

The 1st annual Alan Villiers Memorial Lecture

Oxford Maritime Lectures under the auspices of
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*Naval Power and the World Question :
geopolitics, technology and the rise of the West*

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The SNR, *The Naval Review* and the BNRA come together to organise a new series of annual lectures on maritime themes, to take place at Oxford at the beginning of each academic year. The inaugural speaker is Professor Jeremy Black, the historian and author of over 80 books.

This new series of lectures commemorates **Captain Alan Villiers**, whose long career at sea included work under sail in merchant vessels and service as an RNVR commander of landing craft flotillas during the Second World War, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He recorded the passing age of sail and contemporary maritime life in his books and photography, and renewed general interest in maritime history with his television programmes and the *Mayflower* reconstruction in the 1950s. Captain Villiers had strong connections with Oxford and it is fitting that his name should be commemorated in the new Oxford maritime lecture series.



The first speaker in the series, **Dr Jeremy Black**, Professor of History at the University of Exeter, will be known to many scholars of military, political and maritime history. His research is wide-ranging, and his many books on eighteenth and nineteenth century British military history, politics and international relations create new ways of looking at key issues, interesting a broad readership.

**Advance booking is essential as places are limited.
Tickets will be allocated by date of receipt of application.**

**Refreshments, lunch and wine (registration from 1.00pm) – £26.50
Entry to lecture only (from 2.30pm) – no charge**

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