

Diary

Please note that most societies anticipate a donation for attendance by non-members.

May (online and live)

29 (1.30pm) Kent Family History Society. '*What we wore*, Medway Discussion Group.' St Nicholas Church Hall, (behind the church), High Street, Rochester, Kent ME2 4UB.
secretary@kfhs.org.uk

29 (7.00pm) Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust. '*Roman Finds from British Rivers: Rubbish or Ritual?*' Professor Hella Eckardt.' Online via Zoom.
<https://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/fcat>

29 (7.00pm) Kent Archaeological Society. '*The prehistory of the Stringmans Farm area*, Keith Parfitt.' Online via Zoom. craig.campbell@kentarchaeology.org.uk

30 (10.30am) Shorne Woods Archaeology Group. '*Two hour guided walk of the remains of the clay pit, R.A.F. camp and Randall Manor.*' Chestnut Rooms, Shorne Woods Country Park,
swagkent2023@gmail.com

30 (7.30pm) Otford 1940's Society. '*Ham and Jam! – The Capture, Defence and Relief of Pegasus Bridge on D-Day*, Neil Barber.' Otford Memorial Hall, High Street, Otford, Kent, TN14 5PQ.
Otford@1940.co.uk

31 (10.00am) New Folkstone Society. '*50th Annual General Meeting – including an interactive virtual tour, Look Up!*, Tony Hill.' The Cornerstone Centre, Castle Hill Ave, Folkestone, CT20 1HA.
<https://www.newfolkestonesociety.org.uk/contact-us/>

June (online and live)

2 (7.00pm) Woodchurch Local Historical Society. '*The Wreck Hunter*, Melody Foreman.' Woodchurch Memorial Hall, The Green, Woodchurch, Ashford TN26 3PF.
glbaturner@gmail.com

3 (7.30pm) Lyminge Historical Society. '*The Great Storm of 1987*, Bob Ogley.' the Tayne Centre, at the rear of the Methodist Church, Church Road. Lyminge, CT18 8JA.
lymingehistoricalociety@gmail.com

3 (10.00am) Kent Family History Society. '*What can my DNA results do for me?*, Dr Sophie Kay.' Online via Zoom. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

3 (7.30pm) Lamorbey and Sidcup Local History Society. '*Tithe War in England and Wales 1891-1936*, Dr John Bulaitis.' St Lawrence's Community Hall, Hamilton Road, Sidcup. enquiries@lam-sid-lhs.co.uk

- 3** (7.15pm) Goudhurst and Kilndown Local History Society. '*The Battle of Britain*, Guy Bartlett.' The Goudhurst Club, The Plain, Goudhurst, Cranbrook TN17 1AD.
help@goudhurstlocalhistorysociety.org
- 4** (7.30pm) Folkestone and District Local History Society. '*The Hortons of Cold Harbour, Hythe: The Photographs of Benjamin William Horton*, Mike de la Mare & Paul Naylor.' The Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sandgate Road, CT20 2HQ. halloweenvince@aol.com
- 4** (8.00pm) Orpington and District Archaeological Society. '*Community Archaeology Update from Greenwich Park*, Andrew Mayfield.' Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood BR5 1LH.
orparchsoc@yahoo.co.uk
- 4** (9.00am) Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society. '*Annual Outing to Belmont House and Brogdale National Fruit Collection*.' Assembly Hall Theatre, Crescent Rd, Tunbridge Wells TN1 2LU.
enquiries@thecivicsociety.org
- 4** (7.00pm) Swanley History Group. '*The History of Morris Dancing*, Melanie Gibson-Barton.' The Alexandra Suite, St. Mary's Road, Swanley, BR8 7BU. swanleyhistorygroup@hotmail.co.uk
- 5** (7.30pm) Margate Civic Society. '*Friends of Northdown*, William Friend.' Holy Trinity Church Hall, St Mary's Avenue, Margate CT9 3TN. enquiries@margatecivicsociety.org.uk
- 5** (7.00pm) Folkestone & District, Family History Society. '*How to use cemetery records for family history*, Rob & Carole Moody.' Church Hall of All Souls Church, Somerset Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, CT19 4HA. webmaster@folkfhs.org.uk
- 6** (7.45pm) Fawkham & District Historical Society. '*Hostelries in SE London*, Jo Livingston.' Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre, Ash Road, Hartley, DA3 8DB. scassidy51@btinternet.com
- 6** (7.30pm) Chatham Dockyard Historical Society. '*HMS Formidable:-The Adventures of my Grandfather against the Tirpitz and Japan*, Terry Crowdy. Steel & Submarines Gallery, Fitted Rigging House, Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TE.
<https://www.hugofox.com/community/chatham-dockyard-historical-society-20332/home/>
- 9** (1.00pm) Kent Archives. '*Searching for Old Mote House – a Mote Park Hidden Histories Project*, Andrew Mayfield'. Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone, ME14 1LQ.
archives@kent.gov.uk
- 9** (pm) Gravesend Historical Society. '*Arnold Clarke of Gravesend, HMS India and Norway in World War 1*, Rebbecca Clarke.' St Mary's Church Hall, Wrotham Road, Gravesend, DA11 7LL.
gravesendhistorical@hotmail.co.uk
- 11** (10.30am) Borden Heritage Group. '*Sittingbourne Museum walk along the High street*' Borden Parish Hall, School Ln, Borden, Sittingbourne ME9 8JS. wrens_eileen@hotmail.com
- 11** (7.30pm) Loose Area History Society. '*Visit to Frittenden with Frittenden History Society*.' King George V Pavilion, Walnut Tree Lane, Maidstone ME15 9RG.
https://www.looseareahistorysociety.org.uk/?page_id=221
- 11** (7.00pm) Meopham Historical Society. '*Luftwaffe – The German Air Force in WW2*, Ian Thomson.' The St John's Centre, Wrotham Road, Meopham, Kent DA13 0AA.
chairman@meophamhistorical.org.uk

