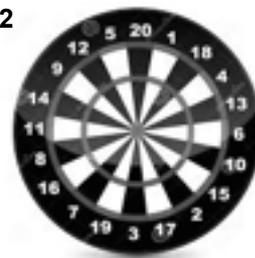




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OUR TALK TODAY WALKING IN FLANDERS FIELD MELANIE GIBSON-BARTON

Melanie is a registered speaker living in Dymchurch & has been giving talks to social groups such as the WI, retirement associations & history & family history groups for the past four years. She has been regularly visiting Belgium for pleasure for the past 14 years & acquired a house in Bruges some seven years ago which allowed her to acquire a better understanding of the culture & history of Belgium which she presents in her talks. She is English & her talks are given in English but she has had the pleasure of receiving endorsement from various Belgian audiences she has met over the years. To add anything more would spoil the surprises she has in store within the talk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SEVENOAKS BRANCH

Life on board Henry VIII's warship - 'Mary Rose'

Trevor Sapey: 9th June 2016

BROMLEY BRANCH

French Street Burial Ground

Christina Barnett & Karina Jackson: 18th June 2016

DARTFORD BRANCH

RAF Bomber Command

Rupert Matthews: 2nd July 2016

NWKFHS WORKSHOPS

'The Poor are always with us'

Jean Stirk: 15th June 2016

'300 Years of Taxes before 1700'

Joyce Hoad: 20th July 2016

'Your Family in History'

Hilary Waters: 17th August 2016

For further details please see the website

WWI ANCESTORS IN BROMLEY?

Are you researching your family history in the Bromley area? If so you may be interested to know of a new website that has recently been released. Pamela Preedy, a retired teacher & local history researcher from Beckenham, has painstakingly ploughed her way through the local paper, The Bromley & District Times, from the start of World War I to 1919 & created a searchable database of all the service men & women mentioned. When a possible match has been found on search the database gives the date & page, & occasionally the column, of the newspaper where the reference is printed. Bromley Archives has now lodged most of the original newspapers with the British Library but all are available to view on microfilm at Bromley library & can be printed. Having many WWI service men in my family I have used the database & gained some new & valuable information. Although fairly straightforward to use there are some possible hitches, transcript errors, poor quality originals but most of all insufficient information to positively identify the individual as often only initials are given in the newspapers & not the full name. Also beware of incorrect spellings in the originals, in my case WATERS spelt as WALTERS.

A bonus I wasn't expecting is that she has also included photographs so now I have seen some ancestors for the first time.

The website is www.militaryancestors.co.uk & to view the photographs go to 'uk.pinterest.com' & search 'Militaryancestors 1915'

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

Don't forget that the Antiques Roadshow will be filming at Igham Mote on Thursday the 16th of June. If you have any items you would like to get more information & a valuation on please go to www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4BFprksgSjpvxsdCTwDFQIJ/roadshows-in-2016 & scroll down the page for further information. The programme will also be at The Senate House, University of London on Sunday the 25th of September. So don't leave it until the last minute before going up into your lofts or digging about at the back of the garage for the family heirlooms.

SOCIETY CHALLENGES

Please don't forget the challenge set to all Society members for them to recruit a new member during 2016 & also entries for the photographic competition for the 2017 calendar.

SOCIETY EMAIL ADDRESSES

I have been asked to include a reminder in this newsletter to ask members to ensure they use the correct email address when contacting a particular Society Officer or Task Holder. If you fail to do this your email may be delayed or not get through to the relevant person. PLEASE USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS OF THE POSITION & NOT THE NAME OF THE HOLDER.. A list of NWKfHS email addresses can be found on the inside of the rear cover of every edition of the journal, but beware, the name of the officer/task holder may change.

Please note that the address for workshops is not on this list so if you want to email the society officer for workshops please use workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk.

SIR HOWARD KINGSLEY WOOD (1881 - 1943)

A staunch Methodist, Wood worked as a Poor Man's lawyer early in his career and was MP for Woolwich West from 1918 to his death as Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1943. Having experienced the dangers of slums, he worked to reduce poverty and improve the health of the nation by holistic methods, from defending threatened allotments after the First World War to proposing a Ministry of Health and working to implement National Insurance. A one-nation Tory, he worked alongside Churchill, Chamberlain, Baldwin and Lloyd George amongst many others and lived in Kent for a significant portion of his life.

Recent research by historian Hugh Gault using archival materials in Special Collections & Archives at the University of Kent has been rediscovering the life of Wood. Hugh Gault & Jane Gallagher, from the University of Kent, will be giving 2 talks about Wood, the man, his work & importance to Kent at the Kent History & Library Centre, Maidstone on Thursday the 9th of June at 6.30pm (£5 charge) & at Rusthall Library, Tunbridge Wells on Thursday the 23rd of June, also at 6.30pm (£3 charge). If you wish to attend please contact the relevant venue for further information & to book places.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Although a little late there is still time to visit Rochester for the Dickens Festival, ends tomorrow, Sunday 5th June. This years inspiration is 'The Old Curiosity Shop' & the organisers are keen to encourage visitors to enter into the spirit of the day by coming in costume. A number of varied events will take place around the city & to find the details of these please go to <http://www.medway.gov.uk/leisurecultureandsport/events/dickensfestival2016.aspx> & click on the heading 'What is happening each day'.

Sevenoaks:

On Tuesday the 21st of June Knole House will stay open until 8.30pm to visitors for 1 evening to celebrate 'A Midsummer's Night'. Explore the showrooms, courtyards & gardens & join in with many events for all the family. Entry, events & parking are all free (donations welcome), no booking required & you will only have to pay for any refreshments.

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 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

Bookstall: Gillian Seager & Tim Jacobs

Notice board & members Interests: Sylvia Hammond

Transport, events & outings: Hilary Waters

Miscellaneous: Various information lists & borrowing of fiche.

Raffle: Pat Cornelius

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

Sound Technicians: John Muskett & Ian West

Dartboard editor: Hilary Waters

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