

**Friday 17th May**

**"Pitt the Younger and the Martello Towers" by Geoff Hutchinson**

Geoff has tremendous enthusiasm for local history, particularly for colourful characters which he often appears as them at talks.

**Friday 21st June**

**"Shepherds of the South Downs - their lives and times" by Ian Everest**

Ian comes from a background of generations of farm workers, his father having worked on a farm near Seaford. Initially he worked on farms before becoming a town clerk, author and historian.

This completes our programme for 2019/20. Our next programme will start on **Friday 18th September 2020.**

A new membership card will be issued with our June 2020 newsletter.

**COACH OUTINGS**

We have a regular programme of these, details of which are in our quarterly newsletter - these are to National Trust, English Heritage and other houses and gardens. We also go to Art Galleries to visit special exhibitions. Many of these outings are arranged jointly with the South Downs Society to ensure viability.

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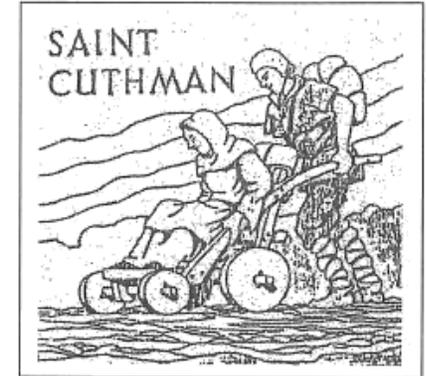
**VOLUNTEERING**

We are always looking for more helpers to keep the Society moving forward - please contact any of the above if you can assist in any way.

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**MEMBERSHIP CARD  
PROGRAMME  
2019-2020**

The Steyning Society was founded in 1963 and its prime purpose is to try and retain the essential character of Steyning, particularly within the designated conservation area. It makes appropriate representations against any detrimental plans that would adversely affect the features and buildings. We look to support any suitable proposals to maintain and improve the amenities of this attractive town. The Society has produced a substantial booklet of 40 pages about the Conservation Area. Updated in 2018, it contains many fine drawings and maps and walking routes around the Town.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

These are held in the main hall (Coombe court) of the Steyning Centre on the third Friday of the month.

Meetings start at 7:30pm, the only exception being the Christmas Supper held jointly with the Steyning Museum.

Here we meet from 7:00pm in the adjacent Saxon Room, before supper in the main hall at 7:45pm. A separate payment is required for this event.

## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2019/20

*(We do not meet in July or August)*

**Friday 20th September 2019**

**“Visitors’ Historic Britain: West Sussex” by Kevin Newman**

Kevin is a local historian, author and advises on theatre and TV production. He talks about his new book and how it came about .

**Friday 18th October**

**“An archaeological childhood in Sussex “ by Dr Janet Pennington”**

Janet is very well known in Steyning for her entertaining and informative talks as well as for her books and themed walks. She was archivist at Lancing College and Wiston House .This is a new talk about her childhood.

**Friday 15th November**

**“The Buildings of Kew Gardens”  
by Sarah Oldridge**

Sarah has been an Adult Education Officer at Kew for 27 years .As a lively speaker she returns to Steyning with a new talk.

**Friday 20th December**

Joint Christmas Supper with the Steyning Museum 7.00 for 7.45pm  
Three courses. A talk by Rick Goring  
“ The Wiston Estate”

**Friday 17th January 2020**

**“Brighton before the Pavilion – a different aspect of the city’s history”  
by Geoff Mead**

Geoff is a lecturer in Geography at Sussex University and is well known for various courses he has run in the County. He leads walks and has wonderful local knowledge which he imparts in entertaining fashion.

**Friday 21st February**

**“Chichester - Romans to Counterculture” by Hilly Sloan**

Hilly’s love of history, art and culture lead to her becoming a European Tour Guide. She is passionate about bringing the past alive, and loves using the context of major historical events to describe what happens on the local scale.

**Friday 20th March**

**“History in Comic Verse”  
by Geoff Hutchinson**

Geoff has entertained us in the past on Rudyard Kipling, Mad Jack Fuller and Pitt the Younger, He is an accomplished actor and speaker,

**Friday 17th April**

Short AGM followed by “ Oh I do like to be beside the seaside” A light- hearted look at seaside entertainment in Sussex  
by Ian Gledhill

Ian is an actor and a connoisseur of art and music. Every year he surprises us with his knowledge, humour and illustrations

**Friday 15th May**

**“Sussex during World War 1”  
by Ian Everest**

Ian’s heritage belongs to Sussex. Descended from generations of farm workers, his father worked on a farm near Seaford. Initially he worked on farms before becoming a town clerk , manager of Newhaven Fort, an author and an historian.

**Friday 19th June**

**“The Heritage of the Brighton Aquarium” by Jackie Marsh–Hobbs”**

Jackie is a well known Brighton Guide and authority on the Town. She has researched many sites in Brighton and has a happy knack of being entertaining with her knowledge. Jackie is a colourful local character and so we always have to book her up early!