



The newsletter for the Dartford members of the North West Kent Family History Society  
[www.nwkhfs.org.uk](http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk)

**OUR SPEAKER TODAY****"Of Princes and Palaces"**

The residences of Sovereigns from Queen Victoria to the present, and the pattern of their year moving around those homes

*Peter Hartley*

Today's speaker is Peter Hartley. Peter worked in the Royal Household Lord Chamberlain's Office from 1973 until 1996, then retired. Since then, although retired, he has worked in the Royal Almonry Office (a part-time seasonal appointment).

**COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD**

**2 February**

**Chislehurst Caves - A History**

*Rod LeGear*

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**January SEVENOAKS BRANCH**

**No Meeting**

**19 January BROMLEY BRANCH**

**The Huguenots**

*Michael Gandy*

**CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL ARCHIVES**

Canterbury Cathedral Archives will reopen to the public on Tuesday 22nd January 2013, following its closure for extensive building works. From 22nd January the reading room for the Archives and Library will be open weekly from Tuesday to Thursday, 9.15 to 16.45; lunchtime closures may occasionally be necessary. Please enquire about Saturday morning opening. Bookings can be made by email from 7th January 2013, and in addition by telephone from 14th January. Email [archives@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:archives@canterbury-cathedral.org) or telephone 01227-865330. To celebrate the reopening, tea and cakes will be served on the morning of 22nd January.

**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/nwkhfs72>

The show's website is at [www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/](http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/)

**NEW BBC RESTORATION PROGRAMME**

**Closing Date 31 January 2013**

Does someone you know have a treasured item that has fallen into disrepair? Perhaps something that has been sat in the garage or loft for years and no longer works? Would you like to surprise them by secretly restoring it? TV company Boundless Productions (makers of Grand Designs and Great British Railway Journeys) is looking for people who have something of great personal importance they'd like to restore as part of a prospective new series for the BBC. This could be something that's special to you that you'd love to be restored, or an object you'd like to restore as a surprise for the owner. This is a great opportunity for someone to follow the restoration process of an item special to their family and discover how this item links to the wider history of their local area and Britain as a whole. If you are interested please get in touch. Email: [therestorers@boundlessproductions.tv](mailto:therestorers@boundlessproductions.tv) or check out the website at:- [www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/shows/beonashow/the\\_restorers](http://www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/shows/beonashow/the_restorers)

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Many thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets in December. The raffle raised £153.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the collection for Leukaemia & Lymphoma research which raised £65.

**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