



The newsletter for the Dartford members of the North West Kent Family History Society  
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**OUR TALK TODAY****What The Victorians did for us***Ian Bevan*

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**COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD****7 March****A Hundred Years of Toys and Play***Helen Allinson***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****12 February****SEVENOAKS BRANCH****Royal Regiment of Artillery***Paul Evans (Head of Library & Archives)***21 February****BROMLEY BRANCH****World War I Military Records***Paul Blake***NWKFHS DARTFORD**

The April meeting (incorporating the Branch Annual Meeting) will be held on the 11th, not the 4th

**NWKFHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and FAMILY HISTORY DAY****Saturday 25 April 2015****9.30 am to 5.00 pm**

The Society's AGM this year will be held at

**Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road, Sevenoaks, TN14 5DN**

It is essential that you book for lunch in advance, using the yellow booking form that came with the December journal. If you are joining us for lunch please return the booking form by 31st March 2015. You are, of course, welcome to bring your own lunch. Guests of members are welcome and may use the booking form but they will not be entitled to speak or vote during the AGM.

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**

This month the book is "A Stone's Throw From Chancery Lane" and is an account of a local author and patent attorney, Dr Redman. He left Eltham College with a lack of academic success and went on to an apprenticeship scheme, finally leading to his becoming a patent attorney. He describes some of the inventors and inventions he was involved with, and how some achieved commercial success and many did not. This book is amusingly written and describes some of the stranger inventions that he was involved with, such as Quantel's Paintbook and dogs' ear protectors.

Find this book and many others on the bookstall.

**LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES**  
**40 Northampton Road, London EC1R 0HB**  
**LONDON GOTHIC EXHIBITION**

This exhibition will uncover rare and fascinating documents from the dark shadows of London. Through court records which date back to the 17th century, you can explore dreadful crimes and brutal punishments, witch trials, alleged haunting, and the spectacle of public execution at Tyburn. The exhibition runs until Thursday 30 April 2015 during normal opening times at LMA.

**FREE.** Details at [bit.ly/nwkhfs12](http://bit.ly/nwkhfs12)

**NWKFHS WORKSHOPS**

Details are always checked when going to press. The Editor is not responsible for subsequent changes to arrangements.

**Licensed Thames Watermen and Lightermen**

Rob Cottrell, 18 February

**Thinking outside the box - Mind Maps and other methods**

David Cufley, 18 March

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

Christine Hills, 15 April

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