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THE NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, SEVENOAKS, KENT
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Welcome to NWKFHS Sevenoaks Branch

Our meetings are held at

Otford Memorial Hall, 28A High Street, Otford, TN14 5PQ

Doors open at 7.15pm, meeting starts at 8pm - Free parking

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 £1.00-£2.00 donation to the society's funds.

Tonight's talk

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THE SHETLAND BUS WWII

This is the story of the brave Norwegian sailors in their fishing boats who kept links open between occupied Norway and Britain during WWII, taking agents in with supplies for the resistance and escaping refugees out. Not only did they have to face sub-Arctic storms in the North Sea but also the might of the Nazi war machine searching for them. This fascinating talk details the deeds of incredibly courageous and patriotic men.

The seas between Norway and Scotland are the stormiest in the world. No other series of journeys in such bad weather, in such small boats and in darkness to an unlit coast had been undertaken. The impact of the operation resulted in 400 tons of arms and explosives being delivered, 450 refugees rescued, and many agents being delivered and recovered.

Gilly's talk is a moving account of what affectionately became known as 'The Shetland Bus'; helping Norway to bring back its peace and pride. There were many acts of outstanding courage and incredible bravery performed during the Shetland Bus operation. To commemorate this, a wreath laying ceremony is held annually on 17th May in Shetland. Norway still send Christmas trees to London and Edinburgh in gratitude for our assistance.

Speaker GILLY HALCROW

Sevenoaks Branch Meetings - An Important Notice - Change of day and time

With effect from 10 September 2022 and thereafter, meetings will take place from 10.45am (Doors Open) to 1.00pm on the second Saturday Morning of each month.

The venue remains the same: Otford Memorial Hall, 28A High Street, Otford, TN14 5PQ

It is hoped the change to Saturday mornings will make it easier to attend, especially during the winter months.

Meeting format remains the same with a speaker, raffle, bookstall and, of course, refreshments.

The committee look forward to seeing you all.

NEXT SEVENOAKS BRANCH MEETING

10 SEPTEMBER 2022

Making Do- Wartime fashions 1939-1945

Our speaker this evening, Carol Harris, is a freelance journalist, speaker, and social historian. For the past 20 years, she has written and spoken on a range of historical themes, generally around feminism, fashion and fighting. Her first book, *Miller's Collecting Fashion and Accessories*, was followed by the first of several telling the previously untold stories of women in WW2. She is currently Social History Editor at Coram, the UK's oldest children's charity, and on the interaction team at the Imperial War Museum. What was it like to 'Make Do and Mend'? By looking at the lives of ordinary people Carol will present us with a vivid picture of daily life on the Home Front in wartime Britain.

Speaker Carol Harris

DARTFORD BRANCH MEETING

6 AUGUST 2022

CREATING A ONE-STREET OR ONE-PLACE STUDY

One-place studies are a blend of family history and local history, with a focus on the entire population of a single road, village or community, not just a single, geographically dispersed family line. Such studies are frequently undertaken by family historians wanting to create a context for their ancestors.

Gill is a professional genealogist and AGRA member. She will be giving us the benefit of her experience on how to use genealogical and other sources to create a One-Place Study and how this can inform our family history research.

Speaker GILL THOMAS

3 SEPTEMBER 2022

MEDALS

Glen Jones leads the Kent Branch of the Orders and Medals Research Society (OMRS). OMRS exists to promote a general interest in the study of orders, decorations and medals and to actively encourage and publish research into all aspects of civil and military medals, with a particular focus on those issued by Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries.

Glen's talk covers medals issued for gallantry, campaigns, long service, jubilee and coronation and will include interesting historical facts and stories. He will offer some advice on research and *Dos and Don'ts* regarding those family medals which you may be lucky enough to possess.

Speaker GLEN JONES

NOT TO BE MISSED OUR NWKFHS ZOOM TALK AND DISCUSSION GROUPS

28 JULY - ZOOM TALK – THE NINE LIVES OF MINA JURY - SPEAKER CLAIRE MOORES

Mina Jury was transported to Van Dieman's land age 17 for stealing some jewellery from her employer. After she got her ticket of leave she married and had 11 children. However, after her husband's death she then returned to England to appear as a minor witness in the trial of the Tichborne Claimant in 1873. Uprooted from the stable life she had created in Australia Mina went on to live a life of theft and fraud in England.

Time 7.30 pm - Capacity 99. The link to the zoom meeting will be posted on the website shortly before the meeting.

9 AUGUST - ZOOM TALK – RESEARCHING BREWERY AND PUBLICAN ANCESTORS WITH SPEAKER SIMON FOWLER

Many of us have ancestors who worked somewhere in this industry. The talk will help researchers to discover the various avenues of research available. Simon formerly worked at the National Archives. Brewers and publicans are just one area of his exhaustive knowledge so fill up your glass and join us!

You must Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZAld-qvrT0qEtCyq4xkb5DooYBTsegy6DY>

Please note: this talk will be recorded but the recording will be played only once: on 10 August at 10am. (Perth 5pm. Canberra 7pm, Auckland 9pm) but the zoom link for the recording is only available to members.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Meeting Time London 8.00 pm (Seattle 12pm; Ottawa 3pm; August 10 Auckland 7am) - This talk is organised by East Surrey Family History Society, which has invited members and friends of North West Kent FHS to attend free of charge.

