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Background

Brian Anderson, photographer, adventurer & lecturer, has captured nature, travel and landscape images from trips to **60+** countries and territories; **N** to **S** from the Geographic North Pole to Antarctica, and **E** to **W** from Easter Island to Japan.

Through **andersonimages**, Brian presents **Illustrated Talks**, **Courses** and **Workshops** based around these trips, so others can also ‘**explore, experience and discover**’ the remarkable places, wildlife and people he has been so fortunate to encounter and photograph over the last 30+ years.

Holding a **DBS** Enhanced Certificate, he has presented talks to primary and secondary schools, FE colleges, Universities, RSPB Local Groups, community/social groups and professional clubs for many years. Brian also worked with Quark Expeditions, as Ship’s Photographer and Lecturer on Arctic and Antarctic voyages and has run Photo Workshops on Cruise ships.

Brian lectures and runs **Photography courses** at Adult colleges in Merseyside, Cheshire, Somerset, Shropshire, and at Marlborough College Summer School in Wiltshire. His images and articles have appeared on international websites, in UK newspapers, brochures, photographic and various lifestyle magazines, including Amateur Photographer and most recently, Cheshire Life.

Selecting a Talk, Formats and Cost

The **fee per talk** generally starts at **£70** for lunchtime and **£95** for evening presentations at club meetings up to max **90 mins**. For dinner talks, courses and longer talks, costs can be negotiated. Talks are also **available online** via the **Zoom** or **Google Meet** platforms.

Travelling expenses are added for presentations **outside the Wirral area**, and are calculated at a rate of **£0.40/mile**. **Online** presentations will obviously **not incur** travelling costs.

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44 Illustrated Talks are currently available to book :



‘Antarctic Portfolio’

Travel/Geography/Wildlife

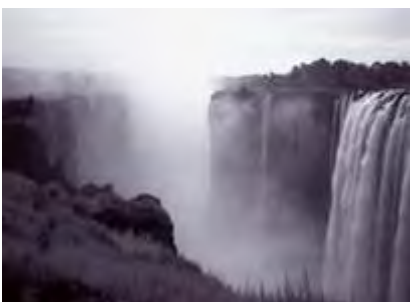
Join Brian for a stunning portfolio of Landscape and Wildlife images from his four expeditions to the Falklands, South Georgia, the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. You will see gigantic blue icebergs, frozen seascapes and remnants of C19th/C20th whaling settlements. The incredible wildlife includes whales, penguins, seals, albatrosses, petrels prions and cormorants, all photographed against the most unique wilderness backdrops on the globe. This talk is available in 60 and 90 minute versions, and not to be missed by travellers and lovers of nature.



‘Petrels, Paddy’s and Penguins’

Wildlife/Geography

This talk features over 30 species of birds which live in the Antarctic and in the outlying sub-antarctic islands of this vast, cold and inhospitable continent – the last true wilderness on earth. Brian’s images include penguins, albatrosses, giant petrels, snow and cape petrels, snowy sheathbills, gulls, Antarctic skuas, Imperial and Rock cormorants, all photographed against breathtaking backdrops of vast icebergs and glaciers, sheer cliffs and stormy, violent seas.



‘Images From The Edge’

Geography/History

Join Brian for a portfolio of stunning photographs from some of the most spectacular landscapes in the world and a look at some of the great explorers who ‘discovered’ them, including Ferdinand Magellan, David Livingstone, Burckhardt, Hiram Bingham, John Weddell and Ernest Shackleton. Travelling between five continents we will see icebergs and frozen seas in the Arctic and Antarctica, the Inca city of Machu Picchu in Peru, Petra in Jordan, Victoria Falls in Zambia and Abu Simbel in Egypt, plus much more. There is something for everyone, this talk is a must for adventurers and those with ‘wanderlust’.



'Feathers and Wings'

Wildlife

This presentation features over 50 bird species from five continents. Brian's diverse and colourful images include familiar avian species from Europe, to more exotic vultures and caracaras from South America; kites, sun birds and bee-eaters from Asia, kittiwakes, ivory gulls, auks and guillemots from the High Arctic, to albatrosses, petrels, penguins and snowy sheathbills from Antarctica.

This talk should not to be missed by 'twitchers' and lovers of birds and nature.



Egypt 'The Gift of The Nile'

History/Art/Nature

According to Herodotus, the Greek historian, Egypt was 'the gift of the Nile', for without her rich waters Egyptian civilization would have been short-lived. The river provided the elements that sustained and influenced an ingenious and vigorous civilization for over three thousand years. In this talk, we travel down the river Nile from the Great Pyramids in Cairo to the temple of Ramses II in Abu Simbel in Nubia, with Brian's images of the wildlife, colourful landscapes, stunning architecture and the mystical Egyptian Gods who ensured the life giving properties of the River Nile.



Liverpool 'City Of Sculpture'

History/Art

Liverpool possesses an abundance of public monuments and sculptures, unsurpassed by any other English city, with the exception of London. This talk begins with the earliest surviving freestanding sculpture in the city, dating from 1799.

