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OUR TALK TODAY

THE EVER CHANGING STORY OF THE EAST END

John Neal

Born and brought up in North London, John served 27 years in the Metropolitan Police. He has been a London Blue Badge Guide for 30 years, and has also worked in Parliament. Among the topics in his talk John will cover areas such as religion, immigration, crime, poverty &, on a much lighter note, street markets.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEVENOAKS BRANCH

THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST

BROMLEY BRANCH

Mrs Beeton's summer picnics

Toni Mount 15 August

DARTFORD BRANCH

Britain's air-raid warning system in WW2

Gordon Dennington 5 September

NWKFHS WORKSHOPS

Researching your WWI Ancestors - NEW workshop

Barry Langridge: 19 August

Drawing charts & trees by hand - re-run of workshop

David Cufley: 16 September

Record keeping for Family Historians - re-run of workshop

David Cuffley 21 October

For further details please see the website

DARTFORD ANCESTORS?

Did you know that you can apply to the council's cemeteries department to locate graves within the borough. Please go to www.dartford.gov.uk/by-category/community-and-living2/deaths,-funerals-and-cremations/cemeteries/grave-location or contact Watling Street Cemetery on 01322 290059. Unfortunately you may have to pay for this service.

LATEST NEWS

Previously thought to have been destroyed, Forces War Records, www.forces-war-records.co.uk, have just made public 'Medal Rolls for Territorial Force Nursing Service'. This record is new & exclusive to them & so if you have female ancestors who were nursing during WWI these records could provide you with further details not available anywhere else. This is a comprehensive site & a good starting point for research into military ancestors but a subscription has to be paid.

OTHER SOURCES & SOCIETIES

FARNINGHAM & EYNSFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

www.felhs.org.uk

This group, a registered charity, was formed in 1985 & covers the parishes of Eynsford, Farningham, Crockenhill, Lullingstone & Maplescombe.

Thanks to Eynsford Parish Council the group now has a permanent base off Riverside next to the cricket meadow in Eynsford & although not yet regularly open to the public details of future access is soon to be put their 'Noticeboard' on the website. This centre holds a varied collection of artefacts, some dating back to Roman times, as well as a number of books, pamphlets, documents & photographs.

The society holds monthly meetings in Eynsford Village Hall where the talks range from local history to that of national interest.

The society also produces many publications, the full list is on the website, most of which are under £5, & available by post.

The website is easy to navigate & is certainly one of the first places to consult if you have history connections to the area.

Contact can be made either through email, arch...@felhs.org.uk or to the Chairman,

Mrs Barbara Cannell

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OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road,
London, EC1M 7BA
www.sog.org.uk

Previously in this section I have advertised talks given at the society's headquarters in central London. However I appreciate that many of you are either unable to or do not want to make this journey. Instead I thought I would give you a little information about the benefits of joining the society.

In person members have free access to the library where there is an extensive archive including the largest collection of parish & non-conformist registers in the country. There is also free access to several subscription websites & their own on-line data. As well as providing free advice they publish a quarterly magazine & members can obtain discounts for talks & courses & some other publications & subscriptions sites.

You can join the society on-line.

LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES

40 Northampton Road, Clerkenwell,
London, EC1R 0HB
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk

Details of more events at the LMA can be found on
www.eventbrite.co.uk

6 August at 14.30 - Family history starter session

12 & 25 August at 11.00 - Using the LMA Catalogue

13 August at 14.00 - A visit to the Conservation Team

19 August - at 11.00 - Discover medieval London guided walk
(Fee payable)

7 September at 14.00 - Exploring London's Jewish history

Events are free unless stated otherwise

Don't forget, The LMA's latest exhibition, 'Victorian London in Photographs' is on until 8 October & is free

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Kew, Surrey, TW9 4DU

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

6 August at 14.00 - In 1765 Samuel Holland produced the first accurate map of Prince Edward Island off the east coast of Canada which, normally held at TNA, this year is being exhibited on the island. This talk at TNA is by one of the conservation experts showing the processes of conserving & preparing such an item for public exhibition..

11 August at 14.00 - Discover the fascinating story of Clementine Churchill, the power behind Britain's wartime leader.

Both these talks are free

In partnership with findmypast.co.uk more criminal records are now available to search on-line.
Recently released documents include Cabinet Office files from 1986 & Commonwealth Office files from 1983.

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

Branch Secretary: Sheila Elisak

Reception: Sheila Elisak & Pauline Heathcote

Old magazines & journals: Joyce Bullard

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

Computer desk: Allan Stapleton

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

Logistics Manager: Lorraine King

Exchange journals: Stella Nicholls & Jean Carter

Bookstall: Gillian Seager & Tim Jacobs

Notice board & members interests: Sylvia Hammond

Transport, events & outings: Hilary Waters

Miscellaneous: Various information lists & borrowing of microfiche

Raffle: Pat Cornelius

Reference book library: Christine Hills (reference books may be borrowed at no charge)

Sound Technicians: John Muskett & Ian West

Dartboard editor: Hilary Waters

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