

## **Report from Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre (MALSC)**

### **Relocation**

We are closing on Friday, 3 March to effect our move to our new centre at 32 Bryant Road, Strood. Building work is still ongoing, but we are assured that we will be able to open on Tuesday, 2 May. This will be a soft launch, when we are reopening with the same opening hours and the same arrangements as at our current location. A more high profile VIP opening is envisaged to take place sometime during summer months. Its details will be confirmed at a later date.

Follow our regular updates about the move on our webpages on the main Council website [www.medway.gov.uk/malsc](http://www.medway.gov.uk/malsc) and our Facebook page. We can only attempt to deal with urgent enquiries during our closure period.

### **MALSC events at the new Centre**

We will open with an exhibition showing *Images of Strood's places and people*.

There is also '*The Way We Were*' competition - check our webpages and newsletter for full terms and conditions. Submit copies of your photographs of 'old' pre-1980 Strood on Facebook before Sunday, 4 June for a chance of winning a family ticket to Rochester Castle, worth £16.80.

To support the 100 year commemoration of the Drill Hall bombing we will be hosting a talk on the subject. This will take place on 7 Sep 2017. The full details will be in our next report.

### **Archives News:**

Our partnership work with Ancestry continues and will see the launch of digitised Methodist registers on their site later this year.

We are also working on a replacement for our current online archive catalogue (currently known as 'Cityark') and will be using Adlib Archive software. We hope to launch the replacement in the early autumn. It will simply be referred to as our archive online catalogue as opposed to Cityark2! Information about the new e-catalogue will appear on our webpages later this year and access will be via a link on those webpages.

**New archive catalogues 2016:**

<b>2016</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<b>Date span</b>
<b>N/JZ</b>	Jezreels collection	1820-1960s
<b>DE1255</b>	Deeds :Castle Rd Chatham	1895-1945
<b>DE1256</b>	British Twin Disc Ltd, Strood: brochure	ND c1961
<b>DE1254</b>	Deeds: Gillingham Various	1872-1972
<b>DE1257</b>	Misc dwgs: Rochester Cathedral	ND c1910
<b>DE1258</b>	Gillingham Deeds: Scrayfries and outdoor pool	1844-1900
<b>DE1259</b>	Gillingham Women's Adult school	1908-1916
<b>DE1260</b>	Kingsnorth landing pier, plan	1931
<b>GBC/H</b>	Gillingham BC: Public Health (series)	1894-1975
<b>DE1248</b>	Lewis, Bell, Darley & Gambrill Solicitors papers	1720-c1970
<b>RCA/TC1/38/48- 63</b>	Rochester Historic Pageant 1931	1931
<b>DE351</b>	Coles Finch notebooks	1930s
<b>P96/20/2;P96/11/4</b>	Cobham Highway rate assessments 1855-1862 Poor rates 1868/69:	C19th
<b>HO/Gi</b>	Gillingham Highway Board	1851-1856
<b>DE1262</b>	Rochester Cathedral Precincts: photo album	1924-1926
<b>DE61</b>	Deeds: Chatham	1806-1846
<b>DE144</b>	Plan etc: wharf extension	1878
<b>DE147</b>	Deeds: Hammond Place, Chatham	1814-1949
<b>DE217</b>	Charles Knight: historical notes	1890-c1930s
<b>DE248</b>	Letters re Fort Pitt	1866
<b>DE352</b>	Sale agreement: land at St Nicholas parish	
<b>DE275</b>	Sales partics: Main Rd, Frindsbury	
<b>DE362</b>	Deed: Upnor	1822
<b>DE1263</b>	British Alloys Ltd, Strood	1969