- 11** (7.30pm) Kent Family History Society. '*The story of RAF Biggin Hill*, Bob Ogley.' St. Paul's Church Hall, Boxley Road, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2AN. secretary@kfhs.org.uk
- 11** (8.00pm) Sevenoaks Society. '*If you live in Sevenoaks, what do you inherit?* Tim Pearce' St Luke's Church Hall, 30 Eardley Rd, Sevenoaks TN13 1XT. info@sevenoakssociety.co.uk
- 11** (7.15pm) Chatham Historical Society. '*Romans in Medway*, Jeremy Clarke.' St Stephen's Church, Maidstone Road, Chatham, ME4 6JE. chatham.historicalsoc@gmail.com
- 12** (7.30pm) Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society. '*Rescuing Ruins: the Work of the Landmark Trust*. Alastair Dick-Cleland.' Christ Church, High Street, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1UT. enquiries@thecivicsociety.org
- 12** (6.30pm) '*Historic Building Mythbusting - Uncovering Folklore, History & Archaeology*. James Wright.' Badlesmere Village Hall, Badlesmere ME13 0NX. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/historic-building-mythbusting-uncovering-folklore-history-archaeology-tickets-1203112725549>
- 12** (7.30pm) Hextable Heritage Society. '*Tugboats on the Thames*. Ian Craig.' The Heritage Centre, off Crawfords, Dawson Drive, Hextable, BR8 7PL. darrenkitchener@gmail.com
- 13** (7.15pm) Kent Family History Society. '*Suffragettes of Kent and the Secret Missions*, Jennifer Godfrey.' St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Watling Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2UA. secretary@kfhs.org.uk
- 14** (3.00pm) Lenham Historical Society. '*Set in Stone: From Manor to Town*.' Glebe Pond (opposite Groom Way) Lenham. heritagelenham@gmail.com
- 16** Brenzett and District History Group. '*Walk around Dymchurch plus visit to Colin Walker collection (½ mile or 1 ½ mile choice)*.' Dymchurch. sarahbav@hotmail.co.uk
- 16** (7.30pm) Halling Historical Society. '*The history of Halling*, Phillip Badman.' Jubilee Hall, Browndens Road, Upper Halling, ME2 1JH. hallinghistorical@gmail.com
- 19** (6.45pm) Smarden Local History Society. '*The Story of Winchelsea*, David Clark.' Smarden Charter Hall, Chessenden Ln, Smarden, Ashford TN27 8NF. smardenheritagecentre@gmail.com
- 19** (7.30pm) Brenchley and Matfield Local History Society. '*A Passion for Fashion, Rukshana Master*.' Village Hall, Matfield, Tonbridge TN12 7LW. tedinbrenchley@gmail.com
- 19** (7.30pm) Bridge and District Historical Society. '*Group visit to Dover Maison Dieu*, Guided by Martin Crowther.' Email for registration and meeting location details. info@bridgehistory.org.uk
- 19** (7.00pm) Stelling Minnis and Upper Hardres Local History Society. '*History Group Meeting*.' Stelling Minnis Village Hall, Bossingham Rd, Stelling Minnis, Canterbury CT4 6AG. Vickiconstance@gmail.com
- 20 - 23** Shorne Woods Archaeology Group. '*Community Excavation looking for remains of a windmill, public house and observatory*.' Windmill Hill, Gravesend. shornewoodsarchaeology.co.uk
- 23** (7.30pm) New Romney History Society. '*Time*, Paul Thomas.' The Old School, New Romney, Church Ln, New Romney TN28 8ER. NRHistorySociety@outlook.com

