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

## MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

### ZOOM FAMILY HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP.

Today's topic: Apprenticeships. Join in & enjoy lively discussions on this & other aspects of Family History.

10.30am start

Leader - Ann Clarke

3rd  
May

### LIBRARY SCOTTISH INTERESTS GROUP

A discussion group that looks at resources for researching Scottish Ancestors.

10.30am start

Leaders - Pam Goddard & Carolyn Barclay

3rd  
May

### LIBRARY DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

A group for those either new to or who want to discuss particular aspects of DNA.

10.30am start

Leader - TBA

10th  
May

**ZOOM WORKSHOP:** How to draw a pedigree chart using power point, excel & desk top publishing software.

7.30 pm start

Leader - David Cufley

10th  
May

### ZOOM DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussions about various topics of DNA & your family history research.

10.30am start

Leader - Laura Lincoln

17th  
May

### ZOOM TALK: The Women's Land Army

In WW2 80,000 land girls played a vital role in food production & cultivating the land.

7.30pm start

Speaker - Ian Everest

18th  
May

### ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

Let's talk about family history. Your chance to ask questions & get tips from other members.

2.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

24th  
May

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 29th APRIL 2023, THE NORMANDY D-DAY LANDINGS.

Ian Thompson

Ian is well known to the society having given us entertaining speeches in the past. This fascinating talk is not about the fighting; instead Ian will reveal the intelligence war behind the Operations & how the allies fooled the Germans.

SEVENOAKS BRANCH MEETINGS ARE HELD AT OTFORD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL, HIGH STREET, OTFORD ON THE 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. DOORS OPEN AT 10.45 & MEETING COMMENCES AT 11.00.

### THE TALK ON THE 13th MAY 2023, THE HISTORY & MYSTERY OF FUNERALS.

Susan Flipping

Death, and the funeral rites which follow it, have always reflected the culture of the time; & what we consider 'normal' comes from thousands of years of changing beliefs & traditions.

Our ancestors had practices that seem strange – even bizarre – to 21st century minds yet we can often see how they leave their mark even now. The talk looks at funeral & death rites over the last thousand years & across the world, considering how they reflect the way our ancestors lived in successive generations

**Note:** There is an adjacent, large public car park (50p for 2 hours, £1 for 3 hours) but it can be busy at times.

### IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE OF WORDING

Please read all notifications of **Zoom** events carefully, different conditions apply as to whether it is a **workshop/discussion group** or **talk**. A **Zoom workshop/discussion group** is open to members only, with restricted numbers & pre-booking required. A **Zoom talk** is open to all, members & visitors with details of how to access the event on the society's website.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE - CHANGE OF DATE

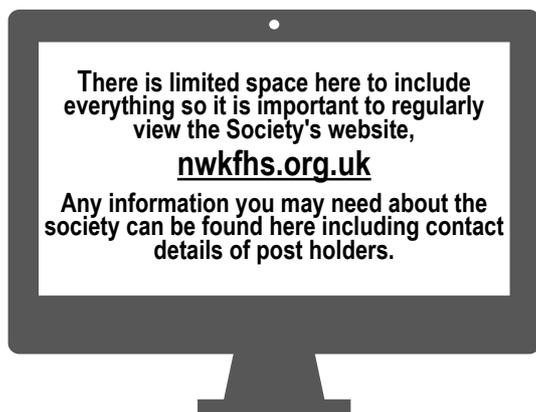
At the beginning of the year members were notified that on certain dates in 2023 the society library, Summerhouse Drive, would open later than usual for members. One of these dates was the 24th May. This date has now been changed to the 17th May when it will now open at 1pm. All the usual resources & services will be available.

## 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, both at the library or 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](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk)



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## TWO NEW WORKSHOPS

The Editor of the Society's journal, Pauline Heathcote, has just started a new workshop entitled 'New to Writing Up Your Family History?'. The original group is still going & I would certainly recommend joining this new group if you find yourself daunted by putting pen to paper, or fingers to a keyboard. Pauline sets assignments on all types of writing & workshops are at Joydens Wood Library, every 3 months on a Wednesday morning.

David Cufley has also started a new afternoon zoom workshop using documents left by late society member Ray Fordham. Ray rescued a number of documents & databases from destruction when the Royal Arsenal closed. The final collection we have received are a number of documents & maps relating to the bombing casualties of WW2. Among the files are lists of names without date or source, but they give addresses within the Arsenal boundary. This is a member's only event.

Workshop leaders freely give their time, but donations towards the society's running costs is appreciated. As usual full details for all workshops & events are on the society's website.

## SOME CORONATION FACTS

The 1st recorded coronation to take place at Westminster Abbey was that of William I (The Conqueror) on Christmas Day 1066. However this service had been drawn up by St Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, for the coronation of Edgar, the first King of All England, at Bath Abbey in 973. Edgar's queen, Aelfthryth, was the first consort to be crowned queen of England. Before 1066 there had not been any fixed location for coronations.

Henry III (1207 - 1272) rebuilt the Abbey in the Gothic style which included a large space intended for future coronations & other large events. His son, Edward 1, was the first king to be crowned in the present Abbey building in 1274.

In 1689 William III & Mary II were the only joint monarchs to be crowned. A special chair was made for Mary & which is now on view in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries in the Abbey triforium.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, public spectacle sometimes overshadowed religious significance. At George III's coronation some of the congregation began to eat a meal during the sermon. George IV's coronation was a great theatrical occasion but he flatly refused to allow his estranged wife Caroline to enter the Abbey. William IV had to be persuaded to have a coronation at all & spent so little money on it that it became known as 'the penny coronation'.

With Queen Victoria's coronation in 1838 came a renewed appreciation of the true religious meaning of the ceremony & by the time Queen Elizabeth II was crowned in 1953 millions around the world were able to watch it on live on television.

Since the late 14th century every coronation ceremony has basically followed the same order of service laid down in the Abbey's magnificent medieval illuminated Latin manuscript, the Liber Regalis, which can be viewed in the Galleries at the Abbey. The coronation of Elizabeth I was a mixture of Latin & English but that of James I in 1603 was an entirely English liturgy. The Coronation Chair in St George's Chapel is one of the most precious & famous pieces of furniture in the world. It has been the centrepiece of coronations for over 700 years when it is placed in the centre of the Abbey, in front of the High Altar.