

Ockley Okewood and Forest Green Men's Breakfast 19th August 2017



Our speaker for this event will be

John Miller-Maskell.

John was born in Brighton in 1945 into a poor working-class family. The second to youngest of 8 children. He left school at 14 with no qualifications and his first job was a trainee sausage salesman. After a few more jobs, at the age of 15 he joined the merchant navy and went to be trained as a steward to the training ship Vindicatrix at Sharpness in Gloucestershire. After completing his training he joined a small shipping company which sailed out of the West India docks, but he soon found that life at sea was not for him. Back in Brighton more odd jobs, until one whilst window cleaning in Queens road, he walked into the Army recruiting office and signed on aged 16. It was the best move of his life and he found that he and the Army were a perfect match. John had a 25 year career in the Army from a junior soldier and progressing up to a RSM before being commissioned to a Captain. It was when John was an RSM in Cyprus that he had an overnight conversion and became a Christian. John felt God calling him to full time ministry so eventually resigned his commission to attend Theological College. After finishing college and doing his curacy, John felt called back to the military and joined the RAF as a Chaplain for 5 years. On leaving the RAF John has served in many parishes and is currently House for Duty Priest in Charge of Chailey East Sussex. John is wonderfully supported by his wife Gaye they have five children and ten grandchildren.

His talk is entitled

"Born in Brighton, made in the Army".

It will be held at Oakwood Hill village hall, starting at 8-30am. A full English breakfast will be served together with tea and coffee.

There will be a minimum charge of £5 per head for all those who attend.

Please try to let us know in advance if you are going to attend so that we have an idea how many men to cater for. Please confirm your intention to attend to either

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We expect a high turnout so book your place soon.