



The newsletter for the Dartford members of the North West Kent Family History Society
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OUR TALK TODAY**The Burial Grounds of Southwark***Stephen Humphrey*

Stephen was born at the Elephant and Castle and was trained as a historian. He is interested in historic buildings (especially churches), local and family history, historical sources, the popularizing of the study of history, industrial history, Dickens's Southwark, and how areas were developed.

He has written many books on architecture and various booklets on Southwark and has just had a new book published on The Elephant & Castle. He frequently gives lectures, leads walks and coach tours and runs stalls at local and family history fairs.

He served as President of the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society in 1993-96 and as Hon. Secretary of the Ecclesiological Society 1979-91, and has served as the first President of the Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Local History Society since 2011. He has also served as Hon. Treasurer of the Surrey Records Society since 1988. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Herne Hill Society and an Honorary Member of the Peckham Society.

COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD**7 September**

The London Fire Brigade - its history and the records of its workers

*Speaker T.B.A.***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****August SEVENOAKS BRANCH****No meeting****17 August BROMLEY BRANCH****Watermen and Lightermen***Rob Cottrell***THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES****Royal Navy and Merchant Navy records**

The National Archives' records for the Royal and Merchant Navy cover:

Royal Navy officers' service records 1756 - 1931

Royal Navy ratings' service records 1853-1923

Merchant Navy seamen records 1835 - 1941

Also French Muster rolls from the Battle of Trafalgar 1805, and others. Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs86> and <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs87>

FFHS**Battlefield Tour 2014 for FFHS members**

FFHS have joined forces with Leicestershire & Rutland FHS to commemorate the centenary of the start of WW1 by offering a WW1 100th Anniversary Battlefield Tour in 2014. The 5 day (4 night) tour 19-23 May 2014 has been arranged as part of the FFHS and Leicestershire & Rutland FHS's 40th anniversary celebrations in 2014. Daily excursions to battlefield, cemetery and memorial sites accompanied by a professional guide are included and both the FFHS and Leicestershire & Rutland FHS will be taking part in the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. Personal visits to cemeteries and memorials can also be arranged within a 10 mile radius of the areas they will be visiting.

Full details and itinerary at <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs84>Booking details at <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs85>**ANCESTRY.CO.UK**

The England & Wales 1911 Census will be available to search for free until 14th October 2013. To view these records you will need to register for free with Ancestry.co.uk with your name and email address. Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs83>

SOCIETY NEWSLETTER and EMAIL INFORMATION SERVICE

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

Tony Codling is inviting members to join the email information service that he has set up. Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs79>

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