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NEXT MEETING

MONDAY 18th JULY

7.30 pm

SCOUT HUT, STATION ROAD.

Our speaker Melanie Gibson-Barton will be giving her talk entitled 'Eva Braun—Victim or Contriver' The story of the woman who devoted her life to Adolf Hitler.

Members £2

Visitors £3.00

At our meeting on Monday 16th May our speaker Stuart Bligh, gave a talk on the Clipper Ship captain William Harrison. He was born in Harrietsham on the 11th June 1833, part of a large family with 7 brothers and 5 sisters. In 1850 at the age of 17 William entered the service of Messrs. R, Green & Co., of Blackwall as a mid-shipman and sailed from the East India dock on his first ship '**Investigator**' on the 14th July bound for Hong Kong arriving there 5 months later on the 14th December. Over the next 22 years he sailed on various ships between England and Australia captaining his first ship the '**Blackwall**' in July 1861. On the 25th April 1872 at the age of 39 whilst captain of the '**Highflyer**' on route from Sydney he suffered chest pains and died as a result of a heart attack. William was buried at sea but there is a stone memorial in his memory in the Churchyard to the rear of the St. John the Baptist Church.

A slightly longer article on his trips can be found in the July Network magazine which is available to view or download on the Fish Scheme website harrietshamfishscheme.org

DIARY DATES—2022

Monday 19th September - The SS Montgomery Story

Monday 21st November - Captain John Quilliam 1st Lieutenant HMS Victory