

HARRIETSHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

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Next Meeting

**September 17th—Talk on
“Tithe Maps & apportion-
ments” facts from the past
by Ted Connell - 8.00 pm
Harrietsham School Hall**

Diary Dates

October 15th - Dr Jean Stirk
“Researching the History of a
House”

November 12th - Chris Mcooey
“Kent Scandals—Sensational,
salacious and sad”

December 3rd - Christmas Social
Evening at The Roebuck.
(more info next month)

2013 Dates

January 21st

February 18th

March 18th

April 15th

All meetings in The School Hall
Starting at 8 pm.

Chairmans Report

On Monday evening, the 6th August, 32 people met at the village green in West Street at 7 pm Peter Brown introduced Ian Coulson the President of the Historic Buildings committee who gave a talk on some of the interesting houses in our village. We commenced our walk in West Street where Ian pointed out the different features of some of the houses which gave clues to their age and what had been changed since their original construction. He spoke about the types of bricks and tiles used for both roofs and tile cladding and the timber framing and the problems the older properties encountered due to lack of ventilation causing poor quality timbers to rot. He also pointed out the different sizes of windows and glass panes which gave more clues to the ages of the buildings. We then cross over to East Street, where Ian kept everyone on their toes trying to identify the ages of the many buildings in this part of the village. The walk ended at Church Lane in front of the Alms Houses which date back to 1770,



We shall be continuing the theme of finding out more about the houses in the village with our October meeting—“Researching the History of a House”

We hope to give results of the dig at Court Lodge Farm later this year when results of the tests on all of the remains have been completed. We will also endeavour to arrange for Dr Paul Wilkinson who led the investigation to come to a meeting early in 2013.

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Chairman**

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