

# HARRIETSHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Next Event

**Monday 20th February**  
**‘Weird Wills, Funny Funerals**  
**and Eccentric Epitaphs’**  
**at**  
**The Harrietsham Village Hall**  
**7.15pm for 7.30pm**

### Diary Dates

**Monday 20th March 2017**  
**‘Pluckley Most Haunted Village**  
**in England’**

### **Chairman’s Message**

My thanks to the few members who came along to the workshop evening in January once again we were able to get through quite a lot of sorting out and Sally and Ray did really well identifying people in the cricket photos we recently acquired. We still have lots of items which need sorting and others requiring transcribing so would appreciate any help you may be able to offer, even a few hours would be appreciated. By the time you receive this we will have purchased the new archiving software, using the money obtained from the Parish Council grant and will be making a start on transferring the data we have been accumulating. In due course this hopefully will provide the society with an accessible digital archive which will be there for everyone to use. Once again there will be lots of things we will need help with if we are to achieve a worthwhile source of information on our village history.

Next Monday evening, 20th February our speaker Cyril Baldwin, will be giving his unusually titled talk— *Weird Wills, Funny Funerals and Eccentric Epitaphs*, sounds intriguing and I am sure it will be worth turning up for.

This year we are planning to start fund raising to provide a Roll of Honour, for both World Wars, in Paving bricks to improve the access path in the War Memorial Gardens, I will tell you more about this on Monday evening.

Stephen is continually updating our website with more information on the lives of those who served and I hope you will find the time to have a look at this.

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