

# HARRIETSHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Next Event

**Monday 17th July 2017**  
**'Talk on Smarden village'**  
**Speaker Martin Brooks**  
**Harrietsham Village Hall**  
**7.30pm for 7.45pm**

Visitors welcome £3.00

### Diary Dates

**Saturday 16th September 2017**  
**Visit to Sandwich**  
**for Guided Town Tour**

#### **Chairman's Message**

I really enjoyed the talk by Ian Porter at our June meeting even though I must confess never having seen the television programme 'Call the Midwife'. It was very interesting to learn what life was like for the profession in the 19th early 20th century in the Docklands. Our speaker on Monday is Martin Brooks who will be giving an illustrated talk on Smarden Village which I am looking forward to seeing again as Smarden has almost as much history as our own village. Since our last meeting we have received a number of donations to the War Memorial Paving Fund which has now reached just under £2000.00 a quarter of the way towards our target. If you haven't yet purchased a brick(s) we hope you will consider doing so soon. Just to remind you that as we don't have a meeting in August next Monday will be the last opportunity of booking a place on our outing to Sandwich on the 16th September. The cost is just £22.00 per person which includes a guided town tour and entry into the Salutation Gardens. Travel will be by a 53 seater coach leaving the village hall carpark at 8.30am, on arriving in Sandwich we will have a 2 hour guided tour of the town followed by time for lunch before an afternoon visit to the Salutation Gardens where there will be a fine display of the largest collection of Dahlias in England and a talk by one of the Dahlia growers. Please pay for this trip in full on Monday.

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