

**CHRISTOPHER JOLL - ‘Spoils of War’**

Over the last seven hundred years, the United Kingdom has acquired a staggering array of ‘spoils of war’ including the Rock of Gibraltar, the Benin bronzes and

Hitler’s last desk. The subject of repatriation or restitution of some, if not all, of these items is now a hot political topic. In his illustrated talk for **ABF The Soldiers’ Charity**, which will be based on his recently published book, *Spoils of War*, military historian and former soldier, Christopher Joll, takes a robust and

sometimes controversial view of the issues.

*‘If you say yes to one, you suddenly find the British Museum would be empty… I am afraid to say, to disappoint all your viewers, it is going to have to stay put.’*

* The Rt Hon David Cameron, when asked on Indian TV in 2010 about the

return of the Koh-I-Noor diamond

Christopher will address the controversies surrounding the acquisition, retention and possible restitution of a wide variety of ‘spoils’ in Britain’s royal, national,

regimental and private collections. Along the way, he will debunk a number of myths, expose a major fraud perpetrated on a leading London museum and relate some gruesome military-historical stories.

***The Inner London Committee of ABF The Soldiers’ Charity***

***invites you to a Reception followed by a Talk***

***on Tuesday 27th October 2020***

***at London Scottish House, 95 Horseferry Road,***

***London SW1P 2DX***

***Drinks at 6:30pm for a 7:15pm Talk***

**This talk is *not* for the faint-hearted**

***Arrangements for this event are subject to change but we are***

***planning to go ahead as usual with 30 places***

***available in the Drill Hall. We will livestream the event for those who cannot be there in person.***

For enquiries please call **020 3903 6030 /** **07817 141 033** /**07875 154 847**

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