

# Rule Britannia - Britain and the Western World in the Nineteenth Century

2-4pm at the Sacred Heart Church Hall, Thirsk Road, Northallerton, DL6 1PJ

## Programme for October to November 2018

This series of talks explores the cultural, artistic and intellectual context for this most exciting age, with many references to our area. Talks will cover: the novels of the Bronte's, Dickens and Gaskell; the arts of the Pre-Raphaelites and Pugin, the music of Mendelssohn and the Romantics; industrialization, urbanization and their reactions; Telford, Brunel science and technology; public thinkers such as Carlyle, Owen, Mill, Nightingale, and Darwin; the social challenges and significant social reforms

- Monday 15th October     *Industrialization and Respectability: the economic, social and cultural foundations of the Victorian Age*
- 22nd October             *Romanticism - the cultural reaction to science, mechanization and urbanization*
- 5th November            *The Spirit of the Age - the famous public thinkers who diagnose and prescribe cures for the ills of the Age, from Carlyle to Dickens*
- 12th November          *Representation in Art, Popular Culture and Politics - how people and events were portrayed in art and popular culture in cartoons, magazines and galleries*
- 19th November          *The Age of Progress? An audit of the Age of Empire*
- 26th November          *From Reaction to Reform, the great reforms in medicine, education, housing, public health, transport, law and order*

*Either attend on the day or text John and Sheila at gibbins900@gmail.com, 07811373655 or call 01845 527944. Classes are £6 per session. There is a refreshment break in the middle with homemade biscuits*

*Sacred Heart Church is located opposite the end of Racecourse Lane on which the NY County Hall is located. There is excellent car parking, easy access and facilities for the disabled.*