

## END-OF-YEAR EVENT

**Thursday 13 December at 5pm in the Events Space**

This is our end-of-year event to thank volunteers and staff for their support. There will be a buffet followed by a talk:

*Thunder and Lightning: The Blitz on Berlin in World War II at Ground Zero and in the Ionosphere.*

Our guest speaker is Patrick Major, Professor of Modern History at the University of Reading. He is a specialist in the history of modern Germany, the World Wars, the Cold War, film history and popular cultural history.

Drawing on the collections held at TNA he will discuss the Air Battle of Berlin and *Operation Thunderclap*, the plan to hit the government district of Berlin to precipitate a political collapse in the wake of D-Day. He will conclude by highlighting the collaborative research project examining the affect of the bombing on the ionosphere.

**Before the talk there will be an opportunity to ask the trustees any questions about the proposed incorporation of the Friends' charity.**

**Please book to reserve a place:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-friends-end-of-year-event-tickets-51646618426>

**Alternatively, you can use this booking form and leave in the red box in the lounge or hand to the recruiting team.**

**FREE for members, who may bring guests at £5 each. This is refundable (but not the booking fee via Eventbrite) if the guest applies for membership at the event.**

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**BOOKING FORM – 13 December at 5pm.**

Name: .....

Membership No. or Postcode: .....

Guest(s) name: ..... .....

Guest payment: Cheque  or Electronic Payment  Amount £:

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