

HARRIETSHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Next Event

Monday 17th November
7.15 for 7.30 p.m.
'Old Postcards of Maidstone and
Neighbourhood'
Speaker - Roger Birchall
at
Harrietsham Primary School,

Diary Dates

Monday 1st December
Xmas Social
at
The Roebuck Pub 7 pm.
(see attached sheet for details)

Next Meeting
Monday 19th January 2015

Chairman's Message

My thanks to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal Coffee morning and evening event by either going along or passing the word around, everyone seemed really interested in the WW1 displays and a further £53.00 was donated to the war memorial fund. Last months meeting was well attended with 29 people enjoying the talk by Richard Filmer on Kentish Crafts, many of us remember the acres of hop fields in Kent which have now disappeared.

Stephen Morris and I joined a group of people from Hollingbourne and the RBL on Armistice Day on a visit to Templeuve, their twinned town in France. This turned out to be a far less formal occasion than we had expected with the majority of the town taking the day off and joining in the service at the cemetery and the war memorial, where the school children read out the names of those who died in WW1. The Mayor then invited everyone to the town hall for a drink and nibbles before about 200 people including our party travelled the short distance to a large recreation hall for a six course meal.

I hope everyone will have the opportunity of visiting the memorial bed in the circular flower bed on the West street village green where one small cross has already been placed following the anniversary of the death of Major Buckingham on the 17th November. We have decided not to go ahead with the proposal to hold a fun football match on the Booth field on Boxing Day morning due to lack of interest, but will be arranging for other fund raising events in the new year. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting or at our Xmas Social.

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