

# Anglo Zulu War Talks

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust is delighted to host a nationwide lecture tour featuring two of the most famous battles of the Zulu Wars. Ticket sales from these events will support our research as well as the Help for Heroes charity, and there is also an opportunity to win some fabulous prizes in our draw, including a luxury safari.

## The battle of Isandlwana – British defeat or Zulu victory?

It's hard to imagine the emotions felt by the 1,800 or so brave men who were surrounded by 25,000 Zulu warriors on that fateful day on 22 January 1879 at the Battle of Isandlwana. In less than two hours more than 1,300 British soldiers lay dead in what some view as the greatest military defeat suffered at the hand of a native army.

## The battle of Rorke's Drift

Accurate accounts from this fateful day record how a force of roughly 4,000 Zulu warriors ran fresh from the slaughter at Isandlwana to attack Rorke's Drift, a small mission station. The fierce battle that waged for almost 10 hours saw 139 British soldiers, hold out against the 4,000 Zulus. This heroic battle resulted in the unprecedented award of 11 Victoria Crosses and five Distinguished Conduct Medals, as well as being immortalised by the classic movie *Zulu*.

The Anglo Zulu War of 1879 still captures the imagination of the British public and, for the first time, we are hosting a nationwide series of lectures by renowned expert, Rob Caskie. Retelling the stories of these two epic battles with great passion and emotion, Rob Caskie vividly takes his audience back to that fateful day.

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We would be delighted if you could attend these lectures. Tickets cost £35 and, to show our support for our soldiers who have faced adversity, we are donating £5 from each ticket sale to the well deserving Help for Heroes

charity. The lectures will take place around the country and each event will finish with drinks and canapés and an opportunity to chat informally to Rob Caskie. See below for booking details (tickets will not be issued).

### The battle of Rorke's Drift

**Sussex:** Wednesday 3 June – Arundel, hosted by The Duke of Norfolk. For tickets please contact Andrew Reed 01293 613400 [andrew.reed@william-reed.co.uk](mailto:andrew.reed@william-reed.co.uk)

**Hampshire:** Thursday 4 June – West Stoke Farm, hosted by General Jamie Balfour. For tickets please contact Rob White 07860 251864 [rnswhite@btopenworld.com](mailto:rnswhite@btopenworld.com)

**Bristol:** Friday 5 June – Clifton College, Bristol, hosted by Mr John Milne, Headmaster. For tickets please contact Nicola Beattie 0117 984 2715 [nbeattie@deloitte.co.uk](mailto:nbeattie@deloitte.co.uk)

**Berkshire:** Saturday 6 June – Englefield Estate, Berkshire, hosted by Mr Richard Benyon MP. For tickets please contact Kenneth McDiarmid 01189 302504 [mcd@englefield.co.uk](mailto:mcd@englefield.co.uk)

**Hertfordshire:** Monday 8 June – Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, hosted by The Marquess of Salisbury. For tickets please contact Chris Sherriff 07909 997615 [chris.sherriff@agrovista.co.uk](mailto:chris.sherriff@agrovista.co.uk)

**Essex:** Tuesday 9 June – Gaynes Park, Essex, hosted by Mr Guy Chisenhale-Marsh. For tickets please contact John Savage 01371 874704 [thesavages5@hotmail.com](mailto:thesavages5@hotmail.com)

### The battle of Isandlwana

**Chester:** Wednesday 10 June – Eaton, Chester, hosted by The Duke of Westminster. For tickets please contact Sophie Sutcliffe 020 7290 0110 [ssutcliffe@gct.org.uk](mailto:ssutcliffe@gct.org.uk)

**Nottinghamshire:** Thursday 11 June – Holme Pierrepont Hall, Nottinghamshire, hosted by Sir Edward and Lady Nall. For tickets please contact Sir Edward and Lady Nall 01159 663634 [fergusson.art@btopenworld.com](mailto:fergusson.art@btopenworld.com)

**North Yorkshire:** Friday 12 June – The Officers Mess, Catterick Garrison, hosted by The Marquess of Downshire. For tickets please contact Sophie Dingwall 01677 460033 [sdingwall@gct.org.uk](mailto:sdingwall@gct.org.uk)

**Edinburgh:** Saturday 13 June – The Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, hosted by General Mark Strudwick. For tickets please contact Andrew Dingwall-Fordyce 01771 613263 [andrew@dingwall-fordyce.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:andrew@dingwall-fordyce.fsnet.co.uk)

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