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DARTBOARD

ISSUE 323

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

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

Should history be rewritten?



10am start

Leader - Carolyn Barclay

ZOOM WORKSHOP

Trade Sources



7.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

ZOOM WORKSHOP

Flickr for Family Historians



10.30am start

Leader - Walter Eves

ZOOM MEETING

Brickwalls



7.30pm start

Speaker - Ian Waller

ZOOM DNA DISCUSSION GROUP



10.30am start

Leader - Laura Lincoln

DARTFORD BRANCH MEETING

Thames Mudlarking



10.30am start

Speaker - Nicola White

ZOOM MEETING

A Prisoner of war. A case study of a private in WW2



10.30am start

Speaker - Philip Mills

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 2nd APRIL 2022

CORONERS INQUESTS

Kathy Chater

Coroners Inquests provide more information than just how people died but also where & how they lived & also how they got on with those around them. Kathy Chater has been tracing her own family tree for over 40 years & has worked at the BBC where she still advises on historical sources. She has published several books including Tracing Your Huguenot Ancestors, My Ancestor was a Lunatic, Tracing your Family Tree in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales as well as contributing articles & reviews on social & family history to magazines including Ancestor (TNA) & various websites.

ERROR

It has been discovered that the address for Joydens Wood Library is not always correct when you search for it on the internet. It appears this has nothing to do with Kent Council Libraries, who have it correct on their website but if you search Google it could well come up wrong.

The correct address is:

**80 Summerhouse Drive
Joydens Wood
Bexley Kent
DA5 2EE**

I have just checked NWKFHS's website & it is correct there.

REQUEST FROM MIKE WEEKS

After reading the section titled Events in last month's Dartboard I was contacted by Mike Weeks, Publicity Officer for the society. Before our enforced break for Covid he kept a list of members who were happy to help out on the society's stall at events. He wants to update this now. So if you would like to be added to the list please contact him, publicity@nwkfhs.org.uk.

You are not committing yourself to anything but if you are able to help if asked & for as long as you wish on any day it would be appreciated. Mike would love to hear from anyone & supply more information when asked.

SHEILA ELISAK

You will be pleased to hear that Sheila is doing well after her operation. It was a long operation & will now be a slow recovery. I am sure we all want to wish her all the best.

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
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REMINDERS FROM JANET

As I am writing this it is possible that Janet will not be with us to chair the meeting as she tested positive for Covid last week. I have just spoken to her & although she isn't feeling too bad she tested positive again this morning, Monday. She has asked me to include some regular reminders in this edition.

One or more volunteer(s) are wanted to take over the Society books. If you could be interested please see the current task holder, Barbara Phillips, for more information. And don't forget the Society is always wanting volunteers for a variety of tasks, many very small but important.

Janet, as Branch Chair, has asked for donations of gifts for raffle prizes.

In her capacity of Librarian at Joydens Wood, Janet has asked me to remind members that although the library is now open on Wednesdays it is by booking only. To book, please phone Janet on 01322 384836 before 8pm on the previous day. This is to ensure there is enough space for members to feel safe.

It would be appreciated if attendees wore face coverings when moving around the hall & the library.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Janet has also asked that I put a reminder in the Dartboard regarding collecting used postage stamps, any denomination or nationality. Janet then passes them on to a lady named Sarah who is the Volunteer Area Coordinator for Canine Partners in Kent & lives in Otford.

Canine Partners was founded in 1990, thanks to Anne Conway, an assistance dogs enthusiast & dog welfare campaigner, & Liz Ormerod, a well-known vet & animal-assisted therapy expert. Canine Partners was based on the model of The SOHO Foundation of Holland, an established assistance dogs programme. The charity rented various premises in Hampshire over the years & it was not until 2003 that it began to operate from a training centre of its own in Heyshott, West Sussex. The charity works with colleagues at The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association to train dual purpose dogs for those who have physical disabilities & are blind or partially sighted. Similarly, they combine with Hearing Dogs for Deaf People for people who have a hearing loss & are physically disabled. To help members of the armed services community who have a physical disability, they work closely with Help for Heroes & The Royal British Legion & other Forces charities.

There is a lot more information about what they do on their website, caninepartners.org.uk.

ANCESTRY - NEW RECORDS

Since the beginning of this year a variety of new records have been added to Ancestry's collections. The 1st was The Royal Air Force Operations Record Books, 1911 to 1963, very useful if you had relatives/ancestors who were flying during WW2. A very large collection, UK Portraits & Photographs, 1547 to 2018 was also added in January & can be both browsed & searched. In addition there have been updates to the parish registers of Surrey & Essex along with the England & Wales 1939 Register. A new record set is the England & Scotland Select Cemetery Registers, 1800 to 2016.

They also have a 25% discount on the price of DNA kits, valid until 15th April. Please be aware that any price quoted does NOT include P & P.