

HARRIETSHAM TIMES

News from May 1917

War Work Party

During 1916 505 garments were made by the Harrietsham Soldiers' and Sailors' Work Party, making a total of nearly 2000 garments (chiefly shirts and socks) sent out to men now serving, through Maidstone Central Depot, or direct to our own lads from the this village. Since October 1916 the sum of £17 2s 0d. has been sent to Mrs. Buckingham by 19 contributors, combined with a grant from Maidstone, , making a total of £22 2s 0d. towards an expenditure of £22 16s 3d. for flannel and wool. To carry on during 2017 any contributions will be gratefully received by Mrs. Buckingham, and work can always be called for at Woodlands.

Air Raid Warning

On the evening of 23rd May the roar of aircraft was very plainly heard by most people in the village, but not a sign of any was to be seen. There was considerable speculation as to whether the sound was produced by a squadron of our own machines or by Zeppelins, and it was not until the following evening, that we knew that evening, squadrons had made a raid and that there had been considerable loss of life at Folkestone. At several places within a radius of a few miles from here stray bombs were dropped without doing any damage, and we may be thankful that we escaped. We may expect further air-raids but the chances are very slight that any damage will be done in country villages. We feel the deepest sympathy for the people of Folkestone, where unfortunately many women and children were killed and injured.

Rationing Recipe Scones

8 ozs. Wheat Flour
8 ozs. Barley meal or oatmeal
½ teaspoon of salt
4 teaspoons of Yeatman's yeast powder
1 teaspoon of carbonate of soda
2 teaspoons of cream of tartar
2 ozs fat and 1 teacup sour milk

Mix dry ingredients, rub fat in well, mix lightly with milk to a soft dough, cut into 4 portions and shape into rounds. Do not use a rolling pin. Press with blunt knife to form a cross, and bake in a hot oven for 15 minutes.

POSSIBLE AIR-CRAFT RAID OVER MAIDSTONE.

CAUTION.

In the event of a Zeppelin or Aeroplane Raid, Maidstone must be immediately placed in total darkness.

Three Bombs will be fired from the Police Station at short intervals when the danger is imminent and if at night the Electric Light supply will be cut off.

Inhabitants must immediately, if the raid is at night, take steps to turn out all gas and render their premises absolutely dark when viewed from outside, and should remove themselves to the basements and cellars wherever possible, and keep there till the raid is over.

Three more Bombs will be again fired when all danger from the raid is over