

Herne & Broomfield Local History Group visit St Martin's Church, Herne May 2005



Margaret Burns and Sylvia McKean took the group on a walk around the churchyard looking at the various types of headstones, including the World War I Memorial. Sylvia explained that she had been doing some initial research from the Commonwealth Graves Commission on some of the sixty-six Herne men who were listed. A project has been launched to do more detailed research.

Local historian, Harold Gough, gave a very detailed tour of the interior of the church including the architecture, the windows and the brasses.

He also explained the histories of some of the local families and dignitaries including, Phillips, Thornhurst, atte Sea, Knowler and Bishop Ridley.



The tombstone of Lt. Sydenham Snow is in Herne Church Yard against the wall of the west tower.



St Martin's Lychgate looks old but the foundation stone was not laid until 31st May 1954. George Stewart of Eddington drew up the plans, Robinson Builders of Arkley Road built it.

Lt Snow was shot by on the beach near the Ship Inn, while trying to apprehend the North Kent Gang of smugglers who were unloading a boat on the beach near the Ship Inn, Herne Bay in the small hours of Easter Monday, 1821.