

EAST GRINTEAD SOCIETY: 2024 SPEAKER PROGRAMME

January	NO MEETING
February 7	Ros Black: Scandal, Salvation and Suffrage
March 13	Roy Watts: Bluebell Railway Roy Watts MBE is a Vice President of the Bluebell Railway Preservation Society. He will outline the fascinating story of the restoration of the Bluebell Railway.
April 17	Ian Everest: Sussex During the First World War Using period photographs, Ian looks at aspects of daily life in Sussex: a county within the sounds of the guns on the Western Front! This was a time when Sussex was a warfare supply depot and a reception centre for the wounded.
May 15	Robert Pike: Nutley Windmill Robert will tell us the story of Nutley Windmill, standing Ashdown Forest and last Open Trestle Post Mill in Sussex and one of only 5 left in the country. She is the best-preserved windmill in Sussex and the only one that is operational. It is a fine example of the oldest design of windmill known in this country since the 12th century, built in the time of King Henry VIII in the 16th century and restored to full working order in 1970's.
June 12	Kathryn Ferry: Arts and Crafts Design around East Grinstead Another talk from our popular local historian and author focussing on aspects of the Town's architecture.
July 17	Summer Drinks/Open Forum
August	NO MEETING
September 18	Andy Thomas: Lewes and Bonfire Night Illustrated with his own spectacular photographs, Andy looks at the enthralling rituals and events around the famous Lewes Bonfire festival.

October 16	<p>Linda Grace: Helena Hall Diarist: Sussex in the 1940's.</p> <p>Linda has edited the diary of a local Sussex resident Helena Hall. It's one of the most vivid, detailed and evocative personal records of the 1940' as experienced by people living in a Sussex village. The diary describes everyday activities alongside momentous national and international events.</p>
November 13	AGM – speaker tba
December 18	<p>Jenny Watson: Sustainable Gardening and Climate Change /Christmas Drinks</p> <p>Jenny is the Head Gardner at East Court and will describe her work there and provide tips on how we can garden better in today's challenging climate conditions.</p>