On Saturday 30th April 2022 at 13:00 pm there will be a Buffet lunch in the Layard Theatre, Canford School, Wimborne BH21 3AD. Afterwards Tim Jeal, Author of the book “Explorers of the Nile,” will give a talk about his book.

In 1856 the final search began to uncover the planet’s most elusive and long-lasting secret: the source of the White Nile. In his masterly and compelling book, Explorers of the Nile, Tim Jeal – today’s speaker and the prize-winning biographer of Livingstone and Stanley – gives, in the words of Ben Macintyre in the New York Times: ‘… a brilliant, scholarly and at times almost unbearably vivid account’ of the two astonishing decades when six men and one woman - some of the greatest explorers who ever lived - risked their lives and reputations in the name of this quest, racing each other to be the first to succeed.

Showing exceptional courage and astonishing resilience, Richard Burton and John Hanning Speke, Florence and Samuel Baker, James Grant, David Livingstone and Henry Morton Stanley journeyed though East and Central Africa into uncharted territory. They suffered the ravages of flesh-eating ulcers, malaria and attacks that left two almost dead. One fell in love with a king’s wife. Two hated one another. Not all would return.

Tim will also remind us of the consequences for Africa of these epic expeditions which opened the continent to the advance of imperial pioneers and colonists.

Tim’s last three books – including Explorers of the Nile - were all BBC Radio Four Books of the Week. Stanley was chosen as Sunday Times Biography of the Year, and in America won the National Book Critics’ Prize. His memoir Swimming with my Father was shortlisted for the PEN/Ackerly prize for autobiography.

Please follow the signs from the school’s main entrance to the Sports Centre, where parking will be available. The Layard Theatre is a short walk from there. A finger buffer will be served in the foyer of the Layard Theatre at 13:00, before we move on for the talk in the Theatre, which will start at 14:00

The cost per head for members and guests will be £25 each. Payment can be made either by bank transfer or by cheque to The Cambridge Society of Dorset. Our new bank account is now with NatWest, sort code 51-81-18, account number 87294168. If you pay electronically, this must be done when you return the slip. Please give your surname and ‘Nile’ as the reference on the bank transfer. Please return your booking slip (and cheque if appropriate) by e-mail or post to: Mr John YERBURY, Holly Oak Lodge, Lions Hill Way, Ashley Heath RINGWOOD BH24 2EX (Tel: 01425 461497) e-m: jyerbury@btinternet.com by Friday 15 April 2022. Please enclose a SAE if you wish your booking to be acknowledged and note that there may be a delay before your cheque is paid in.

Explorers of the Nile - Talk by Tim Jeal on Saturday 30 April 2022

I/We wish to attend at a cost of £25 per person.

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