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THE NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, SEVENOAKS, KENT

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NEXT BRANCH MEETING NO MEETING IN AUGUST

12TH SEPTEMBER

The Titanic

We all know about the sinking of the Titanic, but what happened next!

Speaker – Ian Porter

OTHER BRANCH MEETINGS

BROMLEY

20th JULY - "Old Photographs, their identification and dating" -

Speaker Tom Doig

17th AUGUST - "The Brushmakers Society"

Speaker Ken Doughty

DARTFORD

3rd AUGUST - "Lloyds of London Insurance" -

Speaker Jerry Dowlen

7th SEPTEMBER - "Cadbury, Fry & Rowntree: The Chocolate Quakers" - Speaker Fred Lemont

Welcome to NWKFHS Sevenoaks Branch. In addition to the talks, we have a number of interesting tables for you to browse. These include a bookstall, old magazines and journals, exchange journals and a reference book library. Plus, don't forget to take a look at our notice board.

The books from our library may be borrowed at no charge and the magazines are a snip at 20 pence each. You might just find the publication or book you are looking for.

Do visit our computer help desk where Karina will make every effort to assist with your family history brick wall.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at Otford Memorial Hall, High Street, Otford, TN14 5PQ. Doors open at 7.15pm, meeting starts at 8pm. There is free car parking after 6.30 pm - and refreshments are available.

We welcome visitors and new members, and we aspire to offer all the helpful advice that you might need, we hope you enjoy your visit. Guests we appreciate a £2.00 donation to the society's funds.

11TH JULY THIS EVENING'S TALK

Lost Empires: Last Days of Music Hall and Variety:

Music hall provided popular entertainment for all, surviving both cinema and radio, but television proved too much and it died – although variety struggled on, and its traditions continue. A light-hearted look at the theatres and in front and behind the curtains! All from an unusual and unique perspective revealed during the talk.

Speaker WILF LOWER

KENT EVENTS

17th JULY 'THE FOUNDING OF THE RAF & EARLY DAYS OF BIGGIN HILL

Kent Archives & Local History, The Village Centre, 9 Alpha Road, Birchington, Kent CT7 9EG

Speaker Bob Ogley, Time between 1930 and 2130. The talk is FREE; non-members £2.00.

25th JULY – 'IGHTHAM MOTE IN THE GOLDEN AGE: PAINTERS, PASSIONS AND MEDIEVALISM' – SEVENOAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, SEVENOAKS, TN13 1JA Speaker Prof. Philip Stott – Time 8pm – Non-Members £3.00

26th JULY – PLAGUE DOCTOR OF KENT. HOW A WEALDEN DOCTOR CONFRONTED A LETHAL DISEASE –

Kemsing Heritage Centre, St Edith Hall, Kemsing, Kent, TN15 6NA Speaker: Alex Ferris. Time 7.30pm, Visitors £2.50

30th JULY – ELIZABETH BARTON OF ALDINGTON (1506-1534): The prophetess executed for speaking against Henry VIII

Kent Family History Society, Ashford Branch, Willesborough Windmill, Hythe Rd, (Off A20 Hythe Rd) TN24 0QG

Speaker Melanie Gibson-Barton, Time 1930-2130, Visitors £2.00

6th AUGUST – THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT – The Glory of the MGM Musicals. The making of the magical musicals of the 1940's

Swanley Historical Society, Alexandra Suite St Mary's Road Swanley BR8 7BU

Speaker: Delia Taylor – Time 7.30 PM, Non-Members £2.00 (Note this is a new venue)

TheGenealogist release half a million parish records for Norfolk. In addition to containing the transcribed records of Baptism, Marriages and Burials with images for over 250 parishes, these records also include some fascinating Bastardy bonds, Examinations, Warrants and Orders. With this release, family historians will be able to find the details of ancestors baptised, married and buried as well as those that had children born out of wedlock in this East Anglian county. The new data will allow you to discover over half a million individuals in records, names of parents of the illegitimate children, images also reveal the names of people standing guarantor for the father and the baptism, marriages and burials of ancestors in Norfolk. These searchable records are transcribed from the original records and linked to the images from the Norfolk Record Office.

