OTHER ACTIVITIES

GRANTS

We make 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 organistion wishing to apply for one of our grants will find all the details on our website.

QUIZ EVENING

We are holding a Quiz Evening at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 12th July 2024 at The Steyning Centre for some fun and to help raise funds for our grants. Our Quizmaster will be Canon Nigel Hartley. Further details will be announced.

OUTINGS

We organise one or two outings during the year to places of interest which are advertised on our website, in our newsletters and at our meetings.

STEYNING BOWL AWARD

We present the Steyning Bowl Awards at our AGM to recognise and thank publicly those who have made a significant contribution to Steyning and its neighbourhood. The winner is presented with a certificate and a wooden bowl which they hold for a year. Certificates of appreciation are presented to the runners up.

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PROGRAMME 2024 - 2025

The Steyning Society was founded in 1963. 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 booklet about the Conservation Area which contains many fine drawings and maps and walking routes around the Town. It also produced the Local Heritage List which was adopted by Horsham District Council in 2023 and is now available as an illustrated booklet. Copies of both booklets can be purchased at Society meetings and are available at the Museum and Steyning Bookshop.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held from September to June in the main hall of the Steyning Centre at 7.30pm and liquid refreshments are served at 7pm. All talks are free to members. Guests are welcome, subject to an entrance charge of £5 each. There is no talk in December, when we hold our Christmas Supper 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 2024 -2025

Friday, 20th September
Tom Willis
Shoreham Port - Present and Future

Tom Willis was appointed Chief Executive at Shoreham Port in November 2019. Alongside his maritime work he brings extensive leadership experience in logistics gained at Royal Mail and aviation at Heathrow. He is Chair of the Board at Sutton Decentralised Energy Network, an innovative sustainable energy concern.

Friday 18th October
Tony Struthers OBE
Derelict Docklands to Salford Quays - 40 years of successful regeneration.

Tony Struthers, our Secretary, was Deputy Chief Executive, Salford City Council and is a Past President of the Royal Town Planning Institute. He will describe how the docks have been transformed through innovative planning and major projects such as the Lowry Arts Centre and Media City to become a focus for new jobs, housing, water sports and entertainment.

Friday, 15th November
Katy Bourne
The Role of the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Katy Bourne was first elected Police Commissioner for Sussex in 2012. She will talk about her experiences in the role during which she supported various initiatives to tackle hate crime and domestic violence and to improve liaison with young people, as well as finding extra funding during government cuts.

Friday, 20th December
Christmas Supper

Friday, 17th January
Geoff Mead
Bungalow Town, Hollywood in West Sussex

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. He will talk about the very early days of the film industry in Sussex.

Friday, 21st February
Marcus Rayner
Winemaking at Wiston

Marcus Rayner studied at Plumpton College and took over as Head Winemaker at Wiston in September 2022 after working with Dermot Sugrue as Assistant Winemaker since 2018. He visited Champagne, working with Dermot's former mentor, Jean Manuel Jacquinot.

Friday, 21st March
Rick Goring
The Steyning Downland Scheme

Rick Goring is Chair of the 6000-acre Wiston estate, which has been in his family since 1743. He will talk on the scheme which is aimed at bringing people, nature and rural enterprise together on the Downs.

Friday, 18th April
SHORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
STEYNING BOWL AWARDS
TALK
(*Details to be announced*)

Friday, 16th May
Don Harry
Adventures of a Dentist in Africa

Local resident Don Harry went to Zambia in 1968 shortly after qualifying as a dentist, but found himself doing a great variety of non-dental surgical operations. His experiences included having a curse put on him by a witch doctor, deciding the age of a suspected murderer and nearly dying with hepatitis.

Friday, 20th June
David Cordingly
Art of the Sussex Coast, from Turner and Constable to Paul Nash and Eric Ravilious

David Cordingly started his career in the Brighton Art Gallery and Museum, then spent twelve years at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, where he organised exhibitions including *Pirates: Fact and Fiction.* Since then he has written books on pirates and other subjects and acted as consultant on the *Pirates of the Caribbean* series.