

*Bristol Radical History*

**The Cube Microplex**, Entrance on Dove Street South, Tel: 0117 907 4190, [www.cubecinema.com](http://www.cubecinema.com)

**Bridewell, Ex-Fire Station**, Entrance on Silver Street, Tel: 0117 942 0282, [www.artspacelifespace.com](http://www.artspacelifespace.com)

**Bristol Central Reference Library**, College Green, Tel: 0117 987 2275

**The Thunderbolt**, 124 Bath Road, Totterdownm Bristol BS4 3ED, Tel: 0117 3738947, <http://www.thethunderbolt.net/>

**The Seven Stars**, Thomas Lane, Redcliffe, Bristol, BS1 6JG, Tel: 0117 3763970, <http://www.7stars.co.uk/>

**St Werburghs City Farm**, Watercress Rd. Tel: 0117 942 8241

**UWE**, St Matthias Campus, Lady Chapel, Oldbury Court Road, Fishponds, Tel: 0117 965 6261.

### Programme

Date	Time	Title	Venue	Price
Sat. 25th Oct.	8:00pm	Roy Bailey/ Eirlys Rhiannon	The Thunderbolt	£6 / £7 †
Mon. 27th Oct.	7:30pm	Regicide And The English Revolution	The Cube	£3/4*
Tue. 28th Oct.	7:30pm	Political Assassins: The Anarchists	Bridewell	Donation
Wed. 29th Oct.	7:30pm	Spectres Of Violence	Bridewell	Donation
Thu. 30th Oct.	2 - 4pm	Opening The Archives	Central Library	Free
Thu. 30th Oct.	7:30pm	English Republicanism	Bridewell	Donation
Fri. 31st Oct.	7:30pm	Robb Johnson & The Irregulars/ Clayton Blizzard	The Cube	£5/6* †
Sat. 1st Nov.	3:00pm	Radical History & The Commonweal	Bridewell	Donation
Sat. 1st Nov.	7:30pm	The Surfin' Turnips/ Who's Afeard/ Paul McCoch	The Seven Stars	Donation
Sun. 2nd Nov.	10:30am	Off His 'Ed: Regicide At Pucklechurch	Pucklechurch	Free
Mon. 3rd Nov.	6:30pm	What Is Social History?	UWE	Free
Tue. 4th Nov.	7:30pm	Fire And Folk Devils	St W'burghs C.F	£2.50**

\*The Cube Microplex is a membership cinema with a licensed bar. If you are not a member you need to pay a £1 membership fee on your first visit. Remember to bring your card with you every time you come.

\*\*Donation to St Werburghs City Farm.

†Advance/On Door

Check the website for the updates [www.brh.org.uk](http://www.brh.org.uk)

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*Radical History Week 2008*

# Off With Their Heads

## Assassins, Plots & Regicide

Sat. 25th Oct. - Tue. 4th Nov. 2008

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**January 2009 sees the 360th anniversary of the regicide of Charles I and the creation of the English Republic, a unique moment in our island's history. To commemorate this momentous event, Bristol Radical History Week 2008 features 10 days of lectures, debates, gigs and 'happenings' dedicated to the men and women who have attempted to instigate political change, through fair means or foul. Join us, as we explore the past to discover the present.**

### **Saturday 25th October**

#### **ROY BAILEY/ EIRLYS RHIANNON**

The Thunderbolt, Bath Rd., 8:00pm, Price: £6 adv/ £7 on door

An English folk legend, Roy Bailey is one of this country's best-regarded political songwriters and has been described by his friend and collaborator Tony Benn as 'the greatest socialist folk singer of his generation'. Supported by local singer-songwriter Eirlys Rhiannon.

### **Monday 27th October**

#### **REGICIDE AND THE ENGLISH REVOLUTION**

The Cube Microplex, Dove St., 7.30pm, Price: £3/ £4

#### **THE TYRANNICIDE BRIEF**

*Speaker: Geoffrey Robertson*

Renowned human rights lawyer Geoffrey Robertson QC examines the first trial of a head of state - Charles I, and how this groundbreaking moment in history opened the way for the trials of Augusto Pinochet, Slobodan Milosevic and Saddam Hussein.

#### **THE LEVELLERS ARE DEAD - LONG LIVE THE LEVELLERS!**

*Speaker: Colin Thomas*

The Levellers inspired much of the opposition to King Charles I during the Civil War but they also resisted those who tried to take over the King's dictatorial powers. Colin Thomas will talk about the way their influence lived on long after they were crushed, including extracts from 'Freeborn John', the film he made for BBC North East on Leveller hero John Lilburne.

### **Tuesday 28th October**

#### **POLITICAL ASSASSINS: THE ANARCHISTS**

The Old Fire Station @ Bridewell, Entrance On Silver Street, 7.30pm, Price: Donations

#### **AVENGERS & MADMEN - PROPAGANDISTS**

#### **OF THE DEED & THE DAWN OF MODERN TERRORISM**

*Speaker: Matt Carr*

The author of the controversial (and banned) history of terrorism 'The Infernal Machine' looks at the anarchist assassins of the late 19th century. Carr considers how such attacks were perceived by their protagonists and spectators, and how the heroic template that they developed has been reproduced in various other contexts. **'PETER THE PAINTER' - THE FULL STORY AT LAST!**

*Speaker: Phil Ruff*

The 'Houndsditch Murders' of 16 December 1910, when five policemen were shot and three of them killed by Latvian anarchists, are still regarded today as the single worst police murder in British history. The men responsible entered into East London folklore when they took on Winston Churchill and the British Army in "The Siege of Sidney Street". But no one ever accounted for the mysterious leader of the gang: 'Peter the Painter'.

