

### PROGRAMME 2023

- January No meeting
- Wednesday 15 February **EARLY YEARS IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE** by **Michael Hodge**.  
After his talk last year on growing up in Stone Quarry, Michael returns to tell us of his progress into the Diplomatic Service.
- Wednesday 15 March **WAKEHURST, THE LODER VALLEY** by **Paul Reader**  
Paul will talk about the Loder Valley – a 150-acre nature reserve at Wakehurst.
- Wednesday 19 April **SCANDAL, SALVATION AND SUFFRAGE** by **Ros Black**. Ros also includes the growth of the women’s temperance movement in her talk.
- Monday 1 May** **MAY FAIR:** Society Stall in the High Street. **10am – 4pm**. An opportunity to find out who we are and what we do, plus a tombola with fantastic prizes and chance to purchase home-made preserves.!
- Wednesday 10 May **ASPIDISTRAS AND ANTIMACASSARS** by **Kathryn Ferry** – Middle class taste and the Victorian home.
- Wednesday 14 June **SUMMER DRINKS AND OPEN FORUM** Discussion on Planning, Development and Heritage
- Wednesday 12 July **SUSSEX HARMONY – Concert of Sussex Music**  
A first for us – a concert but focussed on Sussex. Sussex Harmony is a choir based in Lewes founded 30 years ago and promising a vibrant evening.
- August No meeting
- Wednesday 13 September **ART DECO** by **Ian Gledhill**. After his talk last year on Art Nouveau, Ian takes into the world of Art Deco.
- Wednesday 18 October **ASHDOWN FOREST** by Martin Berry.  
Martin is from the Ashdown Forest Research Group and will be focussing on the fascinating history of the Forest
- Wednesday 15 November **56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**. An assessment of the year and election of your new Committee. Followed by a short talk about Sackville College
- Wednesday 13 December **CHRISTMAS FESTIVE HISTORY** by **Andy Thomas** followed by Christmas drinks  
A well-known speaker with many TV appearances, Andy will provide an ideal introduction to Christmas.