



DARTBOARD



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

BRANCH MEETINGS

SEVENOAKS

The String of Pearls

Melanie Gibson Barton



Dartford Branch Meetings are held at the Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford on the 1st Saturday of the month. Doors open at 09.45 & meeting commences at 10.30.

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TO BE ANNOUNCED



OUR TALK TODAY, THE 4th DECEMBER 2021 'THE POLITENESS OF PRINCES'

Imogen Corrigan

Imogen has spoken to the Society on several occasions & is always informative and entertaining.

She graduated from the University of Kent with a 1st class honours degree in Anglo-Saxon & Medieval History in 2004 after being in the Army for 20 years, retiring in the rank of Major. She is a NADFAS lecturer, as well as being a speaker for the Kent Federation of History, the National Trust, the U3A & is on the Churches Committee for the Kent Archaeological Society. She is a member of the British Commission for Military History & is a published author.

Imogen believes that she may be one of only two people who have three generations of women who served in the British Army. Her maternal grandmother was a driver in the Women's Legion in WW1 & was in the ATS in WW2. Her mother served in the ATS & WRAC and Imogen herself was in the WRAC & AG Corps. Not only did they all join the Army, but they all changed Corps & so had two cap-badges.

FREE ZOOM TALK

'The Story of ENSA - Every night Something Awful', by Delia Taylor.
14th December 2021, hosted by Pat Gooding from 7pm for a 7.30 start.
Please do not be late.

WORKSHOPS

Currently, for obvious reasons, Workshops & Discussion Groups (members only) are held on Zoom. Prior booking is essential as numbers are limited. To book a place please email:
workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk.

ZOOM WORKSHOP

Searching Newspapers

David Cufley



ALL CHANGE

During our enforced break from meetings, a relatively small reduction by this college has meant some big changes to the Dartford Branch Library stall. We used to have 2 large grey cupboards for storing all the items used for the meetings including some refreshment consumables, visual & audio equipment &, most importantly, storage of the Library & Ephemera stall boxes. Why have the college has taken away one of these cupboards! Who knows?

This now means that the Branch Library stall has had to drastically reduce it's contents. Gone are the books, no real problem as very few have been loaned out over the last couple of years up until the beginning of 2020. I am still trying to locate the boxes of Bygone Kent publications & for the time being I will not be accepting any donated national magazines, Find My Past etc. This may change in the future.

This just leaves the exchange journals which are the only items we can fit in our remaining cupboard. I am still in the process of processing the large backlog that arrived at Joydens Wood library & which I have only just had access to.

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Discussion Group

Carolyn Barclay



DNA Zoom Discussion Group

Leader Laura Lincoln



It would be appreciate if members could wait until January's meeting when I will better positioned to know more. Some members donate other society's journals which they subscribe to & I will still accept these. How long we keep the journals has yet to be decided but it will probably be 2 years as it all depends on storage. I will keep everyone updated on the state of the stall so keep reading this publication.

GOOD NEWS

Last month, like many others, a plea for volunteers goes out. The good news is a very important post has now been filled, that of Webmaster. I'm sure we would all like to thank Stephen Moon for taking this on. He is not on his own, a small group of volunteers are working alongside him, each with their own brief. These volunteers come from far & wide, one in Canada, as the tasks can be done online. I understand, but could be wrong, that this may mean changes to the look of the website and I'm sure feedback, positive or otherwise would be appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS STILL WANTED

The society, & the branches, are still desperate for volunteers in many areas, especially the tasks undertaken by Barbara Phillips. Although only one person may be named as a task holder, it is more than likely that a couple or small group of friends could split it between them. Many tasks only involve a few hours of time a month & a suitable handover will be given.

Volunteers are the backbone of any club or society & it's success is dependant on them so if you want to see the NWKFHS grow & prosper your help is needed.

I would like to thank Christine Hills for taking on the task of Programme Secretary, one that we would all miss if there was no one to do it.

THE DARTFORD BRANCH COMMITTEE, TOGETHER WITH THE TASK HOLDERS AT THE MEETINGS, WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF YOU & YOUR FAMILIES A VERY PEACEFUL & HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A WONDERFUL 2022

JOYDENS WOOD LIBRARY CORRECTION

The Society's Library & Resource Centre at Joydens Wood is now open. Because of Covid the numbers of visitors will be restricted, so for the time being access will be by prior booking only, **there will be NO WALK-INS.**

The following are small corrections (shown in bold) to that in last month's Dartboard: Each Wednesday there will be **2 sessions:- 12 am - 2pm & 2 - 4pm.** Drinks will be available & donations warmly welcomed. **All** of the library computers are now available but must be requested when booking your time slot, you are free to bring your own laptop. Only the main library room will be accessible but a designated person will be able to get items from the society's room on request.

To book a session please phone Janet Rose, Librarian, **01322 384836** by 6pm on the previous day.

Note: FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN WHEN MOVING AROUND.



Master of Ceremonies	Janet Rose
Branch Secretary	Sheila Elisak
Branch Finance Officer	Maureen Griffiths
Logistics Manager	Lorraine King
Programme Secretary	Christine Hills
Pastoral Care	Janet Rose
Sound Technicians	Ian West Tony Lathey
Light refreshments	Sandra & Bob Shepherd
Raffle	Pat Cornelius
Reception	Sheila Elisak Pauline Heathcote
Ephemera	Frank Parsons Judith French
Notice board	Sylvia Hammond
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Bookstall	Gillian Seager Tim Jacobs
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