Brian's images will reveal the confidence, wealth and pre-eminence of Victorian and Edwardian Liverpool as reflected in her public monuments. We will also come up to date, looking at Liverpool in 2008 as Capital of Culture, with the magnificent Superlambananas and other stunning modern works around this vibrant, global city.



Peru 'Land of the Incas'

Geography/History

Centred at Cusco in Peru, the Incas created the most powerful civilization of pre-Columbian America between the early C15th to mid C16th. This vast empire, stretching from northern Ecuador to central Chile, fell to the Spanish Conquistadors between 1532 to 1572. In this presentation Brian discusses the history, geography and uniqueness of the Inca empire. Through his images he reveals the local people and culture, the wildlife in the desolate but colourful landscape of the altiplano, the stunning architecture and cyclopean masonry of the Inca temples and fortresses, incl Ollayantambo, Sacsayhuaman, and Machu Picchu, the 'Lost City of the Incas'.



'Masks, Myths and Mystique'

History/Art

Originating in 1162, the Venice Carnevale has always been a time of excitement and merriment, the last fling before Ash Wednesday and the rigours of Lent. Usually over 11 days in February or March each year, adults don sumptuous masks and costumes and go out on the town to celebrate in style. In this talk Brian reveals the history and myths behind the great festival tradition of Venice, illustrating spectacular Carnevale masks and costumes set against the backdrop of the city's stunning buildings and ravishing vistas.



India 'Land Of Wonders'

Travel/History/Nature

When Marco Polo visited India in the C13th, he described the country as "the richest province in the world ... a land of wonders". His observation is no less true today as everything about India is older, bigger, more colourful, more diverse and more intriguing than anywhere else. India is often mistaken as a continent because of her varied characteristics.

A vast country, with a population over 1.2bn, India boasts a history that goes back five thousand years. Brian's images from three visits to this most remarkable country, will give a flavour of India's huge diversity; her people of different castes and creeds, rich cultural heritage, colourful wildlife, her monumental architecture and stunning landscapes.



Al-Andalus ‘The Moors in Spain’

History/Art

Al-Andalus, was the Arabic name given to the parts of the Iberian Peninsula which were governed by Arab Muslims between 711 and 1492. The vast Caliphate of Córdoba included the cities of Seville, Toledo, Lisbon, Zaragoza and Cordoba. Al-Andalus was a beacon of learning, and the city of Córdoba became one of the leading cultural and economic centres in both the Mediterranean basin and the Islamic world. In this presentation we visit the cities of Cordoba, Seville, Granada, Lisbon and Istanbul and Brian’s images reveal the power, prosperity, scientific advances and artistic richness of the culture of the Al-Andalus Moors.



‘Man, The Measure of All Things’

History/Art

Protagoras, the 5th Greek philosopher, who believed ‘Man is the measure of all things’, was the inspiration for the Renaissance humanists who blended art and science, exemplified in Leonardo de Vinci’s drawing of ‘Vitruvian Man’. The Renaissance began in Tuscany in the early 15th century centred in the cities of Florence and Siena. It developed and spread to Venice then on to Rome, which was largely rebuilt in the new style during the 16th century. This talk features many Italian Renaissance treasures which influenced European architecture, painting and sculpture for many centuries afterwards, including works by Ghiberti, Brunelleschi, Palladio, Masaccio, Raphael, Botticelli, Michelangelo, Bernini and Leonardo da Vinci.



‘Uttermost Part of the Earth’

History/Nature/Geog

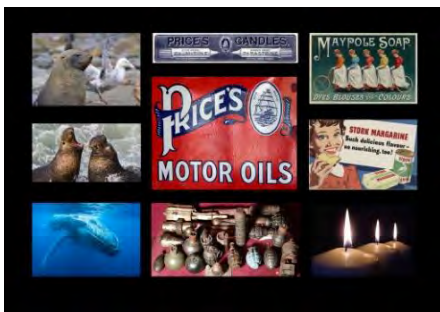
In 1519 Magellan became the first European to navigate a wild and remote channel linking the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Sailing in search of a westward route to the Spice Islands, Magellan sighted many fires along the coastline. His sailors christened this uncharted area “*Tierra Del Fuego*”, or ‘*the Land of Fire*’. Sailing the same waters in 1577, Sir Francis Drake described this southern tip of South America as “*the uttermost part of the earth*”. Darwin visited the region in 1832 and described the Fuegian tribes as the “*most uncivilised savages*”. Join Brian for the incredible story of Tierra Del Fuego and to view his stunning wildlife images from 4 expeditions, including the Fuegian red fox, penguins, sealions, magnificent caracaras, and many other animals and plants which survive in this most remote and inhospitable region of the southern hemisphere.



'Freeze Frames'

Geography/Wildlife/Environment

Based on Brian's expeditions to the Arctic, the geographic North Pole and the Antarctic Peninsula, a portfolio of truly stunning images from the last remaining wildernesses on the planet - the polar regions. In this richly illustrated presentation you will see incredible landscapes of ice, snow and towering icebergs, plus the unique wildlife, including polar bears, walruses, albatrosses and penguins, that has adapted to survive in these fragile and most inhospitable environments.



