

Consulate General of the Republic of Poland invites for the meeting with an author **Clare Mulley** who will present her book „**The Spy Who Loved**”:

In June 1952, a woman was murdered by an obsessed colleague in a hotel in South Kensington. Her name was Christine Granville. That she died young was perhaps unsurprising, but that she had survived the Second World War was remarkable.

The daughter of a feckless Polish aristocrat and his wealthy Jewish wife, she would become one of Britain's most daring and highly decorated special agents. Having fled to Britain on the outbreak of war, she was recruited by the intelligence services long before the establishment of the SOE, and took on mission after mission. She skied into occupied Poland, served in Egypt and was later parachuted into occupied France. Her quick wit, courage and determination won her release from arrest more than once, and saved the lives of several fellow officers, including one of her many lovers just hours before he was due to be executed by the Gestapo. More importantly, perhaps, the intelligence she smuggled to the British hidden inside her gloves was a significant contribution to the Allied war effort and in recognition of her success she was awarded the George Medal, the OBE and the Croix de Guerre.

Charismatic, difficult and fearless, Christine was an extraordinary woman, and exercised a mesmeric power of those who knew her.



Clare Mulley is the award-winning author of two biographies and a contributor to *The Arvon Book of Life Writing*. She is a seasoned public speaker and occasionally writes for publications including *History Today*, *The Express* and *The Church Times*, perfect titles for a historically minded, left-wing atheist.

The meeting will be held on the 10th of December at 6pm in the Manchester University [Samuel Alexander Building](#), room A113.