



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

**OUR TALK TODAY****A Hundred Years of Toys and Play***Helen Allinson*

Helen has been involved in local history all her life. She has written local history books on the villages of Hollingbourne, Borden and Bredgar, and books on Life in the Workhouse, Farewell to Kent, Journals of a Victorian Lady, and 'Growing up in Edwardian London - Maude's memories' (her Grandma who owned some of the toys).

**COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD****11 April****The roles and lives of regal and talented women***Imogen Corrigan***Plus - Branch Annual Meeting****DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****12 March****SEVENOAKS BRANCH**

**Kevin Bacon Family History Laboratory -  
 an interactive exploration of "Six degrees  
 of separation"**

*David Cufley***Plus - Branch Annual Meeting****21 March****BROMLEY BRANCH**

**A Sweet Tooth: Sweet Making in London's  
 East End**

*Jef Page***Plus - Branch Annual Meeting****NWKFHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and FAMILY HISTORY DAY****Saturday 25 April 2015****9.30 am to 5.00 pm**

The Society's AGM this year will be held at

**Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road, Sevenoaks, TN14 5DN**

It is essential that you book for lunch in advance, using the yellow booking form that came with the December journal. If you are joining us for lunch please return the booking form by 31st March 2015. You are, of course, welcome to bring your own lunch. Guests of members are welcome and may use the booking form but they will not be entitled to speak or vote during the AGM.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR**

Entries needed from YOU for the first NWKFHS calendar (2016). Full details are in the March journal (circulated to members in early March) but you might like to start thinking about your entries, which must be loosely connected with Family History and the areas covered by the NWKFHS. Here are some of the details:

- Must be your own work
- Digital image preferred, minimum 300 dpi
- Colour or black and white prints should be 8 by 5 inches
- Closing date for entries will be 30th June 2015
- Copyright statement is in the March Journal.

The catalogue of the Society's resources is available as a searchable on-screen document at [bit.ly/nwkhfs15](http://bit.ly/nwkhfs15)

**GRO information on Births, Marriages and Deaths doesn't have to be on expensive certificates**

The Government has accepted an amendment to the Deregulation Bill currently going before the House of Lords that allows for the publication of information from Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates in England and Wales to be issued otherwise than in the form of a certified copy. Details at [bit.ly/nwkhfs14](http://bit.ly/nwkhfs14)

**NWKFHS WORKSHOPS**

Details are always checked when going to press. The Editor is not responsible for subsequent changes to arrangements.

**Thinking outside the box - Mind Maps and other methods**

David Cufley, 18 March

**In the Name of God Amen - Understanding Wills**

Christine Hills, 15 April

Please see further details on the website for the workshops:

[www.nwkhfs.org.uk/workshops.htm](http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/workshops.htm)

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 made by email; please email your details, with the workshop title you'd like to attend, to: [workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk)

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

**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