

# Monthly Meetings

## NEW SPEAKERS SECRETARY REQUIRED

Sadly, Richard has had to resign from the committee as a vice Chair and Speakers Secretary, for personal reasons. This means we urgently need a new Speakers Secretary to take over very soon who can start work on our programme for 2025. The job is not as difficult as many might think. Most speakers can be found on SpeakerNet and other websites or from a register kept by the u3a. Also, many speakers have several interesting talks and so can be invited back.

*If interested, please speak to or text Richard on 07527 057859 or speak with any committee member. Meanwhile, thank you Richard for booking some really interesting talks.*



### January 2nd

A welcome return by *Michael Smith*, this time about *Sir Ernest Shackleton* entitled "*The Man and The Myths*". Shackleton, who lived in Eastbourne, became a legend on four epic voyages of discovery to the Antarctic a century ago, including the famous Endurance expedition.

### February 6th

*"Buying and Renovating a Ruin in Rural France"*. *Rukshana Master* tells a hilarious story of a young family who decided to take on a holiday project which almost took over their lives. Learning to deal with French bureaucracy, Aveyronnais food and the umpteen faux-pas with the language – and making wonderful French friends. Illustrated.



### March 5th

*"The Wildlife of Sussex"*. *Michael Blencowe* takes us on a guided tour from the rockpools through the woodlands and up onto the South Downs and we'll meet some amazing wildlife along the way.

### April 2nd

AGM followed by "*Geoffrey Chaucer and The Canterbury Tales*", an illustrated talk by local historian *James Dickinson*, concentrates on the so-called marriage tales. Most famously that of the Wife of Bath but also the Merchant's Tale, The Nun's Priest's Tale and the Franklin's Tale.

