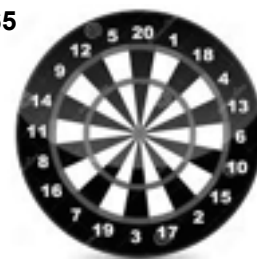




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OUR TALK TODAY 'A HISTORY OF CRAYFORD'S TEXTILE PRINTERS'

PETER DANIEL

Peter DANIEL is a family man who lives in Crayford. He has been Education Officer at Westminster Archives for twelve years and before that worked six years as a primary school teacher at Oakfield and West Hill primary schools in Dartford. He studied Economic History at the University of Sussex after spending four years working in the city at the Bank of England and the London International Financial Futures Exchange (which he absolutely hated!!) As a local boy, (his parents live near Crayford Corner and he attended Wentworth and Wilmington Grammar schools) Peter has always been interested in local history. Since 2008 he has worked closely with his friend Simon McKEON at Bexley Local Studies and the Crayford Town Archive to create the Crayford History website as a platform for local schools to discover the rich history of our corner of Kent.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEVENOAKS BRANCH

The Parish Chest

Celia Heritage: 8 October

BROMLEY BRANCH

A Hundred Years of Toys & Play

Hellen Allinson: 17 October

DARTFORD BRANCH

Edith Cavell (1865-1915)

Toni Mount: 7 November

NWKFHS WORKSHOPS

Record keeping for Family Historians - re-run of workshop

David Cufley: 21 October

Writing Family Histories - New workshop

Pauline Heathcote: 18 November

Basic DNA - A changing world of Family History

David Cufley: 20 January 2016

For further details please see the website

DON'T FORGET

The Society's 2016 Wall Calendar is still available both here & at other Branch meetings & from the Summerhouse Drive Library on Wednesdays. They cost £4.50p each & will make unique Christmas presents.

OTHER SOURCES & SOCIETIES

The Medway Archives & Local Studies Centre is run by Medway council & is the place to visit if you are researching the history, geography & people in this part of Kent. It covers the areas of Rochester, Strood, Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham & the surrounding villages & communities including the Isle of Grain. In addition to holding the usual records of Parish registers, census records & Birth, Marriage & death indices (1837-1960 on microfiche) it has local business & estate records, historical building plans, local newspapers & periodicals, poll books & electoral registers, poor law records, school & education records & street & trade directories. Rochester Cathedral & the Parish records for the Archdeaconry of Rochester are also housed there. The Archives is also home to The Fitzgerald Collection. Percy H Fitzgerald, a colleague & associate of the world famous Medway resident Charles Dickens, established himself as an authority & biographer of this Victorian author & was an avid collector of all Dickens related memorabilia. In 1912, probably to celebrate the centenary of Dickens birth, he donated his collection to the Eastgate House Museum in Rochester. While most of his papers are now in the Archives some items are displayed in the Guildhall Museum, Rochester.

The Archives can be visited at The Clock Tower Building, Former Civic Centre site, Strood, ME2 2AD daily (except Wednesdays & Sundays) between 09.00-17.00 (Saturdays close at 16.00). If you wish to book an archive table, computer or microfilm/fiche reader please phone on 01634 332714.

All other correspondence or enquiries should be addressed to Medway Archives & Local Studies Centre, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, ME4 4TR.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

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

10 October - Tracing Female Ancestors - including WWI

Women 10.30 - 13.00 £20/£16

21 October - Insurance Policies & their Linkage to 18th Century London Records

14.00 - 15.00 £8/£6.40

28 October - My Ancestor was a Civil Servant

14.00 - 15.00 £8/£6.40

31 October - My Ancestors came from the Channel

Islands 10.30 - 13.00 £20/£16

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

Annual Closure: The LMA will be closed to the public from 19.30 on the 29 October & reopen at 09.30 on the 16 November.

12 October 14.00 The Bombing Campaign of WWI

19 October 10.00 Hackney & East End Jewish History

26 October 14.00 The King's Fund & WWI
All events are free but booking is essential



The LMA's exhibition, 'Victorian London in Photographs' is now extended until 29 October & is free!



THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Kew, Surrey, TW9 4DU

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

The TNA has some interesting talks on this coming month.

On the 8 October, from 14.00 to 15.00, there is a free talk entitled 'Using the London Gazette in your research' & on the same day but starting at 16.00 is another talk, "It's not all jam & Jerusalem", to celebrate this world wide institution's centenary. Although this talk costs £8 it not only includes hands-on screen printing but also a slice of cake or two. Would you expect anything less!

The 600th Anniversary of The Battle of Agincourt is celebrated with a talk by renowned expert Professor Anne Curry on the 27 October between 18.00 & 20.30. This talk is also free.

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 & Jean Carter

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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