



The newsletter for the Dartford members of the North West Kent Family History Society
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OUR SPEAKER TODAY**Royal Regiment of Artillery***Paul Evans*

Speaker's details not available when going to press

COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD**6 July****Royal Hospital Chelsea***Speaker T.B.A.***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****13 June****SEVENOAKS BRANCH****Digital Access to Newspapers***Jeanne Bunting***15 June****BROMLEY BRANCH****The History of the Kentish Seaside Resorts until the First World War***Dr Ann Kneif***SOCIETY NEWSLETTER and EMAIL INFORMATION SERVICE**

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

Tony Codling would like 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 17July

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 WAR GRAVES PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECT

This is a volunteer organisation, working in association with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, to provide a photographic archive of war grave pictures that will then be available on request. We would like some volunteers to take digital photographs of the War Grave headstones in their local cemetery/burial ground. The larger cemeteries would need to have a working party.

There is a list of burial grounds in alphabetical order now available and if you feel you would like to help with this over the summer could you please see Janet Rose who is the co-ordinator for the Dartford Branch. Please give her your details against your chosen burial ground and you will be given an envelope with the relevant information. The war deaths include both First and Second World War deaths.

All images submitted should be digital, ideally in high resolution around 2592 x1944 pixels. Low resolution photographs tend to be pixelated or blurred if printed. The 'aspect' is important so the picture should be taken from straight ahead and in 'Portrait' mode. Not too much background but not cropped too close either. Also a couple of general cemetery or churchyard views will need to be taken.

Your email address is very important as you will be sent a set of Project and Health and Safety guidelines. A hard copy will be sent to those who do not have email but please remember that the digital images will need to be given to Janet Rose or Barbara Phillips on a memory stick in the envelope you will be given. This will be returned to you in the same envelope.

GUIDED WALKS PROJECT

The Society is planning a series of informal walks in parts of the ancient parishes of North West Kent and surrounding areas, led by volunteers. See David Turner for details. Further details will also be available in the September journal.

DID YOUR ANCESTORS SERVE BRITAIN'S KINGS AND QUEENS?

FindMyPast have made the Royal Household staff records 1526-1924 available online for the first time, in association with the Royal Archives. Previously these records were only accessible at Windsor Castle by appointment. Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs78>

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