

In the footsteps of Gertrude Bell – Pat Yale lecture

Monday 8th February 2016, 18.00 for 18.30 pm

The Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy St, London W1T 5BT

Free, but please book in advance via angloturkishsociety@gmail.com

The explorer, archaeologist and writer Gertrude Bell is best known for her travels in Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia but as a young woman she spent a lot of time in what is now Turkey. In 2015 travel writer Pat Yale set out to retrace her steps round the country, a journey that took her from a wonderful English garden in İzmir to the new world heritage site gardens of Diyarbakır, and from the forgotten ruins of Blaundos to the battered remnants of ancient Dara, near Mardin. Along the way she met one of the last Jews of Antakya and some of the last Syrian Orthodox monks of the Tur Abdin as well as many unfortunate Syrian refugees. As the security situation in the southeast of the country started to unravel the journey turned into a real adventure.



Carriage (in which Gertrude Bell and the Cumberbatches travelled to Nif near Smyrna) stuck on road to Nif, April 1907

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