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THE NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, SEVENOAKS, KENT

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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

10TH OCTOBER

DICKENS IN KENT

Speaker Christoph Bull is a local historian, speaker, guide, author and Librarian of over 35 years experience who has entertained NWKFHS audiences many times. He makes a welcome return in October to give us this illustrated talk.

OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS

BROMLEY

28th SEPTEMBER - " London's Sailor town 1600 - 1800 "

The story of the merchants and mariners, who lived in the area, and their world-wide trading connections, and challenges many well-established stereotypes of these east London parishes in the 18th century. Speaker Derek Morris

DARTFORD

5th OCTOBER - " Gondolas and Growlers: how the hansom cab affected the lives of every Londoner " -

The London cabbie was an anonymous character. This talk looks at how the industry grew and declined and how the Hansom Cab affected the lives of every Londoner. Speaker Ian Waller

Welcome to NWKFHS Sevenoaks Branch. In addition to the talks, we have a number of interesting tables for you to browse. These include a bookstall, old magazines and journals, exchange journals and a reference book library. Plus, don't forget to take a look at our notice board.

The books from our library may be borrowed at no charge and the magazines are a snip at 20 pence each. You might just find the publication or book you are looking for.

Do visit our computer help desk where Karina will make every effort to assist with your family history brick wall.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at Otford Memorial Hall, High Street, Otford, TN14 5PQ. Doors open at 7.15pm, meeting starts at 8pm. There is free car parking after 6.30 pm - and refreshments are available.

We welcome visitors and new members, and we aspire to offer all the helpful advice that you might need, we hope you enjoy your visit. Guests we appreciate a £2.00 donation to the society's funds.

12TH SEPTEMBER THIS EVENING'S TALK

A CHANGE FROM OUR ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED TALK

SOE-Special Operations Executive

Churchill's Secret Army. This is a talk that will
your interest from the start And will move
both laughter and tears.

Speaker Gillian Halcrow

KENT EVENTS

18th SEPTEMBER - 'DEATH AND TAXES - UNDERSTANDING THE DEATH DUTY REGISTERS' (A sources talk)

KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, THE VILLAGE CENTRE, 9 ALPHA ROAD, BIRCHINGTON, KENT, CT7 9EG

Speaker Dave Annal. Open 7:00 pm for 7:30 start - Non-members £2.00.

26th SEPTEMBER – 'JACK CADE AND THE BATTLE OF SOLEFIELDS'

SEVENOAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, SEVENOAKS, TN13 1JA

Speaker Dr Gillian Draper – Time 8pm – Non-Members £3.00

27TH SEPTEMBER - 'KNOLE AND ITS PEOPLE'

KEMSING HERITAGE CENTRE, ST EDITH HALL, KEMSING, KENT, TN15 6NA

Speaker: Christine Geer. Time 7.30pm, Visitors £2.50

1st OCTOBER – RICHARD II AND THE PEASANTS' REVOLT. WAT AND JACK - LEADERS OF DISPUTES, PROTEST MARCHES AND CONFRONTATIONS - SWANLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ALEXANDRA SUITE ST MARY'S ROAD SWANLEY BR8 7BU

Speaker: James Dickinson Time 7.30 PM, Non- Members £2.00 (Note this is a new venue)

9TH OCTOBER - JUST HOW ACCURATE IS THE GRO INDEX?

KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HALL, BOXLEY ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 2AN

A documents and sources talk by Celia Heritage - Open 7pm for 7.30 start. Non-members £2.00.

Findmypast - Get a free DNA test when you subscribe to Findmypast UK ONLY

Findmypast.co.uk are currently offering a free DNA test (normal price £79 plus delivery) to new subscribers in the UK. To qualify you need to purchase a 12 month Plus or Pro subscription. No closing date has been given, however on the website it does described the offer as "for a limited time". Search online for findmypast subscription

Ancestry.co.uk - New records - Pembrokeshire, Wales, Electoral Registers, 1740-1978. This database contains yearly registers listing names and residences of people in Pembrokeshire who were eligible to vote in elections. These year-by-year registers can help place your ancestors in a particular place and possibly also reveal a bit about property they owned.