This talk is endorsed by the **SGHT**

'Fur Seals, Whales, Candles and Soap'

The occurrence of seals and whales in the S Atlantic was reported by Captain Cook in 1775, as he took possession of South Georgia for Great Britain. Sealing commenced there in 1786/87, and in the first 50 years 1,200,000 fur seals had been killed for their fur. Antarctic whaling began in 1904/05 at S Georgia. Between 1905 and 1912, whale oil became an important commercial commodity, competing with other oils in the market place. It was a basic ingredient in the production of soap, candles, margarine, and glycerin for explosives.

The entire Antarctic catch of 258,000 barrels of whale oil in 1917/18 was destined for West Float Docks in Birkenhead. Find out more about this incredible local link and the Wirral industries that used this oil in their products, which were then sold worldwide.

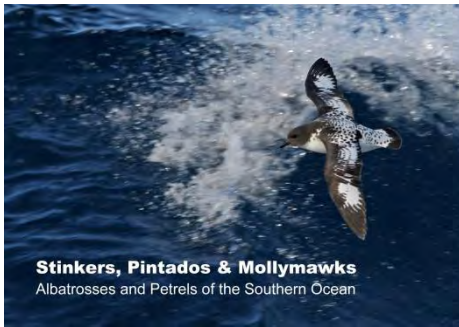
With stunning images from Brian's visits to South Georgia and Antarctica, you will see how 50 years of international protection has seen seal and whale numbers increase in the South Atlantic. The challenge now is to protect the wildlife and its pristine environment from new man-made threats of pollution and global warming.



'Faces and Places'

Culture/Geography

Stunning images of people from around the world. Selected from Brian's many trips, three portfolios of 'People at Work', 'Religious Figures' and 'Mothers and Children', will introduce the audience to South American, African, Indian and Egyptian ethnic groups and through stimulating images will give an understanding of these diverse societies and cultures.



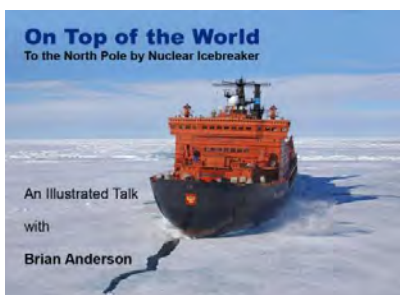
'Stinkers, Pintados & Mollymawks'

This talk looks at the **Procellariiformes**, the order of birds which includes the Albatrosses and Petrels of the Antarctic and surrounding Southern Ocean. First seen by the intrepid, yet superstitious sailors of the C16th to C18th, who gave these mighty birds colourful names, as in the title of the talk. Over 20 species of Albatrosses and Petrels are included, and we look at these unique birds and the special adaptations which enable them to live in the most hostile of marine environments. This talk is perfect for nature lovers and travellers who will relish the stunning images of wildlife set against backdrops of icebergs, glaciers, ice and sea.
[Wildlife/Geography/Environment](#)



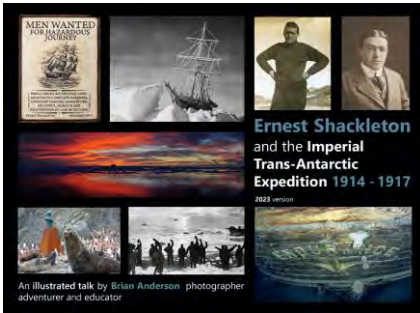
'The Falkland Islands' [Wildlife/Geography/History](#)

Often referred as a '*Colder Version of the Galapagos*', the Falkland Islands are home to an astounding variety of wildlife, including penguins, albatrosses, petrels, seals, dolphins and whales. Based on Brian's visits to the Falklands, this talk features stunning images of the islands' landscapes, flora and fauna. The colourful history of the Falklands is covered, then we come up to date with the recent find of significant oil reserves in the Falklands North Basin which could ensure prosperity for the islanders. We also consider the effects that oil exploration, pollution and global warming could have on the islands and the wildlife of the South Atlantic.



'On Top of the World' [Wildlife/Geography/History/Env](#)

Join Brian as he recounts his June - July 2011 voyage on the world's largest and most powerful nuclear icebreaker, '*50 Years of Victory*', as it hammered its way through Arctic Ocean ice up to 4 metres thick, towards the Geographic North Pole at latitude 90°N. Only the 84th surface sailing to the North Pole over the last 34 years, you will see images of this incredible 75,000 horsepower ship breaking ice. With stops at Franz Josef Land, you will also see some of the stunning wildlife on the tundra and around the ice, including guillemots, kittiwakes, fulmars, snow buntings, ivory gulls, walrus, seals, arctic foxes and some very close encounters with polar bears in this Arctic wilderness.



