



Quirky Sussex Presented by Kevin Gordon.

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Kevin has a repertoire of excellent speeches about topics featuring Sussex and this was a classic performance. Delivered in his usual light hearted and enthusiastic style, the audience was treated to a wide range of pictures, anecdotes, facts and figures about all sorts of unusual things that give the county its unique character.

Many of the things spoken of were found whilst walking around cemeteries, something for which Kevin has a real passion. Others had been gathered over the years and added to his eclectic mix of events. So, did you know that there's a sundial marked out in the middle of a Seaford road, or that the Willingdon village pump is built from sheep knuckle bones? Or that Henry Coxwell, who had a balloon making factory in Seaford, held the hot air balloon altitude record of 7.5miles from 1862 to 1921? Such was the variety of items in the talk that any summary or precis cannot capture and reflect its essence.

Even if we only remember a small part of Kevin's encyclopaedic recollections , there'll be more than enough material to make a decent dinner conversation. Finally, a question: what's the correct way to pronounce the name Burwash? The answer will be given in the next issue.

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