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

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

ZOOM WORKSHOP

Breaking Down Ancestral Brick Walls

A discussion workshop to help researchers overcome research hurdles

7.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

10th
July

ZOOM DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussions on various aspects of DNA

10.30am start

Leader - Laura Lincoln

17th
July

ZOOM WORKSHOP

Using rate books & census enumerator perambulations to find people & buildings

7.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

24th
July

LIBRARY DNA & GENERAL DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussions on various aspects of DNA & family history

10.30am start

Leader - Jacki Ellis

31st
July

ZOOM SCOTTISH INTERESTS DISCUSSION GROUP

Records held by Friends of Archives & Family History Societies

10am start

Leader - Pam Goddard

31st
July

ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

Heroes & Villains - have you found them in your family tree

10.30am start

Leader - Ann Clarke

7th
August

REMINDER - Booking is no longer required for individual Zoom Workshops & Discussion Groups. 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 and membership number to workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

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 JULY 2024, WHO ARE TRAVELLERS?

Carol Mellors

Carol trained as a teacher and for 20 years was responsible for Traveller Education in West Kent. She advised schools on the inclusion of Roma children newly arrived from Eastern Europe.

With her team she set up projects to link English Gypsies with their Roma cousins and trained Police, NHS and Social Service personnel in how to liaise with these communities.

Her talk will include the background of travellers and how to identify and research them. She will also cover New Age and Irish Travellers, Circus and Fairground folk who are separate ethnic groups.

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 JULY 2024, THE BRIDGE & THE MAN

Martin Stoneham

The eponymous bridge, from its development at the start of World War 2, earlier military bridges, its successors & its current military & civilian use.

The story of the Bailey bridge & the man responsible for a wartime design that helped the allied armies surge through Europe - "the original flatpack".

Martin is a military historian specialising in the work of the Corps of Royal Engineers & its predecessors. He served in the Corps of Royal Engineers from 1963 until 1970. His interest in military history was sparked by one of his GCE English Literature examination texts: Winston Churchill: *My Early Life*. On joining the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Engineers he was immersed in the history of the Corps.

THE TALK ON THE 3rd AUGUST 2024 AT THE DARTFORD MEETING IS, USING FUNERAL DIRECTORS & BURIAL RECORDS FOR RESEARCH

Brian Parsons

Brian Parsons has worked in the funeral industry since 1982 with a particular interest in education. He is an accredited tutor & has lectured at Bath University. He has written several books including his latest revised version of "London Cemeteries". Brian will demonstrate how best to use

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MEETINGS

Meetings are either held at Dartford or Sevenoaks. They are open to all, but a donation towards the cost of the speaker is welcome from non-members.

WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

Workshops & Discussion Groups at the library are for members only. Prior booking is essential as numbers are limited. To book a place please email: workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk



Master of Ceremonies	Janet Rose
Branch Secretary	Lorraine King
Branch Finance Officer	Maureen Griffiths
Logistics Manager	Lorraine King
Programme Secretary	Christine Hills
Pastoral Care	Janet Rose
Sound Technicians	Ian West
Light refreshments	Sandra & Bob Shepherd
Raffle	Pat Cornelius
Reception	Pauline Heathcote
Ephemera	Louise Scott
Notice board	Sylvia Hammond
Computer help desk	Allan Stapleton
Bookstall	Gillian Seager Tim Jacobs
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funeral & burial records for genealogical research. These documents contain a wealth of information on the deceased, their families & the funeral customs of the era & area where they lived. The presentation will include some rarely seen images.

VITAL VOLUNTEERS STILL URGENTLY NEEDED !!!

Despite a few members coming forward to volunteer their help at Dartford meetings one vital volunteer is still needed, & this is now becoming desperate. Ian West currently sets out the sound system & any other electrical equipment required for the meetings. He has no help which means if he cannot attend, for a holiday for example, it could mean the meeting may not be able to go ahead. Ian's wife has a life changing illness & the time may come when he cannot leave her on her own. Could you help both Ian & the Dartford Branch?

No previous experience is needed, if you can plug an electrical appliance into a wall socket you can help Ian & the Society. As usual please see Janet if you are able to help.

Unfortunately, with my Librarian's hat on, the situation is also becoming increasingly worrying with the lack of Library Assistants on Wednesdays. The Library is a vital Society resource without which it would be much the poorer. Without more Library Assistants it is not possible to organise more events or maintain the collections of valuable information.

NEW RECORDS TO SEARCH

In this edition I am concentrating on Scottish & Irish new record sets which include:

Scotland -

Court of Sessions Index, 1616 - 1920

newspapers.com Stories & Events Index 1800's to current

Select Poor Register Indexes, 1845 - 1930

Scotland Crown Counsel Procedure Books Index, 1822 - 1877

And for Ireland & Northern Ireland -

newspapers.com, Stories & Events Index, 1800 - Current

Londonderry, Northern Ireland, City Cemetery Burials, 1853 - 1961

Derry - Londonderry, Northern Ireland, World War 1 Memorial Records 1914 - 1918

In addition there have been updates to the UK & Allied Countries, World War 11 Liberated Prisoner of War Questionnaires, 1945 - 1946, The UK Red Cross Volunteers during WW1, 1914 - 1918.

Please don't forget that you can access Ancestry Library Edition (world wide coverage) & Find My Past at the Society library, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, every Wednesday. For security reasons we advise that you obtain, if you haven't already, a Kent C C Library card, free & available at any Kent Library. You are welcome to bring your own laptop or tablet with you to work on. Despite a lack of Library Assistants, hopefully we will have someone available to help & advise you.

New record are going on all genealogy sites regularly so it is is easy to keep your trees updated by regular researching & searching as many different websites as possible.

Find My past is still the only genealogy site to give access to the 1921 Census so make use of it as much as you can.