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Salisbury and South Wiltshire Branch

LUNCH PROGRAMME
2023 - 2024

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Meetings take place at
The White Hart Hotel, 1 St John's Steet, Salisbury SP1 2SD
Coffee from 10.15 a.m. - Meetings begin at 11.00 a.m.
Bookings for Lunches and Talks should be sent to the
Luncheon Secretary no later than 7 days before the meeting

PROGRAMME 2023 - 2024

Monday, 11 September 2023

The 69th Annual General Meeting of the Branch
Commencing at 10.30 am and followed by

Wolfe Frank "The Voice of Doom"
Paul Hooley

From manuscripts found hidden in a Dorset attic 25 years following his death, we discover the life of the Chief Interpreter at the Nuremberg international war crimes trials of Nazi leaders and leading pioneer of the simultaneous interpretation process.

Monday, 9 October 2023

The Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms
James Stopford

His Majesty's Body Guard of The Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms has provided protection to the monarch at ceremonial occasions since instituted by King Henry VIII in 1509 to the recent Coronation of King Charles III.

Monday, 13 November 2023

Churchill's Abandoned Prisoners
Rupert Wieloch

Rupert Wieloch will explain why the last prisoners-of-war of World War 1 became pawns in the Anglo-Russian relationship and concludes with the story of their return to England at the end of 1920.

Monday, 11 December 2023

The Wonderful World of Glass
Dr Francis Burroughes

From his own collection Dr Burroughes brings historic and valuable items for the audience to examine and to reveal the history of glass making from 3000 BC.

Monday, 15 January 2024

Oman
Angus Ramsay

Having spent time in the 1970s leading an Omani rifle company in the war torn Dhofar province, Angus Ramsay will illustrate Oman's journey from medievalism to modernity.

Monday, 12 February 2024

The Bustard Story
David Waters

The Bustard, the heaviest flying bird in the world, became extinct to the UK in the mid 1800s. Today there is a thriving population in Wiltshire thanks to the tireless efforts of the Great Bustard Group.

Monday, 11 March 2024

Music of the English Parish Church
Frances Howard

With a life long interest in Church music and as a previous tutor at the Royal School of Church Music, Frances Howard has heard many different Cathedral organists accompany services and learnt in great detail how music became linked to the Church.

Monday, 8 April 2024

Parting the Desert – Building of the Suez Canal, Egypt
Stephen Carr-Smith

Stretching 120 miles from Port Said on the Mediterranean it took 10 years to build the canal south to Suez. It was officially opened in 1869.

Monday, 13 May 2024

Roman Army at Old Sarum (Finds, Fact and Fiction)
John Smith

A 'Living History' talk describing a set of Roman Legionary soldier's equipment from helmet crest to boots – all items are copies of examples found as archaeological finds. Living History provides personal experience in what the 'kit' can and cannot achieve.