

SANDERSTEAD LITERARY SOCIETY

83rd SEASON OCTOBER 2025 TO MARCH 2026

Informative and entertaining talks on people, places, and events

Meetings are held in the United Reformed Church Hall, 3 Sanderstead Hill, Sanderstead, CR2 0HB.

Talks start at 8 pm and finish at about 9 pm.

Cost: £5 per talk or £30 for the whole season. £15 for half a season. (Under 18's pay half)

Pay on the door or contact membership secretary: nicksandersteadlit@gmail.com

New Members welcome

NOTE: Any changes to the programme will be posted on the SURC website <http://www.surc.org.uk/social-groups>

2025

- Oct 8th **AMERICAN PRESIDENTS** Joe Mendell (illustrated)
Joe will be telling us amusing things you never knew about the forty-six men who have been previous American Presidents.
- Oct 22nd **HAMSEY GREEN AIRFIELD & THE GARDENER FAMILY** Phil Swallow (illustrated)
The story of a little-known private airfield on the Croydon/Surrey border, owned by the Gardener family who lived in Warlingham and ran the Yardley Cosmetic firm.
- Nov 5th **A MUSICAL EVENING WITH A DIFFERENCE** Performed by Jon Fox
John is a Utopia Singer, and we will have a very varied programme ranging from Gilbert and Sullivan to Roger and Hammerstein plus monologues
This musical evening will be in the Church.
- Nov 19th **OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ- THE STORY OF THE TOWN CRIER** Gary Miles (illustrated)
Dressed in his costume as the Town Crier for the Carshalton Charter Fair, Gary focuses on the development of this key communication role.
- Dec 3rd **MY MAGICAL LIFE** Vanessa Hosford (illustrated)
Vanessa's father was a Magician, and she will tell us about the fascinating experience of growing up in the world of The Magic Circle.
- Dec 17th **VOYAGE TO ANTARCTICA** John Lawrence (illustrated)
John is the leader of the E. Surrey RSPB local group and this evening he will tell us about his two visits to Antarctica via the Falkland Islands and South Georgia.

2026

- Jan 7th **THE STORY OF THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR**
Roger Duckworth (talk)
Roger will tell us about how the idea for the National Monument originated and came to fruition.
- Jan 21st **THE GRAND THEATRE AND ITS PLACE IN CROYDON** Carole Roberts (illustrated)
Carole's Grand Theatre talk also gives context of what was happening elsewhere as regards theatres and cinemas.
- Feb 4th **ROMANIA; FROM TRANSYLVANIA TO THE DANUBE DELTA**
Sue Henning (illustrated)
Sue will tell us about this interesting region.
- Feb 18th **MARGARET THATCHER** Tony Harris (talk)
We will be looking forward to this talk about our first Lady Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher.
Tony will be in costume as usual.
- Mar 4th **A HISTORY OF DULWICH** Ian Bevan (talk)
- Mar 18th **STAYING IN EMPTY HOTELS** Roy Buchanan (talk)
Roy has had a passion for motorcycles from an early age. He will tell us about his trips abroad and the many times he stayed in empty hotels.
OUR SHORT AGM WILL START AT 7.40PM FOLLOWED BY THE ABOVE TALK AT 8PM.