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THE NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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If you are observant, which I know you are, you will notice a change in this edition of Dartboard - it is now double-sided. This has enabled me to enlarge the text size & space items out more, in other words make it easier for you to read. I am always open to feedback & suggestions so please contact me, [hilarywaters@me.com](mailto:hilarywaters@me.com), & I will take onboard your comments. There is also now more room for items which I hope you will find useful.



## OUR TALK TODAY

### THE GOLDEN AGE OF COACHING

Ken is now retired having worked for 30 years as a policeman mainly in the South East London area. He has always been interested in history especially that of his local area of Erith & Belvedere & also in all forms of transport. Putting these two topics together he was quick to realise that there was a gap as he could find almost nothing on coaching & since then has taken it upon himself to fill this gap by researching & becoming very knowledgeable on the subject. Ken is currently Chairman of the Erith & Belvedere Local History Society.

**Please note: There is a problem accessing the website that was referred to in June's talk by the speaker, Peter Christian. Please watch this space for further information.**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### SEVENOAKS BRANCH

**Kent in the 19th Century**

Bob Ogley: 9 July

#### BROMLEY BRANCH

**Researching WWI soldiers**

Peter Boydon: 18 July

#### DARTFORD BRANCH

**The ever-changing story of The East End**

John Neal: 1 August

### NWK FHS WORKSHOPS

**Latin for Parish Registers** - re-run of workshop

Marie Alderman: 15 July

**Researching your WWI Ancestors** - NEW workshop

Barry Langridge: 19 August

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

David Cufley: 16 September

**For further details please see the website**

## OTHER SOURCES & SOCIETIES

When we start researching our family trees our main aim is to work our way back through the generations to complete a chart with names & dates. For some this is enough but for many, & I am one, having got this far want to take it further & dig deeper into the details of our ancestors lives. Sometimes this takes us further than where they lived, what their occupation was & if they were involved in an incident of note. In my case I became very interested in a heavy bombing raid in 1941 in which one bomb decimated the street where several members of my family, including my great grandfather, lived. Although this one bomb killed 18 residents luckily none of my family were injured. Although it was frequently mentioned in the family I realised that it was only very general terms & as an isolated incident. I wanted to know more.

This is where other sources can give us invaluable help, Bromley Local Archives in my case, but in our area of north west Kent & south east London this is only of many. Space permitting, I want to regularly delve into these sources & societies where there are both archives of books, documents & who knows what else that not held by our society but also similarly interested people where some will be experts in their field. My aim will be to let you know they exist & point you in their direction with the hope that you will benefit from their help & maybe make new friends.

## MANY THANKS

Maureen Griffiths would like to thank those members who attended Alan's Service of Celebration on the 8th of June. The Dartford Branch collected £120 which will be shared between Cancer Research UK & The National Autistic Society.

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

### SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road,  
London, EC1M 7BA  
[www.sog.org.uk](http://www.sog.org.uk)

**11 July - Getting the best from the findmypast website**

10.30 - 13.00 £20/£16

**18 July - Tracing your Huguenot Ancestors**

10.30 - 13.00 £20/£16

**18 July - Military History on the Internet**

14.00 - 17.00 £20/£16

**25 July - My Ancestor Came from London**

10.30 - 17.00 £35/£28

### LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES

40 Northampton Road, Clerkenwell,  
London, EC1R 0HB

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk)

Details of more events at the LMA can be found on  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

**7, 8 & 28 July - Using the LMA Catalogue**

11.00

**9 July & 6 August - Family History Starter Session**

14.30

**11 July - Reading Old Handwriting**

14.30

**All events are free**

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](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

To mark the 200th anniversary of The Battle of Waterloo the LMA are making public some of their prisoner of war records of this time through 'Find My Past'. This is part of a larger collection of prisoner of war records covering the years 1715-1945 (series ADM103).

More records relating to the battle are available on '[Ancestry.co.uk](http://Ancestry.co.uk)'.

In conjunction with the LMA, Lincoln Cathedral are celebrating the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carter with an exhibition. Earlier this year a new dedicated space opened in the castle to house Lincoln's copy of this historic document & is forming the highlight of the exhibition which is on until the 27th of September. Further details of the exhibition can be found at [www.historiclincolntrust.org.uk](http://www.historiclincolntrust.org.uk).

### 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,

**Computer help 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

**Raffle:** Pat Cornelius

**Reference book library:** Maureen Griffiths (reference books may be borrowed at no charge)

**Sound Technicians:** John Muskett & Ian West

**Dartboard editor:** Hilary Waters

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