ASHFORD ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY – OCTOBER 2025

We welcome you to our meeting this evening. After various messages to and fro Paul Bennett decided that he would just not be able to come to us on this occasion. He has organised a visit with the boat to France which involves a very long day visit [5am until midnight]. Tim Tatton Brown is also going but I can't imagine he will be in the best of spirits after that length of time. Thankfully, KEITH has stepped into the breach and will tell us about the 'Dover Boat'.

Next month, on Monday November 17th, we are hoping to hear a talk about the History of Concorde from GUY BARTLETT. You will be somewhat puzzled if you have looked at your programme card but Les Brodie, who had hoped to fly down to address us, has a son about to have a serious brain operation so he and his wife have care of the children. I'm sure we wish them all well. Strangely, I was reading our local Parish magazine and noticed that the Woodchurch WI had had Guy talking about Concorde. I rang him and he is able to come. He was obviously very much enjoyed by the WI. Posters are available.

OTHER MEETINGS

Will has picked out several local meetings.

1. Monday 27th October at 7.15 Tenterden local History Society 'Dad's Army Goes to War' by Melody Foreman
2. Tuesday 28th October at 7pm Kent Family History have' Pluckley: The making [and faking] of a modern myth' by Ed Adams at Willesborough Windmill.
3. Monday 3rd November at 7.30 Woodchurch Local History Society have 'Tom Crean – Unsung Hero of Antarctic Exploration' by Michael Smith
4. Wednesday 5th November 7.30 Wye Historical Society 'William Burges and the High-Low Victorian Dream' by Katie Williams at Lady Joanna Thornhill School.
5. Friday 7th November at 7.30 Rolvenden History Group have'Kentish Clerical Errors' by Ed Adams in the church.
6. Wednesday 12th November at 7.30 Mersham History Society have 'Wartime Diaries from India and Home [1943-45] by Andrew and Marian Bond at the Farriers Arms.
7. Thursday 13th November at 8pm Charing History Society ' A very British Art Form: The story of Pantomime' by Malcolm Jones at Charing Parish Hall.
8. Thursday 20th November at 7.30 Smarden History Society 'The Story of Hawkeye' by Paul Ryan at the Charter Hall.
9. Also don't forget Canterbury Festival on now until the beginning of November. Check on their website.

OTHER MATTERS

1.Help yourselves to books – all free.

2. Still a few copies of the Willesborough book at £7.

3. I will soon be reordering By=Gone Kents. If anyone else would like to order copies let me know.

4. Those of us who went to Belmont had a lovely day and were very well looked after. Do visit sometime if you are able.

5. Don't forget the Celebration of the life of Queen Marie of Romania on the 23rd October. I would imagine there would still be tickets left if you are interested.

6. I have also been in contact with the people finding out about Juliberries Grave. [an unchambered long barrow near Chilham]. They may be going to arrange meetings in the Wye area around Christmas time. I'll let you know.