

**Sussex** is a county of great beauty, incredible history and, despite modern day challenges, still a country lover's dream. One has only to stand on the top of the South Downs and look over the surrounding countryside to realise how privileged we are to live in this part of the world.

On February 5<sup>th</sup> at Bignor Church, we will take a journey through this treasured land accompanied by historical geographer Geoffrey Mead, whose extensive knowledge of the county, its formation and landscape will blend with Bob Lewis's folk songs, Geoff Hutchinson's famous interpretations of Rudyard Kipling's work, all brought together with poetry and Sussex prose by David and Jill Arscott.

*Geoffrey Mead* is a local historian, a geographer, a University of Sussex lecturer and is well known for his often humorous (and certainly characterful) talks about the county. He will describe its landscape and some of the changes which have taken place over the centuries in farming, land use and population growth.

*Bob Lewis* is one of the finest Sussex traditional singers. He grew up in Heyshott near Midhurst in a family of singers and spent his formative years travelling the county visiting the country inns where you could still hear the old songs. He is now much in demand throughout the UK.

*Geoff Hutchinson* is not only a history writer but an actor; his true-to-life interpretation of the great Sussex writer Rudyard Kipling really brings his works to life.

*David Arscott* (former BBC producer and presenter) has for some years worked as a freelance author, broadcaster, publisher and editor. He has written over 50 books on Sussex, is founder of The Sussex Book Club and his own Pomegranate Press has produced a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books.

*Jill Arscott*, who is David's wife, is a seasoned journalist with a great voice. Her roots are in Yorkshire but, under David's influence, she has all but gone native in Sussex!

It will be a great evening at Bignor on 5<sup>th</sup> February. Similar events over the past two years have sold out and received widespread acclaim. With Sussex as the topic, perhaps this is unsurprising!

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# Sussex, My Sussex



**A wonderful journey through the South Downs, the Sussex Weald and the coastal plain in words and song with author and broadcaster David Arscott, Sussex folk singer Bob Lewis, historical geographer Geoffrey Mead, Rudyard Kipling performer Geoff Hutchinson and journalist Jill Arscott**

***Saturday February 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm***  
**BIGNOR CHURCH**

**Tickets £11**

**Doors: 6.45 p.m.**

**Licensed bar**

**Obtain tickets**

- **by calling: 01798 869454 (anytime)**
- **from Chichester or Midhurst Tourist Information Centre**
- **email [nick@bignorchurch.org](mailto:nick@bignorchurch.org)**