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Next Event

Monday 18th July 2016
Guided Tour
at
Canterbury Cathedral

Diary Dates

No meeting in August

Monday 19th September
'A Kick up the Eighties'

Chairman's Message

A very well attended meeting in July when our speaker Colin Brown gave us a talk on Ordnance & Survey Maps. It was interesting to see some of the larger scale maps which he brought along. It would be great to have an early map showing the village in more detail, we are looking into the cost and availability of this.

On Thursday 30th June Stephen Morris and I set off for France via Eurotunnel for an overnight stay, prior to going to the Centenary Ceremony at Thiepval Memorial, which some of you may have seen on BBC TV on Friday 1st July. En-route to our hotel we called in at the Loos Memorial where we placed Poppy Crosses for A. W. Brunger, W. W. Norris and G. Parks. Men from Harrietsham who died in the area and whose bodies were never found. We then drove about 5 kilometers to the Cabaret Rouge Cemetery and placed another Cross at the grave of A. W. Whibley who had been killed on the 30th June 1916, exactly 100 years ago to the day. The following morning we left our hotel at 5.30am and drove to the park and ride site, where we were transported to the Memorial for the centenary event held to commemorate the lives of those lost at the Battle of the Somme. I have written a short article regarding this which will appear in the August edition of the Network Magazine. On the 9th July Carole, Tony Bell and myself managed to sell out of Pimms at the Church Fete and raised £95.00 for their funds. For those of you going to Canterbury Cathedral please be outside the entrance by 10.45am where we will meet our guide for our tour which is arranged for 11am.

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