lunch and refreshments.

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## Saturday 2 March

Robert Hutchinson

### Henry VIII: The Decline and Fall of a Tyrant



**Saturday**  
10.15–11.15  
Henry VIII has been defined more by his six marriages than

who he truly was. In this talk, author and historian Robert Hutchinson will focus on the epic tragedy of the Tudor monarch's last seven years, revealing a lonely, vulnerable king, thwarted in his ambitions.

Catherine Hanley

### Matilda: The Greatest King England Never Had



**Saturday**  
11.45–12.45  
When Henry I died in 1135, he left the English crown to his eldest

legitimate child. It should have been the easiest succession imaginable, but it wasn't – because Henry's heir was not a son but a daughter. In her talk, medieval historian Catherine Hanley will introduce Matilda and examine her campaign to claim the throne.

Laura Ashe

### Richard II: The Boy Who Never Grew Up



**Saturday**  
13.45–14.45  
Richard II came to the throne as a child and the chaotic events

of his faltering reign expose his own personal weaknesses, and the profound difficulties thrown up by government shaped around personalities. In her talk, Professor Laura Ashe will revisit the turbulent years of the late 14th century.

Miles Taylor

### Victoria, Queen of England, and Empress of India



**Saturday**  
15.15–16.15  
As Empress of India, Queen Victoria was never a token ruler and

Indian politics and society were fundamentally reshaped by her influence from afar. In this illustrated lecture, Professor Miles Taylor will talk about the significant impact India had on the queen as well as the pivotal role she played in India.

Susan Doran

### Did Elizabeth's Gender Really Matter?



**Saturday**  
16.45–17.45  
In her talk on the iconic Tudor queen, Professor Susan Doran

will explore how attitudes towards Elizabeth's gender changed over the 20th century. She also asks, how much did the fact that Elizabeth was a queen, and not a king, really affect her reign?

Nathen Amin

### Henry VII and the Pretenders to the Tudor Crown



**Saturday**  
18.30–19.30  
For the first decade of his reign, Henry VII was plagued by a

pair of pretenders who sought to seize his hard-won crown: Lambert Simnel and Perkin Warbeck. In this talk, author and historian Nathen Amin examines how Henry faced down these threats and established the Tudor dynasty.

## Sunday 3 March

Anne Curry

### Henry V: A Life of Transformations



**Sunday**  
10.15–11.15  
It's easy to dismiss Henry V as a warrior king who had the

misfortune to die young. But he was a truly complex person, who transformed himself from a wayward prince into a serious-minded if not obsessive king. In her talk, Professor Anne Curry will delve into this transformation and how it shaped Henry's kingship and his wars.

Clare Jackson

### Charles II, Scotland and Newmarket



**Sunday**  
11.45–12.45  
Clare Jackson, author of the Penguin Monarchs biography of

Charles II, chronicles the Merrie Monarch's rollercoaster of a life – from his flight from parliamentarian forces to his triumphant Restoration. She also considers the difficulties she encountered writing a new life of this colourful king.

Piers Brendon

### Edward VIII: The Uncrowned King



**Sunday**  
13.45–14.45  
Edward VIII biographer Piers Brendon will trace the king's

tumultuous private and public life, from playboy prince to troubled sovereign. He will focus especially on the abdication crisis (including Edward's relationship with Winston Churchill) and estimate its impact on the institution of monarchy in the 20th century.

Michael Penman

### Robert Bruce of Scotland: Myth and Aftermyth



**Sunday**  
15.15–16.15  
Dr Michael Penman avoids the familiar narrative of Robert

Bruce's life. Instead, he considers whether the story of the Scottish king's military triumphs over the English was a heroic past created by Bruce himself – as well as by generations of Scots.

Tom Holland

### Æthelstan: The Founding Father of England



**Sunday**  
16.45–17.45  
There was nothing inevitable about the emergence of England as a

unitary kingdom. The achievements of Æthelstan as conqueror, legislator and patron of learning laid foundations that today the English tend to take for granted. Popular historian Tom Holland will tell a thrilling and remarkable story that deserves to be much better known.

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