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

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

LIBRARY DNA & GENERAL DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussions on various aspects of DNA & family history

10.30am start

Leader - Pam Goddard

9th
October

ZOOM WORKSHOP

Breaking down ancestral brick walls.

7.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

9th
October

ZOOM DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussions on various aspects of DNA

10.30am start

Leader - Laura Lincoln

16th
October

ZOOM WORKSHOP

A miscellany of family history sources, facts, stories & methods.

2.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

23rd
October

ZOOM WORKSHOP

Putting photographs, tables etc. into the Microsoft program WORD to illustrate family history documents.

7.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

30th
October

**PLEASE REMEMBER
ALL WORKSHOPS & DISCUSSION
GROUPS ARE MEMBERS-ONLY
EVENTS**

REMINDER - Booking is no longer required for individual Zoom Workshops & Discussion Groups. For 2024 a Zoom Register has been created to cover all attendance to any of the zoom groups. Any society member who would like to be added to the register needs to submit their name, email address and membership number to workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

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 5th OCTOBER 2024, JOURNALS OF A VICTORIAN KENTISH LADY

Helen Allinson

Helen, a retired teacher, is an accomplished speaker who is a regular visitor at Dartford. She has written several books including one based upon the journals of Louisa Thomas. Journals, along with letters, form a unique type of historical source but were often vetted by a parent or governess.

This was not so in the case of Louisa Thomas who lived to be a hundred & kept a journal for most of her life. We see her as a spinster in Brighton, married & on the Grand Tour, establishing a household in Kent & socialising with the county families. Using the journals, Helen will give us an insight into the daily life of a Victorian lady.

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 12th OCTOBER 2024, 80 YEARS 9F DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Delia Taylor

Running for more than 80 years, DID is the longest-running programme on radio. Some people have been interviewed more than once & some of the choices of luxury items have caused problems for the BBC as have some of the individuals who have been interviewed over the years.

Hear about the laughs, tears & awkward castaways who have taken part in this historic show.

THE TALK ON THE 2nd NOVEMBER 2024 AT THE DARTFORD MEETING IS, POSTMAN'S PARK

Dr John Price

Dr. Price is a Senior Lecturer in Modern British History at Goldsmiths & is an expert in civilian heroism & self sacrifice in the 19th & early 20th centuries & has made a study of those commemorated in Postman's Park. Postman's Park, so called because of its proximity to London's main Post Office & popularity with the postal workers who came here to eat their lunchtime sandwiches, was opened in 1880. A wall in the park was dedicated to this cause in 1900.

MEETINGS

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

WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

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



There is limited space here to include everything so it is important to regularly view the Society's website,

nwkfhs.org.uk

Any information you may need about the society can be found here including contact details of post holders.

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Branch Secretary	Lorraine King
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DARTFORD BRANCH OCTOBER MEETING

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Today's Branch meeting will include the Branch's 2024 Annual General Meeting. The AGM will start the meeting off at 10.30 as usual & will be as short as possible. It will be followed by the speaker, Helen Allinson. Janet has asked me to ask you to be in the hall, seated, & ready for the meeting to start promptly at 10.30.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Once again it is that time of year & doesn't it come around quicker each year!

Janet has asked me to remind you that after December's meeting on the 7th, there will be a festive buffet in the hall, tickets will be on sale soon & will cost about £9,

She is also going to make up the traditional food hampers as the main prizes, so if you can donate any tinned, bottled, packaged food or drink items she will be pleased to accept them. Please ensure they are within date.

Also, Janet will provide a large card for members to sign instead of sending individual cards which is getting very expensive these days. There will be a donation to a charity vet to be decided on.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Dartford Branch Committee now has 2 vacancies. It is not a big committee or an onerous task but includes running the Dartford meetings. If you want the Branch to continue please volunteer your help. More information can be had from Janet. New & younger members are needed in all parts of the Society to ensure it's future.

SAD NEWS

I am sorry to have to inform you but Society member & past Secretary, Jim Murchie, sadly passed away in August after along illness. His funeral has already taken place but the Society was only informed in the last week. I didn't know Jim very well but he was very helpful when I first joined the Society Committee.

A REQUEST FROM THE EDITOR

Sir Journal editor, Pauline Heathcote, has asked me to request from you contributions to the Journal. These can be excerpts from your family history such as an interesting or funny occurrence, a request for help with brick walls or information about an interesting & helpful website you have come across for example. You may have an ancestor who was famous or led an interesting life.

please send them as a Word document to Pauline at theeditor@nwkfhs.org.uk. Please only use this email address & note it is different from that of a year or so ago. If you have any queries please contact Pauline for advice also using this email address.

FIND MY PAST UPDATE

I can now update you on the problems recently experienced at the Library, please see September's Dartboard for more information. It was a problem with Find MY Past & all is now working as it should be.