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Bob Lomas is a classic Sussex countryman whose humour and dry wit is so Sussex that it will be a pleasure to listen to a Sussex brogue that these days can be a little difficult to come across. Once Bob gets going it may be difficult to stop him!

To do that we have *Mak Norman* a musician and jig-doll puppeteer with a deep love of Sussex, passionate in his quest to keep the counties old traditions well and truly alive, teaming up with fellow singer and accordionist *Noel Dumbrell*, a true Sussex farmer.

Jill Arscott and others will be reading some of the classic stories, the prose and the poetry of this beloved county.

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7.30pm Saturday 31st January
Bignor Church

Tickets: £ 10
Doors: 6.45 pm

Info & Tickets: 01798 869454

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