‘Ernest H Shackleton’

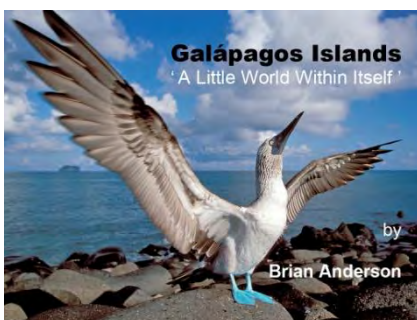
This talk looks at Britain’s **greatest polar explorer** and his legendary **Imperial Trans-Antarctica Expedition** from **1914-1917**. Starting with his early life as Sea Cadet to Master, and his Antarctic expeditions, this is an amazing story of **leadership**, **heroism** and utter **determination** in the face of extreme dangers and adversity. We come up to date with the discovery of the **Endurance** in March 2022. Illustrated with Brian’s stunning images following Shackleton’s footsteps on the Weddell Sea, Elephant Island and Grytviken in South Georgia, where the great explorer is buried.



‘Good Food Is A Global Thing’

With a title from one of Jamie Oliver’s quotes, this talk looks at different people and cultures around the world and the foods they eat. The expression, ‘*we are what we eat*’ is a truism as we will see cultures that thrive from healthy diets, in stark contrast to some of the unhealthy western diets. We also look at countries which do not have much food and ask why this is.

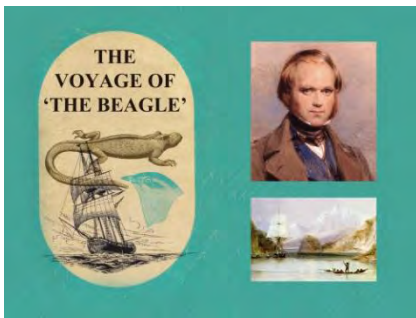
Brian’s stunning images reflect the rich cultural and culinary diversity across the world, and you will learn about some of the more unusual foods people eat.



‘A Little World Within Itself’

The Galápagos Islands, 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, famed for their vast number of endemic species, were studied by Charles Darwin contributing to his work on natural selection. In this richly illustrated presentation, based on Brian’s trip to the Galápagos in the summer of 2012, you will see stunning images of the unique wildlife, which includes galápagos penguins, giant tortoises, land and marine iguanas, sealions, blue-footed booby and waved albatrosses - species that have adapted to survive in these fragile and isolated Pacific islands.

You will also learn about man-made threats such as pollution, tourism and global warming that now threaten the very existence of some of the unique Galápagos environments and species.



'The Voyage of The Beagle'

A celebration of Charles Darwin's five year voyage on the British Survey ship, HMS Beagle. Between Dec 1831 and Oct 1836, the young Darwin landed in many exotic places. In this new talk we focus on his visits to **Tierra del Fuego**, the **Falkland Islands**, and most famously, the **Galápagos Islands**.

We look at the unique wildlife he studied, the revealing comments and copious notes he made. And, as they say, **'the rest is history'**

[Wildlife/Geography/History/Environment](#)



'Wilderness'

[History/Nature/Geography](#)

Wilderness, from an Old English word **'wildeornes'**, originally meant a 'feared and unknown place of wildness', or 'terra incognita'. Today, wilderness has taken on a different meaning, referring to an 'untainted and wild place', generally to be 'protected and preserved'.

Just 100 - 150 years ago, most people could only imagine how these wild places must be. This talk looks at four remarkable wild places; Antarctica, Tierra del Fuego, the Arctic, and the Galápagos Islands. We now know, however, that despite their remoteness, these wilderness regions are vitally connected to the climate and nature of the rest of our planet.

So join Brian for some stunning images from these last true wildernesses on Earth.

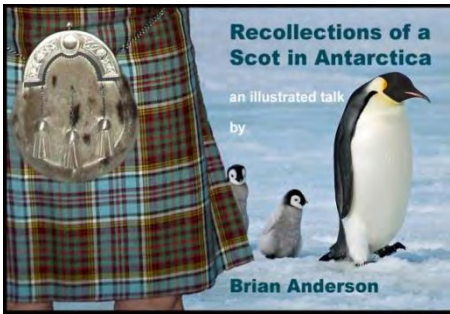


'The Heat Is On'

[Geography/Science/Environment](#)



Since the Industrial Revolution, man has plundered the Earth of its finite resources and pumped increasing quantities of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. With the human population at **7 billion** and rising, the Earth is no longer able to sustain the familiar and comfortable world we have taken for granted, the result is global warming and climate change. With stunning images from his expeditions to the polar regions, Brian shows how even these most inaccessible and pristine places are being affected by mankind's actions, with warming seas, ice melting, ecosystem destruction and species migration. But it is not too late, things can be done to save these polar wildernesses for future generations.



‘Recollections of a Scot in Antarctica’

A personal recollection, with anecdotes, amazing facts and stunning wildlife and landscape images from Brian’s expeditions to Antarctica in 2003, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Find out how Brian travelled there, the things he got up to in this amazing white continent, his Polar Heroes, and the incredible wildlife he saw in the largest and most remote wilderness left on the planet. This is a must see talk for travellers & lovers of nature.

