

Michael Palin to Address British Cartographers



The British Cartographic Society celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. As part of the festivities, Michael Palin, one of the UK's most famous comedians, actors, writers, presenters and of course travellers, will address the Society. His presentation, entitled 'A Life in Maps', will be followed by a drinks reception in the Ondaatje Theatre at the Royal Geographical Society's London headquarters. The event will take place on the evening of Friday, 12 April 2013. 'An Evening with Michael Palin' is open to both members and non-members, and places can be booked online.

Peter Jones MBE, president of the British Cartographic Society, stated that in this 50th anniversary year it is a real honour to welcome Michael Palin as a guest speaker. He is

sure that Michael Palin, who from 2009 to 2012 served as president of the Royal Geographic Society (with the Institute of British Geographers), will be able to regale the audience with his exploits and experiences of maps around the world.

'An Evening with Michael Palin' is a headline event from the 50th anniversary calendar of events. Throughout 2013, more than 30 events are planned, with the intention to promote the art and science of map-making to a new audience. Other events from the programme include the Society's annual symposium with an anniversary theme of 'Today, Tomorrow and Beyond...', 'An Afternoon with Jack Dangermond' – announced as the 'grandfather of GIS' – and numerous 'Restless Earth Workshops' aimed at Year-10 pupils.

Visit the British Cartographic Society [website](http://www.bcs.org.uk) to find out more about the events.