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2025 - 2026

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Meetings take place at
The Mercure White Hart Hotel, 1 St John's Steet, Salisbury SP1 2SD

Coffee from 10.15 a.m. - Meetings begin at 11.00 a.m.

Bookings for Lunches and Talks should be sent to the
Luncheon Secretary no later than 7 days before the meeting

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Monday, 8 September 2025

The 71st Annual General Meeting of the Branch

Commencing at 10.30 am and followed by

Millet: Life on the Land

Jenny Newman

A talk about the C19th painter Jean-Francois Millet as his work comes to The National Gallery (7 August – 19 October 2025) to mark the 150th anniversary of his death.

Monday, 13 October 2025

Past Forward: Salisbury Museum for Future Generations

Adrian Green

Salisbury Museum reopened in July 2024 following a £5.1 million redevelopment called Past Forward, creating new galleries, launching local community events and significantly upgrading the museum building. The Director, Adrian Green will discuss the project and future plans.

Monday, 10 November 2025

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Stew Kilby

Stew will talk to us on the history and ongoing work of The CWGC which operates in 153 countries and territories in 23,000 different locations.

Monday, 8 December 2025

The Battle of Britain in Wiltshire

John Smith

In describing why the Battle of Britain was seen in Salisbury skies in 1940, John will explain why it happened, and the operations over the city in the wider context of the battle. Various British and German model aircraft will be on display.

Monday, 12 January 2026

Sculpture Live!

Sarah Coward

With her background as a falconer and a veterinary nurse, Sarah's extensive knowledge of animal anatomy is clearly demonstrated in her dynamic equine, canine and bird bronzes today. She will describe the steps in developing bronze sculpture whilst developing the armature structure of an animal's head.

Monday, 9 February 2026

What Makes Putin Tick and Why He Invaded Ukraine

Sir John Cheshire

As a former Military Attaché in Moscow and Commander in Chief of NATO forces in NW Europe, Sir John will provide insights into the character of Russia and Vladimir Putin and his assessment of why he invaded Ukraine.

Monday, 9 March 2026

Very Common Law

His Honour Shaun Lyons

A personal view of the history and background to the development of common law systems with reference to the interaction of law and politics. The main theme centred around criminal law.

Monday, 13 April 2026

Negotiating Successfully Across Cultures

Suzanne Williams QPM

Illustrating her talk with real life stories and insights, Sue will share 30 years of experience as an accredited hostage negotiator working within diverse cultural contexts.

Monday, 11 May 2026

Archiving Salisbury Cathedral

Emily Naish

As the Cathedral Archivist, Emily is responsible for over 800 years of documented history including medieval cartularies, deeds, accounts written in Latin on parchment, emails, images, and the Magna Carta.

