

# 'TALKS AT THE LAURIES'

Welcome to a rich and diverse programme of stunningly illustrated talks with images by accomplished local photographer, **Brian Anderson**. Proceeds from all three talks will support the Wirral Mayor's Special Charity Fund throughout 2011.

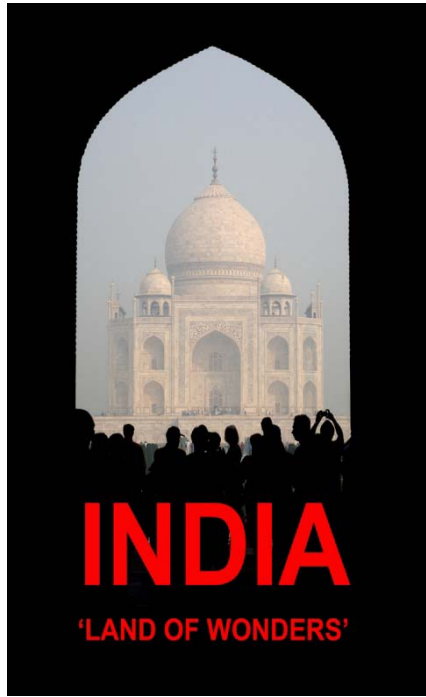


## **VENICE CARNEVALE** 2pm Wed 13 April 2011

In the middle ages Venice, or *La Serenissima*, as it was also called, was perhaps the most exciting, powerful and wealthy of European cities. It was the centre of trading with the East with total naval dominance of its trading routes.

First held in 1162, the *Carnevale* has become a time of wild excitement and celebrations start usually in February or March, before the period of Lent.

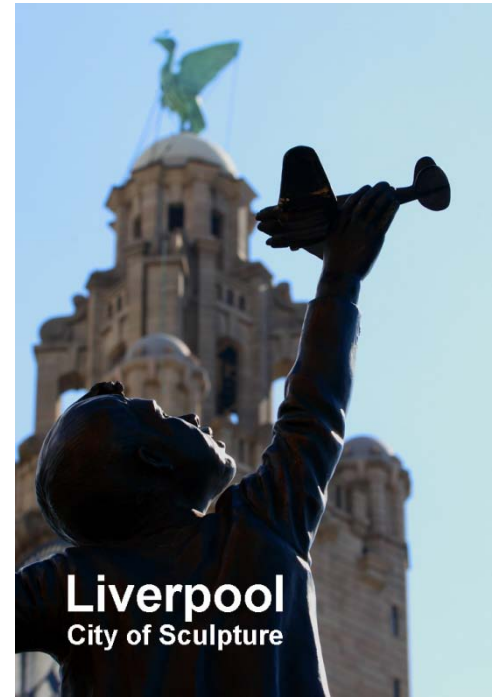
This talk will reveal the history & myths of Venice, the beautiful costumes and often mysterious masks of the *Carnevale*, all set against the shots of the city's stunning sculptures and architectural backdrops.



## **A TASTE OF INDIA** 7.30pm Wed 15 June 2011

When Marco Polo visited India in 1292, he described the country as "*the richest and most splendid province in the world*" and "*a land of wonders*". His observation is no less true today. Everything about India is older, bigger, more colourful, more diverse and more intriguing than anywhere else on the globe.

This talk gives a flavour of India's huge diversity; its people of different castes and creeds, its rich and colourful cultural heritage, astounding variety of flora and fauna, its monumental architecture and stunning landscapes.



## **CITY OF SCULPTURE** 7.30pm Wed 28 September 2011

Liverpool city region, including Wirral, possesses an abundance of public monuments and sculptures which are unsurpassed by any other English city, with the exception of London. This talk features Brian's images of over forty artworks ranging from the city's earliest monuments to Liverpool sculptures from the new millennium.

We will trace the city's history, and see the confidence, commerce, wealth and unique qualities of Liverpool as reflected in her public monuments. And come up to date, looking at Liverpool Capital of Culture in 2008, with the magnificent Superlambananas and other stunning modern works around this vibrant city.

All talks take place at **The Lauries Centre**, 142 Claughton Road, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH 41 6EY.  
Telephone the Lauries on **0151 650 5555** to book your tickets for these events.

You can also visit [andersonimages.co.uk](http://andersonimages.co.uk) to see a selection of Brian's images before you book.  
Prints of Brian's images from these talks will also be available to purchase at all three events.