Diary

Please note that whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the calendar, all dates, times and events are subject to change. It is sensible to check with the appropriate promoters before attending. Most societies anticipate a donation for attendance by non-members.

October (Online and Live)

30 (1.30pm) Kent Family History Society. '*Open discussion group meeting.*' St Nicholas Church Hall, (behind the church), High Street, Rochester, Kent ME2 4UB. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

30 (7.00pm) Kent Archaeological Society. '*Medieval and historic graffiti at Rochester Cathedral,* Jacob Scott.' Online on Zoom. craig.campbell@kentarchaeology.org.uk

30 (7.00pm) Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust. *'The Archaeologies of Cnut: Kent's Second Viking Age*, Heidi Stoner.' CCCU LG16, Laud Building, Ground Floor., N Holmes Rd, Canterbury CT1 1QU. https://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/fcat

November (Online and Live)

1 (9.45am) North West Kent Family History Society. 'AGM and Family History Day.' Dartford Science and Technology College Heath Lane Dartford Kent DA1 2LY. https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/contact

2 (2.00pm) Kent County Council. '*Dedication of Garden of Remembrance.'* Garden of Remembrance, Sandgate Road, Folkestone. Georgina.wilson@folkestone-tc.gov.uk

3 (7.00pm) Woodchurch Local Historical Society. '*Tom Crean – Unsung Hero of Antarctic Exploration,* Michael Smith.' Woodchurch Memorial Hall, The Green, Woodchurch, Ashford TN26 3PF. glbaturner@gmail.com

3 (6.30pm) Lympne Airfield History Society. '*Buzz Bombs & Bicycles - A Cyclists Look at Hitler's V1,* Martin Lloyd.' Lympne Church, Castle Cl, Lympne CT21 4LQ. https://www.facebook.com/groups/592481448837653/

4 (7.15pm) Goudhurst and Kilndown Local History Society. '*AGM followed by The History and Work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission,* Norman Brice.' The Goudhurst Club, The Plain, Goudhurst, Cranbrook TN17 1AD. help@goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org

4 (8.00pm) Kent Family History Society. *'Medway Prison Hulks,* Dr Jeremy Clarke' Online via Zoom. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

4 (7.30pm) Lyminge Historical Society. '*A History of Canterbury in a little less than 100 objects*. Martin Crowther.' the Tayne Centre, at the rear of the Methodist Church, Church Road. Lyminge, CT18 8JA. lyminge.history@outlook.com

4 (7.30pm) Lamorbey and Sidcup Local History Society. '*Greenwich Women,* Lyn Dixon.' St Lawrence's Community Hall, Hamilton Road, Sidcup. enquiries@lam-sid-lhs.co.uk

5 (7.05pm) Canterbury Historical and Archaeological Society. '*Communication, language and literacy in early medieval Britain*, Dr Robert Gallagher.' Online Via Zoom chas.membership@gmail.com

5 (7.30pm) Snodland Historical Society. '*Thomas Fletcher Waghorn' the 175th anniversary of whose death is being commemorated this year,* Christopher Howick.' The Devonshire Rooms, Waghorn Road, Snodland, ME6 5BQ. andrewashbee6@gmail.com

5 (7.30pm) Folkestone and District Local History Society. '*275 Years of Folkestone Baptist Church,* Vince Williams' The Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sandgate Road, CT20 2HQ. halloweenvince@aol.com

5 (8.00pm) Orpington and District Archaeological society. '*The Cheapside Hoard*. Hazel Forsyth.' Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood BR5 1LH. www.odas.org.uk orparchsoc@yahoo.co.uk

5 (7.00pm) Swanley History Group. '*How To Write Your Life Story,* Jo Livingston.' The Alexandra Suite, St. Mary's Road, Swanley, BR8 7BU. swanleyhistorygroup@hotmail.co.uk

5 (7.30pm) Wye Historical Society. '*William Burges and the High-Low Victorian Dream,* Katie Williams.' Joanna Thornhill School, Wye, Ashford TN25 5EA enquiries@wyehistoricalsociety.org.uk

6 (7.30pm) Margate Civic Society. '*The evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940 (Operation Dynamo) and Margate's role in it,* James Brazier.' Holy Trinity Church Hall, St Mary's Avenue, Margate CT9 3TN. enquiries@margatecivicsociety.org.uk

