



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

**The Curious History of Christmas Food - from Yorkshire Pies, Christmas Pottage to 12th Night Cake and Temperance Mince Pies**



*Dr Peter Ross*

*Principal Librarian at the Guildhall Library*

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**

Bromley Branch is doing a 'Book of the month' review and thought that this might be of interest to Dartford members.

This month the book is 'You're The Doctor - You Decide'. It is about growing up in the Blitz during World War Two. It provides a refreshing perspective on an otherwise traumatic view of this period in history, this time, however, seen through the eyes of a young boy who was only seven when the war started in 1939.

He paints a picture not only about London life during German bombing raids (the 'Blitz') but gives amusing anecdotes to what everyday life was like in the 1940s.

There are accounts of daily scenes long past, which seem most strange to us, for example a milkman arriving by hand propelled cart and providing enduring entertainment for a child with his 'Dry Ice in a Bottle Trick' (Chapter 1, Page 15) or when an RAF Spitfire Pilot's desire to impress results in a regular aerobatic display above your street (Chapter 9, page 47).

This would make an ideal Christmas gift.

Find this book and many others on the bookstall.

**COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD**

**3 January**

**RNLI - History**

*Terry Smith*

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**11 December**

**SEVENOAKS BRANCH**

**A Medieval Christmas in Costume**

*Mrs Toni Mount*



**December**

**BROMLEY BRANCH**

**No meeting**

**SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR**

Maureen Griffiths is collecting subs for 2015 today. Perhaps you could consider creating a standing order if you have not done so already. There is a standing order form at [bit.ly/nwkhfs4](http://bit.ly/nwkhfs4)

**SOCIETY NEWSLETTER and EMAIL INFORMATION SERVICE**

The Society newsletters are available and can be viewed on the website. Go to [bit.ly/nwkhfs1](http://bit.ly/nwkhfs1)

If you haven't already done so, sign up for the email information service. Go to [bit.ly/nwkhfs2](http://bit.ly/nwkhfs2) to download a form, or email your name and membership number to [emailinfoservice@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:emailinfoservice@nwkhfs.org.uk) with confirmation that you are happy to be contacted by NWKFHS.

There is a guide to WWI research on the Society's website that can be downloaded as a pdf. Go to [bit.ly/nwkhfs5](http://bit.ly/nwkhfs5)

**NWKFHS WORKSHOPS**

**Mac course for new users** Dr Allan Stapleton, 10 December

**Conscription and Conscientious Objectors in WW1**

Jan Digby, 21 January

**Thinking outside the box** David Cufley, 18 February

**Watermen and Lightermen** Rob Cottrell, March (date TBA)

Please see further details on the website for the workshops:

[www.nwkhfs.org.uk/workshops.htm](http://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](mailto: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

