

ARUN WEST



January 2024 to December 2024

1.45 pm Yapton and Ford Village Hall Main Road, Yapton BN18 0ET

Wednesday 10 January 2024 – Light and Dark: A life in Crime – Colin Turner LL.B (HONS).

Having been Clerk of the Court/Prosecutor & Defence Advocate/Examiner in criminal law for the Law Society and advisor to the BBC on a crime series, Colin has a wealth of stories covering humour, sadness, bad behaviour and the rest.

Wednesday 14 February 2024 - Where do Novelists get their ideas from? – Bobbie Darbyshire

From initial spark to realisation on the page, She explains how the complex world of character, location, plot and subplot arrives in a writer's mind. She won the 2008 fiction prize at the National Academy of Writing and the New Delta Review Creative Nonfiction Prize 2010.

Wednesday 13 March 2024– Emergency Biker Volunteers – Captain Anthony Devanney. Captain Anthony is a retired Ship's Captain who since retiring, has been a volunteer with the "Blood Runners" for the last 15 years. Blood Runners of Sussex provide free transport to NHS Trusts in Sussex.

Wednesday 10 April 2024– Knepp Castle Rewilding Project – Matthew Phelps. A trailblazing 350 acres rewilding project that has changed the way we think about nature and heal our planet. A moment of epiphany came in 2001 when Knepp received Countryside Stewardship Funding to restore the Repton Park in the middle of the Estate. The Park restoration provided a chance to look at the land in a completely different way.

Wednesday 15 May 2024 – Odette – Louise Higham. Odette was the most highly decorated spy of the Second World War and was also awarded the George Cross. Her story will be told by her granddaughter.

Wednesday 12 June 2024 - Solo walk across Africa – Fran Sandham. Fran is the author of the non-fiction book Traversa: A Solo Walk Across Africa which was serialized in the Sunday Times. He walked from Namibia's Skeleton Coast to the Indian Ocean near Zanzibar – a 3000-mile trek taking nearly a year.

Wednesday 10 July 2024– No Monthly Talk Wednesday 14 August 2024– No Monthly talk.

Wednesday 11 September 2024–. The Work of a Coroner – Joanne Andrews. Joanne is the Area Coroner for West Sussex, Brighton, and Hove. She will talk about her work. Who? When? Where? How? These are the questions every coroner asks themselves in every case they deal with. They must establish who died; when they died; where they died; and how they died.

Wednesday 9 October 2024 – Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies – Martin Lloyd. Thrill to stories of how three passports have played their influential role in the course of history: an attempted assassination which altered the regulations for issuing passports: the capture of a spy which caused a worldwide modification to the design of the document and for one person the passport itself which turned into a killer.

Wednesday 13 November 2024 – Sussex Harpist – Fiona Hosford. Fiona is a professional harpist who having played the harp since the age of six has gained extensive experience throughout the UK and abroad. Her varied repertoire has delighted a wide range of clients with her music and her statuesque Harp has added an air of refinement and relaxation.

Wednesday 11 December 2024 – Christmas Event.