Also UK and Ireland, Find A Grave Index, 1300s-Current. This database contains an index to cemetery and burial details posted on Find A Grave. Find A Grave provides users a virtual cemetery experience, with images of grave markers from around the world, as well as photos, biographies, and other details uploaded by volunteers. You may find obituaries and links to other family members included as well.

Heritage Open Days - Each September thousands of volunteers across the country invite you to experience local history, architecture and culture. It's all for **free**. This year's festival will run **13-22 September**. Here are some events locally:

- ❖ Bat & Ball Railway Station, Chatham Hill Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 5AP
- ❖ Emmett's Garden, Ide Hill, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 6BA
- ❖ The Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0NT
- ❖ National Trust, Knole, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0RP
- ❖ St Mary's Church, Church Road, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 6DD

You can find more details on this evenings notice board, or visit the website for more details and more surrounding events:
<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/printable-area-lists/town/Sevenoaks>

Open House London will take place on 21-22 September 2019

Open House London is the world's largest architecture festival, giving free public access to 800+ buildings, walks, talks and tours over one weekend in September each year. This event is fully inclusive and admission is free for all Open House events. You can plan your day by visiting their website: <https://openhouselondon.org.uk/plan-your-weekend/> and view the full building listings or buy a printed guide to plan your visits over the weekend. They maintain they encourage buildings to keep access free to those who show up on the day, however some buildings (and particularly tours) will require pre-booking. Find out more on the individual buildings' pages and plan your weekend in advance. Check out the self-guided daily itineraries to make planning your weekend as easy as possible.

REMINDER: CHANGE OF WORKSHOP:

History of Education – Janet Rose & Sheila Elisak – 25 September 2019 has been Cancelled (a new date TBA)

It is replaced with Ellen Shelly and "Genealogical Standards" -

What do you know about the Genealogical Proof Standard and how do you use it to ensure the integrity of your research?

These are questions that often face family history researchers. Ellen will guide you through this minefield.

Rootstech 24-26 October 2019 | ExCel London

Claimed as London's biggest Family History Conference this year!

Keynote speakers:

Dan Snow Thursday 24th October | Kadeena Cox Friday 25th October | Donny Osmond Saturday 26th October

A gathering of DNA experts, photo organizers, storytellers, and genealogists from around the globe!

You can get £25.00 off your registration using code 25DONNY.

Visit https://www.rootstech.org/london?et_cid=1488804&et_rid=136141944&linkid=button&cid=em-rt-9086

ON THIS DAY: Sept. 12th is the 255th day of 2019 in the Gregorian calendar; 110 days left until the end of the year

1605 William Dugdale, English genealogist and historian is born; As a scholar he was influential in the development of medieval history as an academic subject (d. 1686)

1609 Henry Hudson, English sea explorer, begins his exploration of the Hudson River while aboard the Halve Maen

1846 Elizabeth Barrett, English poet popular in Britain and the United States during her lifetime, elopes with Robert Browning, English poet and playwright

1897 Irène Joliot-Curie, French chemist and physicist, Nobel Prize laureate is born (d. 1956)

1906 The Newport Transporter Bridge is opened in Newport, South Wales by Viscount Tredegar; it is a grade I listed structure

1933 Physicist and inventor Leo Szilard, while waiting for a red light on Southampton Row in Bloomsbury, conceives the idea of the Nuclear chain reaction

1943 World War II: Benito Mussolini is rescued from house arrest by German commando forces led by Otto Skorzeny

1953 U.S. Senator & future President John Fitzgerald Kennedy marries Jacqueline Lee Bouvier at St. Mary's church in Newport, Rhode Island

1962 President Kennedy delivers his "We choose to go to the Moon" speech at Rice University

2003 Johnny Cash, American singer-songwriter, guitarist, and actor died (b. 1932)

Welcome to our new venue

NWKFHS Sevenoaks Branch moves to:

Otford Memorial Hall,

High Street, Otford, TN14 5PQ

Parking free after 6.30 pm



The Sevenoaks Committee

Branch Chair - Barbara Attwaters

Committee Members

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Bernie Wilkins, Barbara Stead,
Sandra Marchant, Bill Chopping**