7 (7.00pm) Folkestone & District Family History Society. '*How Far Did Your Ancestor Travel?,* Celia Heritage.' Online via Zoom. webmaster@folkfhs.org.uk

7 (7.45pm) Fawkham & District Historical Society. '*History of the Old London Theatre World,* Ian Bevan.' Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre, Ash Road, Hartley, DA3 8DB. scassidy51@btinternet.com

7 (7.30pm) Rolvenden History Group. '*Kentish Clerical Errors*, Ed Adams,' St Mary's Church, Rolvenden, Hastings Rd, Rolvenden, Cranbrook TN17 4LS. https://therolvendenhistorygroup.wordpress.com/contact/

7 (7.00pm) The Ramsgate Society. '*Launch of Commemorative Book of Dunkirk Little Ships 2025.'* Royal Temple Yacht Club 6 Westcliff Mansions, Ramsgate, Kent. https://ramsgate-society.org.uk/contact/

8 (11.00am) North West Kent Family History Society. '*The life of Helen Thomas and Otford in the 1920s,* Alan Williams.' Otford Village Memorial Hall High Street Otford TN14 5PQ. https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/contact

8 (7.30pm) Tonbridge Historical Society. '*Wren's City Churches; Historic Greenwich Village*, Ian Bevan.' The Riverside Room in the Angel Centre, Tonbridge, TN9 1SF. secretary@tonbridgehistory.org.uk

8 (7.00pm) Crayford Manor House Historical Society. '*Mid-19th Century Merchant Shipping*, William Lindsay.' The Baker Trust Hall, Maxim Road, Crayford DA1 4BG. janet.hearn-gillham@ntlworld.com

9 (10.30am) Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society. '*Remembrance Sunday - members are invited to attend the parade in Civic Way.'* Civic Way, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS. enquiries@thecivicsociety.org

9 (10.30am) Kent County Council. '*The War Memorial.'* The Leas, Folkestone. Georgina.wilson@folkestone-tc.gov.uk

9 (10.50am) Brook Rural Museum. '*Remembrance Sunday*.' St Mary's Church & Brook Rural Museum, The Street, Brook, Ashford, TN25 5PF. www.brookruralmuseum.org.uk

10 (1.00pm) Kent Archives. *'Recreation, health and competition: sport in Victorian Kent,* Catherine Budd.' Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone, ME14 1LQ. archives@kent.gov.uk

10 (pm) Gravesend Historical Society. '*Higham in Dickens's Day.* Andrew Rootes.' St Mary's Church Hall, Wrotham Road, Gravesend, DA11 7LL. gravesendhistorical@hotmail.co.uk

11 (7.30pm) Kent Family History Society. *'Kent Mental Deficiency Institutions in World War 2*, Kara Greig' The Cleary Room, The Landmark Centre, 129 High Street, Deal, Kent CT14 6BB. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

11 (7.30pm) Maidstone Area Archaeological Group. *'MAAG excavations update.* Dr Stephen Clifton.' Maidstone Community Support Centre, Marsham Street, Maidstone, ME14 1HH. And online via Zoom. maag.arch.info@gmail.com

11 (8.00pm) Plaxtol Local History Group. '*Pocahontas & Gravesend,* Jenny Watson-Bore.' Plaxtol Memorial Hall, School Lane, Plaxtol, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0QD. https://plaxtollocalhistory.wordpress.com/talks-visits/

11 (11.00am) Kent County Council. '*Machine Gun Corps.'* Cheriton Road Cemetery, Folkestone. Georgina.wilson@folkestone-tc.gov.uk

11 (7.00pm) Hythe Civic Society. '*Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies*, Martin Lloyd.' Hythe Bay Church of England Primary School, Cinque Ports Avenue, Hythe, CT216HS. https://www.hythecivicsociety.org/contact

12 (7.00pm) Meopham Historical Society. '*Cobham Gypsies*, Eric Gander.' The St John's Centre, Wrotham Road, Meopham, Kent DA13 0AA. chairman@meophamhistorical.org.uk

