

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES.**

### **GRANTS**

The Steyning Society offer grants to local organizations which provide amenities for our community or which help to preserve the fabric of our town. Our grants are up to £500. Occasionally the Committee will consider applications for grants larger than this amount. Any organisation wishing to apply for one of our grants will find all the details on our website.

### **STEYNING FOR TREES**

The Steyning Society is proud to support Steyning For Trees (SFT) a new community group formed to help fight climate change by promoting the planting of more trees. Trees are also vital for the beauty of our town and landscape, and for our mental wellbeing. For more information please go to our website: <https://steyningsociety.org.uk/steyning-for-trees/>

### **LOCAL HERITAGE LIST**

The Steyning Society are putting together a Local Heritage List. These are buildings and structures which are not nationally recognised but are integral to the character and history of the town. The team undertaking this work in association with the Museum, the District and Parish Council comprises - Nick Bennett, Catherine Mant, Jane Oxley, Alice Standen and Tony Struthers with advice from Chris Tod.

**COACH OUTINGS.** We have a regular programme of these. They are to National Trust properties, gardens and other places of interest and are advertised on our website, in our newsletters and at our meetings.

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# **THE STEYNING SOCIETY**

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## **PROGRAMME**

**2021 - 2022**

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.

All talks are free to members.

**IF COVID RESTRICTIONS ARE IN PLACE THE SAME TALKS WILL BE ON A YOUTUBE LINK SHOWN ON OUR WEBSITE FOR A MONTH STARTING ON THE DATES BELOW**

### PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

2021 -2022

{we do not meet in July and August}

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**Sussex Inn Signs and their history**

**By Dr Janet Pennington**

Janet is very well known in Steyning for her entertaining and informative talks as well as her books and themed walks. Janet was archivist at Lancing College and is a Wiston Estate historian.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**Safe Havens by the Sea**

**By Chris Hare**

Chris is a distinguished historian of Sussex who tells the fascinating story of a philanthropic project in Lancing. He has many written books on Worthing and our local area and has led many guided walks.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

**Thomas Ellis. Shipbuilder of Steyni and Shoreham**

**By Brian Lavery**

Brian is a former Curator of the Chatham Historic Dockyard and of the Royal Maritime Museum. He has written over forty books mainly on maritime history and was an adviser on the film Master and Commander. He and his wife Sarah moved to Steyning in 2018.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Joint Christmas Supper with Steyning Museum  
7.00 pm**

There is a short reception at 7pm before a sit down supper at 7.45 with a short talk between courses.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

**A history of the Goodwood Motor Racing Circuit By Hilly Sloan.**

Hilly is a professional tour guide and history graduate. She is an authority on the Goodwood Estate and Chichester. She is a keen walker and a very lively speaker.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**West End Story. The 153 year saga of The completion of Lancing College Chapel**

**By Jeremy Tomlinson**

Jeremy is Steward of Lancing College Chapel and has been the Secretary of the Friends of Lancing Chapel for over 40 years. During that time he has been English Teacher, Housemaster, Head of Drama and Registrar. He has contributed to the Steyning Festival with literary talks and as a producer of plays. He lives in Steyning.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**Source to the Sea: The River Adur**

**By Geoff Mead**

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

**Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Short AGM followed by**

**The Story of Palmeira Mansions in Hove**

**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!

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**Steyning for Trees first Annual Talk**

**Wildlife Corridors**

**By Sir Charles Burrell of Knepp Castle Estate**

Knepp Wildland has received major awards for Nature and for a special contribution to the rural environment within the EU

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

**Smock Alley and Me.**

**By Sarah Lavery**

Sarah Lavery will describe her journey from working on London's Tidal defences to running a small community vineyard in West Sussex. One of the surprises along the way was how many of Sarah's civil engineering and flood risk management skills were transferable to the new enterprise.

**STEYNING HERITAGE OPEN DAYS SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup>**

**Programme details will be advertised in June**

