

# HARRIETSHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

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### Next Event

**Monday 18th Febuary  
Harrietsham Village Hall  
7.30pm**

**Workshop Evening**

### Diary Dates

**Monday 18th March  
'Chatham Submarines'**

### Chairman's Message

I really enjoyed our first meeting of the year with our speaker Ian Porter giving his talk on the lives of the 'Kray Twins'. Ronnie and Reggie Kray were the foremost perpetrators of organised crime in the East End of London during the 1950s and 60s, their gang known as "The Firm" was involved in murder, armed robbery, protection and most other crimes you could imagine. Although they both enjoyed celebrity status for a while they were definitely very unpleasant characters.

I am sure our next talk at our meeting in March, 'Chatham Submarines' will be equally as interesting.

Our meeting on Monday 18th February will see another opportunity to work on our archive collection as we now have another half a dozen or more boxes of things to sort out and record the contents before they can be entered on to the archive software. The majority of this is paperwork, photos etc., which many of you will have not seen before as it has come from Stephen who has been going through it whilst researching news for use in the Harrietsham Times articles.

At our meeting in January I put forward a couple of suggestions of places to visit in June, one of these was the City of Rochester for a guided tour including a visit to the Cathedral and Castle and the other was the New Battle of Britain War Museum at Biggin Hill. If you have any other thoughts please let me or Carole know. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 18th February.

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