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DARTBOARD

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NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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OUR TALK TODAY 'BRITAIN'S AIR-RAID WARNING SYSTEM' GORDON DENNINGTON

Gordon's working life was spent in business, industry, and some teaching. He holds a BA in philosophy & MSc's in economics and sociology having attended Ruskin College & various Oxford & London University colleges. As a schoolboy he spent the war years in S.E. London & during his National Service served in the Suez Canal Zone. He has been researching the Home Front in WW2 as a hobby & has published several local works on the war years under pen name of Lewis Blake.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEVENOAKS BRANCH

Coroner's Inquests

Kathy Chater: 10 September

BROMLEY BRANCH

The Titanic - What happened after the ship sank

Ian Porter: 19 September

DARTFORD BRANCH

A history of Crayford's Textile Printers

Peter Daniel: 3 October

NWKFHS WORKSHOPS

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

David Cufley: 16 September

Record Keeping for Family Historians - re-run of workshop

David Cufley: 21 October

Writing Family Histories - New workshop

Pauline Heathcote: 18 November

For further details please see the website

DID YOU KNOW? - part 2

In last month's Dartboard details of the Society's forum, the Internet Mailing List, were given where the members have the opportunity to ask questions & express opinions. In this edition I want to remind you that there is another means of circulating information within the Society, the NWKFHS Emailing Information Service.

As the name suggests this is an email newsletter which not only gives information about the NWKFHS but also information from further afield, for example the latest edition gives a link to the Carmarthenshire Archive Service. This helps if you are thinking of having a holiday in a part of the country where you have family links & combining it with some research. It is to your advantage to consult these websites for essential information as in these days of financial restraints it is all the more important to check up on opening dates & times as many smaller centres are reducing public access.

If you wish to add your name to receive the Emailing Information Service please send an email to emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org.uk or write to the Society at the Summerhouse Drive Library.

OTHER SOURCES & SOCIETIES

This month I want to let you know about the Bromley Borough Local History Society, www.bblhs.org.uk. As the name suggests this society covers the whole of the borough, geographically London's largest if you weren't aware, so it covers areas as diverse as Penge, Chislehurst, St Mary Cray & Downe. The objectives of the Society are to promote interest in, and the study and preservation of, the history of the London Borough of Bromley and its predecessors. It holds a meeting on the 1st Tuesday each month (except August) at 7.45pm in the Small Hall at the Trinity United Reform Church at the junction of Freeland Road and Upper Park Road, Bromley, BR1 3AQ. There is a small car park, free off-street parking, buses 162, 269 and 314 pass near by & nearest railway stations are Bromley North, about a 10 minute walk, and Bromley South, a bit further away. There are facilities for the disabled. Like the NWKFHS it also produces a quarterly magazine, publishes a number of books, CD's & DVD's.

Application forms can be downloaded from their website & annual membership fees are: Individual - £10.50 (Senior - £8), Couple - £12 (Senior Couple - £10). Alternatively their Membership Secretary is Dr Tony Allnutt, Woodside, Old Perry Street, Chislehurst, BR7 6PP. Telephone - 020 8467 3842.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

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

19 September - My ancestor came from Scotland

10.30 - 13.00 £20/£16

23 September - My ancestor came from Shetland

14.00 - 15.00 £8/£6.40

30 September - Using SoG data online

11.00 - 12.00 Free

7 October - Convict transportation

14.00 - 15.00 £8/£6.40

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

7 September, 14.00 Exploring London Jewish history through archives

12 September, 10.00 Deciphering old handwriting

15 September, 14.00 London's railways

17 September, 11.00 Robert Hooke's 17th century City of London

9 & 22 September, 11.00 Using the LMA Catalogue
All events are free



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

Later this year Findmypast - in association with The National Archives - is publishing the 1939 Register for the first time. This register bridges the gap in Census records caused by the Second World War, there was no census in 1941. In conjunction with the TNA, both ancestry.co.uk & findmypast.co.uk now have further incoming (BT 26) & outgoing (BT 27) passenger lists available for search. Both cover a variety of years.

The TNA are pleased to announce the release of two newly-digitised series of naval service records, ADM 362 and ADM 363. These particular documents are records of service specific to ratings and will potentially enable researchers to complete the careers of any Royal Navy Rating who enlisted before 1923 and served after 1924. For those that joined after 1926, service records remain at the MoD.

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

Sound Technicians: John Muskett & Ian West

Dartboard editor: Hilary Waters

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