

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 organization 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 is 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 Councils 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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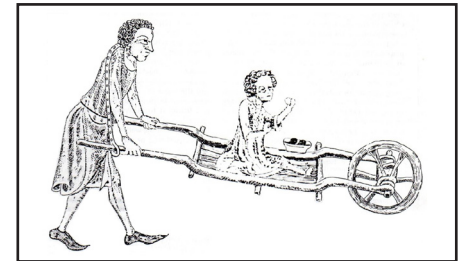
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PROGRAMME

2022 - 2023

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 and 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.

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 2022 -2023

{we do not meet in July and August}

Friday 16th September Shops and Shopping The Small shop through the ages 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. She was archivist at Lancing College and historian of the Wiston Estate .

Friday 21st October A Sussex Naval Battle Beachy Head 1690 By Brian Lavery

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

Friday 18th November Art and Illusion The story of stage scenery from Sophocles to Spiderman By Ian Gledhill

Ian is a stage designer and actor and is a most entertaining speaker He has performed with Julian Clary in pantomime and is a regular presenter at our Talks

Friday 16th December Joint Christmas Supper with Steyning Museum 7.00 pm for 7.45 pm

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

Friday 20th January 2023 The Life story of a Winemaker By Dermot Sugrue

Dermot is a national figure in the winemaking Industry and is the winemaker for the Wiston Estate. He has won many awards and has been described as the best winemaker of sparkling wines in the UK.

Friday 17th February From Blue to Gold A Life in the Royal Navy By Julia Simpson

Julia is an adventurous traveller and an experienced meteorologist. She gave us a wonderful talk on the Silk Road in 2019 and is a former Director of the Sussex Wildlife Trust.

Friday 17th March Worthing in the Bad Old Days -Riot, Beer and the Word of God By Chris Hare

Chris is a well known Sussex historian. He describes the extraordinary circumstances that lead to riots on the streets of Worthing.

Wednesday April 21st Short AGM followed by Literary Landscapes 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 entertaining fashion.

Friday 19th May William Holbein By Hilly Sloan

The father of British Art
Hilly is a professional tour guide and historian
.She is a keen walker and lively speaker

Friday 16th June A passion for Piers 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!

STEYNING HERITAGE OPEN DAYS SEPTEMBER 15th-17th

Programme details will be advertised in June