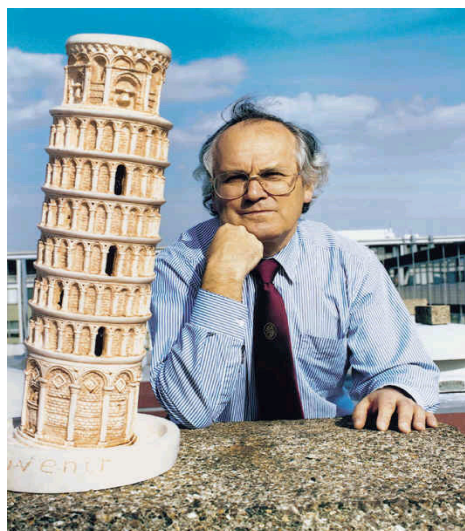


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A Tale of Two Towers - Pisa and Big Ben

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Abstract

The Leaning Tower of Pisa was on the point of collapse and the Big Ben clock tower was threatened by the Jubilee Line extension. Intimately involved with the stabilisation of these famous towers, Professor John Burland FRS tells the fascinating, dramatic story.

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(Cheese and wine after lecture – courtesy of **RPS Consulting Engineers**)

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