

# Alastair Bruce OBE

Historical Advisor

## Credits include:

### BELGRAVIA

1840's Period Drama Series

Director: John Alexander  
Producer: Colin Wratten  
Writer: Julian Fellowes  
Featuring: Alice Eve, Philip Glennister, Harriet Walter  
Production Co: Carnival Film & Television / ITV

### THE ENGLISH GAME

Drama about the origins of modern soccer in England

Director: Birgitte Staermose  
Producer: Rhonda Smith  
Writer: Julian Fellowes  
Featuring: tba  
Production Co: 42 / Netflix

### DOWNTON ABBEY

Feature Film adaptation of the award-winning TV Series

Director: Michael Engler  
Producers: Julian Fellowes, Gareth Neame, Liz Trubridge  
Writer: Julian Fellowes  
Featuring: Tuppence Middleton, Maggie Smith, Allen Leech  
Production Co: Carnival Film & Television / Focus Features  
Universal Pictures

### VICEROY'S HOUSE

Historical Drama

Director: Gurinder Chadha  
Producers: Paul Mayeda Berges, Gurinder Chadha, Deepak Nayar  
Writers: Paul Mayeda Berges, Moira Buffini, Gurinder Chadha  
Featuring: Gillian Anderson, Hugh Bonneville, Michael Gambon  
Production Co: BBC Films / Bend It Films / Pathé

### VICTORIA

Historical Drama Series I - III

Directors: Oliver Blackburn, Sandra Goldbacher, Tom Vaughan  
Lisa James-Larsson, Geoff Sax, Jim Loach  
Producers: David Boulter, Paul Frift  
Writer: Daisy Goodwin  
Featuring: Jenna Coleman, Tom Hughes, Nell Hudson  
Production Co: Mammoth Screen / ITV

### THE HALCYON

Drama Series set against the backdrop of WWII

Directors: Rob Evans, Justin Hardy  
Philip John, Stephen Woolfenden  
Producer: Chris Croucher  
Writer: Charlotte Jones  
Featuring: Hermione Corfield, Jamie Blackley, Matt Ryan  
Production Co: Left Bank Pictures / ITV

**DOWNTON ABBEY**

English Country House Drama Series 1-6  
Period: 1912-1921

Directors: Ben Bolt, Jon East, David Evans, Michael Engler  
Philip John, Brian Kelly, Andy Goddard, Ed Hall  
Catherine Morshead, Minkie Spiro, James Strong  
Ashley Pearce, Brian Percival, Jeremy Webb  
Producers: Chris Croucher, Rupert Ryle-Hodges, Nigel Marchant  
Series Producer: Liz Trubridge  
Writer: Julian Fellowes  
Featuring: Maggie Smith, Michelle Dockery, Hugh Bonneville  
Production Co: Carnival Film & Television / ITV

**BAFTA Nomination for Best Drama Series**  
**National Television Award for Most Popular Drama**  
**EMMY Award for Outstanding Mini Series or Made for Television Movie**  
**Golden Globe Award for Best Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for Television**

**INDIAN SUMMERS**

Drama Series about the birth of modern India  
Season II:  
  
Season I:

Production Co: New Productions / Channel 4  
Featuring: Julie Walters, Jemima West, Patrick Malahide  
Producer: Dan Winch  
Directors: John Alexander, Paul Wilmshurst, Jonathan Teplitzky  
Producer: Dan McCulloch  
Directors: David Moore, Jamie Payne, Anand Tucker

**LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST** (1914)**LOVE'S LABOUR'S WON** (1918)

Featuring: Edward Bennett, Michelle Terry, John Hodgkinson  
Tunji Kasim, Flora Spencer-Longhurst  
Director: Christopher Luscombe  
Company: RSC – Stratford-upon-Avon  
Director: Tom Hooper  
Producers: Iain Canning, Emile Sherman, Gareth Unwin  
Writer: David Seidler  
Featuring: Helena Bonham Carter, Colin Firth, Geoffrey Rush  
Production Co: See Saw Films / Bedlam Productions