12 (7.30pm) Loose Area History Society. ''*The Gurkhas,* John Darby.' King George V Pavilion, Walnut Tree Lane, Loose, ME15 9RG. https://www.looseareahistorysociety.org.uk

12 (10.30am) Borden Heritage Group. *'A look at Crime in Victorian Britain,* Helen Allinson.' Borden Parish Hall, School Ln, Borden, Sittingbourne ME9 8JS. wrens_eileen@hotmail.com

12 (7.30pm) Kent Family History Society. '*The West Kent Regiment,* Samantha Harris.*'* St. Paul's Church Hall, Boxley Road, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2AN. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

12 (7.30pm) Sevenoaks Society. '*The Slave Trade, Slavery, and Sevenoaks,* Prof Killingray.*'* St Luke's Church Hall, 30 Eardley Rd, Sevenoaks, TN13 1XT. info@sevenoakssociety.co.uk

12 (7.15pm) Chatham Historical Society. '*Rochester Pubs,* Len Feist.' St Stephen's Church, Maidstone Road, Chatham, ME4 6JE. chatham.historicalsoc@gmail.com

12 (7.30pm) Archbishops Palace Conservation Trust and Otford District History Society. *'350 years of mud and cow dung*,' Otford Village Memorial Hall High Street Otford TN14 5PQ. secretary@otfordpalace.org

13 (7.30pm) Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society. '*Annual General Meeting followed by an open forum for members.'* Christ Church, High Street, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1UT. enquiries@thecivicsociety.org

13 (7.00pm) Sandwich Local History Society. "*A Forest of Flags: the scandalous Sandwich by-election of 1880*, Pat Wilson.' Sandwich Guildhall Museum, Guildhall, Cattle Market, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 9AH. robertepay@outlook.com

13 (7.30pm) Faversham Society. '*Jane Austen in Kent,* Susan Civale.' Faversham Assembly Rooms, 63-64 Preston Street, Faversham ME13 8PG. info@favershamsociety.org

13 (7.30pm) Hextable Heritage Society. '*Pub Crawls in SE London and North Kent area*.' The Heritage Centre, off Crawfords, Dawson Drive, Hextable, BR8 7PL. darrenkitchener@gmail.com

13 (7.30pm) Charing & District Local History Society. '*A Very British Art Form, The Story of Pantomime.'* Malcolm Jones. Charing Parish Hall, Station Rd, Charing, Ashford TN27 0JA. cdlhssecretary@outlook.com

14 (7.45pm) Wrotham Historical Society. '*The Road to Kohima, British Recovery in Burma*, Lee Perry.' Wrotham Village Hall, 1 High Street, Wrotham, Sevenoaks TN15 7AA. wrothamhistorical@outlook.com

14 (7.30pm) Farningham and Eynsford Local History Society. '*Growing up in Lullingstone Castle,* Tom Hart Dyke.' Eynsford Village Hall, High St, Eynsford, Dartford DA4 0AA. archives@felhs.org.uk

15 (7.00pm) Faversham Society. '*The Regency Ball to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Jane Austen*.' Faversham Assembly Rooms, 63-64 Preston Street, Faversham ME13 8PG. info@favershamsociety.org

15 (9.00am) Kent Defence Research Group – Kent Archaeological Society. '*Recording Kent's Military History*, Conference. The Friars, Aylesford Priory, England, ME20 7BX. membership@kentarchaeology.org.uk

17 (8.00pm) Leigh & District Historical Society. 'The Tithe War in Kent 1881 – 1936.' Leigh Small Village Hall, High St, Leigh, Halls TN11 8RL. https://www.leighhistorical.org.uk/about-us/

17 (2.00pm) Brenzett and District History Group. *'Romney Marsh Barons,* Paul Thomas.' French House, Rhee Wall, Brenzett TN29 9UA. sarahbav@hotmail.co.uk

17 (7.30pm) Ashford Archaeological and Historical Society. '*Piloting the Last Concorde*. Les Brodie.' The Friends Meeting House, Albert Road, TN24 8NY. hello@ashfordarchhist.org

17 (7.30pm) Halling Historical Society. 'The *Medway Prison Hulks,* Dr Jeremy Clarke' Jubilee Hall, Browndens Road, Upper Halling, ME2 1JH. hallinghistoricalsocprogsec@gmail.com

