



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

[www.nwkhfs.org.uk](http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk)**OUR TALK TODAY****The History of the Christmas Card***Anna Flood*

Speaker's details not available when going to press

**THE SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS****14 Charterhouse Buildings****Goswell Road****London EC1M 7BA****DEBTS, DEBTORS, BANKRUPTS and BIGAMISTS****A course with Ian Waller****Saturday 14 December, 10.30 am - 1.00 pm**

Throughout the 1700s/1800s many people, as today, got badly into debt, some unable to pay them off and often ending up in gaol. Records were generated at every level and this course looks at the wealth of family history information they contain by reference to several famous and not so famous cases from all the social classes. It examines the causes and remedies and also looks at the way spouses walked out on those in debt, causing many bigamy cases to result.

**Fee £17.50 (£14 members)**Book on website [www.sog.org.uk](http://www.sog.org.uk)**COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD****4 January****Baby Farming***Lady Mary Teviot***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****12 December****SEVENOAKS BRANCH****"Do These Stairs Go Up?"***Phil Tucker***December****BROMLEY BRANCH****No meeting****WORKSHOPS****Drawing charts and trees by hand as a research tool** David Cufley, 18 December**Breaking down the brick wall** Question and Answer session, 15 January. See the website for essential details when booking this workshop**The British Home Front in World War One** Mike Brown, 16 April**Basic DNA** David Cufley, 21 May

The Parish Chest workshops on 26 February and 12 March are now full.

All workshops are held on a Wednesday between 10.30 and 12.30 at the Society Library and Resource Centre, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood. A donation of £5 is requested. The Society is also looking for any members who feel that they would like to lead a workshop. There are a number of outstanding topics that we require leaders for. Full list of workshops at <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs91>

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON 'THE CENSUS AND FUTURE PROVISION OF POPULATION STATISTICS IN ENGLAND AND WALES'**

The Office of National Statistics is reminding us of the "Beyond 2011" programme. Closing date for contributions is 13 December. For further information go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs90>

**STILL LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT?**

Original newspapers make the perfect keepsake gift. You can get 20% off at [Historic-Newspapers.co.uk](http://Historic-Newspapers.co.uk)! Just enter the code **FMP20** when you've chosen your newspaper. The code is valid until 4 Jan 2014.

Historic Newspapers is the world's largest private archive of original newspapers, dating back to 1900. All are available to purchase, making them the perfect gift to commemorate special dates, such as a birthday or anniversary. Gift boxes available.

Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs92>**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](http://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/nwkhfs89>

**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