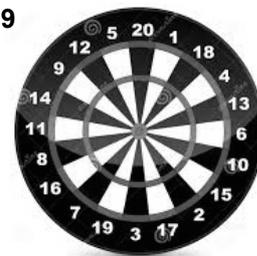




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OUR TALK TODAY THE SUFFRAGETTES ALAN PORTER

No biographical details of today's speaker are available.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEVENOAKS BRANCH

Great Houses of Sevenoaks

Ian Walker: 10th March 2016

BROMLEY BRANCH

Bethlem Hospital - Archives & Museum

The Archivist: 19th March 2016

DARTFORD BRANCH

No information available

: 2nd April 2016

NWKFHS WORKSHOPS

Reading C18th writing

Mari Alderman: 16 March 2016

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

Barry Langridge: 20 April 2016

'The 1939 Register'

Christine Hills: 18 May 2016

For further details please see the website

BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Bromley & Sevenoaks branch AGM's will be held at the respective March meetings as detailed above.

NWKFHS 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - REMINDER

2016's AGM will be held at the historic Cobham Hall, near Gravesend on Thursday the 7th April. If you wish to attend or are interested to know more it is important to refer to December's journal which gives the full details.

If you require lunch &/or afternoon tea all completed forms & payments must be submitted **as soon as possible** but you are most welcome to attend just the meeting at no cost. If you wish to do this the figures are still required so please submit the completed form by the end of March at the latest otherwise there may not be a chair for you to sit on.

**Please note: Prior booking is essential & forms are available from the Branches, the library
& also in December's journal.**

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

This month Greenwich Heritage Centre is the focus of this section, not to be confused with The Greenwich Historical Society. The Heritage Centre is situated in Artillery Square, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, London SE18 4DX. The bad news is they are closed on Sundays, Mondays & Bank Holidays but the good news is they are open on Tuesdays to Saturdays & entry is free.

As a museum the centre contains collections from the former Greenwich Borough Museum in Plumstead & the Local Studies Library at Woodlands & includes maps, photographs, archaeological & natural history material amongst its exhibits. There is a large collection of artefacts not on general display which can be viewed by appointment only.

The centre also contains collections of local documents to aid in family & local history research. There is a dedicated search room with microfilm & fiche reading equipment & prints can be made at a small charge. For family historians there is access to the GRO indices up until 1992, the Parish Registers of 6 ancient churches in the area as well as some of the newer churches. There is also a comprehensive collection of electoral registers, poll books, trade/street directories, newspapers & other local records. They have a website at 'www.greenwichheritage.org'.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Bexley:

There is a talk by Trevor Sapley from the Mary Rose Trust entitled 'The Life & Death of a Tudor Sailor' at the Baker Trust Hall, Maxim Road, Crayford on Saturday 12 March at 7.30 pm. This event is organised by the Crayford Manor House Historical Society & costs £4 for non-members. Phone 01322 551279 for further details.

Gravesend:

On the 7th of March at 19.00 join local historian Christoph Bull at the Peking Restaurant 157-158 Milton Road, Gravesend and hear his illustrated talk 'The Kaiser's War' & find out about World War One from the other side.

Also, Christoph Bull is guiding a walk through the heart of Gravesend 11am on Saturday 12th March. Booking is essential with Gravesend Visitor Information Centre, 01474 337600, & costs only £4.

Over the weekend 12th & 13th March, 11.00 to 16.30, at St Andrew's Art Centre, Royal Pier Road, Gravesend, ten photographers from all over Kent are showcasing their work. Tea, coffee and cake available for a small donation. Most works are available to buy as well as prints, mounted prints, cards and other photography products. Entry is free.

On Saturday 19th March at 11am at the Gravesend Visitor Centre there is a talk about Dickens' life in both Chatham and London as a boy before going on to his life in London as a clerk and then a jobbing reporter before he made it big. Hear of his troubled marriage, his philanthropy and his kindness. The latter part of the talk is an armchair walk around Dickens' London today, telling of places that are still there today. The cost is £3 including refreshments.

Greenwich:

Regular half & full day walking tours of Greenwich are organised by Greenwich Royal Tours, see www.visitgreenwich.org.uk/ events for further details. Advanced booking is essential.

Don't forget that the exhibition 'Samuel Pepys: Plague, Fire & Revolution' is still on until the 28th of March 2016 at the National Maritime Museum. Tickets are £10 & can be bought on-line at www.rmg.co.uk

From Sunday 6th of March 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.

Sevenoaks:

Knowle: Monday 14 March at 7.30pm there is a talk about the ongoing archaeological project with archaeologist Nathalie Cohen. Booking is essential & can be done on-line. Please refer to the National Trust website for further details of this & the following event.

Also at Knowle on Thursday 17th of March discover more about the conservation work currently being undertaken on some of it's precious objects with conservators Dana Goodburn-Brown & Siobhan Barrett.

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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