24 (7.30pm) Kent Family History Society. *'Open branch meeting, Ashford Branch.'* Willesborough Windmill, Hythe Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 0QG. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

24 (10.00am) Sheppey Local History Society. *'Visit and Tour of Eastchurch Aviation Museum'* Mill Green Village HMP Stanford Hill, Eastchurch ME12 4AA. minstergatehouse@gmail.com

26 (7.00pm) Kent Archaeological Society. *'Trapped in time: a closer look at Otzi, Starr Carr, and the not so primitive 'early people'.* Giselle Kiraly.' Online on Zoom. craig.campbell@kentarchaeology.org.uk

26 Brenzett and District History Group. *'Deal Mining Museum for enthusiasts'* Kent Mining Museum, Betteshanger Visitors Centre, Betteshanger Country Park, Sandwich Road, Deal, CT14 0BF. sarahbav@hotmail.co.uk

26 (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

26 (7.00pm) Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust. *'Death is Only the Beginning: Romano-British Ritual Practices in Surrey, England.* Ellen Green.' Venue in Canterbury TBA <https://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/fcat>

28 (2.30pm) Canterbury Historical and Archaeological Society. *A Sidney Cooper Event at St Peter's Anglican Church, Canterbury.'* chas.membership@gmail.com

28 (10.00am) Armed Forces Day. The Leas, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2DZ vicky.deakin@folkestone-tc.gov.uk

28 (10.00am) Sevenoaks Society. *'Sevenoaks Society Open Day, with Talks by Lord Sackville and Sevenoaks Climate Action Network. Part of the 2025 Sevenoaks Summer Festival.'* The Stag Plaza, TN13 1ZZ. info@sevenoakssociety.co.uk

28 (11.00am) The Ramsgate Society. *'A Tale of Three Ramsgate Churches.'* St Laurence-In-Thamet Church, High St, St Lawrence, Ramsgate CT11 0QT. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-architectural-walking-tour-of-three-ramsgate-grade-1-listed-churches-tickets-1356208679669?aff=oddttdtcreator>

30 (9.00am) Canterbury Archaeological Trust. *'East Wear Bay community excavation.'* Continues until 25th July, volunteers welcome. get_involved@canterburytrust.ac.uk

July (online and live)

1 (8.00pm) Kent Family History Society. *'Mayor-making and other civic ceremonies at the Kent Cinque Ports, Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh.'* Online via Zoom. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

1 (7.30pm) Lamorbey and Sidcup Local History Society. *'Eynsford Castle, Laurie Johnson.'* St Lawrence's Community Hall, Hamilton Road, Sidcup. enquiries@lam-sid-lhs.co.uk

2 (8.00pm) Orpington and District Archaeological Society. '*Whitechapel Central: The discovery of a prehistoric settlement and landscape*, Stephen White' Christ Church URC, Tudor Way, Petts Wood BR5 1LH. orparchsoc@yahoo.co.uk

2 (7.00pm) Swanley History Group. '*Shelter of The Tube during The Blitz*, Alan Williams.' The Alexandra Suite, St. Mary's Road, Swanley, BR8 7BU. swanleyhistorygroup@hotmail.co.uk

2 (7.30pm) Folkestone and District Local History Society. '*Look Up! Tony Hill*' The Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sandgate Road, CT20 2HQ. halloweenvince@aol.com

3 (7.30pm) Margate Civic Society. '*Margate Theatres: A Double Bill - Theatre Royal and Winter Gardens*, Ian and Val Carter-Chapman.' Holy Trinity Church Hall, St Mary's Avenue, Margate CT9 3TN. enquiries@margatecivicsociety.org.uk

3 (7.00pm) Folkestone & District, Family History Society. '*Charity Records and Pauper Ancestors*, Richard Holt.' Online via Zoom. webmaster@folkfhs.org.uk

