

# Sevenoaks Newsletter

THE NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, SEVENOAKS, KENT

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## NEXT BRANCH MEETING

11<sup>TH</sup> JULY

### **Lost Empires: Last Days of Music Hall and Variety**

Music hall provided popular entertainment for all, surviving both cinema and radio, but television proved too much and it died – although variety struggled on, and its traditions continue. A light-hearted look at the theatres and performers; in front and behind the curtains! All from an unusual and unique perspective revealed during the talk.

**Speaker – Wilf Lower**

## OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS

### **BROMLEY**

15<sup>th</sup> JUNE - " Hops, Inns and Pilgrims on the South Side of London Bridge" - Speaker John Halligan

### **DARTFORD**

6<sup>TH</sup> JULY- "Dragons Blood & Willow Bark - The Mysteries of Medieval & Tudor Medicine" - Speaker Mrs Toni Mount

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.

## **13TH JUNE THIS EVENING'S TALK**

### **What the Battle of Jutland did for the Navy:**

The Battle of Jutland was a naval battle fought between Britain's Royal Navy Grand Fleet and the Imperial German Navy's High Seas Fleet, during WWI. The battle unfolded in extensive maneuvering and three main engagements (the battle cruiser action, the fleet action and the night action),

from 31 May to 1 June 1916. It was the largest naval battle and the only full-scale clash of battleships in that war.

This evening we will discover the impact of this battle from our returning speaker **NICK FOTHERGILL**

## **KENT EVENTS**

### **24TH JUNE 'FROM WORKHOUSE TO HOSPITAL - THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE WORKHOUSE'**

Kent Archives & Local History, Archives Search Room, James Whatman Way, Maidstone ME14 1LQ

Speaker Deborah Collins, Time between 1300 and 1400. The talk is FREE. Contact Number 03000 42 06 73

### **25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – BRICK WALLS AND LOST ANCESTORS**

Kent Family History Society, Ashford Branch, Willesborough Windmill, Hythe Rd, (Off A20 Hythe Rd) TN24 0QG

Speaker David Annal, Time 1930-2130, Visitors £2.00

### **27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – 'THE LUBBOCKS OF KENT' – SEVENOAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, SEVENOAKS, TN13 1JA**

Speaker Lord Avebury – Time 8pm – Non-Members £3.00

### **28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – CONSERVATION PROJECT AT KNOLE –**

Kemsing Heritage Centre, St Edith Hall, Kemsing, Kent, TN15 6NA Speaker: David Noon. Time 7.30pm, Visitors £2.50

### **2<sup>ND</sup> JULY – MADAME'S GIRLS - MARTINA BERGMAN OSTERBERG, PIONEER OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION TRAINING FOR WOMEN**

Swanley Historical Society, Alexandra Suite St Mary's Road Swanley BR8 7BU

Speaker: Lesley Tipler – Time 7.30 PM, Non- Members £2.00 (Note this is a new venue)

**TheGenealogist** release New Nautical Apprenticeship Records: We have expanded our occupational records with over 300,000 records of Masters and Apprentices included in a nautical set of apprenticeship records. These BT 150 records from The National Archives comprise of an index that had been compiled by the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen and its predecessor. It consists of apprentices indentured in the Merchant Navy between 1824-1910. The books have now been transcribed and include colour images of the original registers to add a fascinating resource to their broad range of records which can be used to build an ancestor's story.

## **TheGenealogist confirm the return of Who Do You Think You Are? Series 16**

The names of the celebrities who will appear in this year's U.K. series have been announced.

Returning to our television screens, the makers promise that Series 16 will have shocking revelations, laughter, tears and emotions like never before as the celebrities explore their remarkable histories and ancestral secrets begin to unfold. The eight programmes, set to air in 2019, will include the following personalities: Kate Winslet, Daniel Radcliffe, Sharon Osbourne, Naomie Harris, Paul Merton, Mark Wright, Katherine Ryan and Jack Whitehall who will all be tracing their families' histories.

