

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

7.15pm for a 7.30pm start

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followed by Janet Robinson (nee Tingey)

‘Family Matters: One Family, two wars....’

A story of a 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century family  
from Hatfield and St Albans

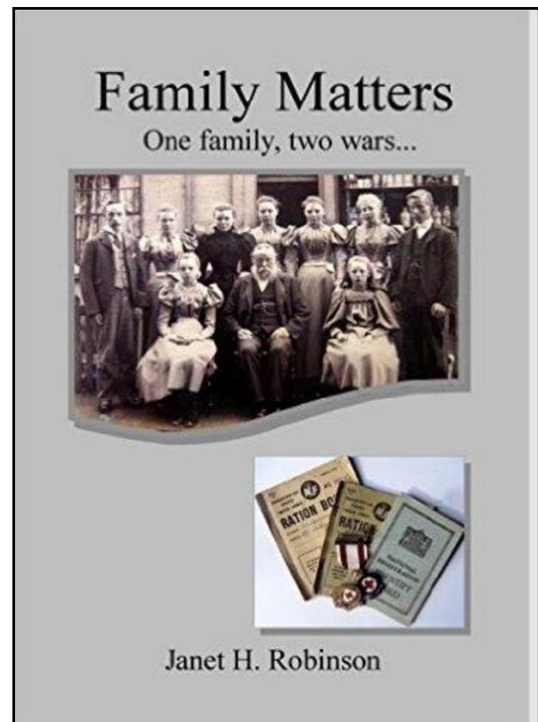
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

2pm – 4pm

A Social Afternoon

Another chance to socialise and chat.....

Bring along items of interest for us to see and share your stories about Hatfield. We also hope to have a scanner and a lap top at the meeting. If you have any photos which you are willing to share we can digitise them and perhaps put them on the ‘Our Hatfield’ website.



### **Future Dates of Meetings in 2017**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start.

**Salisbury Hall  
and the  
De Havilland Aircraft Company**

A talk from de Havilland Museum's curator about the history of Salisbury Hall including its wartime role with the Mosquito design.

**Hatfield Library  
Tuesday 6 June at 7pm**

Tickets £7.00 / Concessions £5.00 available online at:  
[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraryeventtickets](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraryeventtickets)  
and at the library

Further details 0300 123 4049  
[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries)

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**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Salisbury Hall & the de Havilland Aircraft Company**

Hatfield library is hosting a talk by the curator of the de Havilland Museum. He will be talking about the history of Salisbury Hall and its role during wartime with the Mosquito design.

The talk starts at 7pm and tickets cost £7.00/concessions£5.00 and are available from the library or online

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries)

## Bentley Priory Museum Visit

On Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> thirteen of our members had a fascinating visit to Bentley Priory Museum, in Stanmore.

When we arrived we had tea/coffee and then went on a tour of the Museum with an excellent guide. We were told about one of the most important stories of modern history, how the Battle of Britain, between 10 July and 31 October 1940, was won.



Bentley Priory:  
The house designed by Sir John Soames

The focus of the tour was on the important and inspiring histories of 'The One' Commander-in-Chief of Fighter command, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, 'The Few', the Battle of Britain aircrew, and 'The Many', who worked tirelessly on the ground. The Museum also explores how technology, courage, and leadership forged victory.

After the tour and lunch, we were able to look around the Museum in our own time before returning to Hatfield mid afternoon. I am sure all who went had an enjoyable time, going home with a greater appreciation of what happened during this time.



The Rotunda  
Telling the stories of 'The Few'.



The Filter Room  
Telling the stories of 'The Many'

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## Centenary of the Ending of WW1 Project

Next year the Society is planning to organise an event/exhibition to commemorate the ending of WW1. We are looking for volunteers to help with the project. To date, through our research, we have over 1000 names and in most cases addresses of the young men who left Hatfield to go to war. Do you know stories about the men who returned? We are also hoping to digitise the Edwin Payne WW1 diaries.

If you would be interested in getting involved please contact Derek Martindale

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