

HENFIELD HISTORY GROUP

Programme of Events 2025/2026

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month except August.

At the Henfield Hall, BN5 9EQ

Refreshments served from 7:30pm. Talks start at 8pm

13th May 2025	'Foul Murder'-Retired barrister Peter Blood returns to thrill us with another murder trial from the annals of British crime.
10th June 2025	'The Invention of Sussex' - Prof. Clive Webb (Sussex University). Sussex and the South Downs are not only a physical entity but a place of the imagination. How, when and why the county became synonymous with the notion of 'Englishness'.
8th July 2025	'Rogues Rascals and Rebels' - Chris McCooey. Stories of politician Alan Clarke, Cynthia Payne, Cold War spy Melissa Norwood and suspected Eastbourne mass murderer Dr Bodkin, amongst many others....
August 2025	No Meeting
9th September 2025	'Pits, Privies and Priors' - 'Recent Sussex Archaeological Works' - Simon Sparrow. Examples of sites and artefacts ranging from the distant past to the surprisingly modern.
21st October 2025 (note change of date)	'The Story of Highdown Hill' - James Sainsbury. Including the Bronze Age, Iron Age, the Romans, Anglo Saxons and 18th Century smuggling.
11th November 2025	'Frock Tales' - Stephanie Richards. Henfield Museum's costume collection. A glimpse into what was made, altered and worn in Henfield.
9th December (Members Only)	Christmas Meeting 'Cardinal Wolsey, his rise and fall in Tudor times' - Tony Harris, entertains us again.
13th January 2026	'Thomas Cromwell and the Dissolution of the Sussex Monasteries' - Helen Poole. From Bayham to Michelham and Lewes Priors with his plans to welcome Anne of Cleves.
10th February 2026	'The Ouse Valley-Past Life and Times' - Ian Everest. Old cine film and photographs of the Ouse heritage. Including Muggery Pope and Mount Misery. All will be explained!
10th March 2026	'South Downs Generations' - Chris Hare. Oral history interviews, folklore and literature, memoir and South Downs scenes past and present as part of a project involving schools.
14th April 2026	AGM - followed by 'Nathaniel Woodard's Hurstpierpoint College' - Roger Moulton, Former Master.

Everyone Welcome

Admission £3 Non-Members (Members by Subscription)

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