History/Wildlife/Geography/Travel

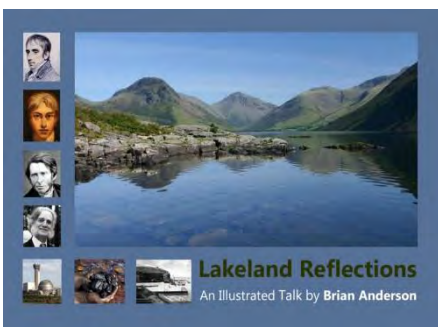


Wildlife/Geography/Environment

‘Seashore Strolls and the Species Seen’

The planet’s seashores provide uniquely rich wildlife habitats. Land birds, shorebirds, seabirds, sea mammals and lizards can all be seen feeding on the fish, insects, plants and crustaceans living in the littoral zone.

This superbly illustrated talk features seashore species from 5 continents, including; penguins, seals, sealions, pelicans, herons, petrels, geese, albatrosses, walruses, iguanas, waders, gulls, skuas, crabs and raptors. Over **60 species** are photographed by Brian on his seashore strolls in the High Arctic, the Equator and on Antarctica. This talk with its stunning images is a must see for beach bums and all lovers of nature.



History/Geography/Art/Poetry

‘Lakeland Reflections’

“ the wildest, most barren and frightful of any that I have passed over in England and Wales ” wrote Daniel Defoe in 1724 whilst visiting the Lake District.

Brian Anderson lived in Cumbria in the mid 1970’s. This talk is his personal portrait of England’s Lake District as reflected over three centuries through local places and some artists, poets and writers. Delightfully illustrated with Brian’s Lakeland images, this talk looks at the Lakes through the eyes of Wordsworth, John Ruskin, JMW Turner, L S Lowry and Norman Nicholson, and visits historic and present local industries which have shaped the modern Cumbria we know and love.



'Lakeland Poets First and Last'

William Wordsworth is generally regarded as the first of the Lakeland Poets. A local man, born in Cockermouth in 1770, his poetry is about the beauty and awe of nature, and man's place within it, as he saw it. He wrote the first Lakes guidebook. Norman Nicholson, the last of the Lakeland Poets, was born in Millom in 1914, and lived there for all his 73 years. He also wrote about nature, but about man's struggle in an often wild and bleak countryside and economic circumstances.

This audio visual talk looks at the poetry of Wordsworth and Nicholson, both local Cumberland men and romantics at heart who appreciated the beauty and power of nature, but who saw mankind's coexistence with nature quite differently.



Travel anecdotes/History/Geography/Nature

'Tripping Yarns'

Inspired by the pluck and derring-do of characters from Michael Palin's 'Ripping Yarns' series, this talk features humorous anecdotes from some of Brian's amazing trips over the last 20 years. We meet *Thieving Caracaras*, *Cuddling Penguins*, *a New Penguin species*, *Pat's Relief at the North Pole* plus many other funny stories and quotes gathered on his travels. All accompanied by his stunning images of wildlife, people & landscapes. For lots of laughs, this talk is not to be missed.



'Images From The Edge' **Part Two**

Following the success of Images From The Edge - the most booked talk of 2012/13 - join Brian for a second portfolio of stunning photographs from some of the most spectacular landscapes in the world and a look at some of the great explorers who 'discovered' them, including Ferdinand Magellan, Burckhard and F V Hayden. Travelling between four continents we will see the stunning wilderness and wildlife of Tierra del Fuego, Petra in Jordan and Abu Simbel in Egypt, plus the awesome Yellowstone Park in the USA. There is something for everyone, this **Part Two** talk is another must for adventurers and those afflicted with 'wanderlust'.

History/Geography/Wildlife/Environment/Travel



‘Yellowstone’

“*Paint cannot touch it and words are wasted*” wrote Frederic Remington in 1895 whilst pony trekking through Yellowstone. At over 2.2 million acres, Yellowstone was the USA’s and the world’s first National Park when established in 1872. This awesome place contains some of the world’s biggest geysers and hot springs, magnificent landscapes, and mighty beasts, including bears, bison, elk and wolves. Share Brian’s stunning landscape and wildlife images from his 2013 trip to this simply staggering wilderness region.



‘The Mersey’

From the C18th to the C20th the **River Mersey** was the UK’s ‘**Gateway to the West**’ - the point of departure for tens of millions of people venturing into the ‘new world’. The river has brought wealth and recession, stimulated art & culture, attracted migrants and made the region a unique **World City**. This beautifully illustrated talk combines Brian’s personal thoughts and entertaining recollections of the city he moved to in 1976.

History/Arts/Geograph/Culture



‘Polar Protection’

Geog/Wildlife/Environment



Based around Brian’s expeditions to the Arctic and the Antarctic, this talk looks at the stunning polar wildlife and landscapes, mankind’s historic exploitation of these unique areas, and the current threats to these last true wildernesses, including hydrocarbon exploitation, over-fishing and global warming.

