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

## MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

### ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

PowerPoint Presentations using Evernote for Family History with Natalie Poulton.

10.30am start

10th  
January

### LIBRARY DISCUSSION GROUP ON DNA & GENERAL FAMILY HISTORY

10.30 am start  
Leaders - Jacki Ellis & Pam Goddard

17th  
January

### ZOOM WORKSHOP

Settlement, Examinations & Removal Orders

07.30pm start  
Leader - David Cufley

17th  
January

### ZOOM DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussions on various aspects of DNA & Family History

10.30am start  
Leader - Laura Lincoln

24th  
January

### ZOOM WORKSHOP

Breaking Down Brick Walls  
*Please refer to important information below if you wish to join this workshop*

07.30pm start  
Leader - David Cufley

31st  
January

### ZOOM WORKSHOP ABOVE

If you have an ancestral brick wall & wish David's help to solve it, please submit it to David via [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk) by the 17th January. More information is available on the Society's website.

### ZOOM - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For 2024 a Zoom Register has been created to cover all attendance to any of the zoom groups. Any society member who would like to be added to the register needs to submit their name, email address & membership number to [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk) You only need to register once.

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 6th JANUARY 2024, BOXERS, BANDITS & A BLIND BEGGAR

Ian Bevan

Bethnal Green was a medieval hamlet to the east of the City of London long before the term "East End" was invented.

It became popular with rich merchants in the 16th century but immigration began in the 18th century & Bethnal Green soon developed into one of the first manufacturing districts in the area.

By the end of the 19th century foreign immigration had turned Bethnal Green into the over-populated scene of poverty which we find in the census returns. Slum clearance and post war redevelopment swept away most of these communities. Many of us have ancestors who lived in or passed through the East End of London & his illustrated talk will explain the history of the area & the clues which are left to show how our families lived & worked there.

Ian Bevan is an experienced speaker who has been a regular visitor to our Society over the years.

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 DECEMBER 2024, IN FOR A PENNY, IN FOR A POUND

Jo Livingston

#### PLEASE NOT THAT THIS IS A CHANGE OF TALK & SPEAKER FROM THAT PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED

Do you still think in £ s d? - do you remember when postage was cheap & phone calls expensive? A light-hearted look at the changes in both coinage & prices over the last seventy years.

Jo lives in Bexley & has been doing talks, mainly in Kent and SE London, for about 15 years to a number of historical societies.

The Dartford Branch Committee would like to welcome back all members & visitors for more interesting talks in 2024

## 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)

There is limited space here to include everything so it is important to regularly view the Society's website,

[nwkfhs.org.uk](http://nwkfhs.org.uk)

Any information you may need about the society can be found here including contact details of post holders.

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## THE TALK ON 3rd FEBRUARY 2024 AT THE DARTFORD MEETING IS BRITISH HOSPITAL FOR MOTHERS & BABIES, WOOLWICH WITH SUE SAUTER.

Sue Sauter, an ex-midwife & Governor of the Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust, will trace the history of the pre-NHS maternity home & midwifery school. It started in 1905 with 8 beds & home visits, went through several moves, was bombed during the war, joined the NHS & established one of the Country's first premature baby units before closing in 1984.

At least one of our members was born there & there are surely some more.

## ROYAL MUSEUMS GREENWICH

A few weeks ago I visited the National Maritime Museum, part of the Royal Museums Greenwich (RMG), for their annual 'Astronomy Photographer of the Year' exhibition. I have been before & the photographs are amazing, many by amateurs & young people. Over 100 examples of the world's greatest space photographs are on show taken by exceptionally talented enthusiasts. Although it is free admission to the museum there is a fee to enter the exhibition unless you are a member & the exhibition ends in March 2024.

Also in the NMM is the Caird Library. Sound familiar? The 1st Dartford meeting back after Covid was a talk about the Caird Library, the world's largest Maritime library & archive. Do you have ancestors who were in the Merchant Navy? If so this is where you may find out more about them & their lives at sea. The collections are available to anyone interested in maritime history & can be accessed for free in person once you have registered for a Reader's Ticket. Full details & instructions, including how to search their catalogues, are on the RMG's website, (RMG: National Maritime Museum: Collections: Caird Library).

## FINDMYPAST'S LATEST RECORD RELEASES

Findmypast is the only family history website that releases brand new records every week. New records are announced every Friday, or as they call it, Findmypast Friday.

On 22nd December over 18,500 English workhouse, & school logs, including from the London, Asylum for the Deaf & Dumb Pupils 1792-1859, were added to their records plus 2 new newspaper collections, Blyth News Post Leader & Pictures 1911. This latter was a precursor to the film fan magazine Picturergoer, 1st published in October 1911 as a illustrated weekly magazine, running stories, features & articles about popular stars of the day. Updates to existing titles, including Kent Messenger 1941, Kentish Express 1976, Maidstone Journal & Kentish Advertiser various years & Maidstone Telegraph 1939 & 1941-1945.

The previous week over 20,000 more Kent parish records from Canterbury Cathedral were added to existing collections so, if like me, you have family from Canterbury these new records may be of help in your research.

The same week almost 200,000 additional 1939 Register records from England & Wales were added. FMP is the official online home & place to go for the most complete set of records from this important collection.

If you come to the Society library on Wednesdays you can access it for free!