

HARRIETSHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2016

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Next Event

Monday 16th May 2016

7.15 for 7.30pm

Talk on

PS Medway Queen

at

The Village Hall

Diary Dates

Monday 20th June 2016

A talk on

Ordnance & Survey Maps

Future Events

July Canterbury Cathedral Tour

**October 2 day Trip to Ypres and
The Somme**

Chairman's Message

Our meeting on Monday 16th May is our first meeting in the Village Hall and is a talk on the historic paddle steamer PS Medway Queen by Gillian Ellen. The ship was used as a minesweeper during WWII and is famous for her seven trips to Dunkirk in 1940. For those of you who were not able to attend our AGM last month there will be an opportunity to pay your membership fee which I am pleased to confirm remains at just £12.00 per person and also to confirm and pay for the guided tour of Canterbury Cathedral on the 18th July. We need to book the guide and consequently must know the firm numbers for this visit. Unfortunately the proposed trip to Ypres and The Somme in October is looking very doubtful due to lack of support which is very disappointing as we were planning to visit the graves and memorials of men from Harrietsham who lost their lives in the First World War.

At the AGM it was agreed to increase the small charge for attendance at each meeting to £1.50 per person to help towards the higher room hire charge at the village hall, the charge for visitors remains at £3.00. I am pleased to confirm Chris Roots has now joined the committee and has taken on the role as treasurer and Susannah Jack has also been co-opted as a committee member. We still have lots of plans for the future and would appreciate any offers for help especially with taking oral history and transcribing documents, please let me know if you would be interested in assisting with this. I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

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