



The newsletter for the Dartford members of the North West Kent Family History Society
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OUR SPEAKER TODAY**Genealogy and the Internet***Peter Christian*

Peter has been researching his own genealogy for over 30 years and first put his family tree on the web in 1995. From 1996 to 2001 he was editor of the Society of Genealogists' computer journal 'Computers in Genealogy', and was also responsible for setting up the Society's first web site. The author of countless articles about online resources for family history, he has also written a number of books on the subject, including the best-selling *The Genealogist's Internet*, now in its 5th edition, and *Census: The Expert Guide*. He is a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists and one of the Trustees of Genuki.

COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD**3 November****An Armchair Walk of Swanscombe***Christoph Bull***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****11 October SEVENOAKS BRANCH****Your Ancestors - Population and Birth Control***Dr Colin Chapman***20 October BROMLEY BRANCH****Probate Records***Dr David Wright***FIND MY PAST - PRISON SHIP RECORDS**

Search records for 8,900 prisoners held captive on prison ships, or hulks. These were ships used as floating prisons - often they were ships that were no longer fit for battle but could still float. The records cover the period 1811-1843 and hold fascinating details about the prisoners, including the crime they had committed, the sentence they received and the report from their gaoler. Go to:
<http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs67>

THE SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

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WRITING FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP: PART 1**A full day with Gill Blanchard****Saturday 13 October 2012, 10.30 am - 5.00 pm**

Fee £30.00 (£24.00 members)

HOW TO GET THE BEST FROM THE NEW FAMILYSEARCH WEBSITE**A half day with John Hanson****Saturday 20 October 2012, 10.30 am - 1.00 pm**

Fee £17.50 (£14.00 members)

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

THE ARCHIVES HUB

The Archives Hub (<http://archiveshub.ac.uk/>) now has a regional search at <http://archiveshub.ac.uk/regionalsearch/>

The idea is to make it easier to search for archives held in particular parts of the country, which is particularly useful where a researcher wants to limit travel time. This has been done by including pre-defined regions, and there is also a search area box that can be moved by manipulating the corners, so researchers can customise the area.

In addition to the regional search, they have been working on their results list, which now includes the title and dates, and a new utility bar, designed to enable additional functionality over time, such as various links, output option, social networking widgets and information about digital content (e.g. <http://archiveshub.ac.uk/data/gb1837des-rhz> - this shows an example where you can see images as you scroll down the description).

LMA ONLINE CATALOGUE

London Metropolitan Archives have been improving their online catalogue.

Details at <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs69> and <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs71>

NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, DARTFORD BRANCH

Meetings are held at the Dartford 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