



The newsletter for the Dartford members of the North West Kent Family History Society
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OUR TALK TODAY

The Father of Nobody's Children - the life and work of Dr Barnardo

Dr Frank Andrews

Frank was a schoolmaster for more than 25 years. The last 11 years of his working life were spent with Barnardo's on the fundraising side. His first degree was in History (Honours) at King's College, London, and he later obtained an MA at University of Kent, an MPhil from the University of London and finally a PhD (University of Kent) on the effect of the coming of the railways on the towns and villages of East Kent. He has been associated with the Local History Society in Sandwich for over 50 years and has been the Sandwich Archives librarian for the past 20 years.

COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD

3 May

HMS Worcester

(The early days of the Merchant Navy Officers' Training Ship)

Ken Chamberlain

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 April

SEVENOAKS BRANCH

Shepherd Neame Brewery

John Owen

19 April

BROMLEY BRANCH

Disease and Public Health in Victorian Britain; the evidence from Bromley

Paul Carter

SOCIETY NEWSLETTER and EMAIL INFORMATION SERVICE

The Society newsletters are available and can be viewed on the website. Go to www.nwkhfs.org.uk/newsletters.htm

If you haven't already done so, sign up for the email information service. Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs89> or email your name and membership number to emailinfoservice@nwkhfs.org.uk with confirmation that you are happy to be contacted by NWKFHS.

**36th NWKFHS AGM and FAMILY HISTORY DAY
 DARTFORD**

Saturday 26th April 2014

The 36th AGM will be held at the Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford, DA1 2LY.

- 9.30 am Registration & Coffee
- 10.00 am Welcome, notices etc.
- 10.15 am Talk by Andrew Robertshaw: WW1 - Finding the Fallen and their Family History
- 11.30 am Comfort break
- 12.10 pm Annual General Meeting
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 2.15 pm Raffle draw
- 2.30 pm Talk by Sarah Wise: Inconvenient People: Lunacy, Liberty and the Mad Doctors in Victorian England
- 3.30 pm Free time to browse the stalls and make last minute purchases or just catch up with friends
- 4.00 pm Tea
- 4.45 pm Close

More information at www.nwkhfs.org.uk/agm2014.htm

Please refer to the booking form in the December journal.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The National Archives have published the next batch of First World War unit war diaries online. They have added 4,000 diaries to those already available, and the collection now covers all of the cavalry divisions and the first 33 infantry divisions deployed on the Western Front. Search the diaries at: <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs96>

WORKSHOPS

- The British Home Front in World War One** Mike Brown, 16 April
- Basic DNA** David Cufley, 21 May
- Drawing charts and trees by hand as a research tool** David Cufley, 18 June
- Records of Occupations** Jean Stirk, 16 July

All workshops are held on a Wednesday between 10.30 and 12.30 at the Society Library and Resource Centre, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood. Places need to be booked in advance. A donation of £5 is requested. There is a list of workshops at - <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs91>

NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, DARTFORD BRANCH

Meetings are held at the Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9.45 am to 12.30 pm
 Who's Who and What's on the Tables

Master of Ceremonies: Janet Rose

Branch Secretary: Sheila Elisak

Reception: Sheila Elisak, Pauline Heathcote and Sylvia Carter
 Registration, membership information, newsletters, name badges

Transport, events and outings: Jean Carter

Old magazines and journals: Joyce Bullard

Refreshments: Sandra and Bob Shepherd
 Tea, coffee, squash, biscuits

Computer help desk: Allan Stapleton

Sound Technicians: John Muskett/Reg Eagles

Exchange journals: Pat Carey, Stella Nicholls and Jean Carter

Bookstall: Gillian Seager and Tim Jacob

Sale of North West Kent Publications on CD: Lorraine King

Reference book library: Alan and Maureen Griffiths
 Reference books may be borrowed at no charge

Notice board and members' interests: Sylvia Hammond

Raffle: Pat Cornelius and others

Fiche readers:
 The International Genealogical Index (I.G.I.) and other fiche

Genealogical problem table:
 Experienced family history researchers to help when you are stuck

Information and miscellaneous: Various information lists and borrowing of fiche