

Probus Club of the Sussex Weald Talks Programme

2025	Date	Note	Subject	Speaker
	Tue 2 Dec		The Home Guard - what really happened	Steve Bird
	Tue 7 Oct		The Iranian Embassy Siege 1980 - the legal aftermath	Charles Garraway
	Tue 2 Sep		English Coins and Tokens	David Rudling
	Tue 5 Aug		Witches, Warlocks and Wellingtons	Dr Janet Pennington
	Tue 1 Jul		The Channel Tunnel	Bob Hart
	Tue 13 May		The Rise of Modern Day Turkey - a perspective from a Foreign Office official who lived and worked there.	Hugh Thomas
	Tue 1 Apr		Canine Partners - Transforming lives by partnering disabled people with amazing assistance dogs.	Bonnie Tse
	Tue 4 Mar		Sextant to Sat Nav - Stories about flying before cockpits became so automated up to the present day.	Peter Griffiths
	Tue 4 Feb		Climate Change How to keep up with the grandchildren.	Bill Avenel
	Tue 7 Jan		Whitbread Round The World Yacht Race My experiences as a crew member on the Great Britain II yacht.	Ian Worley
2024	Date	Note	Subject	Speaker
	Tue 3 Dec		Henry VIII - England's Favourite King A historical talk with a hysterical twist	Tony Harris
	Tue 5 Nov		A Taste of Honey What is honey and what makes a good honey? Prepare to have your taste buds tickled!	Peter Smith
	Tue 1 Oct		The Ambulance Service and You My role as a vounteer with the local NHS Ambulance Trust	Andrew Latham
	Tue 3 Sep		The Morse Code - deciphering Britain's favorite detective Explores Morse from his first appearance in literature to his investigations on screen	Pete Allen
	Tue 6 Aug		My Role as a Royal Protection Officer Some insider information on his role	Richard Griffin
	Tue 2 Jul		English Eccentricity and Customs A look at some odd customs. Are there are any present-day eccentrics?	Bill McNaught
	Tue 7 May		The Pursuit and Sinking of Bismark One of the enduring stories of WW2 which continues to fascinate	David Bickerton
	Tue 2 Apr		My life as an Auctioneer Some anecdotes from the auction room	Simon Langton
	Tue 5 Mar		The Crop Circle Mystery Exploring their extraordinary phenomenon, history and intriguing	Andy Thomas
	Tue 6 Feb		Post Office Horizon Trials An explanation from the perspective of a retired barrister	Peter Blood
	Tue 2 Jan		Why do I always feel so guilty? Some interesting observations from his time as a Customs Officer	Malcolm Nelson
2023	Date	Note	Subject	Speaker
	Tue 5 Dec		History of Christmas Celebration Mid-winter celebrations from the dawn of time to the present day	Helen Naylor
	Tue 7 Nov		The Victoria Cross - for Valour Some actions leading to the award offering an insight into courage	Barrie Friend
	Tue 3 Oct		An Antarctic Odyssey	Duncan Lavin
	Tue 5 Sep		The Work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission The history and work of the CWGC, war graves in our area and about the CWG Foundation	Ian Kirby
	Tue 1 Aug		What's in a view? Some iconic views of West Sussex and an exploration of their geographical origins	Bill Avenel
	Tue 4 Jul		The Americas - Fight for Independence	Mike Curtis
	Tue 2 May		Watching the Detectives: A History of British TV Crime Fighters	Pete Allen
	Tue 4 Apr		(Almost) Death in Paradise: Pirates and Rum	Neil Sadler
	Tue 7 Mar		Pictures at an Exhibition	Steve Peel
	Tue 7 Feb		The Franco British Exhibition of 1908 (History of the White City) (2)	Brian Aldred
	Tue 3 Jan		Shale Gas and Fracking	Trevor Noble
2022	Date	Note	Subject	Speaker
	Tue 6 Dec		Scams and Cybercrime	Norman Hards & Brian Aldred
	Tue 1 Nov		More Secrets of a Crossword Setter	Tim Moorey
	Tue 4 Oct		You've never had it so good - a nostalgic look at the 1950s	Paul Robbins
	Tue 6 Sep		The Franco British Exhibition of 1908 (History of the White City) (1)	Brian Aldred
	Tue 2 Aug		The History of Westland Aircraft	Bill McNaught
	Tue 5 Jul		Steaming Ahead (heritage railways)	Paul Whittle
	Tue 3 May		Flygirl Adventures	Anita Mays
	Tue 5 Apr		Come Fly With Me (an odd thing happened at the airport)	Neil Sadler
	Tue 1 Mar		Uver fins wot I 'ave dun	Ann Chance
	Tue 1 Feb		London's Lost Route to the Sea (the Wey & Arun canal)	Simon Knapman
	Tue 4 Jan		Stirling Moss, Rally Driver	Vic Quayle
2021	Date	Note	Subject	Speaker
	Tue 7 Dec		Somebody like you (part 2)	Alan Jones
	Tue 2 Nov		Travel in the Past. The problems and the pleasures of the journey	Dr Janet Pennington
	Tue 5 Oct		The British invented all sports. Give us back our balls!	Doug Eaton
	Tue 14 Sep		Magnus Volk	Bill McNaught
	Tue 3 Aug		Somebody like you (part 1)	Alan Jones
	Tue 6 Jul		The 60s. A decade of change	Paul Robbins
	Tue 15 Jun		Come Fly With Me	John Hope
	Tue 18 May		Sussex Inn Signs and their history	Dr Janet Pennington
	Tue 4 May		Time through the ages	John Hope
	Tue 20 Apr		The AFPU on D-Day.	Nigel Smales
	Tue 6 Apr		It's not what you say. Body language	Alan Jones
	Tue 23 Mar		Historic Railway Accidents	Clive Kessel
	Tue 2 Mar		Great British Eccentrics	Paul Robbins
	Tue 16 Feb		My Magic, Magicians and more	Ian Buchan
	Tue 2 Feb		The History of High Speed Railways and HS2	Clive Kesner
	Tue 5 Jan		Look into my eyes	Alan Jones

Meetings took place via Zoom during lockdown and extra talks were delivered