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

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

How can we be better
genealogical sleuths?

10.00am start

Leader - T B A

7th
September

SEVENOAKS BRANCH MEETING

Wartime Fashion, 1939 - 1945

11.00am start

Speaker - Carol Harris

10th
September

ZOOM TALK

Birth & Death - The hidden
secrets of registration

7pm start

Speaker - Anthony Marr

15th
September

LIBRARY: SCOTTISH DIS- CUSSION GROUP

Scottish Law as it relates to land

10.30am start

Leaders - Pam Goddard
& Carolyn Barclay

21st
September

ZOOM DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

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

10.30am start

Leader - Laura Lincoln

21st
September

ZOOM WORKSHOP

Woolwich Arsenal, a place &
paper study

2.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

29th
September

DARTFORD MEETING

Alcock & Brown, Knights
of the air

10.30am start

Speaker - David Gillham

1st
October

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 3rd SEPTEMBER 2022 MILITARY MEDALS

Glen Jones

Glen Jones leads the Kent Branch of the Orders & Medals Research
Society. His talk covers medals issued for gallantry, campaigns, long
service, jubilee & coronation. He will offer some advice on research & also
"Do's & Don'ts" regarding those family medals which you may be lucky
enough to possess.

AUTUMN WALK

At the moment there is no update but I am currently in negotiation with
Chris for dates in October. Keep watching this space.

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

ALAN GODFREY MAPS (www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk)

Maps are one of my passions & if, like me, you have a collection of current
O S maps you will almost certainly be interested in these. The maps,
paper & folded, are invaluable for historians & genealogists & there are
now more than 3,500 titles in the major series of reprints of Old Ordnance
Survey Maps of towns throughout Britain & Ireland.

The maps are clear & uncluttered & open out like a current O S map so
they show a wide area. On the reverse is a lot of information about the
area the map covers.

In July of this year 2 titles in our area were published, Erith 1907 (ref: Kent
03.09) & Sidcup & Fools Cray 1930 (ref: Kent 08.11). Earlier in the year
another titles were published, Dartford 1931 (ref: Kent 09.06),
Swanscombe 1907 (ref: Kent 10.05), Crayford 1931 (ref: Kent 9.01) &
Dartford North & Crayford East (ref: 9.02).

Maps can be bought online from the above website & are often available
in good bookshops & main libraries. They are very reasonably priced, well
under £5.

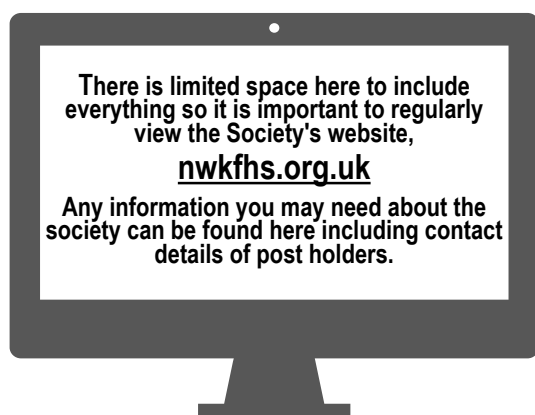
Tip, for places near or crossing county boundaries look under both, for
example maps for Bromley are under both Kent & London.

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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NEW ON ANCESTRY

During August Ancestry has released some new records for those researching their Scottish & Welsh families.

The Scottish National War Memorial collection includes names & details of those killed during the 1st & 2nd World wars. The memorial itself was opened on the 14th July 1927 & after the 2nd World War another 50,000 names were added of those killed between 1939 & 1945.

The Welsh new releases are the Carmarthenshire & Bangor Wills indexes. These are collections of index cards related to wills in these 2 Welsh regions. Those for Bangor consist of almost 31,000 cards from between 1885 & 1941 while the Carmarthenshire index contain about 13,000 & date between 1920 & 1941. Happy searching!

DID YOU KNOW?

Today we take maps for granted, be it looking at the weather on our phones or on the T V or on our car's sat nav when travelling. They are produced for a specific purpose & that was nearly always the case over about 5 thousand years man has been making maps.

Compared to modern maps, early maps:

- Depicted small areas (a city, a trade route, a hunting ground, a military campaign etc.).
- Were pictorial in nature. While they look crude compared to modern maps, they were able to show the features that the map maker wished to record.
- Had no rules relating to how they were oriented – modern maps usually have north at the top. The relationship between features on the map & reality on the Earth was often not accurate. For example, features in the centre of the map would be shown in great detail, but features closer to the map's edges were much more basic.
- In many cases were works of art first & reference documents second; part of the reason for this is that the maps were made by hand, were expensive to make & were somewhat of a status symbol to own.

In Britain Hereford Cathedral is home to the Hereford Mappa Mundi, one of the world's unique medieval treasures. Measuring 5'2" by 4'4", the map is constructed on a single sheet of vellum (calf skin). Scholars believe it was made around the year 1300 & shows the history, geography & destiny of humanity as it was understood in Christian Europe in the late thirteenth & early fourteenth centuries. The inhabited part of the world as it was known then, roughly equivalent to Europe, Asia and North Africa, is mapped within a Christian framework. Jerusalem is in the centre, and east is at the top. East, where the sun rises, was where medieval Christians looked for the second coming of Christ. The British Isles is at the bottom on the left.

The Ordnance Survey (O S) maps have their roots in the Scottish Highlands following the 1745 Rebellion while later in that century the French Revolution caused concerns along the Channel coast that the need for more details were needed for planning campaigns. A young engineer, William Roy, was tasked with a small scale survey of the Highlands, producing what was known as the Great Map at a scale of 1.75 inches to a mile. This was the start of this national institution which few, if any other, countries can match.