

# HARRIETSHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Next Meeting

**Monday 20th January**

**7.15 for 7.30 pm**

**at**

**The School Hall**

**Remembering the start of WWI  
talk & discussion**

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**The opportunity to investigate a  
Storybox supplied by The Kent  
History & Library Centre**

**Visitors welcome - £3.00 incl.  
refreshments**

### Diary Dates

**Not to be missed!!**

**Feb 17th - Lee Ault - Caged  
Lady**

**In the Ambrose Hall at the  
Village Hall  
(Change of venue due to school  
half term holiday)**

### **Chairman's Message**

Happy New Year Everyone,

We start the year off with thoughts on a project for the History Society about the beginning of the First World War and how this would have affected the people living in Harrietsham at this time. We hope our meeting in January will help us decide on the way forward and encourage some of you to help us form a group to progress what should be a very interesting project. A number of people have already been updating the records of those who perished during the war with a view to correcting a few errors on the war memorial. We currently are in possession of copies of the Parish Monthly Magazine which covers all of the war years, the October & December 1914 editions have the names of those serving King and Country from Harrietsham or who were closely related to residents in the Parish. These magazines will be available to be read on the evening. Mike Bishop, who is the British Legion Poppy Appeal Organiser, will be joining us and other information will be supplied by John & Enid Betts and Frank Long.

The evening will include a presentation on a storybox assembled from documents in the archive collections at the Kent History and Library Centre. These documents feature interesting, intriguing and discussable stories, all selected with the aim of stimulating further exploration of the 'story'.

We still have copies of the book - Harrietsham in Old photographs and Postcards for sale and although this has been well received by everyone we still need to sell quite a few before we recover the production costs and make some money to assist us with future projects, please let us know if you would like to purchase further copies and perhaps you can persuade your friends and neighbours to buy one if they have not already done so.

I look forward to seeing everyone again .

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