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

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

ZOOM WORKSHOP

Kevin Bacon's 6 degrees of separation

6th
July

2.15pm start

Leader - David Cufley

ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

Places an ancestor was connected to

13th
July

10.00am start

Leader - Carolyn Barclay

SEVENOAKS BRANCH

MEETING

The Shetland Bus

14th
July

20.00pm start

Speaker - Gilly Halcrow

ZOOM DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

20th
July

10.30am start

Leader - Laura Lincoln

ZOOM TALK

The Nine Lives of Mina Jury

28th
July

19.30am start

Speaker - Claire Moores

DARTFORD BRANCH MEETING

Creating a One-Street or One-Place study

6th
August

10.30am start

Speaker - Gill Thomas

ZOOM TALK

Researching Brewery & Publican Ancestors

9th
August

8pm start

Speaker - Simon Fowler

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 JULY 2022

DARTFORD RURAL RIDES

Christoph Bull

Chris is an old friend of our Society having delivered many talks to us in the past. He has also led several walks for Society members around some local areas, Dartford, Gravesend & Cobham to name a few. If you have joined in any of his walks or listened to his presentations you will know how knowledgeable & entertaining he is.

Chris has a website, www.christophbull.co.uk, where you can find lists of all his walks & talks, together with a programme for up & coming events, including talks at The Reliance fish & chip restaurant in Gravesend. Fish & chips, but not drinks, are included in the price of the talk. I have been to several pre-pandemic & can highly recommend them.

NOTES ON MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & ONLINE ZOOM EVENTS

Dartford meetings - Doors open at 9.45am & meetings commences at 10.30am.

Sevenoaks meetings - Doors open at 7.15 pm & meetings commences at 8pm.

Online Zoom meetings etc. all start at various times to suite the leader/speaker & to encourage society members from around the world to join in. It is imperative to consult the detailed entry on the Society's website for further details otherwise you could miss out. Some of these events are open to all but others are for society members only. Please remember to log in well before the advertised start time as once some of them have commenced no further attendees will be admitted. The Zoom talk on the 9th August is an example.

NEW RECORDS ON ANCESTRY

Ancestry have recently added Women's Royal Air Force Service Records 1918-1920 to their database. Still on the military theme, Forces War Records, the UK's leading military genealogy website, can now be accessed through Ancestry. That's the good news but the bad is that for some levels of access you have to pay.

Like Find My Past, details in May's Dartboard, Ancestry's 1939 Register has now been updated.

A number of new Scottish records are now on Ancestry. These include Edinburgh, Aliens Registers 1794 & 1798-1825: Edinburgh, Lord Provost Passports, 1845-1916: & Edinburgh, Extent Rolls, 1748-1829. Also Edinburgh, Cemetery Records, 1771-1935.

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



Master of Ceremonies	Janet Rose
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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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SOCIETY LIBRARY

The society library, Joydens Wood, continues to be open every Wednesday. Janet has asked me to remind you that it is still for pre-booked members only as we are still getting the occasional drop-in visitor. To book please phone Janet on 01322 384836 before 8pm on the day prior to your intended visit.

Please remember there is a lot of information available on the society's website, nwkfhs.org.uk, providing you log in as a member.

For example if you go to 'About', either from the dropdown menu or click on the 3 horizontal bars in the top left hand corner of the Home page & then click on 'Society' there are a number of options including 'Library'. You will then to a lot more information about the library including one section on Library Catalogue. The Master Catalogue can either be downloaded or viewed & contains details of all items in the library. The column headed 'Media' will tell you whether it is a book, C D or other item together with it's location. Last updated October 2021

Another button will take you to a catalogue of books & other items for sale. A quick browse shows that there are many guide books to places of interest all around the UK but especially places in our area.

Stray Certificates located at BGR0023 in the Library. Over the years members have donated BMD certificates that they obtained only to discover they are not of their family. These have been collected at the library in three volumes on the open shelves. The index to these volumes under the Birth, Marriage and Death headings are available as PDF files to download under the buttons on this page. These indexes were updated on the 24 February 2022.

DID YOU KNOW?

Searching newspapers for family or local history can be addictive & and an invaluable source if information. In my own research I found a detailed report of a road accident in 1930 in which my grandmother's sister was killed. It happened in Maidstone & not only gave details of the accident it also included the inquest report which gave details of her family. This in turn enabled me to confirm my prior research. At the same time as this family news the paper was full of a disastrous fire at The Friars, Aylesford which destroyed a whole section of this historic building.

British newspapers's history goes back more than 300 years with the Worcester Postman in 1690. However by the early 16th century News Sheets were published but as the majority of the people were illiterate they were designed to be read by a town cryer. The 1st regular English daily newspaper, the Daily Courant, was launched in 1702.

Local to us, the Kentish Post & Canterbury Newsletter launched & took on its current name, Kentish Gazette, in 1768. In 1868 the Press Association was set up as a national new agency & in 1907 the National Union of Journalists was founded.

Since the 1990's the internet has changed the way we access news & this has meant many changes, mergers & restructuring in the industry.

Information from www.newsmediauk.org

APOLOGIES

I apologise for the lack of a Dartboard last month, & for not being at the meeting, but I have had an eye problem for some months & at last had an operation to resolve it, fingers crossed. Close up tasks have not been easy & I am still have eye strain most days. I'm sure you understand.