



DARTBOARD

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

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

The Good, the Bad & the Ugly



10am start

Leader - Carolyn Barclay

SEVENOAKS BRANCH MEETING

The Capable Mr Brown



7.15pm start

Speaker - Russell Bowes

ZOOM WRITING GROUP



10.30pm start

Leader - Pauline Heathcote

ZOOM WORKSHOP

Powerpoint Presentations



7.30am start

Leader - David Cufley

ZOOM MEETING

Searching for Ancestors when Adopted



10.30 start

Speaker - Penny Walters

ZOOM DNA GROUP



10.30am start

Leader - Laura Lincoln

ZOOM WORKSHOP

Medieval Records, Part 2



7.30am start

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 5th FEBRUARY 2022

WILLIAM BARROW'S BORDEN CHARITY

Helen Allison

Born in 1636 at Bethersden into a family of comfortably well-off yeomen, William was still a baby when his mother died & he was brought up by his father & stepmother. During his long life, William married three times. The first when he was 21, in Borden, the home parish of his bride, Susanna, a young widow with property. The couple lived at the Homestead in Borden, a farm which William had inherited & which had already been in the Barrow family for generations. William & Susanna had four daughters, but after 20 years of marriage she died. That same year William Barrow married again, another widow. This marriage was childless & lasted for 22 years before his wife died.

After just a few months, in his sixties, he embarked on matrimony once again to another widow with property. It must have been a great sadness to him in his old age that his daughters had predeceased him & he had no surviving children to whom he could pass on all his estates. William was a man of considerable wealth, some inherited, some gained by marriage settlements & some created by his own acumen. He owned farms in eighteen parishes but was not a good landlord as rents were high & properties in poor repair. He would have been unpopular with his tenants who would have been surprised to hear that he left a charitable will. William only made a will when he lay on his deathbed in 1707, aged 71. The idea of the charity appears to have come to him in his last hours, as he considered his past life. He regretted having been so grasping. The will appointed four friends to hold virtually all of his property in trust to give the rents & profits to the poor widows & poor men of the parish of Borden. William Barrow's name has been blessed innumerable times since his death by the recipients of his charity.

Helen, a very experienced speaker, has also written a number of local history books.

LAST CALL

Today is the last time Maureen will be taking your membership subscriptions for 2022 at a meeting. If you still have not renewed & don't have any cash/cheques with you please see Maureen to arrange payment. Non payment soon will see you removed from the Journal circulation list. Fees remain the unchanged & I think it is better value now with Zoom giving us more opportunities & flexibility.

MEETINGS

Meetings are either held at Dartford or Sevenoaks or on Zoom. They are open to all, but a donation towards the cost of the speaker is welcome from non-members.

WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

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

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

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
Computer help desk	Allan Stapleton
Bookstall	Gillian Seager Tim Jacobs
Exchange Journals	Hilary Waters
Trips & outings	Hilary Waters
Dartboard editor	Hilary Waters
You can email the editor at: newsletters@nwkfhs.org.uk	

IRISH ANCESTORS?

Tracing Irish ancestors has always been a problem because of the destruction of the Public Record Office of Ireland in 1922. Now a project is underway to recover lost documents. On the centenary of the Four Courts blaze, 30th June, there will be the launch the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland online. Many millions of words from destroyed documents will be linked & reassembled from copies, transcripts & other records scattered among the collections. This will bring together a rich array of replacement items within an immersive 3-D reconstruction of the destroyed building. The Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland will be an open-access resource, freely available online at home or abroad. Many of the most important memory institutions worldwide are joining in to reconstruct Ireland's lost history.

There is much more information on their website beyond2022.ie so I highly recommend looking at it.

CONSERVING YOUR PERSONAL ARCHIVE & 1921 CENSUS

These were the titles of 2 recent Zoom talks which were recorded & are now available on the society website in the Members Area. Links to these & other talks & workshops are on the Home page. Please note that Conserving Your Personal Archive will only be available to watch until the 11th March but Sue's slides are there to copy or download.

LIBRARY CATALOGUE UPDATE

The microfiche and microfilm catalogue has now been updated. There are now 157 pages to the catalogue covering 3,155 items. When you consider the GRO index in two large cabinets covers 48 entries, you will realise how many fiche and films are included in our collection. Fiche & microfilms may be old hat, but if the online data providers don't have them or you don't have a subscription, this is the place to check.

THE SOCIETY'S NEWSLETTER

This is a fortnightly newsletter emailed to subscribers. Unlike this publication there is no physical limit so is ideal for including photographs etc. & pleas for help. It also gives expanded information on articles that you often read here & many links, hints & tips to help you in your research.

To subscribed email Stella Eames at enews@NWKFH.org.uk

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.