

## ***Archives Closure: information for researchers***

### **Access to microfilm during the closure**

As mentioned in the December newsletter, the Special Collections Department of the Templeman Library, University of Kent, will be housing a microfilm resource during the period of closure. This facility will be available from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012. We aim to move to the library the most heavily used microfilms from our collection.

It is anticipated that three microfilm readers will be available. Opening hours will be Mon-Fri, 9.30am to 1pm, and 2pm to 4.30pm. Bookings can be made from 1<sup>st</sup> February (01227 827609, email [specialcollections@kent.ac.uk](mailto:specialcollections@kent.ac.uk)). There are reader-printer facilities in another part of the library; there will also be a public access computer with access to the internet. CARN tickets will be accepted.

### **Microfilms available via findmypast**

The Cathedral Archives has been working with findmypast on digitising parish registers from its collections. Scanned pages from the registers will be available on the findmypast.co.uk website over the coming weeks; indexes will then follow. Further information will be available in due course. Those interested may also register online at findmypast.co.uk to receive a newsletter.

### **Newspaper microfilms**

Local newspaper microfilms from the Canterbury Library Local Studies collection will be available at Herne Bay Library (tel 08458-247200, email [hernebaylibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:hernebaylibrary@kent.gov.uk)).

### **Access to documents during the closure**

If you have made a request for access to specific items from the Archives during the closure, staff will be in touch with you over the next few weeks.

### **Access to Cathedral Library collections**

A reading area for items from the Cathedral Library will be provided in the Cathedral Library office. This facility will be available Monday and Tuesday, 9.30am to 1.00pm, and 2.00pm to 4.45pm, from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Spaces must be booked in advance: please email [library@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:library@canterbury-cathedral.org), or telephone 01227-865288. Reservations may also be made via the Templeman Library's online catalogue <https://catalogue.kent.ac.uk/>

### **Further developments**

Please check our webpages at [www.canterbury-cathedral.org/archives](http://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/archives) for further developments, including information about reopening. Alternately, please provide us with your email or postal address so that we can send you any updates.

### **Alternative family history facilities in Kent**

Microfilms formerly at the Centre of Kentish Studies are now held at Maidstone Library, and those from the East Kent Archives Centre are available at Dover Library. These are accessible during normal opening hours; places should be booked by telephoning 08458-247200 or emailing [maidstonelibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:maidstonelibrary@kent.gov.uk) or [doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk). Facilities at the temporary Canterbury Library in Pound

Lane are limited; however, other town-centre libraries will have family history resources for their localities. Extensive resources are held at the library of the Institute for Heraldic and Genealogical Studies in Canterbury; access is chargeable. For information, see <http://www.ihgs.ac.uk/index.html> or telephone 01227-768664. The GSU Family History Centre in Canterbury is due to reopen in May 2012; for information, telephone 01227-765431.

### **Archives contacts**

If you need to contact the Archives during the closure, please email [archives@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:archives@canterbury-cathedral.org) or telephone 01227-865330. Please contact us as soon as possible with any queries or comments concerning the arrangements outlined above.