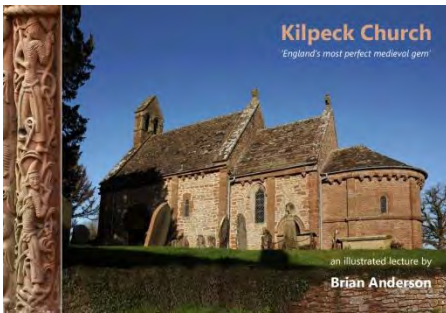
The talk concludes by looking at new technologies and a case study of a previously industrialised sub-Antarctic island, South Georgia, which is now being returned to its natural state through environmental management, which includes wildlife protection and habitat restoration, to ensure a sustainable future.



History/Geography/Wildlife/Environment/Travel

‘Wanderlust’

‘Wanderlust’ originates from the German words wandern (to hike) and Lust (desire), commonly described as an enjoyment of, or a predilection for strolling, roaming or wandering, which can be traced back to German Romanticism. This talk looks at Wanderlust in Culture, then Brian shares a wonderful selection of his favourite images from a personal ‘**30 Year Affliction with Wanderlust**’. Destinations include Antarctica, North Pole, Galápagos, Petra and many other amazing places.



History/Sculpture/Architecture

‘Kilpeck Church - a medieval gem’

Described by Nikolaus Pevsner as ‘one of the most perfect Norman village churches in England’, this modest and well-preserved building is tucked away in the Herefordshire countryside. Kilpeck Church has a fascinating history, with links across medieval Europe and to the 2nd Crusade in the Middle East.

You will see 12th century carved corbels of fantastic monsters from the Bestiary, as well as faces of everyday people from the medieval world, which have a vigour and directness that is still fresh and powerful today. Brian's talk is a glorious feast of architecture, sculpture and decoration, which promises to dazzle and amaze you.

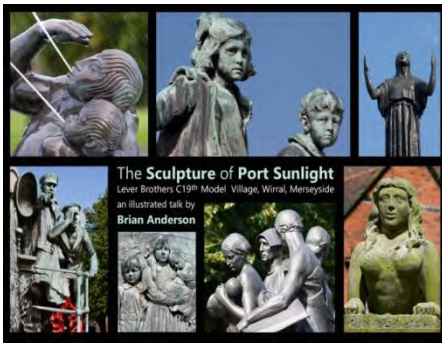


Travel/Photography/Geography/Wildlife/Environment

‘I Wish You Were Here’

When Brian sets out to travel to the world’s most amazing places, he carries over 12kg of camera gear and equipment in his backpack. But the physical effort is worth it when you see the results.

So sit back and enjoy stunning wildlife, landscape and people images, entertaining anecdotes and valuable tips from 30 years of travel photography to 60+ nations & territories on 5 continents. This is an inspiring talk for novices and keen photographers and recommended for Photography Clubs.



'The Sculpture of Port Sunlight'

This beautifully illustrated talk looks at Lever's C19th Model Village for the workers at his Port Sunlight works in the Wirral, Merseyside. The history of this famous village and Lord Leverhulme's legacy is described through some outstanding C19th and C20th sculptures that are situated within this listed architectural masterpiece. This is a sequel to the popular '**Liverpool - City of Sculpture**' talk, described earlier.



'Illustrations From The Edge'

Today we take for granted stunning travel images in magazines and on TV, but before the development of photography and film, it was the intrepid expedition artists who travelled with the legendary explorers, capturing worlds unknown to those back in the West.

This beautifully illustrated talk looks at the work of these artists and features remarkable sketches and paintings by **William Hodges** who accompanied Captain Cook; **Edward Wilson** with Captain Scott, **Thomas Moran** who travelled through the Wild West in the 1890's and **David Roberts** who travelled across the Middle East in the 1830's. These artists' works are accompanied by Brian's images from these remote places, inc Antarctica, Galapagos, Petra, Easter Island & Yellowstone.



'The Pool of Life'

Carl Jung came to the city in **1927**. He dreamed of a magnolia tree growing from an island in the city square, and saw the dream as the climax of the process of the development of consciousness. '**Liverpool is the pool of life, it makes to live**' he famously wrote.

This is Brian's celebration of Liverpool, a city he knows well from when he first arrived as a student In 1976 and has remained there for almost 40 years. Enjoy this portfolio of Liverpool images which look at the river, the city's buildings, culture, sport and last, but not least, its **colourful people**.



‘Welcome to the Anthropocene’

Looking at the the **Anthropocene**, and when this geological era began; plus the positive and negative effects that mankind’s activities continue to have on our planet. Investigating effects of global warming, pollution, ecosystem destruction, the depletion of fossil fuels and other natural resources.

Concluding by looking at efforts now being made to slow or reverse these dramatic effects. Fully illustrated with Brian’s stunning images from some of the world’s most unique and fragile environments most affected in this new geological era.



