

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### GRANTS

The Steyning Society offers grants to local organisations 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.

### LOCAL HERITAGE LIST

The Steyning Society has put 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 Councils comprises - Tony Struthers, Nick Bennett, Catherine Mant, Jane Oxley and Alice Standen, 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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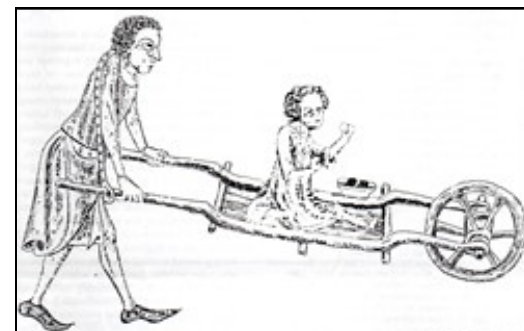
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# THE STEYNING SOCIETY

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## PROGRAMME 2023 - 2024

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 2021, it contains many fine drawings, maps and walking routes around the Town.

## **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

These are held in the main hall of the Steyning Centre at 7pm with wine for a talk 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.

## **PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2023 - 2024**

(we do not meet in July and August)

### **Friday September 15th**

#### **On the Range with the Rifle Volunteers by Justin Russell**

Justin works for Historic Buildings Archaeology and Conservation Ltd and has a particular interest in military archaeology. On Sunday September 17th, Justin will be giving a talk at the Targets with a selection of artefacts.

### **Friday October 20th**

#### **The Real St. Cuthman by Sarah Leigh**

Sarah spent 10 years researching the history of Steyning Parish Church, then writing its current guide. She is now Secretary and Publications Officer for the charity, Friends of Steyning Parish Church, with many members who, like her, are not Church members.

### **Friday November 17th Royal Yachts under sail by Brian Lavery**

Brian is the former Curator of The Chatham Historic Dockyard and of the Royal Maritime museum. He has written over 40 books mainly on maritime history and advised on the film Master and Commander.

### **Friday December 15th**

#### **Joint Christmas Supper with Steyning Museum 7.00pm for 7.45pm.**

There is a short reception at 7pm before a sit down supper at 7.45pm with entertainment.

### **Friday January 19th**

#### **Daniel Defoe by Geoff Mead**

Geoff Mead 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.

### **Friday February 16th**

#### **Clock Towers of Sussex by Kevin Newman**

Kevin has published several books, such as Pond Puddings and Sussex Smokies, and his next book, A-Z of Worthing, will be published in 2024.

### **Friday March 15th**

#### **The Commonwealth War Graves Commission by Ian Everest**

During 1985, Ian started researching his family history and this on-going activity has led to these local history talks. He attended Plumpton Agricultural College in the late 1960's, but had a change of direction in 1987 when he became manager of Newhaven Fort.

### **Friday April 19th**

#### **Annual General Meeting and Presentation evening** Talk to be arranged

### **Friday May 17th**

#### **The history of Parham House by Lesley Chamberlain**

### **Friday June 21st**

#### **Pulborough Brooks by John Oliver**

John is the Volunteer Manager at Pulborough Brooks. He will tell us about the history of the Brooks and give us an overview of their management.

## **STEYNING HERITAGE OPEN DAYS SEPTEMBER 14th - 15th**

Programme details will be advertised in June