

HITLER'S SCIENTISTS: Godmanchester's Wartime Secret

A WORLD WAR II COMMEMORATION OF AN HISTORIC GODMANCHESTER EVENT

Saturday, 4th June 2016,

In aid of The Friends of St Mary's appeal to preserve the fabric of the church

7pm for 7.30pm at

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH, GODMANCHESTER

The Friends of St Mary's invite you to enjoy an evening introduced by Professor Marcial Echenique of Farm Hall consisting of a lecture by distinguished historian and philosopher Dr John Cornwell and see the BBC Horizon Film by international film maker David Sington – introduced by him and featuring his astonishing interviews with the scientists at Farm Hall.

In 1945 Hitler's 10 top atomic scientists, including Nobel laureates Otto Hahn, Werner Heisenberg and Max von Laue, were captured by a Churchill backed SOE and MI6 mission codenamed *Operation Epsilon* – a covert mission preventing Russia from gaining ground in the arms race. The scientists were secretly interned at Farm Hall where they were bugged and the revelations of those tapes are the subject of this evening's lecture and film. The transcripts were not made available until 1992.

DID THE SCIENTISTS SABOTAGE HITLER'S A-BOMB?

The scientists' dilemma was also the subject of the award-winning Michael Frayn play *Copenhagen* and the film of it in which James Bond film star Daniel Craig plays Werner Heisenberg.

Although Farm Hall is close to the centre of Godmanchester, these activities were entirely unknown to the small Huntingdonshire town. Nor were its citizens aware of the secret activities at Farm Hall, its work as a training headquarters for agents destined for Europe and as a de-briefing centre.

The tickets are £15 each and the evening will be held in St Mary the Virgin Church, Chadley Lane, Godmanchester PE29 2AL and will consist of:

- **THE INTRODUCTION** (7.30-7.45pm)
With a welcoming glass of wine, guests will be introduced to the evening by Professor Marcial Echenique in whose house the extraordinary events that are the subject of this evening took place
- **THE TALK** (7.45-8.45pm) Dr John Cornwell, author of *HITLER'S SCIENTISTS*, a book partly based on the Farm Hall events, will discuss why Hitler never got the A-Bomb and answer questions.
- **BUFFET SUPPER** (8.45pm-9.30pm)
Delicious food included in the price of the ticket.
- **THE FILM** (9.30pm-10.30pm)
David Sington will introduce and take questions after his BBC Horizon film *HITLER'S ATOMIC BOMB* which includes interviews with some of the last surviving Farm Hall scientists and addresses the same question.

Parking available in nearby car parks – lavatories in the adjoining church hall.

LAST TRAIN TO LONDON FROM HUNTINGDON LEAVES AT 11PM

TICKETS

Tickets can be obtained from:

Kate Hadley and Adrian Sington 01480 454154; Peter Irving 01480 382144;
Or by email: adrian@sington.co.uk

Or you can complete the enclosed form and return it to:

Adrian Sington
Chairman, Friends of St Mary's Godmanchester
7 Post Street,
Godmanchester,
PE29 2BA

Hitler's Scientists – Godmanchester's Wartime Secret at St Mary the Virgin Church, Godmanchester on Saturday 4th June 2016

Ticket Request

Please find enclosed my cheque (payable to: **The Friends of St Mary's Godmanchester**)

for £..... for the purchase of _____ tickets (£15.00 each) for the Farm Hall event. I would like tickets sent to my address below:

Title: _____

Name in CAPITALS: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Signature _____

Donation

If you wish to make a donation please complete the following form:

Please find enclosed my cheque (payable to: **The Friends of St Mary's Godmanchester**) for £ as a donation to preserve the fabric of the church:

Gift Aid Request

Please treat this donation as a Gift Aid donation. In requesting this I confirm that I will pay income tax in this year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the charity will reclaim on my gift.

Signed:

Date:

NB: If you wish to purchase tickets and also give a donation then please send two separate cheques.