

## **PERSONAL PROFORMA**

**MARTIN FRAMPTON, JOHN EDGAR, IAN MASON, TONY TUCKWELL  
AND JOHN SYMONDS**

**WHO MOST EXPLOITED THE JULY CRISIS OF 1914?**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 2023**

The third of our annual debates centres upon the causes of the outbreak of the First World War. Tensions in Europe accelerated rapidly after the assassination of Franz Ferdinand in July 1914. The day of the assassination will be explored in depth revealing the calamities and fiasco surrounding the State Visit.

The debate will concentrate upon the motives and aspirations of four main political players, each attempting to justify their actions. The interactions and behind-the-scenes manoeuvrings of Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary and Serbia will be explored. The audience will be asked to consider and vote on which of these four powers played the greatest part in bringing about the war at that particular time. The debate promises to be stormy and contentious as the ideologies of four different cultures come into conflict.

Martin Frampton is the Historical Association (Essex Branch) Programme Secretary. He is co-author of educational books on the Industrial Revolution and the French Revolution. He is keen to include debates and audience participation.

John Edgar is Virtual School Head for Essex, for children in care. He is co-author of educational books on the Industrial Revolution and the French Revolution. He has successfully won the two previous debates.

Ian Mason, former Chairman of the Historical Association, Essex Branch.

Tony Tuckwell, the new Chairman of the Historical Association, Essex Branch, is a retired headmaster of KEGS, is an author who has published books about Chelmsford Cathedral and New Hall. This is his second debate.

John Symonds a member of the Essex HA branch committee.