



The newsletter for the Dartford members of the North West Kent Family History Society
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OUR SPEAKER TODAY**An Armchair Walk of Swanscombe***Christoph Bull*

Speaker's details not available when going to press

COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD**1 December****Christmases Past: Some Festive Customs and Traditions***Dr Colin Chapman***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****8 November SEVENOAKS BRANCH**

Georgian Times

*Mrs Sheila Boyd***17 November BROMLEY BRANCH****The Queen's Own West Kent Regiment in WW1***Chris Jupp***SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

There is a new Society newsletter which is available on the website. Go to www.nwkhfs.org.uk and click on the link.

1911 CENSUS TRANSCRIPTIONS

genesreunited.co.uk and findmypast.co.uk have teamed up to offer their members free access to all 1911 census transcriptions until 18th November 2012.

FIND MY PAST the TV show is back

Watch the first five episodes of the show on Tuesdays at 9pm from 30 October on the Yesterday channel: Freeview channel 19, Sky 537, Virgin Media 203. The remaining five episodes will be shown after Christmas.

It is reported that Ancestry.com is to be sold to Permira, a European private equity firm. Ancestry.com has more than 2 million paying subscribers who can access more than 10 billion records.

THE SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

14 Charterhouse Buildings

Goswell Road

London EC1M 7BA

SHORT CUTS FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS**A lecture with Michael Gandy****Wednesday 28 November 2012, 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm**

Fee £6.00 (£4.80 members)

Book by phone 020 7553 3290, on website www.sog.org.uk or email to events@sog.org.uk

FREE FAMILY HISTORY AFTERNOON

Dartford Science & Technology College

Heath Lane, Dartford, DA1 2LY

Saturday 10th November 2012**1.30pm - 4pm**

Following on from the successful Family History Day held in August the Society is holding another session on 10th November. This is to help you if you are just starting your family history, or have recently started. It is entirely free, as part of the Society's aims and objectives in promoting the study of family history.

Members of the Society and also non-members are welcome to attend. You will have the opportunity to discover what records can help you and how to access them. Janet Rose will give a PowerPoint talk on starting and progressing your family history and there will be an opportunity to ask any questions. Following the talk there will be experienced volunteers who will help you look at various sources and records that may help you in your research.

There will also be a limited number of one-to-one sessions (booked on a first come, first served basis) to help you get started. Pre booking is required, both for the event and if you'd like a one-to-one session. You can book by e-mail: contact Mike Weeks at publicity@nwkhfs.org.uk or alternatively you can contact Janet Rose on 01322 384836.

SOCIETY TREASURER

Isabel Leslie will be standing down in December as Society Treasurer. If anyone is interested in applying to stand as treasurer please speak to Isabel or another member of the main committee.

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