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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE DARTFORD BRANCH OF
THE NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

LIBRARY: DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

For anyone new to DNA or who wishes to discuss various aspects of DNA.

10.30 am start

Leader - TBA

8th
February

SEVENOAKS BRANCH MEETING

Considered a DNA test to learn more about yourself & your family? But where to begin?

11.00am start

Speaker -Dr Geoff Swinfield

11th
February

ZOOM WORKSHOP:

Creating Family Trees from GEDcoms

Please refer to website for important information

10.30am start

Leader - David Cufley

15th
February

LIBRARY: WRITING GROUP

Interested in this workshop? Then please contact Pauline direct on theeditor@nwkfhs.org.uk

10.30 am start

Leader - Pauline Heathcote

22nd
February

ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

DNA discussion group

Please refer to website for important information

10.30am start

Leader - Laura Lincoln

22nd
February

ZOOM TALK

Upstairs downstairs - from humble beginnings to the American Dream

7.30pm start

Speaker - Jackie Depelle

23rd
February

ZOOM FAMILY HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP

Come & enjoy a discussion on all aspects of family history.

10.30am start

Leader - Ann Clarke

1st
March

DARTFORD BRANCH MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE DARTFORD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE, HEATH LANE, DARTFORD ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. DOORS OPEN AT 09.45 & MEETING COMMENCES AT 10.30.

OUR TALK TODAY, THE 4th FEBRUARY 2023

FAREWELL TO KENT

Helen Allinson

Helen has always been interested in history & has authored several local history books including 'Farewell To Kent: upon which this talk is based. It is the story of poor people from all over Kent whose passage was paid, often by Poor Law Guardians, to assist them to emigrate to America, Canada, Australia & New Zealand. This system was country wide & so the talk will be of interest even if your ancestors did not come from Kent.

Born in Bromley when Bromley was in Kent, Helen has lived in Sittingbourne since 1974 and worked as a primary school teacher.

FURTHER INFORMATION OF WORKSHOPS ETC.

The only other item to mention is March's Dartford meeting talk when Oliver Wooller, archivist for Bexley borough, tells the fascinating story of the historic houses some of which no longer exist in his book The Great Estates.

A reminder to all. The time shown here for Zoom workshops & talks etc. is the start time. Please login in well before this time as if you haven't logged in by the start time you may not then be able to. It is always advisable to check the website shortly before the date in question as changes can happen short notice. Further information can be found at the top left of the next page.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

May's Dartford meeting was scheduled for the 6th May but this is now Coronation Day & a Bank Holiday weekend. The meeting has been changed to the 28th April. The speaker remains unchanged.

REFRESHMENTS AT MEETINGS

Disposable cups, as used at our refreshment table, are becoming increasingly harder to find & increasing in price. It is therefore advisable to bring your own cups/mugs if you will want refreshments. This will also have a positive, if very tiny, impact on our carbon footprint.

WANTED

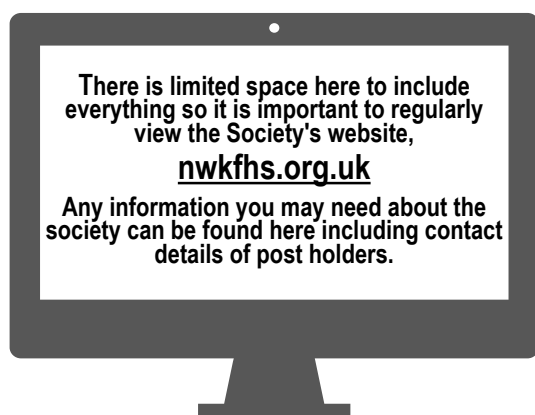
Pauline Heathcote, the Editor of the Society's quarterly journal, is asking for writing contributions for future journals. If you have anything but you are unsure or not confident to see it in print Pauline will be only too pleased to help & guide you.

MEETINGS

Meetings are either held at Dartford or Sevenoaks or on Zoom. They are open to all, but a donation towards the cost of the speaker is welcome from non-members.

WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

Workshops & Discussion Groups, both at the library or on Zoom, are for members only. Prior booking is essential as numbers are limited. To book a place please email: workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk



Master of Ceremonies	Janet Rose
Branch Secretary	Sheila Elisak
Branch Finance Officer	Maureen Griffiths
Logistics Manager	Lorraine King
Programme Secretary	Christine Hills
Pastoral Care	Janet Rose
Sound Technicians	Ian West
Light refreshments	Sandra & Bob Shepherd
Raffle	Pat Cornelius
Reception	Sheila Elisak Pauline Heathcote
Ephemera	Judith French
Notice board	Sylvia Hammond
Computer help desk	Allan Stapleton
Bookstall	Gillian Seager Tim Jacobs
Exchange Journals	Hilary Waters
Trips & outings	Hilary Waters
Dartboard editor	Hilary Waters
You can email the editor at: newsletters@nwkfhs.org.uk	

CHRISTMAS CARD CHARITY DONATION

The Dartford Committee have sent the K9 Partners charity £50.00p as a result of the collection taken at December's meeting.

EXCHANGE JOURNALS

Most of the Exchange Journals I have on the stall are received through a mutual exchange system. However some are donations from members who have private membership to societies outside this system. Recently I have been given several from Suffolk & the Isle of Wight which are societies which we have not had before, certainly since I took over the stall. Please come & browse through these & all the others we have. Donations of journals from non-exchange system societies, providing they are less than 4 years old are warmly welcome.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Maureen Griffiths, the Branch Finance Officer, is collecting Membership renewals again here today. Cash & cheques welcome.

At only £10 per year or £12 for a couple it is exceedingly good value for money.

Please also consider making a donation the Society at the same time. Membership subscriptions barely cover the cost of the quarterly journals let alone all the other things like hall hire, speaker fees & the costs of running the library. If you pay by standing order you can add a donation on to this.

CHRISTINE HILLS

I expect you all know Christine Hills, the Dartford Branch Programme organise. Unfortunately she is currently incapacitated with a skeletal problem so can we wish her all the best & a speedy recovery.

SOCIETY LIBRARY MATTERS

At present the Society Library, Joydens Wood, is ticking over but we are in need of volunteers to be 'Library Assistants'. This is mainly a 2 fold task:

1) To assist other members in their research, the use of the society resources & available IT,

2) to help in the maintenance etc of our resources.

Volunteers do not have to attend every week or all day on a Wednesday but by giving just a few hours it will make all the difference to the services the library provides. If you would like to become a Library Assistant please come along to the library & speak to me (important - please see note in box below) where I can give more information & answer any questions. No previous experience required.

As you should all be aware the library is open almost* every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm, but bad weather, illness or lack of members/visitors after about 2.30pm may necessitate it closing earlier.

*For example once every 2 months the library opens late as the Society Trustees hold their meetings in the main library. These dates are notified to the membership in good time but emergency meetings may not be due to lack of notice. The next scheduled closure is on Wednesday the 29th March.

MARCH'S DARTBOARD

At March's meeting there will not be an edition of the 'Dartboard' or the Exchange Journal stall as I will be in the middle of a 3 week holiday. Due to other commitments I am not certain yet whether I can produce a Dartboard for April but I will try my best.