

Mid Sussex Branch Spring 2025

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 2025/26

Monthly meetings:

Tuesday May 6th

AGM and Guide Dogs

Tuesday June 3rd

Ouse & Adur River Trust

Tuesday July 1st

A History of Sport in Sussex

Tuesday August 5th

Headway – The Brain Injury
Association

Tuesday September 2nd

Who dun the Whodunnits?

Tuesday October 7th

Wealden Iron &
Church Monuments

Tuesday November 4th

The Colour of Heraldry

Tuesday December 2nd

Christmas Meal, Birch Hotel

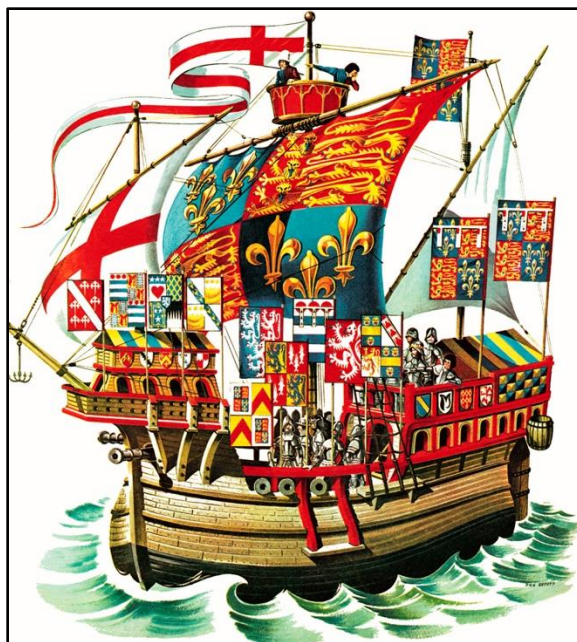
Trips 2025

We are planning to visit
Sackville College & Gravetye
Manor gardens, plus we are
intending to have afternoon
tea at The Roebuck Inn.

2026

The programme is in
development. We will
welcome the **Fire Service** in
March and look forward to
April 7th and Gillian's talk:
An African Dream: Beauty,
Behaviour & Beyond

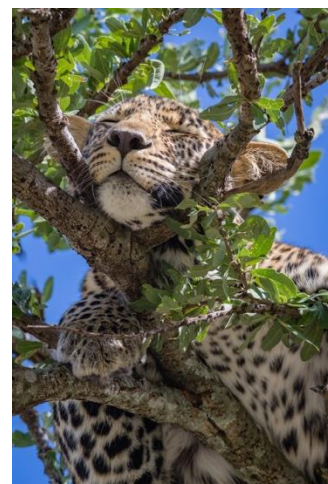
Mathew Homewood will
join us in July. He will be
talking about sport in Sussex.
As well as the 'usual' sports
he will also look at jingling
matches, menagerie races
and piano bashing!
Here we see stoolball in
the 1920s.



Sheila Willis, a retired
police officer joins us in
September, and we look
forward to a light-
hearted look at crime
fiction and their authors.
Might a local writer
feature?

In November
Mike Scott Rumble
will introduce us to
heraldry and he will
include information
relevant to Mid Sussex &
Haywards Heath

Gillian Lloyd takes us to Africa in April 2026. We
can see her amazing photos here (copyright G Lloyd)



Trips 2025 – Preliminary programme

The Roebuck at Wych Cross welcomes the Blue Light card and we intend to treat ourselves to afternoon tea in April.



Sackville College

A visit to this fascinating local attraction is being planned for June.

Gravetye Garden

Following on from the talk last August, we hope to book a visit to the gardens this for a Thursday morning in the Summer 2025.

A chance to explore the ornamental and kitchen gardens and see the work of William Robinson.



Come along in May and hear about the excellent work of Guide Dogs. We sponsored Jack on behalf of our 5 year old grandson. He loves dogs but with an already busy family life and a cat, adding in a puppy would be a stretch. So this was a great way of giving him involvement with this lovely dog. Children can choose the puppy and it isn't a huge financial commitment. Sue & Jim



Charity Donations

We often welcome speakers from a charity. The Fellowship always pays a speaker fee but it is not unusual for speakers to take a collection from the audience. We don't have figures from Combat Stress, Coastwatch or The Wey and Arun Canal Trust but we are delighted to have given £41.23 to Literacy in a Box, £69.30 to Furnihelp and an amazing £156.42 to Mercy Ships. Wendy, a longstanding member, used her hat to make that collection so successful!

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 www.nhsrf.org.uk. To contact us at Mid Sussex please email: midsussex@nhsrf.org.uk

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings at Franklands Village Hall. There is free parking & no entrance fee.