



# DARTBOARD

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

## BRANCH MEETINGS

### SEVENOAKS

**THERE IS NO MEETING THIS EVENING**



### BROMLEY

**TRAVELLING ON THE VICTORIAN RAILWAYS**

**Dr. David Turner**



### DARTFORD

**FIT FOR PURPOSE**

**Alan Williams**



## WORKSHOPS

**Computing Group**

Booking Code: 1910



**Illegitimacy**

**Mari Alderman**  
Booking Code: 1911



**Friday DNA Group**

Booking code:  
FDNAG 04



Dartford Branch Meetings are held at the Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9.45am to 12.30pm.

### OUR TALK TODAY, 6th APRIL, IS: ZOE HART DYKE & THE LEYTON SILK ROAD

**Claire Weiss**

No biographical details are available for Claire Weiss.

Zoe Hart Dyke (1896 - 1975) was a British pioneer of silk farming. The silk created in her businesses has been used by British Royalty including the wedding dresses of Queen Elizabeth II and Diana, Princess of Wales.

Born Millicent Zoe Bond in London's east end, her family moved to Dorset where she grew up & developed an interest in silk worms. In 1922 she married Oliver Hart Dyke .....

But I won't continue in case it spoils Claire's talk.

### NEW MUSEUM NOW OPEN

The Biggin Hill Memorial Museum is now open. On the same site as the chapel of remembrance, built in 1951 to preserve the legacy of those who served & died there, it tells the story of the fighter station. The museum is fully accessible & caters for visitors with both hearing & visual difficulties. There is the ubiquitous shop, cafe & picnic area. Open Wednesdays to Sundays, 10.00 to 17.00 with a reasonable admission fee tickets can be booked in advance. There is so much I could tell you but as space is limited I think it best if I just give you their web address & let you read it yourselves: <https://bhmm.org.uk>

### CHURCH OPEN HOUSE

St Mary's Church, at St Mary Cray, will be opening its doors again this summer from 10:00 until 16:00 on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from April until September. We are only doing the two Wednesdays a month due to the difficulty of finding the necessary stewards.

For those of you who have a particular interest in the church, its Parish Registers or have ancestors & family from the area, I will be present on the afternoons of the 1st Wednesday and will be only to pleased to help. If you require particular information please contact me in advance so I can prepare for your visit.

From Tony Lathey

## Discussion group

Victor Nutt  
Booking code: 1912



Workshops are held on advertised days at KCC's Joydens Wood Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Bexley, Kent, DA5 2EE.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THESE, ALL FUTURE MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & MUCH MORE

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## 1921 CENSUS

The National Archives, in association with the Office for National Statistics (ONS), has awarded leading British & Irish family history website Findmypast the contract to digitise & publish the 1921 Census online. The census, which was the first to be conducted following the introduction of the Census Act of 1920, & will be published online in January 2022.

Taken on 19th June 1921, the census consists of more than 28,000 bound volumes of original household returns containing detailed information on close to 38 million individuals. It provides greater detail than any previous census as, in addition to the questions asked in 1911, the 1921 returns also asked householders to reveal their place of employment, the industry they worked in and the materials they worked with as well as their employer's name. Those aged 15 & older were required to provide information about their marital status, including if divorced, while for those under 15 the census recorded whether both parents were alive or if either or both had died. The 1921 Census also included detailed questions on education & was the first in which individual householders could submit separate confidential returns. It is going to be a long 3 years!

## FROM DAVID CUFLEY

David has asked me to let you know that The Weald & Downland Living Museum, near Chichester, West Sussex, has a very interesting & varied programme of talks scheduled throughout this year. It may be a long way to go but could be well worth it. See <https://www.wealddown.co.uk> for details. Even without the talks the museum is well worth a visit.

## NOTHING TO DO?

Bexley Local Studies & Archive Centre have just published their programme of events for the coming year, April 2019 to March 2020. Included are 'A lunchtime look at May Place', once home to Sir Cloudsley Shovell & 'Code Name Santa Fe', about the work of the American soldiers stationed at Hall Place during WW2 & their link to Bletchley Park. There is even one for our President, David Cufley, 'Bricks of Bexley!' These are just 3 talks but there are guided walks as well. The programme can be found online at Bexley Historical Society facebook page or in person at the Central Library, Townley Road, Bexleyheath or email [www.archives@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:www.archives@bexley.gov.uk) for more information. All events must be pre-booked for a small fee.

## WILMINGTON HERITAGE CENTRE

The Heritage Centre in High Road, next to the Memorial Hall, is open on the first Thursday of each month from 9.30 - 1.30 & the second Saturday each month from 10 - 12. The Centre has many display cabinets of artifacts & a large number of old photos on hanging wall displays. It also has many files on local history with old documents & maps & information on local people their families & histories.

There are experts on hand to answer questions & give a warm welcome to all visitors.

For further information. contact Jean Radford on 01322 221056

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