



DARTBOARD



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

MEETINGS

ZOOM MEETING
**Conserving Your
Family Archive**

20th
January

7pm for 7.30pm start Speaker - Sue Gibbons

ZOOM MEETING
1921 Census

27th
January

7pm for 7.30pm start Speaker - Myko Clelland

DARTFORD
**William Barrow's
Borden Trust**

5th
February

Doors open 09.45pm for
10.30pm start Speaker - Dr Helen Allinson

SEVENOAKS
**The Capable Mr
Brown**

10th
February

Doors open 6.45pm for
7.15pm start Speaker - Russell Bowes

ZOOM MEETING
**Searching for
Adopted Ancestors**

19th
February

10am for 10.30am
start Speaker - Penny Walters

WORKSHOPS

Currently 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
Breaking down brick walls

26th
January

7.30pm start
Please see website before
booking a place on this workshop

Leader - David Cufley

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.

OUR TALK TODAY, THE 8th JANUARY 2022 'THE HEROINE OF DUNKIRK'

Pam & Mark Bathurst

The Medway Queen, a steam driven paddle steamer, was launched in 1924. She entered service on the Thames estuary routes between Strood & Chatham to Sheerness, Herne Bay & Margate in Kent, & also to Clacton & Southend in Essex in May of that year. She was requisitioned by the Royal Navy on 9 September 1939 & used as a minesweeper in WWII. She made seven trips to Dunkirk, rescuing 7,000 men in the evacuation. Few ships associated with Dunkirk have fought so hard & escaped destruction so tenaciously & for so long as the Medway Queen. After the war she returned to her old routes until 1963. From 1966 until 1974 she was a nightclub in the Isle of Wight. The hull rebuild was undertaken in Bristol with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund & the European Regional Development Fund & completed in late 2013.

FURTHER INFO RE MEETINGS ETC.

As you can see I have slightly changed the format of the list of meetings etc. to the left to make most use of the space available but, hopefully, not making it harder or more confusing to read. The introduction of Zoom meetings & workshops has increased the number we are able to hold & I have not been able to include in this list some other events such as:

The pre-existing Discussion & Writing Groups, together with 2 new ones, Scottish Research Discussion Group & DNA Discussion Group. At present these are being held on Zoom but when life gets back to normal it is anticipated that some may return to the library. Zoom meetings have enabled members based from all over the world to participate so it expected that these will continue on Zoom.

If you interested in joining one of these groups please contact the workshop leader, Carolyn Barclay, colin.s.barclay@googlemail.com who can give you more information. All these groups have a limited number of participants.

ZOOM TALKS

This month I am excited to partake in both the Zoom meetings, Conserving Your Family Archives & the 1921 Census. I have inherited numerous bits of family memorabilia, not only photographs but postcards (some in albums but many loose), press cuttings etc. I am hoping after this talk I will have learnt much to help me. Conservation is important.

**I WOULD LIKE TO WISH
ALL SOCIETY MEMBERS &
THEIR FAMILIES A VERY
HAPPY & HEALTHY 2022**

ZOOM WORKSHOP

Medieval Records, Part 1

Some online medieval records & records after 1485
7.30pm start



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There is limited space here to include everything so it is important to regularly view the Society's website

To view a diary of all Society events please log in to the website, then click on Events, then Overview & All Upcoming Meetings

ALL CHANGE RE-CAP

In last month's Dartboard I outlined some enforced changes to the Branch Library stall because of reduced storage facilities which meant we either have to lose the Exchange Journals or our collection of Bygone Kent. A show of hands was taken & although most abstained, those who voted selected by a small majority to keep the Exchange Journals. The fact that we have a set of Bygone Kent in the Joydens Wood Library probably affected this decision. I will still retain an index of Bygone Kent & there is also one at the library.

Articles from Bygone Kent can still be accessed even if you cannot get to the library. Write to Janet Rose at the Library giving details of the article you're interested in, date, volume, title of article etc. who will arrange for it to be photocopied & sent to you. Please enclose a stamped address return envelope otherwise this cost would have to be born by the society. Please expect a short delay as this can only be done on Wednesdays.

Now I have the task of finding a suitable home for the B K journals. I have tried a couple of logical places, both Bromley & Bexley Local Studies, but with no luck. So if anyone can help or suggest anywhere else, I would expect that most if not all Kent Libraries already have copies, please let me know. I now have to store them at home but I as my house facilities are not very large I have decided that if a home has not been found for them they will go in the paper recycling on the 1st of April 2022.

Also, for the time being I will continue to accept donations of family history magazines providing they are less than a year old. This could change at any time depending on storage availability. If you have any you wish to donate please do not leave them on my table but hand them to me personally as I want to keep track of where they have come from.

Master of Ceremonies	Janet Rose
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Light refreshments	Sandra & Bob Shepherd
Raffle	Pat Cornelius
Reception	Sheila Elisak Pauline Heathcote
Ephemera	Frank Parsons Judith French
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Bookstall	Gillian Seager Tim Jacobs
Exchange Journals	Hilary Waters
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1921 CENSUS

This census release is now with us. However for the present searching it is free, if I have understood correctly, but viewing the responses will have to be paid for, even for FMP subscribers. There has been much in the press recently but yesterday I went onto the TNA website to see what they could tell me. Not a lot that I didn't know already, but there was a link to Find My Past, subscriptions not required, where there was a lot more information including how the processes to make it available were carried out along with many of facts & figures & various You Tube videos. I found it all very interesting & would recommend it to our members.

JOYDENS WOOD LIBRARY REMINDER

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

Each Wednesday there will be **2 sessions:- 12 am - 2pm & 2 - 4pm** although this is flexible & may vary depending on numbers. Hot drinks are 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.