

# HARRIETSHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Next Event

**Monday 22nd February 2016**

**7.15 for 7.30pm**

**Primary School Hall**

**Workshop Evening**

### Diary Dates

**Monday 21st March 2016**

**Kent Villages**

**Monday 18th April 2016**

**AGM**

**Harrietsham Primary School**

### **Chairman's Message**

It was good to see our speaker Stuart Bligh at our meeting in January who gave a talk on Maritime Kent and particularly interesting to learn out Captain Harrison who had lived in Harrietsham and whose memorial stone is in the graveyard at St. John's Church. Our meeting on Monday 22nd February is a workshop evening when there will be an opportunity of looking through and helping us sort out some of the recent items donated to our group it will be great to have as many as possible coming along. If you have any items or photographs which you think may be of interest for our archives please bring them with you. There will also be interest sheets out again for the proposed trip to Canterbury Cathedral in July and the trip to France and Belgium which we are planning to do in October. This will be a 2 day guided trip visiting Ypres for the evening ceremony at the Menin Gate and visits to various cemeteries and memorial sites where men from Harrietsham are buried and remembered. We will also be visiting Thiepval Memorial which bears the names of 72,194 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme battle sector before 20<sup>th</sup> March 1918 and have no known grave. This trip will include a meal on the first night in Arras, and an overnight stop at the Mercure Hotel with breakfast included. The price of this trip is £162.00 per person based on 2 people sharing with an additional charge of £32.00 for single occupancy.

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