



The newsletter for the Dartford members of the North West Kent Family History Society
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OUR SPEAKER TODAY**Coram's Children: The Story of the Foundling Hospital***Jane King*

Speaker's details not available when going to press

COMING NEXT TO DARTFORD**6 October****Genealogy and the Internet***Peter Christian***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 13 September SEVENOAKS BRANCH**
Farewell to Kent - Assisted Emigration
Helen Allinson
- 15 September BROMLEY BRANCH**
Anglo Indians and the East India Company
Geraldine Charles

ARCHIVES FOR LONDON

Seminar - The Day Parliament Burned Down
At London Metropolitan Archives, 6 September, 6.30 pm

In the early evening of 16 October 1834 a huge ball of fire exploded through the roof of the Houses of Parliament leaving witnesses horrified. The fire led to many changes, not just for Parliament but for many other institutions. Of particular interest to archive users and record keeping professionals is the impact of the fire on the public records (it led directly to the creation of the Public Record Office).

Come along to this talk by Caroline Shenton, Clerk of the Records at the Parliamentary Archives, to find out more about this fascinating story. There will also be an opportunity to buy copies of Caroline's new book of the same name at the talk. This Seminar follows the Archives for London Annual General Meeting at 6.00 pm (AFL Members only). Advance booking essential - 020 7332 3879. For full details go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs66>

THE SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

14 Charterhouse Buildings
Goswell Road
London EC1M 7BA

VICTORIAN LAW AND ORDER**A half day with Liz Carter****Saturday 8 September 2012, 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm**

Fee £17.50 (£14 members)

POVERTY AND MADNESS: Stories of women from Stepney in the late 19th century**A lecture with Louise Taylor****Wednesday 19 September 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**BLUEWATER FAMILY HISTORY EVENT****International Craft and Hobby Fair**

Thursday 6 September - Sunday 9 September
10.00 am - 4.30 pm (9.30 am - 5.00 pm Saturday)

Society volunteers will be present all day, every day, at the Federation of Family History Societies' stand at Bluewater from Thursday 6 September to Sunday 9 September 2012. The FFHS stand is part of *Prima Homemade: The Creative Stitches & Hobbycrafts Show*.

It will be an opportunity to see what Family History Societies can do to help you in your research or you can just have a chat about Family History. There will be a PowerPoint and other displays. Besides NWKFHS there will be details available about surrounding Societies. Details about the show, including how to get there and book tickets can be found at <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs64>

FIND MY PAST

Find My Past have published the nominal roll of Royal Air Force servicemen who were with the service when it was formed on 1 April 1918. The collection contains records of more than 181,000 men and can tell you vital information about your RAF ancestors, including job, rank, date & terms of enlistment and rate of pay.

Go to <http://tiny.cc/nwkhfs65>**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