

## ABERGAVENNY U3A

### LECTURE DAY - FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

#### MORNING SPEAKER

**Chris Richardson Brand** Raconteur, award winning local heritage film director & international traveller.

#### DISCOVERING THE WYEDEAN - a new talk for 2019

Talk and film presentation about the Forest of Dean, its history, beauty, people and its story as a Royal Forest. [Filmed using the latest drone technology.]

The Forest of Dean has become an ecological tourist attraction with its cycle trails, waymarked walks, caves, ancient trees and wildlife. It was once a major industrial centre and still to be seen are many heritage sites ranging from the earliest iron and steel furnaces, free miners and their coal and ochre mines, through to ancient tramways and railways.

With its ancient castle, abbeys and churches it is an area full of hidden places to explore.

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#### AFTERNOON SPEAKER

**Fran Sandham** Author of **Traversa – a Solo Walk Across Africa**

[Equipped only with his walking boots, sticks and rucksack, he trekked for a year across some of the most challenging places in the world, including deserts and jungles, inspired by Livingstone and Stanley, the colonial explorers.]

#### “DR LIVINGSTONE, I PRESUME?”

Critically acclaimed author and public speaker Fran Sandham tells the remarkable story behind the famous meeting in Africa in 1871 between the two explorers Dr David Livingstone and Henry Morton Stanley; how their meeting proved to be literally the journalistic scoop of the century; the curious surrogate father-son relationship between Stanley and Livingstone, the widespread controversy and hostility Stanley faced on his return to Europe after finding Livingstone; why the meeting was such a sensational news story, and why Stanley's words became the most famous greeting in history.