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Tonight we welcome you all to our AGM and member's night. As usual we hope to keep the business to a minimum so that we have plenty of time for member's items of interest.

As you will be aware, this is the last meeting of this season. We resume in September and hope to enjoy some visits during the summer. I will send out letters to members in August about the new programme.

OTHER MEETINGS

The Kent History Federation have their annual conference at Sandwich on Saturday 20th May. Info on board.

I have had information about Heritage walks from the Shorncliffe Military Cemetery on Saturday 27th May. There are 2 sessions – one at 10 and one at 2. Tickets, which are free, are essential. All the details on the board. I gave this information to the lady who was trying to find out about the Canadians in that area in WW2. The programmes about that will be shown on More 4 in the autumn.

The list of the summer lectures at St Rumwold's Church at Bonnington is on the board.

There are 2 interesting conferences at Canterbury Christchurch. On Saturday 3rd June there is a morning conference on the Baedeker Raid (75 years on) and on Saturday 17th June there is a day conference on 'Tithe through the Ages.' Info on the board.

OTHER MATTERS

I am sure that you will all have heard of the death of Richard Filmer. When I rang him to book him he said he would probably not be here in May and he was right. I am so thankful that we shall always have a good memory of his last visit to us.

The visit to Allington Castle is arranged for Saturday 5th August. I will check whether it is morning or afternoon. The cost is £18 which includes a conducted tour and tea and cakes in the Great Hall. If you would like to go please let me know as I have to give in numbers. Anyone requiring transport let me know and I will arrange it

The visit to Battle and Pevensey is provisionally booked for 15th July but I know that some who had booked for that trip cannot manage that date so I will be in touch and see if I can get sufficient numbers or try for another date.

Apologies to all those who got 'my' strange email. Unfortunately I am now without email which is a great nuisance but I will be back on soon and let you know if I have to change my email address.

The time will soon be with us when I have to prepare the speaker's list for next season. Do let me know of anyone you would like to hear or any subject you want covering and I will do my best.

There are various free books to take on the benches and I still have one or two copies of the Kent History Journal at £1.50