

AEB 4th June 2015 6.00pm
AGM @ 6.00pm. Talk starts at 6.30 pm

**"Brighton and the Great Influenza
Pandemic of 1918-19"**



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By the beginning of 1918 Brightonians had already endured over three years of trauma from the Great War. Ambulance trains brought in convoys of war wounded weekly, while the war dead filled the Rolls of Honour in the newspapers especially in 1918. The resumption of unrestricted U-Boat warfare in 1917 brought about rationing to Brighton for the first time. It was against this backdrop that the so called Spanish Influenza arrived in the town. More than just facts and figures the talk will consider the pandemic through the words of Brightonians.