15 SEPTEMBER - ZOOM TALK – BIRTH AND DEATH - THE HIDDEN SECRETS OF REGISTRATION WITH ANTONY MARR

Antony Marr is a retired police officer with many years training and experience, and former deputy registrar of births, deaths and marriages. Now a professional genealogist and Chair of AGRA (Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives). Specific interest in the records of civil registration.

Why can the same birth be registered more than once and in different years? Why does a single death registration involve three different certificates? This talk will look at the complex rules of registering birth and death events, uncovering the complexities and hidden information these essential records of civil registration can contain.

A link to the zoom meeting will be placed on the website www.nwkhfs.org.uk a few days before the meeting,

Time 7.30 pm - Capacity 99. The link to the zoom meeting will be posted on the website shortly before the meeting.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

24th August and 14th September @ 10.30am DNA Family History Research Discussion Group Leader Laura Lincoln.

10th August @ 10.00 am Zoom Discussion Group: family stories which have made you laugh, cry, smile or groan with Carolyn Barclay

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF FURTHER WORKSHOPS AND UPDATES

Visit us @ www.nwkhfs.org.uk - sign up for our "FREE to ALL" twice monthly Society eNewsletter

Events online

There are many talks, podcasts, and exhibitions available to us online, do take a look at some of the following sites:

<https://www.kfhs.org.uk/>

<https://www.esfh.org.uk/>

<http://folkfhs.org.uk/program.htm>

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

<https://www.ihgs.ac.uk/>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/family-history/> - This site is certainly worth a visit, there is a great deal of choice and variety, many free events, or a low cost – herewith an interesting up and coming event online through Eventbrite:

1 AUGUST - Maps for Family and Local History by [National Library of Scotland](#) – Free Zoom Event TIME 1700-1800

Find out how maps can help you with your family or local history research. Learn about the historical maps of Scotland and the rich information they provide. Discover over 200,000 historical maps on our website, including tips on finding relevant maps, and using our georeferenced, side by side and spy tool viewers. There will be a question and answer session at the end.

6 SEPTEMBER – Kent Family History Society Zoom Event - Manorial Records A talk by Caroline Gurney

Even if you haven't yet tackled manorial records, this is an enjoyable talk and might be just the thing to encourage you to move beyond parish registers. Manorial Records are held by many archives and record offices.

There are many different types of manorial record such as: 'court rolls, surveys, maps, terriers, documents and books of every description relating to the boundaries, wastes, customs or courts of a manor'. Basically, any documents which were generated by the internal administration of a manor and they range in date from the 12th century until the 1920s. They can sometimes be a challenge to use. However, the information provided within these documents may aid your family research with information not found elsewhere.

Meeting from 20:00 – 21:30 – Online Members only

ON THIS DAY: JULY 14 is the 195TH day of the year in the Gregorian calendar; 170 days left until the end of the year

1223 Louis VIII becomes King of France upon the death of his father, Philip II

1430 Joan of Arc, taken by the Burgundians in May, is handed over to Pierre Cauchon, the bishop of Beauvais

1789 Storming of the Bastille in Paris. This event escalates the widespread discontent into the French Revolution. Bastille Day is still celebrated annually in France

1791 Beginning of Priestley Riots (to 17 July) in Birmingham targeting Joseph Priestley as a supporter of the French Revolution

1865 The first ascent of the Matterhorn is completed by Edward Whymper and his party, four of whom die on the descent

1881 American outlaw Billy the Kid is shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in the Maxwell House at Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

1917 Octave Lapize, French cyclist (Tour de France 1910), dies when shot down as WWI fighter pilot at 29

1951 1st colour telecast of a sporting event (CBS-horse race)

1960 Jane Goodall arrives at the Gombe Stream Reserve in present-day Tanzania to begin her study of chimpanzees in the wild

2015 NASA's New Horizons probe performs the first flyby of Pluto, and thus completes the initial survey of the Solar System

Ancestry Collections Release:

Imperial Yeomanry Records, 1899-1902

This collection comprises attestation and discharge documents from the War Office of men who enrolled in the Imperial Yeomanry during the South African War. The Imperial Yeomanry was a mounted volunteer force of the British army, made up of just under 35,000 men, and saw action in the Second Boer War between 1899 and 1902. The force was disbanded in 1908. The documents contain details of each man's place of birth, age and occupation and a full record of his service.

Findmypast New Records

British Royal Navy & Royal Marines Service and Pension Records, 1704-1919

Findmypast have released nearly 20,000 new additions to this collection. All of these new records are men who joined the [Royal Navy](#) in 1810.

The information for each record will vary, but you may find details such as the year the pension was granted, military discharge year, length of service, and more. Where available, it's also worth checking the original image in this collection, as it may contain extra comments written about your ancestor.

It is worth noting that there were two types of pensions granted to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines - an 'in-pension', which was awarded to veterans living at the Hospital of Greenwich (the official Navy care home for veterans), and an 'out-pension', which was claimed by the veteran if they were living independently. Those that were admitted to the Greenwich care facility were under militarised standards and regulations, including wearing uniforms, and were also required to live separately from their families should they have had them. However, the facility was well-equipped: it had a library, spacious and well-ventilated wards, a separate infirmary, and a smoking terrace.

**The Sevenoaks Committee -
Branch Chair - Barbara Attwaters**

Committee Members - Karina Jackson, Norma Holmden, Bernie Wilkins, Sandra Marchant, Bill Chopping