## **Mid Sussex Branch Spring 2023**

Meetings: Franklands Village Hall

Haywards Heath RH16 3RS.

10am for a 10.30am start

Visitors & guests are always welcome

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Membership is open to those from the NHS, social care and voluntary sectors Please see www.nhsrf.org.uk

### PROGRAMME 2023

## January 10th

When was it Best to be III

## February 7th

The Tidal Thames

## March 7th

Misadventures in Movie Locations (Europe & Asia)

## April 4th

Tom Crean, Unsung Hero of Antarctic Exploration

## May 2<sup>nd</sup>

AGM and Crafting Communities

### June 6th

What you can and can't Recycle

## July 4th

Journey to the Wreck of The Titanic

## August 1st

**Mercy Ships** 

## September 5<sup>th</sup>

Drug Smuggling – the secret history

## October 3<sup>rd</sup>

For Valour – The Victoria Cross Story

### November 7th

Wey and Arun Canal

## **December date TBA**

Christmas Meal



Rob Goldsmith will give a presentation about his Journey to the Wreck of The Titanic. More images from the wreck can be found at http://robgoldsmith.co.uk/titanic.html



TOESTINED TO BECOME A CLASSIC!\*

WILLIAM HOLDEN
ALEC GUINNESS
JACK HAWKINS

"THE BRIDGE
ON THE
RIVER KWAI"

"STANLAGES"

AND WILLIAM HOLDEN
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"THE BRIDGE
ON THE
RIVER KWAI"

Karl Bird will tell us more about this and other classic films in March

In April, Sussex author, Michael Smith will talk about the life of Tom Crean. Tom ran away from home at 15, he served on three expeditions to the Antarctic, spent longer on the ice than either Scott or Shackleton and outlived both men.



## **Trips 2023 – Preliminary Programme**

# Standen 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023

The visit will include a talk about the Beale family.



The painting was presented to Mrs Margaret Beale (wife of James Beale) and is believed to have been an expression of thanks after a stay at Standen. The photo is of Maggie, the Beales' daughter.

Cost: £5 per person +
National Trust admission



Standen, West Sussex by Arthur Melville Loanhead of Guthrie, Forfarshire 1858 ¿ Witley, Surrey 1904)



#### Sheffield Park October 2023

A chance to hear more about this popular local attraction and enjoy the beautiful autumn colours.

National Trust admission fee will apply

All photos courtesy of The National Trust. https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk

**Saddlescombe Farm, near Poynings**. A guided tour of the farm. The ground can be uneven so this one is for those who are good on their feet and strong footwear is essential.

Withypitts Dahlias – we will be looking into a summer visit to this local attraction at Turners Hill.

## 2024

January 9<sup>th</sup> So Far, So Good

February 6th

National Coastwatch

March 5<sup>th</sup> Furnihelp

**April 2**<sup>nd</sup>
Ghosts of Great Britain

In January we welcome
Malcolm Wells MBE. His talk will
include topics of army life
(the Gulf War), behind the scenes
at a Buckingham Palace Investiture
and how to teach a dog to use a
washing machine!



In the Spring we will hear about the excellent work of Coastwatch & Furnihelp and April Lewis will tell us about the history of hauntings and explore the UK for the most haunted areas.

More information about the benefits of NHSRF membership such as travel insurance, shopping discounts and membership of the Civil Service Club in London can be found at <a href="https://www.nhsrf.org.uk">www.nhsrf.org.uk</a>