

ARUN WEST APRIL MONTHLY TALK
by TONY GILKS, TIMESPAN HISTORICAL PRESENTATIONS
Assisted by his wife – LIZZIE GILKS.
Entitled – A POLICEMAN'S LOT

School easter break and Covid sadly affected our turn out for the above talk at Yapton Hall on the 13th April, 2022. However, our Speaker, Tony Gilks, was unperturbed and regaled us with many stories and exploits of his 30 odd years in the West Sussex Police Force, which he joined in 1961 when he moved to Worthing, stationed also in Littlehampton and Arundel.

He became Schools Liaison Officer for Sussex Police from 1977 – 1985 and upon retirement joined the 'Guiding Staff' at Arundel Castle until July 2002.



We were presented with a display of artefacts and weapons of policing during the 19th - 20th centuries. Heard stories relating to the lives of prisoners and the arrests he made during this period. About punishments metered out in the earlier years. We were shown truncheons, cat of nine tails, whistles (no mobile phones in those days). No guns or tasers, just our Bobby on the Beat.

It was an amusing and entertaining afternoon, enjoyed by our members.

