

## PROGRAMME 2015

- Friday  
February 20<sup>th</sup> **OPEN FORUM**  
District / Neighbourhood Plans and other issues facing East Grinstead, with a talk by Alan Tyler, Director and former Chairman of East Grinstead War Memorial Ltd.
- Friday  
March 20<sup>th</sup> **THE TOWN PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD WAR II**  
by MICHAEL LEPPARD, our past President and long-term enthusiastic Bulletin editor, who will include results of his research of local records.
- Friday  
April 17<sup>th</sup> **HIDDEN COUNTRY HOUSES IN SUSSEX**  
by GORDON GOULD, of Ashdown Ramblers Association, with a visual presentation of photographs taken whilst walking in Sussex.
- Monday 10am-  
May 4<sup>th</sup> 4pm **MAY FAIR: SOCIETY STALL IN HIGH STREET**  
A chance to buy second-hand books, home-made jams, cakes and the Society's publications.
- Friday  
May 15<sup>th</sup> **QUAKERS IN SUSSEX**  
by GILLIAN PITT, Chair of Crawley Museum Society, who has special interest in Quakers.
- Sunday  
June 7<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm **19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY EAST GRINSTEAD; UPDATED TOWN TRAIL 2**  
A guided walk starting from the High Street Bookshop, led by CHRIS WHEATLEY
- Friday  
June 19<sup>th</sup> **CHAINSAW SCULPTURES**  
by DAVID WATSON, of Woodland Products, a woodturner and member of West Sussex Woodturners based at Woodland Studio, near West Hoathly.
- Friday  
July 17<sup>th</sup> **LOST VILLAGES OF SUSSEX**  
by PETER HARRIS of Steyning and formerly active in the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies of which we are a member.
- Sunday 2.30pm-  
Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm **NATIONAL HERITAGE OPEN DAYS (HODs), A GUIDED TOWN WALK**  
Starting in St Swithun's Church, led by CHRIS WHEATLEY, for more info. see HODs or Society websites or local library.
- Friday  
September 18<sup>th</sup> **BEING A GENTLEMAN IN 16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY WEST SUSSEX**  
by CAROLINE ADAMS previously of the County Records Office and now freelancing.
- Saturday 9am  
Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> **LONDON OPEN HOUSE: SMALL GROUP OUTING BY TRAIN**  
Meet at East Grinstead Railway Station for a day excursion to see some notable buildings. (For further information, please call 01342 321525.)
- Friday  
October 16<sup>th</sup> **48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Followed by a talk
- Friday  
November 20<sup>th</sup> **THE WORK OF THE RNLI**  
by DAVID COGGAN. Including how it has been involved in rescue missions on the Sussex coast.
- Friday  
December 4<sup>th</sup> **BELGIANS IN SUSSEX**  
by SALLY WHITE, curator of the Worthing Museum and Art Gallery.

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(Illustration: Sketch of Sir Archibald McIndoe and Patient from statue in East Grinstead, by CJV Wheatley © 2014)

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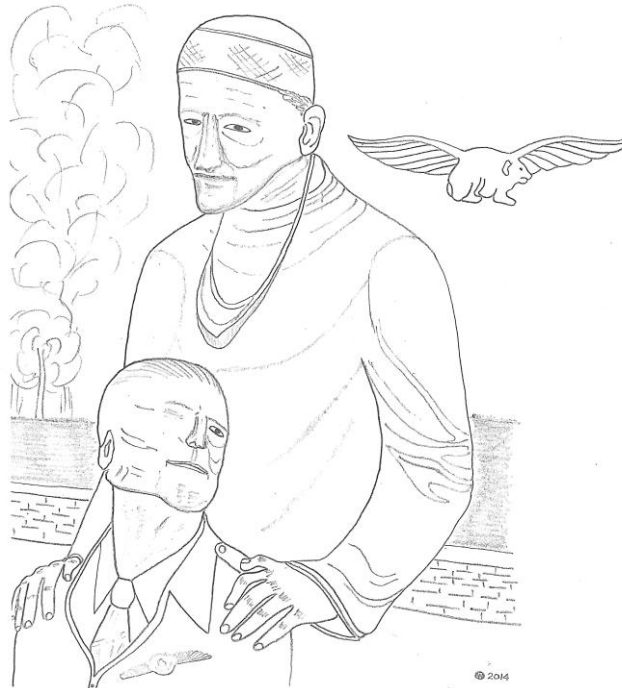
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The East Grinstead Society is an independent association, which exists to maintain and enhance the town's distinctive character, by monitoring future planning applications against buildings and amenities in the town and surroundings. Evening meetings are held during the year, with guided walks reflecting the town's heritage, participation in cultural events and recognition of notable members and residents.

## THE EAST GRINSTEAD SOCIETY 2015



### Sir Archibald McIndoe, C.B.E., F.R.C.S. 1900 - 1960

On June 9, 2014, H.R.H. Anne, The Princess Royal, unveiled a striking bronze statue on Sackville College Green to the pioneering New Zealand plastic surgeon who founded a Centre for Plastic and Jaw Surgery at the Queen Victoria Hospital in 1940. He treated badly burned faces and hands during World War II and promoted the importance of re-integrating those injured back into normal life, with help from Neville and Elaine Blond and support of local residents. This resulted in East Grinstead being known as “the town that did not stare”.

Sir Archibald called his patients Guinea Pigs and by 1944 the Guinea Pig Club, with its distinctive emblem, shown above, had 649 members. After the war he returned to private practice. His ashes were buried in St Clement Danes, the RAF Church, in London. The statue is by Martin Jennings whose father, Michael, was treated by Sir Archibald after being badly burnt when his tank was hit in 1944. The statue cost £175000, which is not yet fully subscribed, so further donations are being sought by the Blond-McIndoe Research Foundation: [www.blondmcindoe.org](http://www.blondmcindoe.org).