



The newsletter for the Dartford members of the North West Kent Family History Society
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OUR TALK TODAY**Your Country Needs You!****From Kitchener's Volunteers to Conscription in the Great War***Graham Bandy*

Graham's experiences comprise Community Psychiatric Nurse, service with Queen Alexandra's Royal Nursing Corps during the Second Gulf War, and knowledge of Medical Military History. His displays of original uniforms and equipment have been seen at many major events in the U.K. and abroad. His media work includes Downton Abbey.

COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD**6 September****Ordnance Survey Ancient and Modern: A history of the Ordnance Survey***Colin Brown***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****August****SEVENOAKS BRANCH****No meeting****16 August****BROMLEY BRANCH****The Start of World War 1***Chris Jupp***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.

KENT IN WORLD WAR 1

Visit Kentish coastal towns to discover images of people, events and locations during the First World War. Go to <http://kentww1.com>

FIND MY PAST

450,000 new RAF records have been released online. The records, comprising National Archives series AIR 76 (Officers' service records) and AIR 79 (Airmen's records) contain information about an individual's peacetime and military career, as well as his physical description, religious denomination and family status. Next of kin are often mentioned, and this too has been fully indexed and is easily searchable. Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs104>

Household Cavalry servicemen's records are also available online. The surviving records of service for over 12,000 servicemen from the Household Cavalry are available to view and download. These records span over 120 years, from 1799 to 1920. Go to: <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs105>

VICTORIA CROSS COMMEMORATIVE PAVING STONES

Communities Secretary Eric Pickles has announced a campaign to honour Victoria Cross recipients from the First World War. As part of this, commemorative paving stones will be laid in the birth place of Victoria Cross recipients. An interesting local connection is Sidney Frank Godley who was born in East Grinstead in 1889 and attended Sidcup National School in Birkbeck Road. He was awarded one of the first three VCs of WW1 and his stone is due to be laid in East Grinstead on 23 August 2014, the centenary of his death. A complete list of the 628 WW1 recipients of the Victoria Cross is at <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs103>

NWKFHS WORKSHOPS**In the Name of God Amen - Understanding Wills**

Christine Hills, 22 October

Latin for Parish Registers

Mari Alderman, 19 November

Mac course for new users

Dr Allan Stapleton, 10 December

Please see further details on the website for all these workshops:

www.nwkhfs.org.uk/workshops.htm

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 and a donation of £5 is requested. Booking can be made by email; please email your details, with the workshop title you'd like to attend, to: workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk Alternatively ask either David Turner or David Cufley for a form, or contact Janet Rose.

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