

Probus Club of the Sussex Weald Talks Programme

2026 Talks

		Speaker
Tue 1 Dec	Choice Joyce (Grenfall)	Pat Bryer
Tue 3 Nov	DNA Profiling and Murder	David Chave
Tue 6 Oct	Our Beautiful South Downs (with Friends of the South Downs)	David Taylor
Tue 1 Sep	The Falklands and Antarctica	Chris Bell
Tue 4 Aug	US Presidents - Bits and Pieces	Joe Mendell
Tue 14 Jul	Shepherds of the South Downs - their lives and times	Ian Everest
Tue 2 Jun	(AGM)	
	Bob Newhart rides again!	
Tue 5 May	A humorous reminder of some of Bob Newhart's memorable sketches	Joe Mendell
	The Inspector Calls	
Tue 7 Apr	Confessions of a police speaker	Neil Sadler
Tue 3 Mar	Under Ground London - under the streets of a busy City	Brian Aldred
	Toy Stories - Flight Club	
Tue 3 Feb	the attempt to be the first cross-channel flight by an engineless toy!	James May
Tue 6 Jan	London Underground	Brian Aldred

Past Programmes

2025 Talks

		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
	Canine Partners - Transforming lives by partnering disabled people with amazing assistance dogs.	Bonnie Tse
Tue 1 Apr		
Tue 4 Mar	Sextant to Sat Nav - Stories about flying before cockpits became so automated up to the present day.	Peter Griffiths
	Climate Change	
Tue 4 Feb	How to keep up with the grandchildren.	Bill Avenel
	Whitbread Round The World Yacht Race	
Tue 7 Jan	My experiences as a crew member on the Great Britain II yacht.	Ian Worley

2024 Talks

		Speaker
Tue 3 Dec	Henry VIII - England's Favourite King A historical talk with a hysterical twist	Tony Harris
	A Taste of Honey What is honey and what makes a good honey?	Peter Smith
Tue 5 Nov		
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 investigations on screen	Pete Allen
Tue 6 Aug	My Role as a Royal Protection Officer Some insider information on his role	Richard Griffin
	English Eccentricity and Customs A look at some odd customs. Are there are any present-day eccentrics?	Bill McNaught
Tue 2 Jul		
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 theories	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 Talks

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 History and work of the CWGC, the CWG Foundation and war graves in our area	Ian Kirby
Tue 1 Aug	What's in a view? Some iconic views of West Sussex and an exploration of their geographical origins	Bill Avenell
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 Talks

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 Talks

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