4 (7.45pm) Fawkham & District Historical Society. '*Four Kent Murders*, Keith Whitnell.' Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre, Ash Road, Hartley, DA3 8DB. scassidy51@btinternet.com

5 (2.30pm) Canterbury Historical and Archaeological Society. '*A guided walk around St John's Hospital and Church, Northgate*.' chas.membership@gmail.com **SOLD OUT**

5 (10.00am) '*Canterbury Medieval Pageant*.' Canterbury High Street, Canterbury, CT1 2RY. <https://canterburymedievalpageant.co.uk/>

5 (7.30pm) Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society. '*Annual Garden Party*. (members only).' The Manor House, 6 Bishops Down Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 8XL. enquiries@thecivicsociety.org

7 (9.00am) Canterbury Archaeological Trust. '*East Wear Bay Field School*'. Continues until 18th July. Get_involved@canterburytrust.ac.uk

9 (7.00pm) Meopham Historical Society. '*The 1960's – A Decade of Change Delia Taylor - Bring and Share Summer Buffet*, Delia Taylor' The St John's Centre, Wrotham Road, Meopham, Kent DA13 0AA. chairman@meophamhistorical.org.uk

9 (7.15pm) Chatham Historical Society. '*75th Anniversary Celebrations*.' St Stephen's Church, Maidstone Road, Chatham, ME4 6JE. chatham.historicalsoc@gmail.com

10 (pm) Loose Area History Society. '*Visit to Cobham Hall*.' King George V Pavilion, Walnut Tree Lane, Maidstone ME15 9RG. https://www.looseareahistorysociety.org.uk/?page_id=221

10 (7.30pm) Hextable Heritage Society. '*The vindication of Xmas in north Kent during the Civil War*. The Heritage Centre, off Crawfords, Dawson Drive, Hextable, BR8 7PL. darrenkitchener@gmail.com

11 Kent Family History Society. '*Outdoor meeting*' St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Watling Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2UA. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

12 (10.00am) Maidstone Museum. '*Exhibition – Titanic Honour and Glory*.' Maidstone Museum, St Faiths Street, Maidstone, ME14 1LH. museuminfo@maidstone.gov.uk

14 (1.00pm) Kent Archives. '*Kent Mental Deficiency Institutions during World War 2*, Kara Greig. Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone, ME14 1LQ. archives@kent.gov.uk

14 (pm) New Romney History Society. *'Visit to Winchelsea Wine Cellars.'* the Town Well, Castle Street, Winchelsea, East Sussex, TN36 4HU. NRHistorySociety@outlook.com

17 (7.00pm) Kent Archaeological Society. *'Step in the right direction – further discoveries of the Lympne Lamp, Isabelle Diggle.'* Online via Zoom. craig.campbell@kentarchaeology.org.uk

17 (10.30am) Shorne Woods Archaeology Group. *'Excavations for the Festival of Archaeology – Target: Second World War Army training camp.'* Shorne Woods Country Park Brewers Road, Shorne, DA12 3HX. swagkent2023@gmail.com

17 (6.45pm) Smarden Local History Society. *'How did it come to this? Turner's "The Fighting Temeraire", Alex Ferris.'* Smarden Charter Hall, Chessenden Ln, Smarden, Ashford TN27 8NF. smardenheritagecentre@gmail.com

17 (7.30pm) Dymchurch and District Heritage Group. *'Eking out the rations, Judi Knight.'* The Methodist Church, High Street, Dymchurch, Kent. dymchurchheritagegroup@gmail.com

19 (10.30am) Borden Heritage Group. *'Exhibition and game at Borden Fete.'* Borden Parish Hall, School Ln, Borden, Sittingbourne ME9 8JS. wrens_eileen@hotmail.com

20 (11.00am-12.30pm & 1.30-4.00pm) Orpington and District Archaeological Society. Guided tours of Fordcroft Romano-British Bathhouse and Anglo-Saxon Cemetery, St Mary Cray BR5 2DH. Free entry donations welcome. www.odas.org.uk

21 Brenzett and District History Group. *'Talk at Brenzett Church on its history, Nick Hudd.'* Brenzett Church, Brenzett, Romney Marsh TN29 0BJ. sarahbav@hotmail.co.uk

23 (2.30pm) Brenzett and District History Group. *'Visit to Cranbrook Mill, Sarah Baverstock.'* Cranbrook Mill, Russells Yard, Cranbrook TN17 3AH. sarahbav@hotmail.co.uk

