



DARTBOARD

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

BRANCH MEETINGS

SEVENOAKS

LOST EMPIRES,
LAST DAYS OF THE
MUSIC HALL

Wilf Lower



BROMLEY

OLD PHOTOGRAPHS
IDENTIFICATION &
DATING

Tom Doig



DARTFORD

LLOYD'S OF
LONDON
INSURANCE

Jerry Dowlen



WORKSHOPS

Computer Group

Library Experts
Booking Code 1919



Living & Working on the Water

Jean Stirk
Booking Code: 1920



Friday DNA Group

Booking code:
FDNA 07



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 JULY, IS:

DRAGON BLOOD & WILLOW BARK: (The mysteries of medieval medicine) **Toni Mount**

Toni Mount has been a history teacher for more than fifteen years. She has an MA by Research on medieval medical manuscripts from the University of Kent. Born in London, Toni now lives in Gravesend & has been a speaker at several Society meetings in the past.

She has written 7 novels in the Sebastian Foxley medieval murder mystery series, the latest of which is The Colour of Lies, as well as non-fiction including Dragon's Blood & Willow Bark where she explores medieval surgeons life-saving procedures, ideas on hygiene, dietary advice & much more. In her words 'No animals, large, furry or mythological, were harmed during research for this book'.

KNIGHTS OF THE AIR

John Alcock & Arthur W Brown were the 1st to successfully fly the Atlantic on 14/15 June 1919. They made the journey in a WW1 "Vickers Vimy" plane designed & build in the Vickers factory in Crayford. The pilots visited Crayford to celebrate their success on the 23rd July 1919.



To mark this important centenary, the Alcock & Brown Centenary Project Group (Crayford), supported by Bexley Borough & a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, have organised a number of special events which culminate in the 10 days commencing Sunday the 21st July. On this day there will be a free Celebration Day at Hall Place which will include an attempt on the model flying Guinness World Record, Local History Fair, Children's rides, a Farmers Market & much more. Leaflets & information on all the events are available from Bexley Libraries where you see that some others are free but tickets must be pre-booked. If you haven't already found it there is an article in the latest journal, page 86, which will tell you more about the historic flight.

MEETING CHANGE OF TIME

The 1st Sevenoak's Branch meeting in its new venue, the Main Hall, Otford Village Memorial Hall, was a success but it has been decided that the time the doors will open to the public will be 19.30 in future & not 19.15. The meeting will still start at 20.00.



Discussion Group

Carolyn Barclay
Booking code: 1921



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

Master of Ceremonies	Janet Rose
Branch Secretary	Sheila Elisak
Branch Finance Officer	Maureen Griffiths
Logistics Manager	Lorraine King
Programme Secretary	Barbara Phillips
Pastoral Care	Raymer Lofts
Sound Technicians	Ian West Tony Lathey
Light refreshments	Sandra & Bob Shepherd
Raffle	Pat Cornelius
Reception	Sheila Elisak Pauline Heathcote
Old magazines & journals	Frank Parsons Judith French
Notice board	Sylvia Hammond
Computer help desk	Allan Stapleton
Bookstall	Gillian Seager Tim Jacobs
Free reference book library & exchange journals	Stella Nicholls Hilary Waters Rosemary Lathey
Trips & outings	Hilary Waters
Dartboard editor	Hilary Waters

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FREE EXCHANGE JOURNALS



This stall has been run by Stella Nicholls for many years & she has asked me to tell you more about it. One of her tables has a comprehensive set of Bygone Kent journals which you may borrow either individually or as a yearly set. Indexes are available. There is also a table with Family History Society journals from other societies both in the UK & further afield. Unfortunately these are diminishing as more societies put theirs on-line rather than have them printed. There is also a table with copies of donated Family History magazines, not necessarily recent but always worth a read. All of these are available to borrow free of charge so please come & have a look.

CROSSNESS PUMPING STATION

'Luminary' is a unique & spectacular multi-media art installation, commissioned for Crossness Pumping Station, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sir Joseph Bazalgette, the great Engineer who built London's sewers. It combines 3D laser scanning technology, video projection, sound & lighting effects to create an ethereal & immersive exploration of this iconic building. Never to be repeated so don't miss it! It is on from the 12 to 14 July, the shows are at various times, are free, but must be pre-booked.

THE 1940s SOCIETY

This is a society for everyone interested in wartime Britain. There is a website, www.1940.co.uk, where you will find information about joining the society, shopping for books, reproduction posters & much more. The society hold regular meetings with lectures & discussions on different aspects of the 1940's. Despite the Home Front being of particular interest to members, subjects vary widely & have included lectures on French escape lines & the Russian Front. Regular film evenings are also popular with classic wartime films & propaganda shorts being shown. Many of these meetings are held at the Memorial Hall in Otford & details can be found on their website under the Activities tag.

WORKSHOP POSTPONED

Unfortunately the 'History of Education' workshop, scheduled for the 25th September, has had to be postponed due to the unavailability of the leaders, Janet Rose & Sheila Elisak. Instead, Ellen Shelly will lead a workshop called 'What do you know about the Genealogical Proof Standard & 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.

With her recently obtained degree from Strathclyde University she will bring all the latest thinking to the topic.

While doing my own research on Ancestry (& other sites are available) I frequently see the errors others make in their family trees & several times I have had to contact the owner to put them right. They see the right name once but investigate no further & I am sure they don't read what they save to their trees. Please don't be put off by looking at other's research but treat it very carefully, some may help you overcome your own brick walls & fill in gaps.