**THE KING'S SPEECH**

Drama chronicling the work of speech therapist,  
Lionel Logue, who worked with King George VI  
to help him overcome his nervous stammer.  
Period: 1925 - 1945

**BAFTA Award for Best Film**  
**Academy Award for Best Picture**  
**BIFA Award for Best British Independent Film**  
**Golden Globe Nomination for Best Motion Picture**

**THE YOUNG VICTORIA**

Dramatisation of the turbulent first years of  
Queen Victoria's rule, and her enduring romance  
with Prince Albert.  
Period: 1824 - 1843

Director: Jean-Marc Vallée  
Producers: Graham King, Martin Scorsese  
Sarah Ferguson, Tim Headington  
Writer: Julian Fellowes  
Featuring: Paul Bettany, Emily Blunt, Rupert Friend  
Production Co: GK Films

**THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER**

Adaptation of the Mark Twain novel about two  
boys who trade clothing and then their lives.  
Period: 1540-1553

Director: Andrew Morgan  
Producer: Julian Fellowes  
Writer: Julian Fellowes  
Featuring: Philip Sarson, Keith Michell

**CROWN MATRIMONIAL**

2008 production of Royce Ryton's 1972 play  
about the abdication crisis.  
Period: 1936-1946

Director: David Grindley  
Producer: Nick Salmon  
Writer: Royce Ryton  
Featuring: Rufus Wright, Richard Hansell, Patricia Routledge  
Production Co: ACT Productions  
Theatre: UK Tour

## Fitzalan Pursuivant of Arms Extraordinary

Advisor to Garter King of Arms at the College of Arms on provenance of State Ceremonial, Royal Heraldry and media matters. Expert on British Coronation.

## Broadcaster / Commentator

With his extensive knowledge of institutions, their modern role, history, traditions and ceremonial provenance, Alastair explains constitutional and religious, national and international ceremonial events and their constitutional provenance for SKY News and ABC News.

Presenter of **On Her Majesty's Service** and **A Soldier Returns.....**

## Author

### **DAYS OF MAJESTY**

Published by Macmillan, May 1993

With photographs taken behind the scenes, often where cameras have never been before, this book is a celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Elizabeth II's coronation.

### **KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM: The Ancient Offices of Britain**

Published by Cassell Illustrated, September 1999

For centuries the exercise of privilege and power in Britain has been vested in individuals with resounding titles. In this illustrated book, the authors explore a thousand years of history as revealed in the title, dress and ceremonies of one hundred of these ancient office bearers.

### **KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM: The Ancient Offices of Britain**

Jubilee Edition Published by Cassell Illustrated, May 2002

The whole of the royal family agreed to be photographed for this new updated, lengthened and revised edition.

The book spectacularly combines photographs of holders of ancient offices, wearing the appropriate dress, with a fascinating text on the history of Britain

### **THE OLDEST in Celebration of Britains Living History**

Published by Cassell Illustrated, October 2005

Britain's rich history comes alive in this fascinating compilation of the oldest everything throughout the British Isles - from people to commerce, society to nature, and transportation to the military. Visit London's Ram Brewery, still standing where it was founded in 1581. Step aboard the Empire's oldest commissioned warship "HMS Victory," a veteran of Trafalgar. And meet the Baron of Bachuil, holder of the oldest title in British aristocracy. These and hundreds more "oldests" are detailed in this testament to Britain's extraordinary legacy.

### **KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM: The Ancient Offices of Britain**

Publisher - Cassell Illustrated

## Factual Programme Maker

### **THE CORONATION**

1hr Documentary marking the 65th anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, Queen Elizabeth II herself shares her memories of the ceremony for the first time, and showcases the Crown Jewels like never before.

Director/Producer:	Harvel Lilley
Producer:	Anthony Geffen
Production Co:	Atlantic Productions / BBC1

Developing a new history series with Atlantic Productions about UK institutions and their provenance. Originated **DAYS OF MAJESTY**, a two-hour programme on British ceremonial meaning broadcast on ITV.

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**Nationality:**

British

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