

“BLACK ROD and BEHIND THE SCENES IN THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER”

Talk by Lt Gen D Leakey CMG CVO CBE, Black Rod 2011 – 2018

General David Leakey, who retired recently as Black Rod, or to use the full title, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod will give a talk at **6pm on Saturday 27th April at Enford Village Hall**. Money raised from the talk will go to ABF The Soldiers' Charity.

He gives a fascinating and amusing insight to the role of Black Rod, which is so much more than just the ceremonial role at the State Opening of Parliament and banging on the door to summon the House of Commons to the House of Lords. He also reveals a good deal of the goings-on behind the scenes in the Parliamentary corridors but promises not to mention Bercow or Bullying unless provoked, but certainly not Brexit! He comes from a distinguished military family with two Victoria Crosses and had an amazing career himself after reading law at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

Tickets will be £15 a head, which will include a glass of wine and light bites beforehand. To book a place, please contact Tony Blanch (01980 671307) or Judy D'Arcy Irvine (01980 670501). Cash or cheques (made out to 'ABF The Soldiers' Charity') can be paid on the night at the door.

Doors open at 6.00 p.m. for the talk 6.30 - 8.00 p.m, including questions at 7.30 after a 10 min break.

There are only 100 tickets available, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Tony Blanch

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