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

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

ZOOM FAMILY HISTORY DISCUSSION

GROUP. Today's topic: Migration
Come & enjoy a lively discussion on this topic

10.30am start

Leader - Ann Clarke

5th
July

LIBRARY DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

A group for those either new to or who want to discuss particular aspects of DNA.

10.30am start

Leader - TBA

8th
June

LIBRARY DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

A group for those either new to or who want to discuss particular aspects of DNA.

10.30am start

Leader - TBA

12th
July

ZOOM WORKSHOP: Herald's Visitations

This workshop will look at the Heralds Visitations which were compiled from the 15th century

7.30 pm start

Leader - David Cufley

12th
July

NEW LIBRARY WRITING GROUP

This new writing group is aimed at members with little or no previous writing experience
new members welcome

10.30am start

Leader - Pauline Heathcote

19th
July

ZOOM DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussions about various topics of DNA & your family history research

10.30am start

Leader - Laura Lincoln

19th
July

ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

This is your chance to ask question or seek advice from other family historians

2.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

26th
July

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 1st JULY 2023, CATCHING UP WITH FAMILY SEARCH

Sharon Hints

Sharon is the Director of the FamilySearch Centre who many of our older members may remember from her days at the LDS Centre in Exhibition Road. She is a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Society of Genealogists, lecturer & author on family history topics & is a 5th generation family historian with ancestors in Denmark & the UK.

The FamilySearch website adds millions of records worldwide each year & has new initiatives planned for 2023. Sharon will bring us up to date on what is available & how best to access it.

SEVENOAKS BRANCH MEETINGS ARE HELD AT OTFORD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL, HIGH STREET, OTFORD ON THE 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. DOORS OPEN AT 10.45 & MEETING COMMENCES AT 11.00.

THE TALK ON THE 8th JUNE 2023, DARTFORD HOSPITALS DURING WORLD WAR 1

Francine Payne

Changes made to the poor laws in the 1800s compelled parishes to provide better care for their destitute, sick & insane. These people would have been nursed in the workhouse in sick wards, their care was poor & nursing often provided by other inmates. The lack of separation for infectious sick meant epidemics were hard to control. These were the same problems which Florence Nightingale was devoting her time to in London. She was campaigning for the removal of infectious, sick & the insane from the workhouses & for a single statutory body to oversee the care of these people so that care could be standardised. She wanted everyone looked after by trained nurses. Consequently Dartford has an interesting mix of hospitals, not all built for the local population.

UPDATE ON NEW LIBRARY WORKSHOPS FOR BEGINNERS

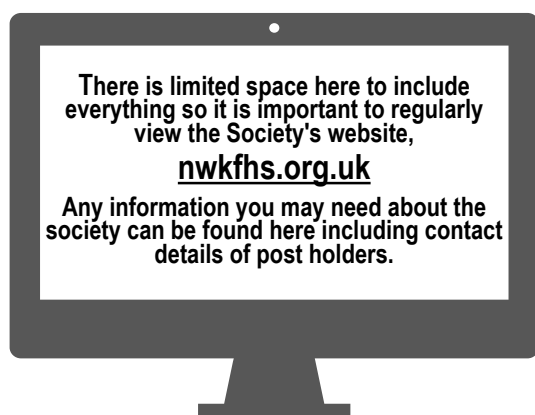
In the last edition of this newsletter details of these 2 new workshops were given which now, unfortunately, due to health problems have now had to be postponed. Although this is bad news for those who had already signed signed up for them it is good news as there is now more time for those who haven't. They are not solely aimed at beginners but also those of you that feel they need a refresher or updat on basic researching tools. Please refer to Dartboard edition no. 334 for full details.

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



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Raffle	Pat Cornelius
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WORKSHOPS CONTINUED.

There is 1 more workshop which space preventing me listing on the previous page. It's a **ZOOM FAMILY HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP, lead by Ann Clarke at 10.30am on the 2nd of August.**

IMPORTANT LIBRARY INFORMATION

On Wednesday the 26th July, the Society's Trustees will be having a meeting in the main library at Summerhouse Drive. This means that it will NOT be open to members until 1pm.

FAMILY HISTORY ON YOUTUBE

This week I found out something very interesting which I feel I should have known before, we have a Society member who has her own YouTube channel, Genealogy: Ties to the past. It is Michelle Jeannotte, currently the Team Leader of our web team who looks after the Society's website. Michelle lives in British Columbia, Canada, & is a regular participant in our Zoom talks, time differences allowing. This shows that you don't have to live in North West Kent to be able to be a Society volunteer. The link to her channel is www.youtube.com/channel/UCiOvzfCLwMe8oWA7s-3O7zA

Most Mondays a new video is added under the heading of Mondays with Michele. They range in time length from just over 6 minutes to around 30 & include subjects such as Locating Service Records, Passenger Lists, Manorial Records & Tithe Records. I haven't had a chance yet to look further into some of these but most appear to be relevant to British records while a few are Canadian & U S.

In addition to genealogy videos there are also a number which will help you use Microsoft software to save & present your family history. The only one I have begun to look at is Working with Pictures & others include Writing Footnotes & Endnotes, Copy/Past Beyond the Basics & Paragraph Styles & many more. I haven't looked further for the simple reason I use Mac software, not Microsoft.

Michelle also adds links to other videos & uses information from other genealogists which all add up to a lot of minutes to keep you busy learning about family history research & to keep you entertained.

LINKING TIES TO THE PAST WITH TODAY'S TALK

Michelle also has a few videos on her website which will help you explore FamilySearch at your leisure & where you can stop & start to make notes (or a cup of tea) or watch as many times as you like

FamilySearch is a website, which after today's talk you will much more about, it is international & I believe, is a modern version of the old I G I microfiche. The Society has copies of the I G I & a couple of fiche readers at the library where you are most warmly welcome to come along on Wednesdays. They remain a valuable resource.

I have been told, by a source more knowledgeable than myself, that a good starting video is called Exploring FamilySearch which is just over the hour long. It explores some of the key features of FamilySearch, such as searching the records, searching the catalogue, using the Research Wiki & how to submit a Lookup Request form.

One video that has caught my eye is FamilySearch Interactive Parish Maps while another is FamilySearch Online Learning.