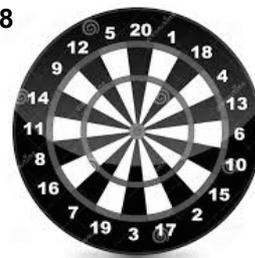




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# DARTBOARD

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

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## OUR TALK TODAY

### BYGONE DARTFORD - SHOPS & BUSINESSES OF THE PAST

KEITH WHITMORE

Keith Whitmore is a local member of the society, a regular at the library on Wednesdays, who has made a collection of posters, tickets, postage, advertisements & anything relating to bygone Dartford.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SEVENOAKS BRANCH

There is no meeting in January

### BROMLEY BRANCH

Six Degrees of Separation

David Cufley: 16 January 2016

### DARTFORD BRANCH

Hops & Hop Picking

Richard Filmer: 6 February 2016

## NWKFHS WORKSHOPS

**Basic DNA - A changing world of Family History**

David Cufley: 20 January 2016

**Less obvious sources - New workshop**

Jean Stirk: 17 February 2016

**Reading 18th writing - New workshop**

Mari Alderman: 16 March 2016

For further details please see the website

## NWKFHS 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - REMINDER

If you haven't yet heard 2016's AGM will be held at the historic Cobham Hall, near Gravesend on Thursday the 7th April. If you wish to attend or are interested to know more it is important to refer to December's journal which gives the full details.

**Please note: Prior booking is essential & forms are available from the Branches, the library & also in December's journal.**

## CHARITY DONATIONS

2015's charity Christmas card donations raised £100 which has been donated to The Arrow Riding Centre, situated on the edge of Darenth Country Park at the rear of Darent Valley Hospital. The centre is run by volunteers & provides riding lessons to both children & adults with special needs. Their website is [www.arrowridingcentre.com](http://www.arrowridingcentre.com) if you would like to know more.

Milk bottle tops - Janet has asked me to remind you to please wash the tops before giving them to her. They are currently going towards raising funds to renovate the church hall at Ash.

Postage stamps - Janet is still collecting postage stamps which will either go to a 'Hearing for the Deaf' charity or to a shop in Otford which raises money to support a children's hospice in Rumania.

## SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

For those of you who weren't at last month's meeting David Cufley informed those present of the target which has been set by the Committee for every current member to recruit a new member during 2016. Please note that potential members are most welcome to attend a branch meeting as a guest before June 2016 & receive a free tea/coffee.

## OTHER SOURCES & SOCIETIES

Due to lack of space I am unable to include details of any local groups or sources in this edition.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Due to an extended holiday there will not be an edition of Dartboard at February's meeting.

[www.genfair.co.uk](http://www.genfair.co.uk)

This is a very useful website for family historians as it brings together in one place family history products from hundreds of suppliers, including NWFHS. This includes archival storage items, books, CDs & DVDs & transcripts of various records from all over Britain & beyond. So if your ancestors didn't come from Kent & the surrounding areas this may be the easiest & cheapest way to access documents that are currently not on-line.

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

### **Bexley:**

For those of you who missed Scott Belcher's excellent talk on the Royal Dockyard Chatham a few months ago he will be repeating it at the Baker Trust Hall, Maxim Road, Crayford on Saturday 9 January at 7.30 pm. This event is organised by the Crayford Manor House Historical Society. Phone 01322 551279 for further details.

### **Bromley:**

The Art of Bedlam: Richard Dadd at Bethlem Museum of the Mind, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard Road, Beckenham, is a free exhibition on until 6 February 2016. Dadd (1817-1886) was an English painter famous for his depictions of fairies & other supernatural subjects. Most of his famous paintings were created while he was a patient in psychiatric hospitals, including Bethlem

From now until the 21 of February 2016 Chartwell is hosting a winter exhibition 'Into the Trenches'. This focuses on Churchill's military career & how it shaped his journey towards the Second World War. There are various other activities running in conjunction with this exhibition. See [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chartwell](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chartwell) for further details.

### **Greenwich:**

Regular half & full day walking tours of Greenwich are organised by Greenwich Royal Tours, see [www.visitgreenwich.org.uk/events](http://www.visitgreenwich.org.uk/events) for further details. Advanced booking is essential.

A new exhibition is now on at the National Maritime Museum until the 28th of March 2016, 'Samuel Pepys: Plague, Fire & Revolution'. Tickets from £10 can be bought on-line at [www.rmg.co.uk](http://www.rmg.co.uk)

On Saturday 23 January The Great Thames Barrier Information Centre has a general public guided group talk where you can learn how the barrier was designed, built & how it works. For more information go to [www.gov.uk/guidance/the-thames-barrier](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-thames-barrier).

### **Sevenoaks:**

Knowle: Throughout January there are a number of free guided walks through the 1,000 acre deer park. Please go to the National Trust website for further details of dates & times.

Knowle: Monday 14 March at 7.30pm there is a talk about the ongoing archaeological project with archaeologist Nathalie Cohen. Booking is essential & can be done on-line.

## 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 10.30 to 12.30pm, doors open at 09.45

**Master of Ceremonies:** Janet Rose

**Branch Secretary:** Sheila Elisak

**Reception:** Sheila Elisak & Pauline Heathcote

**Old magazines & journals:** Joyce Bullard

**Refreshments:** Sandra & Bob Shepherd (tea, coffee, squash, biscuits)

**Computer help desk:** Allan Stapleton

**Genealogical problems table:** Experienced family history researchers to help you when you are stuck

**Logistics Manager:** Lorraine King

**Exchange journals:** Stella Nicholls

**Bookstall:** Gillian Seager & Tim Jacobs

**Notice board & members interests:** Sylvia Hammond

**Transport, events & outings:** Hilary Waters

**Miscellaneous:** Various information lists & borrowing of fiche.

**Raffle:** Pat Cornelius

**Reference book library:** Hilary Waters (reference books may be borrowed at no charge)

**Sound Technicians:** John Muskett & Ian West

**Dartboard editor:** Hilary Waters

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