18 (10.30am) Canterbury Cathedral. '*Becket – the Murder and What Happened Next?* Maggie Price.' Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury CT1 2EH. archives@canterbury-cathedral.org

18 (7.30pm) Studying History and Archaeology in Lympne. '*Roman Lympne, the story so far,* Guy Topham. Lympne Village Hall, Aldington Rd, Lympne, Hythe CT21 4LE. fionajarvest1@gmail.com

19 (7.30pm) Otford and District Historical Society. '*Church Field, a villa full of secrets (Thirteen years of archaeological fieldwork in Otford)* Kevin Fromings.' Otford Memorial Hall, 28A High St, Otford, Sevenoaks TN14 5PQ. enquiries@otfordsociety.org.uk

20 (7,30pm) Bridge and District Historical Society. 'Book Launch - *Past and Present Bridge,* Ed Adams.' Bridge Village Hall, 28 High St, Bridge, Canterbury CT4 5JZ. info@bridgehistory.org.uk

20 (7.00pm) Kent Archaeological Society. '*Making an Early Saxon Sword*. Alexander Read.' Online on Zoom. craig.campbell@kentarchaeology.org.uk

20 (7.30pm) Smarden Local History Society. '*Hawkeye,* Paul Ryan.' The Charter Hall, Smarden, Ashford TN27 8NF. smardenheritagecentre@gmail.com

20 (7.30pm) Brenchley and Matfield Local History Society. '*Thomas Becket*, Imogen Corrigan.' Matfield Village Hall, Matfield, Tonbridge TN12 7LW. tedinbrenchley@gmail.com

20 (7.30pm) Dymchurch and District Heritage Group. '*AGM followed by The Disgraced Publican (Open All Hours),* Emma Batten.' The Methodist Church, High Street, Dymchurch, Kent. dymchurchheritagegroup@gmail.com

20 (8.00pm) Bexley Archaeological Group. '*Stonehenge, the sun and the moon*, Prof Clive Ruggles.' St Lawrences Catholic Church Hall, Hamilton Road, Sidcup, DA15 7HB. pr@bag.org.uk

21 (7.30pm) Dartford Historical and Antiquarian Society. '*Annual General Meeting followed by a short talk,* Dr Mike Still.' The Mick Jagger Centre, The Grammar School (Boys), Shepherds Lane, Dartford, DA1 2JZ. historicaldartford@gmail.com

21 (7.30pm) Shoreham and District Historical Society. '*The Impact on Women of WWI,* Delia Taylor.' Shoreham Village Hall, High Street. https://shorehamkenthistory.weebly.com/

22 (10.00am) The Kent Archaeology Research Group **-** Kent Archaeological Society. '*Thanet & North-East Kent - A KAS Fieldwork Conference.'* The Friars, Aylesford Priory, England, ME20 7BX. membership@kentarchaeology.org.uk

24 (6.30pm) Tenterden and District Local History Society. 'AGM (members only) Celebration T&DLHS 70th Anniversary.' Highbury Hall, TN30 6LE. sec.tdlhs@gmail.com

24 (7.30pm) New Romney History Society. '*RM Archaeology Group*.' The Old School, New Romney, Church Ln, New Romney TN28 8ER. NRHistorySociety@outlook.com

24 (11.30am) Canterbury Cathedral. '*ABCDE – Project 106,* Will Adam and Dean David.' Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury CT1 2EH. archives@canterbury-cathedral.org

25 (8.00pm) Frittenden Historical Society. '*A Kiwi drops in, Geoff Piper*.' Frittenden Memorial Hall, TN17 2DD. frittendenhistory@hotmail.co.uk

25 (7.30 pm) Hadlow Historical Society. *'The Story of the Chislehurst Caves,* Rod Legear'. St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Hadlow TN11 0DJ. hadlowhistory@gmail.com

25 (7.30pm) Kent Family History Society. '*Open branch meeting*.' Willesborough Windmill, Hythe Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 0QG. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

26 (6.30pm) Stanford and Westenhangar History Society. '*The Age of Blackboards and Chalk,* Kevin Bailey.' Stanford Parish Room, Westenhanger, Kent, United Kingdom. https://www.stanfordhistorykent.org.uk/contacts/

