

OUR SPEAKER on **Wednesday 26th February 2025 at 1:30pm**

will be

Imogen Corrigan

who will talk to us about:

The Politeness of Princes: The Reality of Medieval Etiquette & Table Manners!



After nearly 20 years in the British army, went to the University of Kent to study Anglo-Saxon & Medieval History and Art, graduating with 1st class honours, followed by an MPhil from the University of Birmingham. Works as a freelance lecturer across Britain and Europe as well as lecturing on small cruise ships and running study tours and courses on land. Has written *Stone on Stone: the Men Who Built the Cathedrals*, published 2019. A Freeman of the City of London, being a Member of the Company of Communicators. Advisor on memorials and monuments for Canterbury's Diocesan Advisory Committee. Willing and able to deliver lectures remotely via Webinar/Zoom.

Punctuality being the politeness of princes, this lecture examines the reality of manners and etiquette in later the Medieval period. A far cry from the popular image of appalling table manners, Medieval dining was a minefield of do's and don'ts, many of which were recorded in courtesy books (Teach Yourself How To Be A Gentleman texts). A rich vein of artistic evidence also survives, bearing out what is written. The lecture deals with the structure of formal banquets and the food eaten as well as how young gentlemen were trained and more everyday advice to women about how to conduct themselves.

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