### **Wednesday 29th October:**

The Old Fire Station @ Bridewell, Entrance On Silver Street, 7.30pm, Price: Donations  
**SPECTRES OF VIOLENCE: THOMAS PAINE, GEORGE CRUIKSHANK AND THE AGE OF REASON**

*Speaker: Ian Haywood*

A visual account of the British State's fear of revolutionary violence in the wake of the French Revolution.

### **Thursday 30th October**

#### **OPENING THE ARCHIVES**

Bristol Room, Central Reference Library, College Green, 2.00-4.00pm, Free

Your chance to view primary source material related to regicide and republicanism in the Bristol Room of the Central Reference Library. Hosted by the knowledgeable and helpful archivists Dawn Dyer and Jane Bradley.

### **Thursday 30th October**

#### **ENGLISH REPUBLICANISM**

The Old Fire Station @ Bridewell, Entrance On Silver Street, 7.30pm, Price: Donations

#### **RADICALISM, MONARCHY AND THE LOST LIBERTIES**

*Speaker: Steve Poole*

The English Jacobins of the 1790s were often characterised by their enemies as followers of Tom Paine. In reality many of them could only commit to following Paine so far as this would require dumping long standing and cherished beliefs in an Anglo-Saxon golden age of elected chieftans and voluntary association. Steve Poole will investigate these beliefs, their connections with insurrectionary movements and the contradictions with Paine's republicanism.

#### **THOMAS PAINE'S RADICAL LEGACY**

*Speaker: Robert Lamb*

Robert Lamb will explore how Thomas Paine's ideas freed English 19th Century radicals and republicans from the legacy of the 1688 Glorious Revolution, which had set limits to such movements in the 18th Century.

### **Friday 31st October**

#### **ROBB JOHNSON & THE IRREGULARS/ CLAYTON BLIZZARD**

The Cube, Dove St., 7.30pm. Price: £5 adv/ £6 on door

Robb Johnson returns to the Cube with his band the Irregulars for an evening of caustic wit, political song and furiously strummed guitars. Support is provided by Thornbury's finest, Clayton Blizzard and his poetic and pointed hip hop/ folk fusion.

### **Saturday 1st November**

#### **RADICAL HISTORY & 'THE COMMONWEAL'**

The Old Fire Station @ Bridewell, Entrance On Silver Street, 3.00pm, Price: Donations

#### **WHY HISTORY MATTERS... AND WHY RADICAL HISTORY MATTERS MORE**

*Speaker: David Cullum*

An analysis the nature and importance of radical history in the public domain.

#### **COMMONALTY AND COMMONWEAL 1381-1649**

*Speaker: David Rollison*

From the Peasants' Revolt to the first English Republic David surveys the movements that challenged the ruling economic and political structures.

### **Saturday 1st November**

#### **THE SURFIN' TURNIPS/ WHO'S AFEAR'D/ PAUL McCOCH**

The Seven Stars, Thomas Lane, 7.30pm, Price: Donations

Radical History Week wouldn't be the same

without a performance from Bristol's favourite pirate punkers. Tonight they play a special acoustic gig with their Dorset brothers-in-cider Who's Afeard and newcomer Paul McCoch.

### **Sunday 2nd November**

#### **OFF HIS 'ED: REGICIDE AT PUCKLECHURCH**

Pucklechurch Community Centre, Meet 10.30am, Price: Free

*Speaker: Gayle Boyle*

In 1646 Edmund I, King of England, was assassinated in Pucklechurch by one of his exiled subjects. Gail Boyle, Curator of Archaeology at Bristol City Museum, takes us on a walking tour through the village, to the exact spot of this notorious event. Along the way we'll discover other historical gems that link Pucklechurch with prison riots, Russian spies and intrepid explorers. Then we will retire to the Star Inn for lunch, cider and a re-enactment of the regicide of Edmund I.

### **Monday 3rd November**

UWE St. Matthias Campus, 6.30pm The Lady Chapel, Price:Free.

#### **WHAT IS SOCIAL HISTORY?**

*Speaker: David Rollison*

An expert in the industrial history of Gloucestershire, David will be discussing the nature of social history.

### **Tuesday 4th November**

St Werburghs City Farm, 7:30pm, Price: £2.50 Donation To The City Farm.

#### **FIRE AND FOLK DEVILS**

Stories and music round the fire at the Boiling Wells site, St Werburghs City Farm. BYO drink. Tales told by Martin Maudsley and friends, with salty songs and feisty fiddle tunes from the 'Cheese Strings'. Bring and burn an effigy! Limited numbers, don't be late...

Art for Bristol Radical History Week will be on display at the venues and is provided by Rachel Hewitt and Mark Sands.

**Updates and full details of all these events can be found on [www.brh.org.uk](http://www.brh.org.uk).** Bristol Radical History week is funded by donations and the proceeds from our book stall, which will be present at the talks.