



The Old Crown, West End

WESTON TURVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

“The Last Naval Hero”

Roy Smart

Meeting on Friday 26th October 2018

*blessed with the ‘Nelson touch’,
matinee-idol image
... and something of a bounder!*



The extraordinary story of David, 1st Earl Beatty, who, armed with a ruthless and charismatic personality rose with meteoric speed from humble Cadet to First Sea Lord, Statesman, and renowned public hero of the Great War. Roy tells the tale of his astonishing rise to fame and fortune, his life with the opulent, hedonistic American socialite, Ethel, Countess Beatty, his central and controversial part in the greatest battle and later, the greatest surrender, in maritime history and his ‘Downton Abbey’ life-style of immense riches, marital strife and scandal!

Roy was a Naval Officer, Fleet Air Arm pilot with a keen interest in history and art. He has been air director of many great national memorial events including the televised D Day, VE and VJ Day commemorations attended by the Queen and fifty heads of state, together with flying displays and aviation pageants.



The meeting starts at 8pm in the village hall and is open to all. Entrance £2 for members and £3 visitors. Doors open at 19:30 for welcoming refreshments. For further information about the Society visit the Society’s web page www.WTHSoc.org.uk or email Secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk

