

## PROFESSOR JANE RIDLEY

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

British politics, culture and society in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries; the British monarchy; Lutyens's architecture; history of country sports; biography.

### EDUCATION

1985 DPhil degree, University of Oxford. Thesis: 'Leadership and Management in the Conservative Party in Parliament, 1906-1914'  
1974-8 Doctoral Research Student at Nuffield College, University of Oxford  
1974 BA in Modern History, University of Oxford (First Class)  
1971-74 St Hugh's College, University of Oxford (Exhibitioner)

### EMPLOYMENT

Since 2007 Professor of History, University of Buckingham  
Since 2003 Senior Tutor, University of Buckingham  
2002-07 Reader in History, University of Buckingham  
1994-2002 Senior Lecturer, History at University of Buckingham  
1979-1994 Lecturer in History, University of Buckingham

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

2003-11 Member, English Heritage Blue Plaques Panel  
Since 2005 Lutyens Trust committee member and trustee  
1997-2001 Member, Executive Committee of Oxford Society  
1987-91, 1993-7 Member, London Library Committee

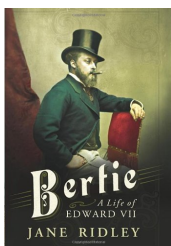
### AWARDS

2007-8 Leverhulme Research Fellowship (for biography of Edward VII)  
2007 Elected Fellow of Royal Society of Literature  
2003 Duff Cooper Prize for biography of Edwin Lutyens

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

2012



***Bertie: A Life of Edward VII* (London: Chatto & Windus, New York: Random House)**

Highest-rated biography in Books of the Year for 2012 (according to *The Guardian*).

'Brilliantly entertaining... With this richly detailed, impeccably researched book ... [Jane] Ridley has achieved a landmark royal biography.' (Anne Chisholm, *Sunday Telegraph*)

'A model of how royal biographies should be written. Impeccably researched ... balanced, sensible, disrespectful without being offensive, funny, and a vivid portrait...' (Philip Zeigler, *Spectator*)

'This is not only the best biography of King Edward VII; it's also one of the best books about royalty ever published ... Vivid, detailed and original...' (Piers Brendon, *Independent*)

- 2002                    ***The Architect and his Wife: A Life of Edwin Lutyens (Chatto & Windus)***
- ‘This is an astoundingly good book, the best biography of an architect that I, at least have ever read and as sad a story as Ford’s *The Good Soldier*’. (Christopher Woodward, Spectator)
- 1995                    ***The Young Disraeli (London: Sinclair-Stevenson & New York: Crown)***
- ‘A major new biography...it is difficult to see her work being superseded.’ (Robert Blake, Evening Standard)
- 1992                    **The Letters of Arthur Balfour and Lady Elcho, co-edited with Clayre Percy (Hamish Hamilton, 1992)**
- 1990                    **Fox Hunting: A History (Collins, 1990)**
- 1985                    **The Letters of Edwin Lutyens co-edited with Clayre Percy (Collins, 1985)**

Forthcoming:

***Queen Victoria: A Short Life* (Penguin Books, 2014)**

#### Articles

- ‘“The Sport of Kings”: Shooting and the Court of Edward VII’ in *The Court Historian*, Vol. 18 (2013)
- ‘The Higginson Collection’, *London Library Magazine* (2011)
- ‘New Delhi’ in *The Great Cities in History* ed. by John Julius Norwich (2009)
- ‘The Marlborough House Set’, ODNB online, themes article (2007)
- ‘The Souls’, ODNB online, themes article (2005)
- 16 biographical articles, chiefly on 19<sup>th</sup> c politicians and political women, in *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (2004)
- ‘Edwin Lutyens and the Architecture of Imperialism’, *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History: Festschrift volume for D.K. Fieldhouse* (1998)
- ‘Balfour, Lansdowne and the House of Lords, 1906-10’, *Parliamentary History*, Vol. 11 (1992)
- ‘The Unionist Social Reform Committee 1911-14’, *Historical Journal*, Vol. 30 (1987)

#### Book Reviews

- Regular lead reviewer for the Spectator. I also review frequently for the Literary Review. I review for the TLS and the Telegraph.
- Judge, Hessell-Tiltman Prize for History, 2013

## **TELEVISION AND RADIO WORK**

- Bishop Nicholas Ridley, Radio 4, 2007
- Lady Randy: Churchill's Mother, Channel 4, 11 November 2008
- The Prime Ministers, Radio 4: Peel (10 March 2009), Palmerston (17 March 2009), Disraeli (24 March 2009)
- Balmoral, Channel 4, 24 October 2009
- Edward VII: Prince of Pleasure (historical adviser), BBC 2, 23 March 2010
- The Prime Ministers, Series 2, Radio 4: Pitt the Younger (12 April 2011), Grey (19 April 2011), Gladstone (26 April 2011), Asquith (3 May 2011)
- Great Lives: Edwin Lutyens, Radio 4, 13 September 2011
- King George and Queen Mary: The Royals who Rescued the Monarchy, BBC 2, 3 and 4 January 2012
- Queen Victoria's Last Love, Channel 4, 25 April 2012
- Queen and Country, PBS, 1 July 2012
- Woman's Hour: Edward VII, 21 August 2012
- Queen Victoria's Children (historical adviser), BBC 2; 1, 2, 3 January 2013
- Great Houses with Julian Fellowes: Goodwood, ITV, 29 January 2013
- Royal Paintbox, ITV, 16 April 2013
- Great Continental Railway Journeys, BBC2, 1 December 2013

## **TEACHING**

### Courses taught at the University of Buckingham:

- MA in Biography: Research Methods; Biography; Autobiography
- Comparative Revolutions
- British Empire 1760 – 1920
- Victorian Culture
- British and European Industrial Revolutions
- European History 1815 -1914
- Historiography

### Tours

Martin Randall Travel: Tour Leader: 'Bertie, Prince and King: Edward VII, Country House Politics and Pleasures', 11 -15 August 2014