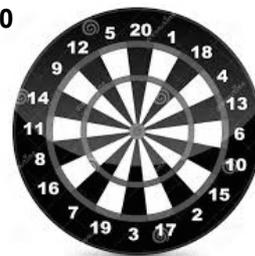




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OUR TALK TODAY INFORMATION ON 'FINDMYPAST'

MYKO CLELLAND

Myko Clelland, family historian for 'Findmypast' has regularly discussed family history on television, radio and in print, as well as presenting everywhere from national institutions & regional archives to local societies. He's a frequent international speaker, the most popular British genealogist on Twitter and a specialist in records that bring stories to life. His passion for genealogy was inspired by his own experiences researching his family of colourful characters who come from opposite ends of Europe.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SEVENOAKS BRANCH

Edith Cavell - British nurse in WWI shot as a spy

Melanie Gibson-Barton: 14th April 2016

BROMLEY BRANCH

Bromley & Sheppards College

Chris Boulton: 16th April 2016

DARTFORD BRANCH

Curiosities & random events in the City of London

Stuart Robinson: 7th May 2016

NWKFHS WORKSHOPS

An investigation into the records available to research the lives of 19th century soldiers

Barry Langridge: 20 April 2016

An Introduction to 'Family Historian'

Brian Kirk: 27th April 2016

'The 1939 Register'

Christine Hills: 18 May 2016

For further details please see the website

NWKFHS 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - LAST REMINDER

2016's AGM is now only a few days away, being held at the historic Cobham Hall near Gravesend, this coming Thursday, the 7th April. It is now too late to book either seat(s) for the meeting or lunch &/or afternoon tea(s). Doors open at 09.30 with the proceedings commencing at 10.00. The day will close about 17.00.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Please don't forget the challenge set to all Society members for them to recruit a new member during 2016.

Please note that potential members are most welcome to attend a branch meeting as guests & receive a free tea/coffee.

OTHER SOURCES & SOCIETIES

Bexley Historical Society is almost 65 years old, being established in December 1951 & is the oldest historical society in the borough. Like the NWKFHS & most other historical societies it holds a monthly meeting at the St John Fisher RC Church, Thanet Road, Bexley, DA5 1AP on the 2nd Monday in the month starting at 20.00 which include a talk. Planned talks for the next few months include 'The best of Kent', 'City of London: The dark side of the City' & 'Bartram, the Blitz & beyond'. The talks are free to members but visitors are welcome to attend at a small cost of £2.50p. The church is close to Bexley Village with bus stops only a few minutes walk away. Although there is a small on-site car park the larger pay & display one is close by in Thanet Road & is free in the evenings.

As well as the monthly meetings the society, again like the NWKFHS, has representatives at various events throughout the year as well as holding talks & drop-in sessions at Bexley Local Studies & Archive Centre, Bexleyheath (see www.bexley.gov.uk for further information). It also gets involved in on-going projects like 'Then & Now' where they are collecting old photographs of the borough & comparing them with ones taken from the same point today.

Membership of the society is £18 per year & new members can join at either at a meeting or by contacting their Membership Secretary, Miss Kim Davis on 020 8301 2310 or email membership@bexleyhistoricalsociety.co.uk. For general enquiries about Bexley Historical Society please contact their Secretary, Miss Penny Duggan on 020 8309 5884 or email secretary@bexleyhistoricalsociety.co.uk.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Bexley:

On the 16th of April in the Chaucer Room, 1st floor, Central Library, Bexleyheath there is a talk on the History of Stone House Hospital. This illustrated talk, by author Francine Payne, will explore the past 140 years of the hospital, the staff and its patients. It will start at 15.00 & last about 1 hour. Admission is £3.80.

Bromley:

To celebrate 'Cityread London' Bromley Libraries will be hosting a series of talks throughout April in discussing the issues raised in the chosen book 'Ten Days' by Gillian Slovo around crime, protest and social disorder in London over the years. These include 'Marches, Processions and Protests' by our Ian Porter, our speaker at last month's meeting, 'Keeping the peace since 1829' & 'London: A City in Turmoil.' These talks are free & held at various libraries around the borough. For further details & to book seats please go to <https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bromley/cityread> or contact Gill Nutkins, Bromley Librarian, on 07964 114063. Bexley borough libraries are also holding these talks at libraries around Bexley so for these details please go to <https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bexley/home> & then click on Cityread 2016.

Dartford:

On the weekend of the 7th & 8th May Dartford Borough Council is teaming up with Trevithick's Industrial Dartford to present a weekend of free activities celebrating Dartford's industrial heritage. A steam rally will take place in Central Park featuring steam & stationary engines, vintage vehicles, tractors & much more. A road run will also take place around the town & up East Hill to the grave site of Richard Trevithick (who died in 1833) at St Edmund's Pleasance. Further details can be found at www.trevithicksindustrialdartford.co.uk.

Gravesend:

From now & throughout the summer until the end of September Milton Chantry & New Tavern Fort, Commercial Place, Gravesend will be open to the public with guided tours available on Sunday afternoons from 12 noon. Further details can be obtained from Gravesend Visitor Centre or www.discovergravesham.co.uk.

Also, on selected Sunday afternoons throughout the summer tours are available of Gad's Hill Place, former home of Charles Dickens. Again further details can be obtained through Gravesend Visitor Centre as above.

Greenwich:

A reminder that until the end of August The O2 is hosting an exhibition on probably the 20th century's most iconic sportsman. 'I am the Greatest' showcases Mohammed Ali's extraordinary life & career with photographs, memorabilia & unseen film footage. At £18 per ticket it may be expensive but if you are a boxing fan or want a nostalgia trip it could be worth it. Book tickets through the O2.

NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, DARTFORD BRANCH

Meetings are held at the Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford on the 1st Saturday of the month from 10.30 to 12.30pm, doors open at 09.45

Master of Ceremonies: Janet Rose

Exchange journals: Stella Nicholls

Branch Secretary: Sheila Elisak

Bookstall: Gillian Seager & Tim Jacobs

Reception: Sheila Elisak & Pauline Heathcote

Notice board & members Interests: Sylvia Hammond

Old magazines & journals: Joyce Bullard

Transport, events & outings: Hilary Waters

Refreshments: Sandra & Bob Shepherd (tea, coffee, squash, biscuits)

Miscellaneous: Various information lists & borrowing of fiche.

Computer help desk: Allan Stapleton

Raffle: Pat Cornelius

Genealogical problems table: Experienced family history researchers to help you when you are stuck

Reference book library: Hilary Waters (reference books may be borrowed at no charge)

Logistics Manager: Lorraine King

Sound Technicians: John Muskett & Ian West

Dartboard editor: Hilary Waters

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