23 (7.00pm) Stanford and Westenhanger History Society. *'Social History of Stanford.'* Stanford Parish Room, Westenhanger, Kent, United Kingdom.
<https://www.stanfordhistorykent.org.uk/contacts/>

24 (7.00pm) Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust. *'Outside the Walls: An Update on Canterbury's Late Roman Dead. Lisa Duffy.'* Venue in Canterbury TBA
<https://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/fcat>

25 (7.30pm) Otford 1940's Society. *'The Stuff of War - revealing wartime lives through everyday objects, John Price.'* Otford Memorial Hall, High Street, Otford, Kent, TN14 5PQ.
Otford@1940.co.uk

25 (11.00am) Maidstone Museum. *'Archaeology Workshop for Kids with Dr Digby Rocks.'* Maidstone Museum, St Faiths Street, Maidstone, ME14 1LH. museuminfo@maidstone.gov.uk

26 (10.30am) Shorne Woods Archaeology Group. *'Excavations for the Festival of Archaeology – Target: Unknown 20th century structure and possible pre-historic flint scatter.'* Trosley Country Park, DA13 0SG. swagkent2023@gmail.com

26 (10.00am) Canterbury Archaeological Trust. *'East Wear Bay End of Season Open Day.'*
<https://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/east-wear-bay>

28 (6.30pm) Tenterden and District Local History Society. *'WW2 Unique Film Night.'* Highbury Hall, TN30 6LE. sec.tdlhs@gmail.com

29 (7.30pm) Kent Family History Society. '*Open branch meeting, Ashford Branch.*' Willesborough Windmill, Hythe Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 0QG. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

29 (7.15pm) Sheppey Local History Society. '*Sheerness Dockyard, Janys Thornton.*' Minster Working Men's Club, adjacent to the Gatehouse Museum, Union Road, Minster, Isle of Sheppey, Kent, ME12 2HW. minstergatehouse@gmail.com

31 (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

August (online and live)

1 (7.45pm) Fawkham & District Historical Society. '*Medway Queen in WW2, Mr & Mrs Bathurst.*' Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre, Ash Road, Hartley, DA3 8DB. scassidy51@btinternet.com

2 (10.00am) Maidstone Museum. '*Festival of Archaeology.*' Maidstone Museum, St Faiths Street, Maidstone, ME14 1LH. museuminfo@maidstone.gov.uk

5 (10.00am) Kent Family History Society. '*"My Ancestor was a Liar, Dave Annal.*' St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Watling Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2UA. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

6 (8.00pm) Orpington and District Archaeological society. '*Bartman goes global! How German stoneware travelled around the known world in the 16th and 17th centuries.* Jacqui Pearce'. Online via zoom. www.odas.org.uk

6 (7.00pm) Swanley History Group. '*The Hop Bine and Hop Pickers of Kent, Chris Stewart.*' The Alexandra Suite, St. Mary's Road, Swanley, BR8 7BU. swanleyhistorygroup@hotmail.co.uk

6 (7.30pm) Folkestone and District Local History Society. '*Susan Spain Dunk F.R.A.M.: Folkestone's Promenade Conductor & Composer, David Gibson*' The Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sandgate Road, CT20 2HQ. halloweenvince@aol.com

7 (7.00pm) Folkestone & District, Family History Society. '*Interactive discussion, Group Discussion.*' Church Hall of All Souls Church, Somerset Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, CT19 4HA. webmaster@folkfhs.org.uk

8 (19.15pm) Kent Family History Society. '*"All flirtations and curates": selling the seaside to railway readers, Prof. Carolyn Oulton.*' Online via Zoom. secretary@kfhs.org.uk

13 (am) Borden Heritage Group. '*Visit Blue Town Criterion theatre and or museum.*' Borden, Sittingbourne ME9 8JS. wrens_eileen@hotmail.com

18 (pm) New Romney History Society. '*Walk through St Nicholas Church Yard*' St Nicholas Church, Church Ln, New Romney TN28 8EU. NRHistorySociety@outlook.com

21 (7.00pm) Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust. '*What have the Romans ever done for us? Assessing impact of Roman occupation on Britain through mother and infant health.* Rebecca Pitt.' Venue in Canterbury TBA <https://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/fcat>

23-25 (9.00am) *Military Odyssey.* The Kent Show Ground, Maidstone ME14 3JF. <https://militaryodyssey.com/>