Ancestry.co.uk - New records - Birmingham, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812

Norfolk, England, Bishop's Transcripts, 1579-1935

England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916-2007

Scotland and Northern Ireland, Death Index, 1989-2017

UK and Ireland, Find A Grave Index, 1300s-Current

Midlands, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1955

UK & Ireland Historical Postcards, 1893-1963

Findmypast - the Phillimore Marriage registers on www.findmypast.co.uk are now fully indexed and searchable. They cover 29 English counties, 1,500 parishes and include 2.3 million names. (from @findmypast on Twitter)

Bucks Family History Society Open Day: 27th July - 10am - 4pm - The Grange School Wendover Way Aylesbury HP21 7NH

Free talks:

11.00 - An Introduction to Family History - Dave Foster - By our expert, Dave Foster

12.00 - Chris and Judy Rouse of Wyvern Railway Ancestors who can offer help researching navvies to engine drivers

13.30 - Diane Gardner on why your research might benefit from one of her East London Family History Walks

14.30 - Military expert Graham Bandy on how military photographs can be identified and dated using in uniform & dress

The Secret History of My Family on BBC Four - Incredible true stories of families, told by their descendants

The Gadbury Sisters - Thursday 18th July at 23:40

The story of three pick pocketing sisters raised in 1830s Shoreditch, in the heart of London's criminal underworld, and how two of them were banished to England's 'thief colony.' Among the girls' Australian descendants are two Supreme Court judges and a government premier, and the descendants of the sister left behind in England are a bin man and a window cleaner. The incredible true story of the Gadbury girls and the generations that followed them is told by their descendants.

The Manleys and the Hunts - Friday 26th July at midnight - The true story of two Victorian mothers, Lavinia and Florence, from opposite ends of the social scale - brought together by domestic violence. One was desperate to feed her six children in 1880s London, the other came from a lavish country home and ventured into the slums to try to help a fellow mother. It's the saga of a woman from the Victorian workhouse whose descendant ends up at Eton, and of a family from the landed gentry who have thrown off the burden of their past.

Perhaps ones for recording!

The Family History Show – Sponsored by TheGenealogist

The Family History Show London at Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher on Saturday 24th August 10:00-16:30

There will be an "Ask the Experts" stand, where you can get free one-to-one help and advice.

There will also be free talks held throughout the day, from a variety of expert speakers covering a range of topics.

Door price £8.00 - Buy tickets early and get two for £10

(Visit www.thegenealogist.co.uk for more information)

CHANGE OF WORKSHOP

History of Education – Janet Rose & Sheila Elisak – 25 September 2019 has been Cancelled (a new date TBA)

It is replaced with Ellen Shelly and "Genealogical Standards"

What do you know about the Genealogical Proof Standard and how do you use it to ensure the integrity of your research? These are questions that often face family history researchers. Ellen will guide you through this minefield.

ON THIS DAY: July 11th is the 192nd day of 2019 in the Gregorian calendar; 173 days left until the end of the year

1346 Charles IV, Count of Luxembourg and King of Bohemia, is elected King of the Romans

1409 Ming admiral Zheng He sets sail to explore the world for the first time

1576 Martin Frobisher, English seaman and Privateer, who made three voyages to the New World, sights Greenland

1804 A Duel occurs in which the Vice President of the United States Aaron Burr mortally wounds former Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton

1848 Waterloo railway station in London opens

1895 Brothers Auguste and Louis Lumiere demonstrate movie Film technology to scientists

1897 Swedish Engineer Salomon August Andree, leaves Spitsbergen to attempt to reach the North Pole by balloon. He later crashes and dies

1921 A truce in the Irish War of Independence comes into effect

1924 Eric Liddell, Scottish runner, International Rugby Union player and Christian Missionary, won the gold medal in 400m at the 1924 Paris Olympics, after refusing to run in the heats for 100m, his favoured distance, on the Sunday

1962 The First transatlantic satellite television transmission

1977 Martin Luther King, Jr. is posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom

Welcome to our new venue

NWKFHS Sevenoaks Branch moves to:

Otford Memorial Hall,

High Street, Otford, TN14 5PQ

Parking free after 6.30 pm



The Sevenoaks Committee

Branch Chair - Barbara Attwaters

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