‘Easter Island - Navel of the Earth’

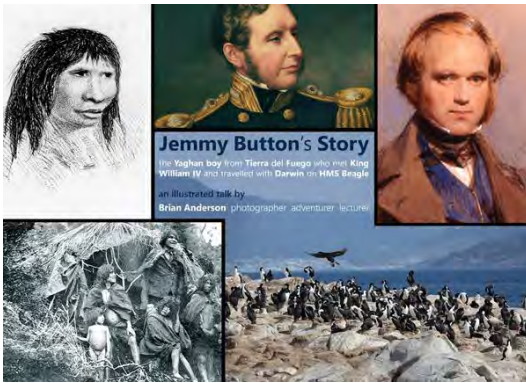
Easter Island is one of the world’s most remote inhabited islands, located in the Pacific, over 2000 miles west of Chile in South America. Ever since the island was discovered by the outside world on Easter Sunday in 1772, it has generated countless myths and theories about its people and the mysterious Moai, the ‘tall, monstrous statues’ – echoes of a tough and turbulent past.

Illustrated with stunning images from his trip to Easter Island, Brian describes the early Polynesian settlers and the purpose of their enigmatic statues, plus the island’s wildlife and landscapes.



‘Travels In My Yellow Parka’

Funny anecdotes, amazing facts and illustrated with stunning images from Brian’s trips to cold places wearing his thick fleece and all weather parka. We visit **polar bears** and **walruses** in the Arctic, to **penguins** in the Antarctic and **snow monkeys** in the mountains of Japan. A most entertaining and informative talk and not to be missed.



‘Jemmy Button’s Story’

"Jeremy Button" or "**Jemmy Button**", was a native Fuegian of the Yaghan people from islands around **Tierra del Fuego**, now modern Chile and Argentina. He was taken to England by **Captain FitzRoy** on **HMS Beagle** in **1830** where he was educated in Victorian values, becoming a celebrity, before being returned to his own country as a **torchbearer for civilisation**. This criminal action in the service of a "higher purpose" was typical of English colonial attitudes to the Fuegians and other indigenous peoples at that time.

Jemmy was returned to his homeland a year later, where he became a friend and companion to Charles Darwin, who was a fellow passenger on the Beagle.

Brian tells this incredible story accompanied with his stunning landscape and wildlife images taken during his trips to Tierra del Fuego.



‘Paradise Lost or Paradise Retained?’

We look at the negative effects of mankind’s activities on the planet; including increase in CO2 levels, pollution and global warming, ecosystem destruction and depletion of the earth’s limited resources.

Investigating what must be done to reverse this trend, Brian looks at groundbreaking eco-projects around the world working tirelessly to protect and conserve our unique ecosystems.

We visit Galápagos, South Georgia, Chile’s Atacama Desert, the Arctic, Antarctica and other unique but places which are threatened in the Anthropocene era.

This richly illustrated talk is a must for nature lovers who care about the future of our fragile planet.

All **44 Illustrated Talks** are available in **45** or **60 minute** versions, and a few are available in a **75 minute** version in **two parts** with an **interval**. Talks can also be adapted to meet individual group requirements, including Workshop or Discussion formats. **Zoom** versions of the most popular talks are available during Covid-19 Restrictions.

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Brian presents Illustrated Talks to **120+ Professional and Social groups** in the UK, including :

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Feedback From Illustrated Talks and Courses



Feedback

Brian, it was great to meet you and be thoroughly entertained with your adventures and stunning photographic insights. It was a pleasure to talk to a fellow kindred spirit.

Howie Taylor, Holmes Chapel Photographic Club

It was a real pleasure to meet you and a great privilege to have you talk to our club this evening. Without exception the comments I heard from members afterwards were highly appreciative and complimentary. Thank you so much for coming and sharing your 'Cold Images' stories and images with us.

Ian Wilson, Wrexham Photographic Society

'The Heat Is On' with your breathtaking polar images, is a timely yet stark reminder of our warming planet, and what must be done to protect it.

Bebington Probus Club

On behalf of our group, many thanks for a wonderful talk with beautiful landscape and wildlife images from South Georgia.

Heather White, RSPB Wirral Local Group

I'd like to thank you for a brilliant presentation last night. We had a good crowd in and they thoroughly enjoyed 'Emperors and Kings'.

Derek Cook, RSPB Southport Group

On behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank you for your excellent 'Venice Carnevale' presentation at our Charity Lunch. I have had many compliments to pass on to you. Your talk was very much appreciated.

Wirral Fund for Children With Special Needs

On behalf of our group, many thanks for a wonderful talk with beautiful landscape and wildlife images from South Georgia.

Heather White, RSPB Wirral Local Group

I did enjoy your talks on Egypt, and at Burton Manor a year or so ago on Antarctica. Your photographs are superb.

Lyn Cucksey, WI and Heswall U3A

Thanks for your fantastic ANTARCTICA talk, the party of nine I came with thoroughly enjoyed it, from my 80 year old mother down to my 12 yr old son and all ages in between.

