

## The Lecture

Introduction : Paul Tasker, Chairman of the Boardman Tasker Charitable Trust

Remembering Pete and Joe through film – collated and edited by Allen Jewhurst and Jim Curran

Speakers introduced by John Boardman, Treasurer of the BT Charitable Trust

- Doug Scott : Kangchenjunga 1979
- Roger Hubank: Climbing Fiction and the Imagination
- Stephen Venables: Painted Mountains (Kishtwar Himalaya)
- Andy Cave: Lofoten in Winter
- Chris Bonington and Charles Clarke: The Final Stages of the 1982 Everest North East Ridge Expedition



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# BOARDMAN TASKER

The Boardman Tasker Charitable Trust  
Presents  
The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative  
Lecture

The Town Hall, Kendal  
7.30 p.m., on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

Kendal Mountain Festival

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**Peter Boardman**, born Christmas Day 1950, educated at Stockport Grammar School and Nottingham University (degree in English).

**Major expeditions:** Afghanistan 1972; Everest South West Face 1975; Polish High Tatra 1976; Changabang 1976 (with Joe Tasker); K2 1978; Kangchenjunga 1979; Gaurisankar 1979; K2 1980; Kongur 1981; North East Ridge of Everest 1982.

**Books:**  
*The Shining Mountain*  
*Sacred Summits*



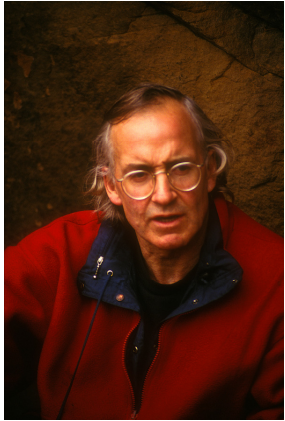
**Joe Tasker**, born in Hull in 1948, educated at Ushaw College and Manchester University (degree in Sociology).

**Major expeditions:** North Face of the Eiger in winter 1974-5; Dunagiri 1975; Changabang 1976 (with Peter Boardman); North Ridge of Nuptse 1977; K2 1978; Kangchenjunga 1979; K2 1980; West Ridge of Everest 1981; Kongur 1981; North East Ridge of Everest 1982.

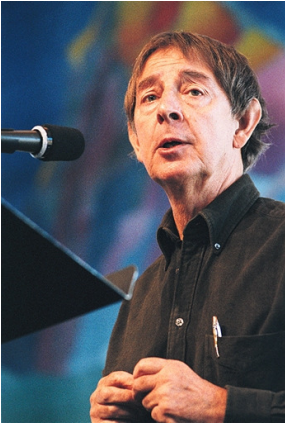
**Books:**  
*Everest The Cruel Way*  
*Savage Arena*

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## The Speakers



**Doug Scott:** Doug has made 45 expeditions to the high mountains of Asia. He has reached the summit of 40 peaks, of which half were climbed by new routes or for the first time in Alpine Style. Apart from his climb up the South West Face of Everest with Dougal Haston during Chris Bonington's Expedition of 1975, he has made all his climbs in lightweight or Alpine Style, without the use of artificial oxygen. He has reached the highest peaks on all seven continents - "the seven summits." He is a past President of the Alpine Club. He was made a CBE in 1994. In 1999 he received the Royal Geographical Society Patron's Gold Medal.



**Roger Hubank** started climbing in the era of moleskin breeches, jammed knots and long run-outs. Forced into semi-retirement by the usual mid-life pressures he took to literature, publishing his first novel, *North Wall*, in 1979. He went on to write *Hazard's Way*, which won the Boardman Tasker prize in 2001, the Grand Prix at the Banff Mountain Book Festival, and received a Special Recommendation from the Royal Society of Literature. Then followed *North*, a novel of exploration based on one of the most shameful episodes in American Arctic history, the tragic Lady Franklin Bay expedition of 1881. The book received a Special Jury Award at Banff in 2002. Two further novels followed, the last of which, *Evening Light*, appeared in 2009.



**Stephen Venables** has been climbing for over forty years. He has made many first ascents: in Peru, Bolivia, Chile, South Georgia and throughout the Himalaya, including a new route up the Kangshung Face of Everest in 1988, becoming the first Briton to reach the summit without supplementary oxygen. He has written twelve books, four of them shortlisted for the Boardman Tasker prize, with his first, *Painted Mountains*, winning in 1986. He is also one of only four Britons to be awarded the King Albert Medal. Recent trips include several ski-mountaineering expeditions to South Georgia and next year he will be visiting Antarctica. Despite his aversion to committees, he has been a vice-president of the BMC and President of the Alpine Club and South Georgia Association.



**Andy Cave:** Andy started his working life as a coalminer and during the miners' strike realized he had a talent for climbing. He has been a cutting edge activist across all climbing disciplines and is an IFMGA guide. 8b rock routes, E8 trad routes, grade VIII Scottish routes, taking clients up 8000 metre peaks, back country skiing – just loves being in wild places. Highlights include Divine Providence, Laila Peak, Changabang north face, Shishapangma, Fitzroy, Mt Kennedy, La Mascara Torres del Paine. Andy is Alpine Club vice-president. He was awarded a PhD from the University of Sheffield for his work in linguistics and anthropology. His books *Thin White Line* and *Learning to Breathe* have won five awards between them. (Joint winner of the BT). Andy is Sponsored by Lowe Alpine, Petzyl & Beal.



**Charles Clarke:** Charlie has been climbing since the late 1950s. He's a neurologist in London and an authority on altitude medicine. He led the first exploratory expeditions to Kishtwar in Kashmir in the 1960s and was on John Tyson's Kanjiroba Himal Expedition in 1969. He was doctor on the successful 1975 Everest SW Face Expedition led by Chris Bonington, on Kongur (Xinjiang) in 1981, and on the 1982 Everest Expedition and Menlungtse in 1988. In the 1990s, with Chris, he explored the Sepu Kangri region in eastern Tibet. He co-authored with Chris *Everest, The Unclimbed Ridge* (1983) and *Tibet's Secret Mountain* (1999). Charlie has been vice-president of the Alpine Club, London, President of the British Mountaineering Council and Chairman of the Mount Everest Foundation.



**Chris Bonington:** Chris began climbing in 1951. He made the first British ascent of the North Face of the Eiger in 1962 and led the Annapurna South Face Expedition in 1970 - the most difficult climb in the Himalaya at that time. He went on to lead the 1975 Everest Expedition that made the first ascent of the South-West Face and reached the summit himself in 1985. He has written 17 books, fronted many TV programmes and has lectured all over the world. He was knighted in 1996. Chris has been President of the Council of National Parks, President of the Alpine Club and of the British Mountaineering Council. He is a Non-Executive Chairman of Berghaus Plc and Chancellor of Lancaster University.