

Burgoyne Lecture and Study Day

26 – 27 June 2026

The Evolution of English Fortifications

The REHS Burgoyne Lecture, annual dinner and Study Day 2026 will explore the evolution of fortifications in southern England over two days at the RE Museum Chatham and at Dover Castle. The RE Museum has provided special access to the REHS and is the venue for the REHS Annual Dinner.

The REHS is pleased to restore the Burgoyne Lecture in 2026, and welcomes Professor David Betz, author of *The Guarded Age: Fortifications in the 21st Century* and Professor of War in the Modern World at Kings College London.

The Study Day will be held at Dover Castle, where over 2,000 years of defensive thinking are layered in one place on a hill overlooking the English Channel, from Roman coastal defence to modern military command centre via Norman, Medieval and Napoleonic fortresses.



Friday 26 June from 2:00 pm at the RE Museum, Chatham

- Tour of Fort Amherst and The Great Lines.
- Special access to the RE Museum and VC collection.
- Burgoyne Lecture: guest speaker Professor David Betz.
- REHS Annual Dinner (incl drinks) in the RE Museum.



Saturday 27 June at Dover Castle

- Transport from Chatham.
- Explore Dover Castle, with special access to Constables Tower and the Tunnels, exploring the evolution of English fortifications.
- Depart Dover at 3:00 pm.

Costs: no more than £100 including dinner and transport to Dover (not including accommodation).

Register interest with the Secretary: secretaryrehs@gmail.com or [REHS Burgoyne Lecture & Study Day 25/26 June 2026 – Fill in form](#) by 1 April 2026.