

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

will be

Mark Ovenden

who will talk to us about:

The woman who told us where to go!



Mark Ovenden is a broadcaster and author who's sold a quarter of a million books and appeared on many TV and radio programmes.

He specialises in the subjects of industrial design and architecture - especially in the world of public transport. Since he became AS accredited in 2018 he's delivered scores of lectures to societies all over Britain and also in Europe: the most popular being his talk on the London Underground.

His first book (a *New York Times* "Bestseller") was a guide to the maps of Transit systems across the planet and it's been re-

issued many times. His works have been translated by Penguin and others into half a dozen languages.

His titles include two books about the Paris Metro and others about: Railway Maps, the New York Subway; the London Underground; typeface design; Manchester's Metrolink; Airline Maps; Underground Cities and Cartography design.

He's worked at the BBC producing programmes for Radios 1's John Peel and Annie Nightingale, in commercial radio as a journalist and newsreader, and in television as a researcher and even for MTV as a music programmer. Mark recently fronted a TV his own documentary for BBC Four (on the subject of typefaces) and he presented another documentary for BBC Radio 4 on architecture. Other programmes and books are in the works.

He is also currently reading as a mature student online for a Masters in Railway Studies.

You may not have heard of her but from the early 1960s a young student called Margaret Calvert began working with designer Jock Kinneir and their work utterly transformed the entire face of modern Britain. They designed the road sign system from the typeface to the colours and shapes. They created the look of British Rail. Their signage was used by every hospital and NHS building. They created the yellow and black wayfinding system of British airports. And all of their ideas were copied around the world. Celebrate Calvert & Kinneir in this revealing lecture and you'll never look at the UK the same again.

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