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(Plus one or two who escaped the signing sheet!)

For those who do not already know them, here are brief notes about

## REG TURNILL & NICHOLAS REED

It is 40 years since Apollo 11 landed the first men on the moon in July 1969. How appropriate that Reg Turnill, who broadcast an eyewitness account of the actual moonlandings, should now be pioneering a celebration of H G Wells, among whose fictional works was the prophetic *First Men in the Moon*.

Reg, as the world's longest-serving aerospace correspondent, had unparalleled access to the politicians, scientists, astronauts and technicians involved in the race to the Moon. His dramatic eye-witness account is recorded in his book *The Moonlandings*. Quite a different dramatic story is told in Reg's latest work – *H G Wells, Love & Literature in Sandgate, 1896-1909*. Both will be available at Festival events. Interestingly, Reg, when a young journalist, actually met H G Wells and recalls his squeaky voice.

Nicholas Reed is a well-known lecturer and historian, covering the fields of art history, archaeology, and local history. Author of ten books, he has recently published his latest book entitled *Folkestone Then and Now – All in Colour*. Among his most popular works is *Edith Nesbit, author of The Railway Children, in SE London and Kent*. Nicholas is also the publisher and Editor of *Folkestone Creative* magazine.

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