

HARRIETSHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

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Next Event

Monday 17th February
Harrietsham Village Hall
7.30pm
'Can Can - High Kicks
& Frilly Knickers'
presented by Martin Heard

Diary Dates

Monday 16th March
Under Billowing Sails the
Romance of Tall Ships

Saturday 7th March 2020
Local History Day
At
Maidstone Museum
10am—3.30pm

Chairman's Message

My thanks to everyone who came along to our workshop evening in January, we had a very productive evening sorting through another 8 boxes of material for the digital archive of village history. There is still lots of work to do towards this but we are continuing to make good progress.

Our first speaker of the year is Martin Heard and he will be giving his talk on the History of the Can Can which I am sure will be well worth hearing so hopefully we will see as many of you as possible on Monday evening. On Saturday 7th March, Carole and I will be at Maidstone Museum at the Local History Day organised by Maidstone Borough Council. We will have a small table there promoting our society, with copies of our three books and our latest leaflet which has details of our programme for the rest of this year and up to our AGM in 2021. There will also be the opportunity to talk to other local historians and archaeologists. For those who are interested there are 3 talks in the historic library the first of these on Witchcraft in Kent at 10.30am; the second is about Maidstone's Gin Industry at 11.30am and the final talk is on the History of Chillington Manor (the museum) is at 1.30pm. There is a small charge for the first two talks but the final one is free, more details on the event can be found on the museum website www.maidstonemuseum.org Hopefully some of you may be able to come along and support us at this event and if you have children or grandchildren bring them along as there will be the opportunity for them to make their own coat of Arms on a shield.

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