



THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE DARTFORD BRANCH OF THE
NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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OUR TALK TODAY

THE 3RD AFGHAN WAR, 1919 - 94 DAYS OF UNWANTED CONFLICT GLEN JONES

Unfortunately no biographical information is available about today's speaker.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SEVENOAKS BRANCH

For the High Jump. The story of capital punishment in Britain.

John Mills: 10th November 2016

BROMLEY BRANCH

A History of British Music Halls, 1850 -1950

Alan Baker: 19th November 2016

DARTFORD BRANCH

A Country House Christmas

Pat Mortlock: 3rd December 2016

NWKFHS WORKSHOPS

Brick Walls - Thinking outside the box

David Cufley: 16th November 2016

Please note:

There will not be any workshops in December.

Recording Keeping for Family Historians

David Cufley: 18th January 2017

For further details please see the website

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - ALMOST THE LAST CHANCE

Time is now running out for the purchase of tickets for our annual traditional Christmas Lunch. Consisting of 2 courses prepared & cooked by an outside caterer, it will be held after next month's Branch meeting on the 3rd of December in the college's canteen. There will be roast turkey with all the trimmings followed by a choice of deserts including Christmas pudding. Vegetarian & gluten free (for celiacs) options will be available but these must be ordered at the time of purchasing tickets. The price is £13.50p per person & includes soft drinks. It is a ticket only event which can now be bought at today's meetings & also from the Society Library at Joydens Wood every Wednesday between 10.00 to 16.00.

2017 SOCIETY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Your 2017 North West Kent Family History Society subscriptions can be renewed, or paid if you are a first-time member, at either December or January's meetings. Maureen Griffiths will be collecting your money, £10 for 1 person or £12 for family membership. Cash only please (to avoid bank charges) or why not consider setting up a standing order. Both membership & bankers standing order forms will be in December's journal.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you were at last month's meeting you will remember Victor Nutt, the Society's workshop organiser, informed us of a new Quarterly Discussion Group that will take place at the library in addition to the monthly workshops & like the workshops there will be a requirement to book in advance. He told us that these discussion groups would start in March 2017 but it has now been decided to bring this forward to January.

The 1st one will take place on Wednesday 25th of January with the topic of 'What happens to my research when I am gone'. The groups will be informal & who leads the discussions groups will be up to those participating on the day. They will last as long as they last. If you have ideas for future discussions please let Victor know.

Further information will be in the December's Journal.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Here is the full address of the Society's library which you may find useful: KCC Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Dartford, Kent DA5 2EE.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

On the 7th, 14th & 21st of December tea/coffee, mince pies & other nibbles will be available at the library if you would like to drop in. While you are enjoying these festive delights you are welcome to take the opportunity to talk & discuss any family history research problems you may have.

CHRISTMAS PROBLEMS SOLVED?

Are you having problems deciding on a Christmas gift for a friend or family member? Don't forget that copies of the 2017 North West Kent Family History Society calendar are still available. At £4.50p each they are good value for money. Or how about a gift of membership to the Society. Membership forms can be downloaded from the society's website (<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/nwkhfs-gift.pdf>) & cost £10 for one person or £12 for family membership for one year. Paper copies of the membership form are also available at the library. On second thoughts, why not give both.

Also, the bookstall at the back of the hall is having a 1/2 price sale today & at December's meeting. So come & browse to see if you can find the ideal gift or just treat yourself for Christmas.

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS PROBLEM SOLVED?

Hilary, the editor, has another hobby as well as family history - card making. Pop over to the Branch Library stall today & at December's meeting to see a small, but growing, selection of hand-made Christmas cards for sale. Reasonably priced, different to any you will find in the shops & ideal for family & close friends all proceeds will go to society funds.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS

As usual at December Branch meetings Janet makes up 2 hampers full of goodies as the main raffle prizes. If you would like to make a donation towards them please see Janet. Although it is now too late to give anything to her at a meeting donations can still be delivered to the library on Wednesdays during November. Please make sure all consumable items are well within best before dates.

BRANCH MEETINGS

MEMBERS AND VISITORS ARE VERY WELCOME AT ALL VENUES.

Due to the costs of hall hire & speakers each branch has a collection tin for donations towards the ever-increasing cost of hall-hire & speakers. Non-members will be invited to contribute towards costs on their first visit & to join the Society to be able to attend subsequent meetings.

If you would like to help at a local branch or with the Society, drop an e-mail to the Branch Chair or Society Chair.
Volunteers are always welcome & are essential!

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Meetings are held at the Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9.45am to 12.30pm.

Master of Ceremonies: Janet Rose	Exchange journals: Stella Nicholls
Branch Secretary: Sheila Elisak	Bookstall: Gillian Seager & Tim Jacobs
Reception: Sheila Elisak & Pauline Heathcote	Notice board & members Interests: Sylvia Hammond
Old magazines & journals: Joyce Bullard	Transport, events & outings: Hilary Waters
Refreshments (tea, coffee, squash, biscuits): Sandra & Bob Shepherd	Reference book library: Hilary Waters (reference books may be borrowed at no charge)
Computer help desk: Allan Stapleton	Raffle: Pat Cornelius
Genealogical problems table: Experienced family history researchers to help you when you are stuck	Information & miscellaneous: Various information lists & borrowing of fiche
Logistics Manager: Lorraine King	Sound Technicians: John Muskett & Ian West
Branch Finance Officer: Maureen Griffiths	Pastoral Care: Raymer Lofts
Dartboard editor: Hilary Waters	

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