



The newsletter for the Dartford members of the North West Kent Family History Society
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OUR TALK TODAY**The History of Capital Punishment in Britain***John Mills*

Speaker's details not available when going to press

COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD**5 July****The History of Northfleet Shipbuilding***Ken McGoverin***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****12 June****SEVENOAKS BRANCH****Despatches From The Home Front***Chris McCooey***21 June****BROMLEY BRANCH****The Suffragettes***Ian Porter***NWKHFS WORKSHOPS****Drawing charts and trees by hand as a research tool**

David Cufley, 18 June

Records of Occupations

Jean Stirk, 16 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. Places need to be booked in advance and a donation of £5 is requested. Booking can be done by email, please email your details with the workshop title you'd like to attend, to workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk

Alternatively ask either David Turner or David Cufley for a form, or contact Janet Rose.

There is a list of workshops at <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs91>

FIND MY PAST**PRE 1901 IRISH CENSUS RECORDS ONLINE FOR THE FIRST TIME****Explore 19th Century Irish Census Records for Free**

FindMyPast have released new Irish census records, available online for the first time and completely free to search and view. Most of Ireland's 19th century census records were destroyed when the Public Record Office was blown up in 1922, and in other archival disasters, but we now know that records concerning more than 600,000 people in the 1821, 1831, 1841 and 1851 censuses survived making these fascinating fragments vital to family historians tracing their Irish roots in the 1800s.

The records include the remaining returns from Ireland's censuses 1821-1851 as well as census search forms from the 1841 and 1851 censuses, containing rich detail on your Irish ancestors.

Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs101>

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Their First World War programme is now well under way (go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs99>) with thousands of First World War records already published online this year and lots more to come.

Also the **First World War unit war diaries** are available to search and download now. These diaries were written by officers in the front line and give unprecedented access to daily movements and action in the trenches and beyond (go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs100>)

ANCESTRY - DISCOVER YOUR ANCESTORS' POLITICAL VIEWS

Elections have taken place in Britain for hundreds of years. Did you know you can find out if, and even how, your ancestors voted in times gone by? Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs98>

SOCIETY NEWSLETTER and EMAIL INFORMATION SERVICE

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

If you haven't already done so, sign up for the email information service. Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs89> or email your name and membership number to emailinfoservice@nwkhfs.org.uk with confirmation that you are happy to be contacted by NWKFHS.

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