



Harkness Fellows Association

# Harkness Events

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HARKNESS ANNUAL LECTURE

**Martin Sixsmith**

**RUSSIAN CULTURE IN WAR, PEACE & REVOLUTION**

**Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> 2012. Picture Room, Athenaeum Club, Pall Mall.  
6.30pm for 7pm. Tickets: £20 (HFA members) £23 (non-members)**

We are delighted that Martin Sixsmith has agreed to give the Harkness Annual lecture.

Martin was educated at the Sorbonne, New College Oxford, and the Leningrad Polytechnical Institute, and was a Harkness Fellow at Harvard 1977 – 79. Between 1980 and 1997, he was the BBC correspondent in Moscow, Washington, Brussels, Geneva and Warsaw. Between 1997 and 2002 he was Director of Communications and Press Secretary to Alistair Darling, Harriet Harman, and then Stephen Byers. He worked as a consultant on the BBC-2 political sitcom "*The Thick of It*" and the 2010 film "*In the Loop*". He is the author of seven books, including four about Russia, and in 2011 he wrote and presented the BBC's 50 episode history of Russia on Radio Four.

He has chosen as the topic for the Annual Lecture "*Russian Culture in War, Peace and Revolution*" and will explore the authoritarian tradition of governance in Russia and ways that culture has become a focus for free thought in periods where freedom of expression has been curtailed by the regime. This is a topical subject, and the lecture should raise issues of significance and contemporary relevance.

The Picture Room at the Athenaeum is where we held the Annual Lecture last year. It should provide a very pleasant setting, and has recently been splendidly re-decorated. Dress code for the Athenaeum is jackets and ties for men, smart formal for women, and no jeans, no trainers, and mobile phones to be switched off, please!

There will be a reception before the lecture at 6.30pm with wine and crisps etc, and guests will have an opportunity to continue to drink after the lecture. Please put the date in your diary, and let Lizzie know as soon as possible if you can attend. Guests are, of course, most welcome. The cost for the first guest is £23, but if Fellows wish to bring additional guests we are anxious to make the Annual Lecture widely accessible so for second and further guests the charge will be only £15.

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