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Subscriptions for this season -

Season Ticket (eleven talks) _____ **£25**
January to March (six talks) _____ **£14**
Visitor's Fee (per talk) _____ **£6**

If you would like your membership card sent to you BEFORE the first meeting, then please include a stamped, addressed envelope (9"x4"). Otherwise, your card will be held until the first meeting that you attend.

Very rarely, a talk has to be postponed for some reason. Please check on our website for any last-minute changes to the advertised programme, or contact a member of the committee.

To encourage wider membership, members are urged to invite a friend to use their ticket if they are unable to attend a talk themselves.

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Purley Lit

2024/2025

111th Programme

***	New Room: Hebron Hall,	***
**	Christ Church, Purley.	**
***	New Day: Thursday.	***

- **Eleven stimulating talks to entertain you from Autumn to Spring**
- **Even better than YouTube!**
- **Close to the station and bus stops.**
- **8 pm start except for the AGM meeting, which starts at 7:30 pm.**

Meetings: October to March

**The Hebron Hall
Christ Church,
Adjacent to 861, Brighton Road,
Purley, CR8 2BN.**

Queries/website:

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10 October **Ann Shore**
The Brenne

After a cycling holiday in central France, Ann and her husband bought a house in The Brenne many years ago. Ann will tell us about the fascinating history, wildlife and economy of the land of a thousand lakes.

24 October **John Colby**
The Doods Road Great Pigeon Loft

The Sapper Clay trilogy part 3. Who and what were Clay's secretive neighbours, and why did they need an armed guard in both World Wars? Were James Bond or Spike Milligan involved? Come and find out!

7 November **Lois Oliver**
Elisabeth-Louise Vigée Le Brun: Trailblazer

Elisabeth-Louise (1755-1842) was one of the most celebrated artists of her time. In 1783, she was elected to France's Académie Royale de Peinture et de Sculpture. Fleeing France after the revolution, she found work all over Europe, and became the highest earning artist in Europe. Drawing on the artist's own rollocking memoirs, Lois traces the life of a remarkable artist.

21 November **David Martin**
Tanzania revisited

David, a secondary school Maths teacher, and Heather, a missionary nurse-midwife, met in Dodoma, Tanzania in 1965 and married there in 1970. They have lived in Croydon since 1972. In 2018 they revisited old haunts travelling over 2000 miles in Tanzania with their family.

5 December **Chris Green**
The work of the

Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex
Chris will introduce us to the work of the charity. Starting in 1989, and attending 3,300 incidents in 2023 across Kent, Surrey, and Sussex, the air ambulance service can reach any location within 30 minutes. Their helicopters are flying emergency rooms.

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9 January **Geoff Pick**
The Magna Carta – what's it all about?

Archivist Geoff Pick was the Director of the London Metropolitan Archives, which is managed by the City of London Corporation. It holds one of the finest surviving Magna Cartas.

23 January **Barry Le Jeune**
The London Transport Museum

Barry, a trustee of The Friends of London's Transport Heritage, will talk about the work of the Transport Museum (including Hidden London) and its Friends.

6 February **Clare Walker**
In search of the Yeti

In 1988, Clare's husband, Iain, persuaded his boss to give his blessing to an expedition to the Himalayas in search of the legendary Yeti. Clare will talk us through the expedition, led by Chris Bonington, with pictures and other source material.

20 February **Mark Lewis**
Edward Lear, the Artist

Lear is perhaps better known for his 'nonsense verse', but he was also an outstanding landscape painter. Mark examines the life, drawings and paintings of this prolific and well-travelled artist, described by one of his contemporaries as a 'man of versatile and original genius'.

6 March **Roy and Peter Misra**

**Writing and self publishing
a tale of adventure**

When brothers Roy and Peter realised that their parents had left them a hidden legacy, they started out on a literary project that resulted in a book entitled 'The Morocco Affair'. The brothers will take you through their journey of conceiving, writing and publishing the novel.

AGM at 7:30 followed by

20 March **Antonia Gallop**
Across India on an Enfield

In 2008, Antonia embarked on an adventure across Northern India on a Royal Enfield motorcycle. We will hear stories about this trip of a lifetime across 1000km of such a magnificent country.