Sarah Jane Ferguson, Wirral

A super talk filled with memorable images from your 'Antarctica Portfolio'. Thanks for a most entertaining evening

Chester Society of Natural Science, Literature and Art

Thanks so much for your Antarctica talk last night. The photography was spellbinding, and the narrative factual, interesting and humorous! The Charities benefiting from last night's event have a lot to thank you for.

Councillor Alan Jennings, Mayor of Wirral 2010/11

Your 'Venice Carnevale' presentation and photographs were superb. I think that it was obvious that our Members were fascinated by all you had to show and tell them. I hope that we can invite you back again soon!

West Wirral Conservative Luncheon Club

Thanks for a fantastic evening, amusing stories, lots of information and stunning images of Antarctic wildlife. Brilliant!

Ian Taylor, Macclesfield RSPB Local Group

Thanks so much for the wonderful "Yellowstone" presentation last night which was much appreciated by all present. Your photos were superb & it was lovely to have the history and geology as well.

Jennifer Pantall, Deeside Lecture Society

Your talk & photos were amazing, very informative yet humorous too. We enjoyed the night immensely. I will certainly be in touch to can fix another return visit.

Janice Whitmore, Square One Club, Crewe

Feedback

Brian has a true gift. He shoots more than just landscapes with his camera, he stirs one's emotions. Brian leaves more than just coloured inks on his prints, giving us some wonderful memories from a lifetime of photography
Giovanni Savaglio, Writer, Chicago, USA

Photographers have the ability to bring the world closer to those of us who choose to stay put. Brian is a worldwide voyager and the images he has to share with us are absolutely stunning and truly inspirational.
George Cooke, Higham Hall College, Cumbria

Lots of nice feedback from your "Falklands" talk. Super photography, it was well balanced with a bit of humour added. We will see you in 2015"
Alan Wilcox, Leigh Ornithological Society

Brian's 'Wanderlust' lecture to the Sixth Form at Birkenhead School was a veritable tour de force: engaging, informative, humorous, inspiring, energizing, challenging and most stimulating. In a world awash with virtual realities, Brian's 'can-do' approach to a life of travel and adventure is a revivifying tonic.
Dr Jeremy Grundy, Headmaster, Birkenhead School

In over 20 years booking speakers for different clubs, 'Petrels, Paddy's and Penguins' was the best talk I've seen for Brian's most stunning photography, his entertaining facts and amusing anecdotes
Roger Williams, South Manchester RSPB Local Group

On behalf of our HADFAS members, thanks very much for your lecture on Liverpool's City of Sculpture. I have received lots of very positive comments describing how interesting and informative it was to learn about the large variety of monuments and sculptures around the city. Your wonderful images very much added to the presentation.
Margaret Thomas, Halifax Decorative & Fine Arts Society

'Well Brian, you can see from the lovely comments, just how much everyone enjoyed your talk' **Pat Heed U3A**



'What a wonderful talk - thank you' 'Stunning images' 'Brilliant' These are amazing photos - I never realised there are so many colours in ice' 'Amazing pictures and a fascinating talk, thanks' 'Absolutely brilliant, and this man has a sense of humour!!' 'Really interesting talk - the accompanying photos were amazing' If it wasn't so cold, I'd go there just to see these wonderful sunsets Can we have him again - there were so many facts and so many beautiful images' 'Absolutely superb, thanks Brian' 'Wonderful'



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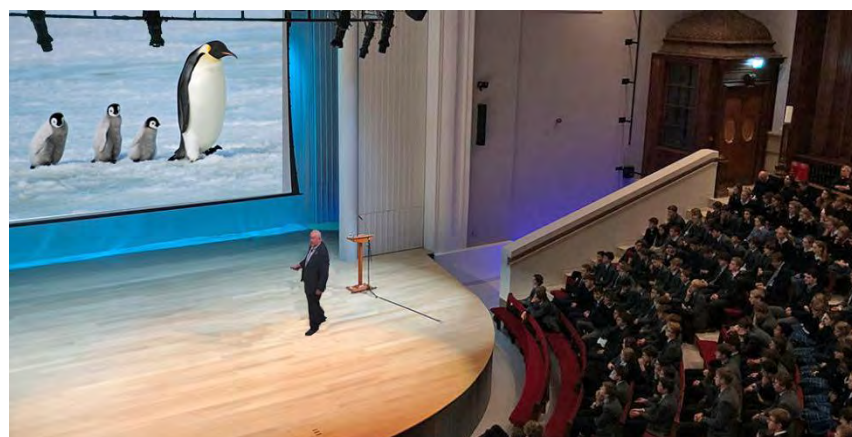
Courses

For details of Photography and other courses visit our website or email to request a **Course Brochure** for **2022/23**. Brian will be running Photo Workshops in **Wirral, Wiltshire, Shropshire** and **Cheshire** during **2023/24** and lecturing across the UK.

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' I look forward to hearing from you so that we can book an Illustrated Talk for your Group or Society during 2023/24 '

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B Anderson".



From Top : Brian lecturing at **Dillington** in Somerset, **Marlborough College** in Wiltshire and **Tattenhall U3A** in Cheshire.