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

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

ZOOM TALK

**Researching Brewery &
Publican Ancestors**

9th
August

8.00pm start

Speaker - Simon Fowler

ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

**Family stories which have
made you laugh, cry, smile
or groan**

10th
August

10.00am start

Leader - Carolyn Barclay

ZOOM WRITING GROUP MEETING

(members only event. If you
would like to join please
contact Pauline)

17th
August

10.30am start

Leader - Pauline Heathcote

LIBRARY WORKSHOP

Women at War

(1st workshop back at the
Library)

24th
August

10.30am start

Leader - Pam Goddard

ZOOM DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

(members only event. If you
would like to join please
contact Laura)

24th
August

10.30am start

Leader - Laura Lincoln

ZOOM WORKSHOP

**Breaking down Ancestral
Brickwalls**

(important see special notes on
the website to book)

31st
August

7.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

DARTFORD MEETING

Medals

3rd
September

10.30am start

Speaker - Glen Jones

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 6th AUGUST 2022

CREATING A ONE-STREET OR ONE-PLACE STUDY

Gill Thomas

One-place studies are a blend of family history and local history, with a focus on the entire population of a single road, village or community, not just a single, geographically dispersed family line. Such studies are frequently undertaken by family historians wanting to create a context for their ancestors.

Gill is a professional genealogist and AGRA member. She will be giving us the benefit of her experience on how to use genealogical and other sources to create a One-Place Study and how this can inform our family history research.

AUTUMN WALK

Last month's entertaining talk by Chris Bull reminded me that it was about time we had another society walk. I have looked at his website & thought it might be good to start with an easy morning walk through Greenhithe Village. Chris told me that it is about an hour or so long, depending on questions etc. There are 2 pubs in the village, The Sir John Franklin & The Pier Hotel so I thought that we could finish up at one of these for lunch (optional). The Sir John Franklin doesn't have a website but describes itself as traditional & dates back to 1661 when it was called The King's Head. It's recent reviews mention the words cosy, clean & friendly. On the negative one person said the beer was expensive. As there is no website I cannot see a menu but if any reader can help please get in touch.

The Pier Hotel does have a website but not very informative but the 'Menu' button only took me to a blank page. During the pandemic I did visit for an early evening meal & although the food was typical pub food from a pared down menu I wasn't impressed with the breach of covid regulations by the staff & many other customers. Again, if anyone has more information or comments I would like to hear from them.

As yet a date hasn't been settled on but I am thinking of a Thursday morning in October. Watch this space for more details.

SEVENOAKS MEETINGS - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

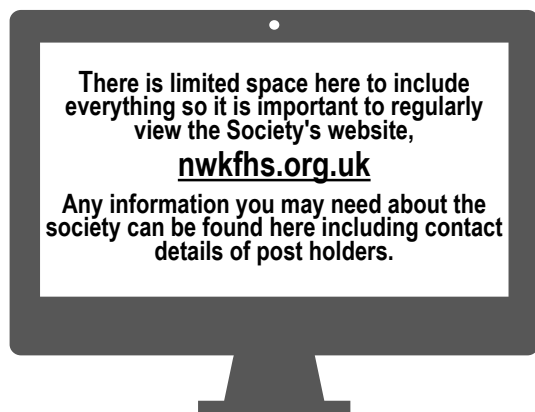
With effect from 10 September 2022 & thereafter, meetings will take place from 10.45am (Doors Open) to 1.00pm on the second Saturday Morning of each month. The venue remains the same: Otford Memorial Hall, 28A High Street, Otford, TN14 5PQ

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



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Programme Secretary	Christine Hills
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Sound Technicians	Ian West Tony Lathey
Light refreshments	Sandra & Bob Shepherd
Raffle	Pat Cornelius
Reception	Sheila Elisak Pauline Heathcote
Ephemera	Judith French
Notice board	Sylvia Hammond
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NWKFHS ENEWS

Every 2 weeks Stella Eames produces an e-newsletter. The latest edition contains a large extract from W T Vincent's 'The Records of Woolwich District', published c1890. This extract contains information about the history of the dockyard buildings. I know many of our members had ancestors who worked in the dockyard & so would be interested in a new dataset of names & dates of birth of nearly 800 former industrial employees of the inspection staff now on the society's website. This dataset is only available to logged in Society members.

The e-newsletter also contains a lot more useful information, including links to other websites, of interest to family historians. One example in this latest edition is a link to a free New Zealand newspaper website, so if you have family in or from the antipodes this could be important to you.

In this e-newsletter Stella doesn't have space restrictions as I do & so she is able to give a lot more information on a lot more articles.

If you haven't already subscribed to receive the e-newsletter you can do so by emailing Stella at emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

A post-mortem examination, also known as an autopsy, is the examination of a body after death with the aim to determine the cause of death. The history of P.M.s date back earlier than you would have thought.

Ptolemy I, King of Egypt 367-282B.C., championed pathologic anatomy & established the great university & library in Alexandria. He became the 1st ruler to allow medical officials to cut open & examine dead bodies for the purposes of learning. Most of the early dissections were performed on executed criminals. On some occasions, the king even took part in the dissections. The 1st recorded P.M. was in 44B.C. when Antistius examined Julius Caesar's body after his assassination. He determined that of the 23 stab wounds the one to his chest ruptured his aorta & was the culprit.

In 1231, during the reign of Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II, the 1st law was passed to authorise human dissection.

In 1302 Bartolomeo da Varignana conducted the 1st legal P.M. where the death was investigated to determine if there was fault, this is now referred to as a medico-legal P.M..

In 1507 Antonio Benivieni, now regarded as a founder of pathological anatomy, published a book 'The Hidden Causes of Disease'.

Napoléon Bonaparte reportedly requested a P.M. on his own body after his death (1821) & a report sent to his son. His personal physician, Francesco Antommarchi, performed the procedure & revealed unmistakable signs of stomach cancer.

In Britain obtaining bodies for dissection & research was problematic & in Edinburgh between 1827 & 1828 the infamous 'body snatchers' Burke & Hare are thought to have murdered up to 16 people to provide cadavers for Dr Robert Knox. Shortly after this the British Parliament passed the Anatomy Act (1837) giving license to doctors to teach anatomy & to dissect bodies.

These are just a fraction of the facts from the website popularmechanics.com which I have found very interesting probably because I spent 40 years in forensics with the police. I have used the term P.M. throughout this article as it is what I was used to using & I understand the word autopsy to be an Americanism.