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NEXT BRANCH MEETING

NO MEETING IN APRIL

9TH MAY 2019

A School Girls War

An evocative story of school life in WW2 and first-hand recollections of pupils who experienced the disrupted schooling, the air-raids, the doodlebugs and the lessons in underground shelters

Speaker - Mary Smith

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 Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road Sevenoaks, TN14 5DN. Doors open at 7.15pm, meeting starts at 8pm. There is free car parking - 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

OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS

BROMLEY

16th MARCH - "Powers behind the Thrones" -

Speaker IMOGEN CORRIGAN

DARTFORD

6th APRIL - "Zoe Hart Dyke & the Leyton Silk Road"

Speaker Claire Weiss

14TH MARCH THIS EVENING'S TALK

Underground Britain:

From factories to Military transport" -

An exploration of interesting things beneath the ground from war time factories to Cold War bunkers, mines, underground pipelines of all sorts, geology, catacombs and crypts, dumping, and of course pavement markings

Speaker GEOFFREY BEER

KENT EVENTS

21st March – The Heritage and Memory of Hop Picking in West Kent – Leigh & District Historical Society, Small Village Hall, High Street, Leigh, Nr Tonbridge TN11 8RL

Speaker Toby Butler – 8pm start, non-members £2.00

28th March – 'Sevenoaks – "When did the First World War end?"' – Sevenoaks Historical Society, the Undercroft, St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks, TN13 1JA. Speaker David Killingray – Time 8pm – non-members £3.00

29th MARCH – Master Masons: The story of how they built the cathedrals - Kemsing Heritage Centre, St Edith Hall, High Street, Kemsing, Kent TN15 6NA. Speaker: Imogen Corrigan. Time 7.30pm, non-members £2.50

2nd April – Historic Greenwich – Swanley Historical Society, Alexandra Suite St Mary's Road Swanley BR8 7BU
The Darenth Hospitals - The fascinating story of a school for 'imbeciles', an adult training colony and a place where smallpox sufferers were nursed. Speaker Francine Hills – Time 7.30 pm, non- members £2.00 (**Note this is a new venue**)

10th APRIL – Branch AGM and Transcription Evening - Kent Family History Society, St. Pauls Church Hall, Boxley Road, Maidstone, ME14 2AN – Time 1930-2130 Visitors £2.00

17th APRIL – Lady Jane Grey – The Girl who would be Queen - Otford and District Historical Society, Otford Village Memorial Hall, High Street, TN14 5PQ - Speaker *Douglas Clucas* – Time 8 pm – Visitors £3.00

EXHIBITIONS AT IMPERIAL WAR MEMORIAL, LAMBETH ROAD, LONDON, SE1 6HZ

RENEWAL: LIFE AFTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR IN PHOTOS

In the years after the First World War, countries, cities and individuals had to regenerate and rebuild themselves on an extraordinary scale. From the devastation and loss, a new world emerged.

Through a rich collection of photographs, discover the innovation and resourcefulness that shaped the rebuilding and regeneration of the world post-war, revealing resilience and creativity in times of great change.

I WAS THERE: ROOM OF VOICES

At 11am on 11 November 1918, an Armistice was declared and the First World War came to an end.

The ceasefire marked a pivotal moment for an entire generation, but people experienced and reacted to it in many different ways. In this immersive sound installation, 32 people who fought and lived through the First World War share their personal stories of the Armistice.

BOTH ARE FREE EVENTS – OPEN UNTIL 31 MARCH

For more details visit <https://www.iwm.org.uk/>

Family Tree Live Alexandra Palace, London

The general public are being challenged to find out more about their family history at Family Tree Live, a major new exhibition taking place at London's historic Alexandra Palace over two days on 26 and 27 April 2019.

The event will feature expert talks, hands-on workshops, living history and children's activities, a DNA hub, special displays and a long list of exhibitors and traders, allowing visitors to discover more about their ancestry, whether they are just starting out or have been researching their roots for years.

Helen Tovey, editor of Family Tree magazine said: 'Many of us are unaware of our ancestors' stories, how they lived and worked, and what they experienced; yet all of us have a rich family history waiting to be re-told. Family Tree Live will be a celebration of these stories, bringing together experts from around the world and providing learning opportunities to help visitors unearth their history and discover the wide range of records and resources available to us all. You can book your tickets today from just £12. <https://www.family-tree.co.uk/ftre/show/family-tree-live/book-now>

Our Family History Day AGM is taking place on Thursday 11th April 2019 - from 10.30 - 18.30

The Venue is Cobham Hall, Brewers Road, Cobham, Kent DA12 3BL

The Society will be selling interesting family history donated duplicate books at the AGM, so bring plenty of change and grab a bargain, or you can make us an offer for a better Buy; all the money goes to the Society. The speaker will be Nick Barratt, talk subject to be confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Reminder: The booking form that was issued with the December Journal is incorrect. The correct one can now be downloaded from the Society's website under Community & then Family History Day.

NWKFHS Sevenoaks Branch moves to Otford Memorial Hall, High Street, Otford, TN14 5PQ Our first meeting at this new site will be June 2019 – Parking free after 6.30 pm.

Family History Courses at Weald & Downland Living Museum, Singleton, Chichester, PO18 0EU –

- ❖ 15th April 2019 The Kevin Bacon Family History Laboratory.
- ❖ 11th May. Family History: Trades and Occupation research

Tutor David Cufley - see this evening's notice board for more information or go to following link (and more courses): <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/adult-learning/evening-talks/> - Tel no. 01243 811363

Put your walking shoes on: Message from Hilary Waters - On Tuesday the 2nd April Chris Bull will entertain us around Dartford. Commencing at about 11am he will point out places of interest that are easily overlooked as we rush through the historic town centre. After a break for lunch we will be able to go behind the scenes in the Library. Originally built with the aid of a grant from the philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie, it has served the town since 1916. If you would be interested in joining the walk please email me at either dartford@nwkfhs.org.uk or newsletters@nwkfhs.org.uk & please enter **Dartford Walk 2019** in the subject box & I will then add you to my list so I can give you more details later this month. The cost of the day will be £10 per person & at present there are plenty of spaces available.

ON THIS DAY: Mar 14th is the 74th day of 2019 in the Gregorian calendar; 292 days left until the end of the year

44BC Casca and Cassius decide, on the night before the Assassination of Julius Caesar, that Mark Antony should live

1489 The Queen of Cyprus, Catherine Cornaro, sells her kingdom to Venice

1885 *The Mikado*, a light opera by W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, receives its first public performance in London

1879 Albert Einstein is born, the son of a Jewish electrical engineer in Ulm, Germany

1933 Michael Caine, English actor and author is born

1942 Orvan Hess and John Bumstead became the first in the United States successfully to treat a patient, Anne Miller, using penicillin

1943 World War II: The Kraków Ghetto is "liquidated".

1945 World War II: The R.A.F.'s first operational use of the Grand Slam bomb, Bielefeld, Germany.

1964 A jury in Dallas finds Jack Ruby guilty of killing Lee Harvey Oswald, the assumed assassin of John F. Kennedy

1967 The body of U.S. President John F. Kennedy is moved to a permanent burial place at Arlington National Cemetery

2014 Tony Benn, English pilot and politician, Postmaster General of the United Kingdom dies (b. 1925)

If anyone has 5 minutes at the end of the evening to help put away the tables etc. it would be most helpful; many hands really do make light work and we would appreciate your help



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