



# **HARRIETSHAM HISTORY SOCIETY SUMMER NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023**

**No 89**

## **NEXT MEETING**

**MONDAY 10th JULY**

**7.00pm for 7.15pm start**

**BOOTH HALL, VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH ROAD.**

**AGM**

Hi Everyone,

Just over eleven years ago I decided to hold a meeting to see if there was sufficient interest in the village to start a History Group and on the 2nd April 2012 just under 50 people turned up to the meeting in St. John's Church and Harrietsham History Society was born. Six villagers volunteered to help me run the group and a total of 44 people became members in our first year. Up until 2020 the membership has remained fairly steady with between 30 – 35 members each year but like most clubs we have recently been affected by the Covid Epidemic and people either leaving the village or unfortunately no longer being with us. The time has now come for me to leave the village, but it would be very disappointing if this results in the group not continuing as there is so much village history still to be researched and conserved for future generations. I shall still be around for a few months, and we still have a treasurer and one person on the committee who is dealing with booking our meetings, but they will need some help if the society is to survive. Above is the notice of our AGM on Monday 10th July when I hope we can encourage a few people to help to keep the society going. If you would like to help and would like some information on what is involved, please give me a call on 01622 851075 or email [info@harrietshamhistorysociety.org](mailto:info@harrietshamhistorysociety.org)

We already have speakers booked for two more meetings this year, the first of these is on Thursday 14th September when our speaker Imogen Corrigan will be giving her talk on Joan of Arc and the second is on the Tuesday 21st of November when the speaker Steve Hookins talk will be on The Battle of Waterloo. It would be a shame to miss these if the society is unable to continue.

I look forward to seeing you on the 10th.

Best Wishes, **Peter**