

ALEX LEGER

Television Producer, Director and Cameraman

Over the last 60 years the BBC's world-famous and award-winning 'Blue Peter' programme has been entertaining and exciting children and adults alike. For 36 years Alex has been at the heart of the action as the show's most prolific film maker. His book, *Blue Peter: Behind the Badge* is a compelling, and sometimes scary, account of the hits, misses and near-death experiences of a life on the road.

He has survived sandstorms, landmines, erupting volcanoes, food poisoning, difficult presenters and flying bullets to make over 600 films across five continents. Although, he would say, not all turned out in the way he expected. From his first adventure encouraging John Noakes to climb Nelson's Column through to persuading Helen Skilton to wear a beard of bees, and from flying with the Red Arrows to bluffing cocaine paste smugglers in the high Andes; he can truly say there has never been a dull moment. It is unlikely that there is another tv producer alive today who can begin to match his experience. He is a great raconteur and his talks are lavishly illustrated with film and video clips and enriched with many behind the scenes anecdotes.

Devon born, Alex was educated at Exeter School before leaving to spend a year as a VSO volunteer in the Solomon Islands. On his return he studied industrial engineering and management sciences at Loughborough University. He then joined the army on a permanent regular commission before joining the BBC in 1973 as a junior management consultant. Three years later came an opportunity to work in Children's programmes and he joined *Blue Peter* where he stayed for the rest of his BBC career.

Alex started public speaking in 2012 and speaking engagements include national conferences, literary festivals, cruise ships and local groups.

2018 Feedback:

Thank you for your excellent talk on Wednesday - one of the best we have had! Heather Stratford Lympstone W.I.

Thank you so much for such an amusing and engaging talk last night. As Speaker secretary I was heaped with praise! Marcia Webster Newton Ferrers W.I.

It was a pleasure to have Alex Leger on board. Alex is a great speaker, very passionate about his subject and all his talks were very well attended and appreciated by our guests. Fred Olsen Cruise Director.

I would recommend Alex as a speaker. Jeremy Voizey, Rotary International.