27 (7.30pm) Birchington Heritage Trust. '*Hark the Glad Sounds! A Merry Evening of Seasonal Music, Stories & Song,* Colin Bridge.' The Centre, Alpha Rd, Birchington CT7 9EG. birchington.ht@gmail.com

27 (7.00pm) Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust. *'The Archaeology of Westgate Square, Canterbury*, Andy Linklater.' CCCU LG16, Laud Building, Ground Floor., N Holmes Rd, Canterbury CT1 1QU. https://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/fcat

27 (1.30pm) Kent Family History Society. '*Open discussion group meeting,* Medway Discussion Group.' St Nicholas Church Hall, (behind the church), High Street, Rochester, Kent ME2 4UB. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

27 (7.00pm) Maidstone Museum. '*Shared Stories: Indigenous Connections at Maidstone Museum,* Dr Padraig Kirwan.' Maidstone Museum, St Faiths Street, Maidstone, ME14 1LH. museuminfo@maidstone.gov.uk

27 (7.00pm) The Ramsgate Society. '*The World's Finest Shelter of its Time, giving the history of Ramsgate Tunnels, including the design link with tunnels in Barcelona for the Spanish Civil War*. Max Streatfield.' San Clu Hotel Victoria Parade, Ramsgate, Kent. https://ramsgate-society.org.uk/contact/

27 (7.00) Lenham Heritage Society. Smuggling in Kent. Sue Duckworth.' Lenham Community Centre, Lenham, England, ME17 2QT. www.heritagelenham.co.uk

28 (7.30pm) Otford 1940's Society. '*The Charging Bull*, Andy Robertshaw' Otford Memorial Hall, High Street, Otford, Kent, TN14 5PQ. Otford@1940.co.uk

29 (2.00pm) New Folkestone Society. '*Folkestone Fragments,* Emre Araci.' The Cornerstone Centre (former United Reformed Church), Castle Hill Ave (near Folkestone Central.) https://www.newfolkestonesociety.org.uk/contact-us/

December (Online and Live)

1 (7.00pm) Woodchurch Local Historical Society. '*Members' Evening: Talk followed by wine and festive food*.' Woodchurch Memorial Hall, The Green, Woodchurch, Ashford TN26 3PF. glbaturner@gmail.com

2 (10.30am) Canterbury Cathedral. '*Angels and Demons in Art,* Brenda Tate-Lovery.' Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury CT1 2EH. archives@canterbury-cathedral.org

2 (7.15pm) Goudhurst and Kilndown Local History Society. '*Oh No it Isn't: A History of Pantomime*, Pete Allen.' The Goudhurst Club, The Plain, Goudhurst, Cranbrook TN17 1AD. help@goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org

2 (10.00am) Kent Family History Society. '*Young Dickens and how he came to 'invent' Christmas*, Ian Porter.' Online via Zoom. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

2 (7.30pm) Lamorbey and Sidcup Local History Society. '*Christmas Social*.' St Lawrence's Community Hall, Hamilton Road, Sidcup. enquiries@lam-sid-lhs.co.uk

2 (7.30pm) Lyminge Historical Society. '*Jane Austen in Kent*. John and Jane Buss.' the Tayne Centre, at the rear of the Methodist Church, Church Road. Lyminge, CT18 8JA. lyminge.history@outlook.com

3 (7.30pm) Folkestone and District Local History Society. '*Christmas Quiz*.' The Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sandgate Road, CT20 2HQ. halloweenvince@aol.com

3 (8.00pm) Orpington and District Archaeological society. '*Annual General Meeting, Social and ODAS Review*.' Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood BR5 1LH. www.odas.org.uk orparchsoc@yahoo.co.uk

3 (7.30pm) Snodland Historical Society. '*The Usual Christmas Meeting featuring more Hambrook Postcards in Kent*.' The Devonshire Rooms, Waghorn Road, Snodland, ME6 5BQ. andrewashbee6@gmail.com

3 (7.00pm) Swanley History Group. '*Bellringing Folklore and Traditions,* Mark Lewis' The Alexandra Suite, St. Mary's Road, Swanley, BR8 7BU. swanleyhistorygroup@hotmail.co.uk

