



This photo is of the display in the window of Joydens Wood Library.

The Society has sole use of the Kent County Council library at Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley, on Wednesdays.

Between 10am and 4pm, members can call in for a chat about family history, get help with their research and browse our collection of over 5000 books on the locality, family history matters and many other subjects.

Periodically we are offered use of the large window facing on to the pavement. Our latest display is even better face to face!

The Coronation Display blends memories and artefacts from the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and the imminent coronation of King Charles III.

Member Brian Kirk assembled the resources, some loaned by other members, and masterminded the arrangement of the display.

Users of the public library and the Joydens Wood Facebook page have all expressed interest and approval of the display. Pop in and take a look.

Photo credit: David Turner

Welcome to the 1 May 2023 enews and our programme of talks and workshops over the next four weeks or so.

I am circulating this enews a few days early so I can also remind those interested in our Dartford Branch talks, normally the first Saturday monthly, that the talk will be tomorrow, Saturday 29 April as otherwise it would have coincided with the King's Coronation on 6 May.

Talks and workshops have been planned until the end of the year
see <http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings> to book your diary ahead of time.

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Dartford Branch Talk: *The Normandy D-Day Landings* with Ian Thomson

Saturday 29 April: Doors Open 9.45am meeting starts 10.30am and will end by 12.30pm

Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford Kent DA1 2LY

Ian is well known to the Society.

This fascinating talk is not about the fighting; Ian will reveal the intelligence war behind the Operations and how the allies fooled the Germans.

There is a large, free car park but it is shared with other users and can be busy at times.

No booking, just turn up.

The Society is a registered charity and membership fees and donations are an important part of our income. The Talk is free to members but guests and visitors are asked to make a donation towards hall hire and speaker's fee. There will be a donations box at the venue.

The meeting will be led by Janet Rose.

Because of the Coronation on 6 May, this talk has been brought forward by a week and will be Saturday 29 April. There will not be a talk /meeting on 6 May.

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Sevenoaks Branch Talk: *The History and Mystery of Funerals* with Susan Flipping

Saturday 13 May Doors open 10.45am meeting starts 11am

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

About the speaker

Susan is an independent wedding, naming and funeral celebrant but has been fortunate to have had many other amazing jobs including radio journalist, published author, lecturer and events organiser. She has spent much of her working life in front of an audience of one kind or another, sharing her enthusiasm and knowledge.

About the Talk

Death, and the funeral rites which follow it, have always reflected the culture of the time; and what we consider 'normal' comes from thousands of years of changing beliefs and traditions.

Our ancestors had practices that seem strange – even bizarre – to 21st century minds yet we can often see how they leave their mark even now.

The talk looks at funeral and death rites over the last thousand years and across the world, considering how they reflect the way our ancestors lived in successive generations.

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There is a large public car park (payment required) adjacent to the hall but it can be busy.

Workshops, Special Interest and Discussion Groups

Workshops (including Discussion Groups and Writing Groups) whether in person or via **Zoom** have a maximum number to allow all participants to be involved, **and are restricted to paid up North West Kent FHS members only**. They generally last for about 2 hours.

Please note that booking is essential.

If any Society members missed a workshop which they would have liked to attend, or it filled up, see here for videos of some past workshops: <https://nwkfhs.org.uk/events/workshops/past-zoom-workshop-videos>

Note the above link will only work for Society members logged into the website.

If you have a topic or subject you feel would interest other members and or / help with their research and is suitable material for a workshop, please do contact Carolyn Sekulowicz-Barclay on workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk who would very much like to hear from you. The workshops are all led by volunteers and very much depend on volunteers coming forward. Thank you

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings>

Whilst the next four weeks or so workshops are listed below, workshops have been planned for the whole of 2023 and can be read about on the above link.

3 May 10.30am Zoom Family History Discussion Group with Ann Clarke. Today's topic: Apprenticeships

<http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-discussion-group-with-ann-clark-3>

3 May 10.30am Library Scottish Interests Discussion Group with Pam Goddard and Carolyn Barclay
<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-scottish-interests-discussion-group-with-pam-goddard-and-carolyn-barclay>

10 May 10.30am Library DNA Discussion Group for those who are either new to DNA or want to discuss particular aspects of DNA
<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-dna-discussion-group-for-those-who-are-either-new-to-dna-or-want-to-discuss-particular-aspects-of-dna-4>

10 May 7.30pm Zoom Workshop: How to Draw a Pedigree Chart Using Software with David Cufley
<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-how-to-draw-a-pedigree-chart-using-software-with-cavid-cufley>

17 May please note the Society Library, normally open to members from 10am, will not open until 1pm today.

17 May 10.30 Zoom DNA Discussion Group with Laura Lincoln
<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-dna-discussion-group-with-laura-lincoln-9>

24 May 10.30am Library Writing Group: New to Writing? with Pauline Heathcote
<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/future-workshops/library-workshop-new-to-writing-with-pauline-heathcote>

24 May 2.30pm Zoom Discussion: Let's talk about Family History with David Cufley
<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-discussion-group-let-s-talk-about-family-history-with-david-cufley-3>

7 June 10.30am Zoom Family History Discussion Group, today's topic: Record Types with Ann Clarke
<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-family-history-discussion-grtoup-with-ann-cl Clarke>

8 June 2.30pm Zoom Royal Arsenal Documents Workshop with David Cufley
<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-royal-arsenal-documents-with-david-cufley-2>

14 June 10.30am Library DNA Discussion Group for those new or with experience of DNA
<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-dna-discussion-group-for-those-who-are-either-new-to-dna-or-want-to-discuss-particular-aspects-of-dna-5>

14 June 7.30pm How to Draw a Calligraphic Family Tree with David Cufley

<http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-how-to-draw-a-calligraphic-family-trees-with-david-cufley>

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For Zoom workshops, please log in from 15 minutes before the start time and enjoy chat amongst participants before the workshop starts.

For library workshops please arrive any time after the library opens at 10.am

Numbers are restricted to enable all participants to ask questions, share knowledge and engage with other members therefore booking is essential.

Please reserve a place with workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk including the event, title and date together with your name and membership number.

Workshop leaders freely give their time, but a donation either at the library for in person workshops or via the web shop is appreciated. <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/services/society-donation>

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Many, many thanks to workshop coordinator Carolyn Sekulowicz-Barclay for arranging our exciting programme of workshops, and to the workshop leaders who all give their time freely.

Carolyn would like to hear from you if you have some expertise on a topic which you think would interest others and would be willing to lead a workshop.

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Medway Archives

There are interesting talks and exhibitions happening soon at the Medway Archives, see here for more

information: https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200391/medway_archives_centre/317/medway_archives_centre/6

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Items for the mid May enews should please reach me as soon as possible, and by 14 May latest.

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I (Stella Eames) welcome photos of people or places (especially historical or family history) in the North West Kent area with a story about them as I like to start each newsletter with a photo and story. Please email me at enews@nwkfhs.org.uk with your contributions. Any photos must be your own copyright.

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I am a volunteer creating this e-news in my 'spare time' but, if you do notice any errors, please tell me, so that they are not carried forward to the next edition.

I often get asked to publicise family history fairs, new books on genealogy and small genealogy businesses. I use my discretion in including ones which are local to our area or which I think may interest readers. It does not mean that I or NWKFHS has any personal knowledge, or makes any recommendation, about the event or business.

Please email me if there's anything you want to say about enews.

Please mention it to others and encourage them to sign up so that we can keep society members and anyone interested in family history informed of NWKFHS activities.

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