

Kent Archives and Local History Service

Report to the Quarterly Meeting of the Kent History Federation

1 June 2018

Search Room opening hours review

The KCC Cabinet Committee considered and endorsed the recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services and the Cabinet Member will now take the decision to implement (a) the decision to implement and publish revised opening hours for the Archive Search Room at the Kent History and Library Centre and (b) for the LRA Service to progress to inform customers of these changes.

See the Update document, which describes what was done in response to alternative suggestions for opening hours raised during the consultation.

The Archive and Local History Service does not have an exact date when the changes will be implemented but believes that this will be early in July

Regarding the closure on Mondays, the intention is to use the search room for other archive related activities and initiatives by the Archives and Local History Team

Parish Digitisation Project

We have reached half way! Of 2,600 registers eligible for the project, we have now digitised 1,300. It is very encouraging to have reached this stage so soon: argely down to the skill and dedication of our two ACA Digitisation colleagues

Cataloguing, etc

Much of our time available for this has been spent on the Catalogue Transfer Project. This is the process by which we are putting catalogues that previously existed in paper form only onto our catalogue database. From there they can be uploaded onto the web version of the catalogue and be fully searchable there at www.kentarchives.org.uk For details of progress with this project see our newsletter, *[Archives@Kent]* Issue 9 Spring 2018, also available on the aforementioned site.

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