



The newsletter for the Dartford members of the North West Kent Family History Society
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OUR TALK TODAY**Royal Hospital Chelsea**

Speaker's name and details not available when going to press

COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD**3 August****The Burial Grounds of Southwark**

Stephen Humphrey

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**11 July****SEVENOAKS BRANCH****A Place in the Sun - Sun Fire Insurance Records**

Isobel Watson

20 July**BROMLEY BRANCH****A History of Smuggling in Kent and Sussex**

Geoff Hutchinson

SOCIETY NEWSLETTER and EMAIL INFORMATION SERVICE

The Society newsletter is available and can be viewed on the web-site. Go to www.nwkhfs.org.uk/newsletters.htm

Tony Codling is inviting members to join the email information service that he is setting up. Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs79>

WORKSHOPS

Early Census [Pre 1841 Census] & Census-like Lists Jean Stirk 17 July

All workshops are held on a Wednesday between 10.30 and 12.30 at the Society Library and Resource Centre, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood. A donation of £5 is requested.

The Society is also looking for any members who feel that they would like to lead a workshop. There are a number of outstanding topics that we require leaders for.

**THE ROYAL ARSENAL, WOOLWICH
information to become available**

Ray Fordham worked for the Woolwich Arsenal for many years as an electrician. His working life finished in retirement when the Arsenal closed. During this time many tons of paperwork were being destroyed and Ray retained some that he thought were worthwhile keeping. The information relating to part of this material is as follows.

1 A list of 1st World War (1914 -18) disabled who were employed at the Arsenal during the period 1936 to 1945. This database includes name, date of birth, clock & centre number, date of birth, date employed and nature of disability. There are over 800 names.

2 A list of air raid casualties during the 2nd World War (1941-1945). This database gives name, address, hospital they were taken to and injury. There are over 500 names.

3 The Arsenal had its own doctor's surgery and medical staff were able to do operations on site. The database is for 1906 and has over 500 names. The information includes name, age, case number, department they worked in and 'concern'. Typical were ruptures, hernias, splinters, appendicitis etc. The doctor would also come out to the home if the employee lived within 3 miles of the Arsenal.

4 Ray also retrieved some 40 photographs of children's parties held in the Arsenal during the 1950s. No one is identified.

The information is in the process of 'tidying' and Ray would like to make the above information readily available to all, but before he does so he would welcome enquiries to give him an idea of its accuracy. Please send all enquiries in the first instance to Barbara Phillips at: ra@nwkhfs.org.uk and she will pass them on.

FREE EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU (for sat navs use TW9 4AD)

18 July 2013 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm "Locating London's wartime past"
Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs80>

25 July 2013 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm "At the Instigation of the Devil: suicide and its records"
Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs81>

Most of their talks are available as podcasts:

Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs82>

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