3 (7.30pm) Wye Historical Society. '*Eat Your Carrots! The History of British Radar,* Guy Bartlett.' Joanna Thornhill School, Wye, Ashford TN25 5EA enquiries@wyehistoricalsociety.org.uk

4 (7.00pm) Folkestone & District Family History Society. '*Christmas dinner followed by a Quiz*.' Church Hall of All Souls Church, Somerset Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, CT19 4HA. webmaster@folkfhs.org.uk

5 (7.45pm) Fawkham & District Historical Society. '*A walk through Hartley from the 1960s followed by a Christmas Extravaganza Get-Together*.' Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre, Ash Road, Hartley, DA3 8DB. scassidy51@btinternet.com

5 (7.30pm) Rolvenden History Group. '*Show and Tell' - social event'* St Mary's Church, Rolvenden, Hastings Rd, Rolvenden, Cranbrook TN17 4LS. https://therolvendenhistorygroup.wordpress.com/contact/

6 (10.30am) North West Kent Family History Society. '*Cribs, Cards and Christingles*, Mark Lewis.' Dartford Science and Technology College Heath Lane Dartford Kent DA1 2LY. https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/contact

8 (7.00pm) Sandwich Local History Society. "*AGM and 'Open Forum' - short presentations by members*.' Sandwich Guildhall Museum, Guildhall, Cattle Market, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 9AH. robertepay@outlook.com

9 (7.30pm) Kent Family History Society. '*Members' short talks*.' The Cleary Room, The Landmark Centre, 129 High Street, Deal, Kent CT14 6BB. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

9 (8.00pm) Plaxtol Local History Group. '*Discover the Secrets Behind your Front Door*, Melanie Backe-Hansen.' Plaxtol Parish Church, Plaxtol Ln, Plaxtol, Sevenoaks TN15 0QB. https://plaxtollocalhistory.wordpress.com/talks-visits/

***10** (pm) Gravesend Historical Society. Memories of Gravesend*. Mick Wenban.' *St Mary's Church Hall, Wrotham Road, Gravesend, DA11 7LL. gravesendhistorical@hotmail.co.uk*

10 (7.05pm) Canterbury Historical and Archaeological Society. *A Kent Christmas,* Dr Geoff Doel.' Online Via Zoom chas.membership@gmail.com

10 (10.30am) Borden Heritage Group. '*Local Archaeology projects,* Dana Goodburn-Brown.' Borden Parish Hall, School Ln, Borden, Sittingbourne ME9 8JS. wrens_eileen@hotmail.com

10 (10.30am) Borden Heritage Group. '*A Brief Introduction to the Great War; Britain's Most Devastating War,* Chris Barker.' Borden Parish Hall, School Ln, Borden, Sittingbourne ME9 8JS. wrens_eileen@hotmail.com

10 (7.05pm) Canterbury Historical and Archaeological Society. '*A Kent Christmas*, Dr Geoff Doel.' Online Via Zoom. chas.membership@gmail.com

10 (7.15pm) Chatham Historical Society. 'Christmas Social.' St Stephen's Church, Maidstone Road, Chatham, ME4 6JE. chatham.historicalsoc@gmail.com

10 (7.00pm) Meopham Historical Society. '*Annual General Meeting - Followed by Bring and Share Buffet*.' The St John's Centre, Wrotham Road, Meopham, Kent DA13 0AA. chairman@meophamhistorical.org.uk

11 (7.00pm) Kent Archaeological Society. '*Food at Rochester Priory: What was baked, brewed, butchered and cooked in the thirteenth century?,* Dr Christopher Monk.' Online on Zoom. craig.campbell@kentarchaeology.org.uk

11 (7.30pm) Otford and District Historical Society. "*Neither a Tudor nor a Stuart: the extraordinary life of Margaret Tudor,* Linda Porter' Otford Memorial Hall, 28A High St, Otford, Sevenoaks TN14 5PQ. enquiries@otfordsociety.org.uk

11 (7.30pm) Hextable Heritage Society. '*Members' Christmas Social*.' The Heritage Centre, off Crawfords, Dawson Drive, Hextable, BR8 7PL. darrenkitchener@gmail.com

11 (7.30pm) Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society. '*Robert Russell, Tunbridge Ware Maker – followed by wine and mince pies,* Michael Howes.' Christ Church, High Street, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1UT. enquiries@thecivicsociety.org

