



THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE DARTFORD BRANCH OF THE
NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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2ND DECEMBER 2017 (DOORS OPEN 9.45, STARTS 10.30)

**OUR TALK TODAY
MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS
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PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A LAST MINUTE CHANGE TO THAT ADVERTISED IN NOVEMBER'S DARTBOARD

Toni is a regular speaker at our meetings. She went to Gravesend Grammar School for Girls & lives locally. Her first history book was published by Amberley Publishing in 2014 & was about everyday life in medieval London. Having now established an enviable reputation in this field, she speaks at many events across the country on this & her other specialities, including the history of ordinary women, medieval housewives & medieval medicine.

In 2016 her hugely successful debut novel *The Colour of Poison*, a thrilling murder mystery set in medieval London was published by MadeGlobal Publishing. This has recently been followed with the second story in the series *The Colour of Gold*. Toni currently has ten books in print & teaches weekly history classes to adults in Gravesend and Rochester.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEVENOAKS BRANCH

A Celebration of Christmas

Anne Carter: 14th December 2017

BROMLEY BRANCH

THERE IS NO BROMLEY MEETING IN DECEMBER

DARTFORD BRANCH

Our Thames: Dartford to Grain

Christoph Bull: 6th January 2018

NWKFHS WORKSHOPS

THERE ARE NO WORKSHOPS IN DECEMBER
but all members will be welcome at the Joydens Wood
Library on Wednesdays for some festive cheer

Using maps to trace your ancestors

David Cufley: 17th January 2018

Discussion Group

Victor Nutt: 24th January 2018

The 1939 Register

Christine Hills: 21st February 2018

For further details please see the website

SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness I have to inform you that John Muskett suddenly passed away on Wednesday the 22nd November. John had been a member of the Society for many years & for nearly as long had been actively involved at the Dartford Branch meetings where he was one of our technicians who looked after the sound & visual systems. So even if you weren't acquainted with John personally, I expect you knew him by sight because of this. At the present time further details are unavailable. Our thoughts go out to John's wife, Marilyn, & their family & friends on their loss.



The Dartford Branch Committee:- Janet Rose (Chair), Sheila Elisak (Secretary), Maureen Griffiths (Finance Officer), Raymer Lofts (Pastoral Care), Barbara Phillips (Programme Organiser), Lorraine King & Barbara Attwaters send all members their good wishes for Christmas & hope that 2018 will be as good a year as this one has been.





CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE!



Now Christmas is only 3 weeks away & it is too late to buy tickets for today's lunch or give Janet donations for the Christmas hampers it is not too late to peruse the box of hand made (by yours truly) Christmas cards on the Branch Library stall. All proceeds will be going to the Society's coffers.

It is not too late either to make a donation in lieu of sending cards to other society members. This year the the money will go to 'Headway', a national head injuries charity, but it will be requested that our donation will be ring fenced for the Kent Branch.

JERSEY RECORDS

Do you have family connections to Jersey? Did you know that many historic records are now searchable online at Jersey Heritage, www.jerseyheritage.org/uk. Jersey Heritage, founded in 1981, is an independent organisation which receives an annual grant from the States of Jersey. They are responsible for the island's major historic sites, award-winning museums & public archives. They hold collections of artefacts, works of art, documents, specimens & information relating to Jersey's history, culture and environment.

The Archives hold various collections of interest to both historians & family historians including parish records, wills, Civil BMD Registers, Court Records (& not just criminal) & records from the German Occupation years & much more. They also have a comprehensive collection of maps & arial photographs. That is the good news but the bad news is there is an annual subscription of £35 or a pay per view system to access & search the online collections. For further information on both of these options please go to the website where a lot more information is available.

If you don't have any family history on the island but are thinking of having a holiday there I would also suggest looking at the Jersey Heritage website for information on places of interest & all things touristy.

As well as Jersey Heritage there is also the Channel Islands Family History Society, www.jerseyfamilyhistory.org. Although it is based in Jersey the society also covers the islands of Guernsey, Alderney & Sark & once again I would suggest referring to their website for further information.

2018 SUSCRPTIONS - REMINDER

2018's subscriptions are now being collected by Maureen Griffiths at both this meeting & in January 2018's. Yet another year without any increases so it is still £10 per individual or £12 for 2 people at the same address. What a bargain! Please consider setting up a standing order, not only is it easier for Maureen & Pat our Treasurer but also for you too. Maureen often has to carry large amounts of cash around & we wouldn't want her to get mugged would we!

Are you stuck over any Christmas presents to buy for family & friends? Why not consider a NWKFHS Gift Membership. Details & application form can be found on our website at www.nwkhfs.org.uk/join.htm

If you have any question about this, setting up a standing order or other membership matters please email the society's Membership Secretary, Christina Barnett at membership@nwkhfs.org.uk. Or if your question is regarding membership renewals please email Maureen Griffiths at renewals@nwkhfs.org.uk

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 9.45am to 12.30pm.

Master of Ceremonies: Janet Rose	Exchange journals: Stella Nicholls
Branch Secretary: Sheila Elisak	Bookstall: Gillian Seager & Tim Jacobs
Reception: Sheila Elisak & Pauline Heathcote	Notice board & members Interests: Sylvia Hammond
Old magazines & journals: Joyce Bullard	Trips & outings: Hilary Waters
Light refreshments : Sandra & Bob Shepherd	Free reference book library: Hilary Waters
Computer help desk: Allan Stapleton	Raffle: Pat Cornelius
Logistics Manager: Lorraine King	Sound Technicians: Ian West
Branch Finance Officer: Maureen Griffiths	Pastoral Care: Raymer Lofts
Programme Secretary: Barbara Phillips	Events Manager: Barbara Attwaters
Genealogical problems table: Experienced family history researchers to help you when you are stuck	
Dartboard editor: Hilary Waters (email: hilarywaters@me.com)	