(Airing dates not known at time of publication)



## BREAKING NEWS IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY:

### An attempt by a mad cabinetmaker to upset the Royal train From the Telegraph newspaper - 12 July 1855

William Groyne, the cabinetmaker charged with attempting to upset the train on the South Eastern line at Tonbridge when Prince Albert and the Duke of Cambridge were returning from accompanying the Emperor and the Empress of the French to Dover, was tried at the Quarter Sessions held at Maidstone on Monday. From the evidence it appeared that the train would not have been injured by the obstructions the prisoner had placed on the line, as the speed at the spot would have been very slow, and the prisoner was acquitted. He said he was unconscious of his actions at the time, but was now sane.

### Is cycling dangerous? The evidence of the coroner's court From the Telegraph newspaper - 7 September 1898

Last evening Mr John Troutbeck held an inquiry at Pimlico with reference to the death of Annie Marie Byles, aged 21 years, a domestic servant. On Monday afternoon the deceased and a fellow servant went out for a ride on their bicycles in Earls Court Road. The deceased fell off and both offside wheels of an omnibus passed over her body, killing her instantly. Verdict - "Accidental death".

Mr Troutbeck then inquired into the death of Henry James Harwood, aged 44 years, a butler, who was also killed whilst cycling. At midday on August 29 the deceased was riding a bicycle in Hamilton Place, Hyde Park, when a policeman stopped the traffic. Harwood was resting at a "refuge" when his hand slipped off the top of a post, and he fell under the wheel of a cart laden with bricks, which passed over him, inflicting terrible pelvic injuries, which caused his death in St George's Hospital. Verdict - "Accidental death"

Source: 150 YEARS OF THE DAILY TELEGRAPH BY Christopher Howse - 11.06.19

## The Family History Show – Sponsored by TheGenealogist

- The Family History Show York. York Racecourse. Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1000-1630
- The Family History Show South West. Exhibition & Conference Centre, Bristol. Saturday 06<sup>th</sup> July 1000-1630
- The Family History Show London. Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1000-1630

Each show will have an "Ask the Experts" stand, where you can get free one-to-one help and advice.

There will also be free talks held throughout the day at all shows, from a variety of expert speakers covering a range of topics.

Door price £6.00 – Buy tickets early and get two for £8 / London show £8.00 - Buy tickets early and get two for £10

(Visit [www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk) for more information)

## Tuesday 2 July Bromley Branch Summer Lunch

Bromley Branch is having a summer lunch at the Bromley Court Hotel on Tuesday 2 July at 12.30

All are welcome and all enquiries should be made to Janet Akehurst @ [gingerjanet02@gmail.com](mailto:gingerjanet02@gmail.com)

The cost is £17.99 for two courses or £21.99 for 3 courses. Coffee and petit fours are £2.50 extra.

**ON THIS DAY: June 13<sup>th</sup> is the 164th day of 2019 in the Gregorian calendar; 201 days left until the end of the year**

**1381** The Peasants' Revolt led by Wat Tyler culminated in the burning of the Savoy Palace

**1514** *Henry Grace à Dieu*, at over 1,000 tons the largest warship in the world at this time, built at the new Woolwich Dockyard in England, is dedicated

**1625** King Charles I of England marries Catholic princess Henrietta Maria of France and Navarre, at Canterbury

**1774** Rhode Island becomes the first of Britain's North American colonies to ban the importation of slaves

**1910** Born; Mary Whitehouse, English activist, founded the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association (d. 2001)

**1917** World War I: The deadliest German air raid on London of the war is carried out by Gotha G.IV bombers and results in 162 deaths, including 46 children, and 432 injuries

**1944** WWII: Germany launches the first V1 Flying Bomb attack on England. Only four of the 11 bombs strike their targets

**1977** Convicted Martin Luther King JR. assassin James Earl Ray is recaptured after escaping from prison three days before

**1981** At the Trooping the Colour ceremony in London, a teenager, Marcus Sarjeant, fires six blank shots at Queen Elizabeth II

**Welcome to our first meeting at 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  
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Karina Jackson, Norma Holmden,  
Bernie Wilkins, Barbara Stead,  
Sandra Marchant, Bill Chopping