11 (7.30pm) Tonbridge Historical Society. '*Oh No It Isn't: A History of Pantomime*, Pete Allen.' The Riverside Room in the Angel Centre, Tonbridge, TN9 1SF. secretary@tonbridgehistory.org.uk

12 (7.30pm) Dartford Historical and Antiquarian Society. '*Sutton-at-Hone, Swanley and Fishfingers*, Christoph Bull.' The Mick Jagger Centre, The Grammar School (Boys), Shepherds Lane, Dartford, DA1 2JZ. historicaldartford@gmail.com

12 (7.30pm) Loose Area History Society. '*ENSA – WWII entertainments - Followed by Mince pies and wine*, Delia Taylor.' King George V Pavilion, Walnut Tree Lane, Loose, ME15 9RG. https://www.looseareahistorysociety.org.uk

12 (pm) Gravesend Historical Society. '*The History of All Saints Church, Hartley*. Gerald Cramp.' St Mary's Church Hall, Wrotham Road, Gravesend, DA11 7LL. gravesendhistorical@hotmail.co.uk

13 (7pm) Crayford Manor House Historical Society. "'*The Medieval Christmas (no turkeys, cards or Father Christmas),* Toni Mount.' The Baker Trust Hall, Maxim Road, Crayford DA1 4BG. janet.hearn-gillham@ntlworld.com

13 (4.00pm) Maidstone Museum. '*A Kent Christmas: Talk & Folk Songs*, Dr. Geoff Doel.' Maidstone Museum, St Faiths Street, Maidstone, ME14 1LH. museuminfo@maidstone.gov.uk

13 (11.00am) North West Kent Family History Society. '*Christmas in the Middle Ages*, Toni Mount.' Otford Village Memorial Hall High Street Otford TN14 5PQ. https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/contact

15 (7.30pm) Ashford Archaeological and Historical Society. '*The History of Pantomime – followed by Christmas Supper*. David Penny.' The Friends Meeting House, Albert Road, TN24 8NY. hello@ashfordarchhist.org

15 (8.00pm) Leigh & District Historical Society. '*Christmas Party plus A Christmas Music Hall*.' Leigh Small Village Hall, High St, Leigh, Halls TN11 8RL. https://www.leighhistorical.org.uk/about-us/

18 (7,30pm) Bridge and District Historical Society. '*Lancastrians, Yorkists and Canterbury", Kent in the Wars of the Roses,* Richard Eales.' Bridge Village Hall, 28 High St, Bridge, Canterbury CT4 5JZ. info@bridgehistory.org.uk

January (Online and Live)

6 (8.00pm) Kent Family History Society. '*Defence of Kent during the Napoleonic Wars*, Dr Stephen Summerfield.' Online via Zoom. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

6 (7.30pm) Lamorbey and Sidcup Local History Society. '*Chatham Historic Dockyard,* Dr Martin Watts.' St Lawrence's Community Hall, Hamilton Road, Sidcup. enquiries@lam-sid-lhs.co.uk

7 (7.30pm) Wye Historical Society. '*Members Evening*.' Joanna Thornhill School, Wye, Ashford TN25 5EA enquiries@wyehistoricalsociety.org.uk

8 (7.30pm) Charing & District Local History Society. '*Happy Birthday Jane Austen*, Kerstin Muller.' Charing Parish Hall, Station Rd, Charing, Ashford TN27 0JA. cdlhssecretary@outlook.com

8 (7.30pm) Faversham Society. '*Vikings in Kent,* Andy Ward.' Faversham Assembly Rooms, 63-64 Preston Street, Faversham ME13 8PG. info@favershamsociety.org

10 (7.00pm) Crayford Manor House Historical Society. '*Historical Greenwich*, Ian Bevan.' The Baker Trust Hall, Maxim Road, Crayford DA1 4BG. janet.hearn-gillham@ntlworld.com

10 (10.30am) North West Kent Family History Society. '*Thames Sailing Barges*, John Rayment.' Dartford Science and Technology College Heath Lane Dartford Kent DA1 2LY. https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/contact

10 (11.00am) North West Kent Family History Society. '*Islands of the Medway Estuary*, Adam Taylor.' Otford Village Memorial Hall High Street Otford TN14 5PQ. https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/contact

