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# DARTBOARD

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE DARTFORD  
BRANCH OF THE NORTH WEST KENT  
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

## MEETINGS

### SEVENOAKS

SOE - SPECIAL  
OPERATIONS  
EXECUTIVE

Gillian Halcrow



BROMLEY  
LONDON'S  
SAILORTOWN IN  
THE 18TH CENTURY

Derek Morris



DARTFORD  
Gondolas &  
Growlers

Ian Waller



## WORKSHOPS

Computer  
Group

Library Experts  
Booking Code 1925



How to use the  
Discovery  
Catalogue

Joyce Hoad  
Booking code: 1926



Friday DNA  
Group

Self Help Group  
Booking Code: FDNAG 09



Dartford Branch Meetings are held at the Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9.45am to 12.30pm.

**OUR TALK TODAY, 7th SEPTEMBER IS:  
CADBURY, FRY & ROWNTREE: THE  
CHOCOLATE QUAKERS. Fred Lemont**

In his own words Fred says:

"I have a background in Research, Quality Assurance, Design & Training & am very much an engineer at heart. I am fascinated by Social History & the influence of organisations that aimed to improve the lot of working people. In "The Chocolate Quakers" I look at how three of the best-known brands of chocolate were created by Quaker families - not altogether a co-incidence. A fascinating story of companies with ethical values that resonate with many people today. And NO, I will not be bringing samples!"

### CHANGE OF SPEAKER - REMINDER

Unfortunately Ian Porter is no longer able to give us the talk on the Titanic at this month's Sevenoaks meeting. Instead, Gillian Halcrow will entertain & inform us about the SOE - Special Operations Executive, Churchill's Secret Army. This is a talk that will capture your interest from the start & will move you to both laughter & tears.

And please don't forget Sevenoaks Branch Meetings are now held at the Otford Memorial Hall, doors open at 7.30pm.

### THE GENEALOGIST - LATEST NEWS



The Genealogist has just released the Lloyd George Domesday Survey records for Tower Hamlets. These cover land owners & occupiers in 1910-1915 & with over 91,500 individuals recorded. These now join the previously released data books & their detailed associated maps for other parts of London, bringing the total number to nearly half a million individuals within this record set. This new release is the latest phase of TheGenealogist's extensive ongoing project to digitise over 94,500 Field Books, each having hundreds of pages, & linking them to large scale IR121 annotated OS maps which are now viewable in TheGenealogist's powerful Map Explorer tool.

The records, which are sourced from The National Archives, were originally compiled by the Valuation Office in a period that stretched from 1910-1915 in response to Lloyd George's government passing the People's Budget 1909/1910. You need to be a Diamond Member to access these records.



## Genealogical Proof Standard

Ellen Shelly  
Booking code: 1927A



Workshops are held on advertised days at KCC's Joydens Wood Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Bexley, Kent, DA5 2EE.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THESE, ALL FUTURE MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & MUCH MORE

Master of Ceremonies	Janet Rose
Branch Secretary	Sheila Elisak
Branch Finance Officer	Maureen Griffiths
Logistics Manager	Lorraine King
Programme Secretary	Barbara Phillips
Pastoral Care	Raymer Lofts
Sound Technicians	Ian West Tony Lathey
Light refreshments	Sandra & Bob Shepherd
Raffle	Pat Cornelius
Reception	Sheila Elisak Pauline Heathcote
Old magazines & journals	Frank Parsons Judith French
Notice board	Sylvia Hammond
Computer help desk	Allan Stapleton
Bookstall	Gillian Seager Tim Jacobs
Free reference book library & exchange journals	Stella Nicholls Hilary Waters Rosemary Lathey
Trips & outings	Hilary Waters
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## AUCTIONEERS VALUATION DAY

The BBC & local antiques expert Catherine Southon, together with her team, will be available from 10am - 2pm on the 22nd September at Hall Place Visitor Centre, Bexley, to value your antiques & collectables. No appointment is necessary & entry is free.



## A GOOD READ - THE FOUNDLING



Initially I was a bit reluctant to read this book by Paul J Fronczak, the true story of an adopted man in the USA desperate to find his biological family. Why? I don't really know. Was it because it was American? Possibly, but I enjoy American crime/thriller writers. Was it because I thought it might be sensationalised? Or was it because DNA played a big part in solving his origins & I was half expecting to be blinded by science? I was really glad I did start it though, as Paul's addiction to finding his roots became my addiction to finding his truth.

Right from the start I was very surprised to discover how easy it was to read & how un-technical the DNA was when it was explained in very general terms. Without DNA Paul's quest would never have got started, but it but it was far from being without problems too. For those who knows nothing about DNA in genealogical research, it highlighted the drawbacks, the frustrations & the dead ends but also the possibilities. His was a really complicated story. As family historians DNA is another tool to compliment, confirm or even dispute traditional documentary research. We shouldn't be afraid of it & if we don't want to find any skeletons in our cupboards then why are we family historians?

## RESEARCH TIP

Last week, at Joydens Wood Library, I found the image of the baptism entry for my 4 x great grandfather, Robert Waters, at Leigh Parish Church, Kent, in 1741 on Find My Past. Before, I had only searched him on Ancestry & Family Search where I had found transcriptions only. These 3 sites, & all the others, have different databases so I encourage you to search as many of them as you can. You never know what you will find!

## BROMLEY LIBRARY & HISTORIC COLLECTIONS

You may be aware that there is a Unite strike currently affecting the Bromley Library Service. You may have tried to contact the service by phone & not had a reply. If you wish to do, so the email mailbox [historic.collections@gll.org](mailto:historic.collections@gll.org) is being monitored daily & you will receive a response. I would recommend you only use this email address at present. You are very welcome to visit as the search room is open as normal. However, if you need any original documents or materials not stored in the search room, please email in advance & we will let you know the access arrangements.

## ANCESTRY LATEST

As well as the 3 new Essex collections added to Ancestry's database which I told you about last month, a 4th now joins them. This is Essex, England, Church of England Deaths & Burials. 1813 - 1994. They have also released updates for 2 more of their collections, the 1871 England Census, an index to the individuals, & the UK & Ireland, Obituary Index, 2004 - 2018.

