



Sussex Scrapbook 2

On 8th September 2021, Chris Horlock presented *Sussex Scrapbook 2*. Chris previously delivered *Scrapbook 1* to us on 11th September 2019, which we all enjoyed, and we have been eagerly awaiting the second instalment.

In *Scrapbook 2*, we were given a broad mix of topics, including anecdotes about famous people connected with Sussex, details of historic buildings and landmarks, local traditions and folklore, ghost stories, quaint 'health cures', plus all sorts of curious legends, tales and mysteries. The talk was fully illustrated, mostly with historical prints and pictures, showing Sussex of the past.

Sussex Scrapbook 2 was in a similar format to *Scrapbook 1*, but with entirely different content. It includes the largest and smallest churches in Sussex, some fascinating local graves and memorials, the rarest brass in the whole of Britain, some bizarre faith cures, how their husbands could once sell Sussex wives at the local market, charms used by young women to enable them to find a lover and plenty more.

In the introduction to his 2017 book, *Illustrated Tales of Sussex*, Chris Horlock said:

"What links the tales and features of Sussex life in this book together, however quirky, is the way they all reflect something of the mindset of people of the past, the attitudes and outlook of the times when they lived and show something of what we all once were. This is part of the fascination of discovering little-known aspects of Sussex's history: they add just a touch more to our knowledge and understanding of the county and the people that inhabited it."

The words above apply equally to this latest talk, which was comprehensive, well researched, and very interesting.

About the Speaker



Chris Horlock was born in Brighton in 1953 and was raised and educated in the city. He is a regular contributor to *Sussex Life* magazine, has written several books on the history of Brighton. He has appeared on TV several times and frequently travels across Sussex, visiting its towns and villages, researching the history and heritage of the county, and delivering talks. He is an avid collector of old photographs of Brighton - his eighth book published in 2017, called *Brighton From Old Photographs*, captures key developments in the city's history through old photographs.

His interest in local history peaked in 1968 when he was still a teenager and subsequently grew over the years. Chris has built up a collection of photographs, maps, prints and ephemera, influenced by James Gray's book *Victorian and Edwardian Brighton From Old Photographs* in 1972.

The books written by Chris are about the history of Brighton and Sussex and are all available on Amazon:

- ❖ Ruins, Remains and Relics: Sussex (Due May 2022)
- ❖ Illustrated Tales of Sussex (2017)
- ❖ Lost Brighton (2019)
- ❖ Brighton From Old Photographs (2017)
- ❖ Bizarre Brighton (2010)
- ❖ Neat and Nippy Guide to Brighton's History (2003)
- ❖ Brighton Then and Now Volume 1 (2001)
- ❖ Brighton and Hove Then and Now: v. 2 (2003)
- ❖ Brighton: The Century in Photographs. Volume 2: v. 2 (2000)
- ❖ Brighton in the Sixties (2006)

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