13 (7.00pm) Hythe Civic Society. '*Hannibal, History's Greatest General*, Major Gordon Corrigan.' Hythe Bay Church of England Primary School, Cinque Ports Avenue, Hythe, CT216HS. https://www.hythecivicsociety.org/contact

13 (6.30pm) Oaten Hill and South Canterbury Association. '*Local History Group Meeting.'* The Phoenix, 67 Old Dover Road, Canterbury CT1 3DB. secretary@ohsca.org

14 (7.05pm) Canterbury Historical and Archaeological Society. '*The secret but vital port of Richborough in WW1*, Dr Martin Watts.' Online Via Zoom. chas.membership@gmail.com

14 (7.15pm) Chatham Historical Society. '*Research Presentations.'* St Stephen's Church, Maidstone Road, Chatham, ME4 6JE. chatham.historicalsoc@gmail.com

15 (7.30pm) Bridge and District Historical Society. '*"Bourne to Run", a short history of cricket at Bourne Park,* Geoff Crothall.' Bridge Village Hall, 28 High St, Bridge, Canterbury CT4 5JZ. info@bridgehistory.org.uk

16 (7.30pm) Dartford Historical and Antiquarian Society. '*Recent Discoveries uncovered in the ancient Darent Valley and beyond – a personal view*, Del Cook.' The Mick Jagger Centre, The Grammar School (Boys), Shepherds Lane, Dartford, DA1 2JZ. historicaldartford@gmail.com

16 (7.30pm) Shoreham and District Historical Society. '*From Poke to Pocket: the Story of Hops,* Rod Shelton.' Shoreham Village Hall, High Street. https://shorehamkenthistory.weebly.com/

19 (7.30pm) Ashford Archaeological and Historical Society. '*Sir Edward Dering of Pluckley,* Kaye Sowden.' The Friends Meeting House, Albert Road, TN24 8NY. hello@ashfordarchhist.org

19 (8.00pm) Leigh & District Historical Society. '*Leigh, the Self-Sufficient Village,* Chris Rowley.' Leigh Small Village Hall, High St, Leigh, Halls TN11 8RL. https://www.leighhistorical.org.uk/about-us/

20 (10.30am) Canterbury Cathedral. '*The Bayeux Tapestry,* Patricia Erskine-Hill.' Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury CT1 2EH. archives@canterbury-cathedral.org

21 (7.30pm) Otford 1940's Society. '*The Dregs of the People remain: the Black Death and its Aftermath*, Imogen Corrigan.' Otford Memorial Hall, High Street, Otford, Kent, TN14 5PQ. Otford@1940.co.uk

22 (7.00pm) Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust. '*Facing the Cliff: An update on the Archaeology of East Wear Bay,* Andy Macintosh.' Location is TBD. https://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/fcat

22 (7.00) Lenham Heritage Society. '*Upstairs, Downstairs: West End fashions and suburban delights*, 1830-1939.' Prof Mark Connelly.' Lenham Community Centre, Lenham, England, ME17 2QT. www.heritagelenham.co.uk

23 (7.30pm) Hildenborough History Society. '*Otford Bishop's Palace*, Cliff Ward.' Village Hall, Riding Lane, Hildenborough. https://hildenboroughhistorysociety.weebly.com/contact-us.html

26 (7.15pm) Tenterden and District Local History Society. '*PLUTO: Pipeline Under the Ocean (D-Day),* David Northcroft.' Highbury Hall, TN30 6LE. sec.tdlhs@gmail.com

27 (8.00pm) Frittenden Historical Society. '*Sir Edward Dering of Pluckley,* Kaye Sowden.' Frittenden Memorial Hall, TN17 2DD. frittendenhistory@hotmail.co.uk

27 (7.30 pm) Hadlow Historical Society. '*The Coram Foundling Hospital,* Anne Hughes'. St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Hadlow, TN11 0DJ. hadlowhistory@gmail.com

29 (7.00pm) Kent Archaeological Society. '*Knives and the City: Violence, Regulation, and Resistance in Medieval Urban Life,* Jason Hulott.' Online on Zoom. craig.campbell@kentarchaeology.org.uk