



The newsletter for the Dartford members of the North West Kent Family History Society
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OUR SPEAKER TODAY**Chislehurst Caves - A History***Rod LeGear*

Rod is a long-standing member of the Kent Archaeological Society specialising in the recording and surveying of underground sites.

He is also a part-time guide at Chislehurst Caves and is conducting on going research on the site.

COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD**2 March****Willpower***Meryl Catty and Audrey Gillett***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****14 February****SEVENOAKS BRANCH****Jane Austen - her connections with Kent***Clare Graham***16 February****BROMLEY BRANCH****The History of RAF Biggin Hill***Bob Ogley***FIND MY PAST****21 million new Irish birth, marriage and death records**

FindMyPast has published 21 million Irish birth, marriage and death records. Millions of us have Irish links in our family tree and these birth, marriage and death records can give you an insight into the key events in your Irish ancestors' lives, which are so crucial when building your family tree. The marriages span 1845-1958 and the births and deaths cover 1864-1958. The records are part of their World search and are included in their World subscription. You can also use PayAsYouGo credits to view the records.

Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs76>

THE SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS**14 Charterhouse Buildings****Goswell Road****London EC1M 7BA****INCONVENIENT PEOPLE****Lunacy, Madness & Mad Doctors in Victorian England - a lecture with Sarah Wise****Wednesday 27 February, 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm**

Sarah will look at the darker side of the Victorian upper and middle classes - fears of inherited madness, financial greed and fraudulence - and evoke the black motives at the heart of sane individuals being locked away in lunatic asylums. With the rise of the mad-doctor profession, English liberty seemed to be threatened by a new generation of medical men willing to incarcerate difficult family members or inconvenient persons in return for a fee, paid by an unscrupulous spouse or friend.

Fee £6.00 (£4.80 members)

Book by phone 020 7553 3290, on website www.sog.org.uk or email to events@sog.org.uk

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?**London Olympia****Friday 22 February, 10.00 am - 6.30 pm****Saturday 23 February, 9.30 am - 5.30 pm****Sunday 24 February, 9.30 am - 4.30 pm**

This year's show takes place again at London Olympia. Highlights include an expanded Military Pavilion, expert advice and of course, the free family history tutorials in the Ancestry Academy.

Buy your tickets on the Ancestry website, and you can save up to 50% on what you'd usually pay on the door. Their special offers let you buy 2 tickets for £22 (quote ANC2422), or a single ticket for £13 (quote ANC13). There is a £2 transaction fee per order. Children under 16 go free. Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs75>

(note change of link from last month).

Offer ends 22 February, maximum 10 tickets.

The show's website is at www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/

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