



February 2019 Newsletter

Memories of a Lifetime

Our February meeting will be on Tuesday February 19th at 7. for 7.30pm at Wychwood House, Enstone. Our listed speaker is now unable to talk to us as he has become involved in a public enquiry which is taking all his time. However Carol Hardy who was unable to come at the end of January and had to cancel due to bad weather, will come and talk to us about the Rothschild Women (please see past newsletters for more details).As Anne is back please let her know as soon as possible if you wish to attend this evening.



The History of Modern China



At the beginning of January, Professor Rana Mitter gave us a very illuminating look at the history of China since World War 2. He highlighted how cities like Chongqing suffered severe devastation in continuous Japanese bombing sorties two years before the London blitz and how it was the war which brought China

and its leaders onto the world stage when Chiang Kai Shek met with Churchill and Roosevelt at the 1943 Cairo conference. Rana pointed out the importance of the 1937-45 Sino-Japanese war which effectively held down Japanese forces in this combat which would otherwise have been free to attack the Allies. In



summing up Professor Mitter said `China is now a rising power that feels excluded from the world stage.



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Diary Dates

Tuesday February 19, Carol Hardy on the Rothschild Women, 7. for 7.30 at Wychwood House, Enstone

Tuesday March 19, author Roger Macdonald on the eve of Waterloo 7 for 7.30 at The Old Vicarage, Church Enstone.