



# North West Kent Family History Society

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## NEWSLETTER

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if you would like to contribute  
or help compile the Newsletter  
or the Journal ...



### **Auction!**

**New .... NWKFHS Auction ...** This new Society event will be held at the Dartford 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013. Donated lots include an engraving of Chislehurst Church c1825, mounted and framed. More donated lots with a historic or family history theme required. All funds raised will be for the Society. More information in the next Newsletter, at branch meetings and on-line. Contact David Cufley [president@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:president@nwkfhs.org.uk)



### **Meeting for Task holders**

Early notice of a Task holders meeting at Dartford on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013  
Task holders will receive invitations and more details will be published on the website



### **Local Meetings in July**

Full details, guide maps to the meeting halls and local contacts are given at  
[www.nwkfhs.org.uk/meetings.htm](http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/meetings.htm)

#### **Bromley Saturday 20 July 2013 morning**

Geoff Hutchinson will be talking about *A history of smuggling in Kent & Sussex*  
Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley BR1 3NS. Open at 9.45am.

#### **Dartford Saturday 6 July 2013 morning**

A presentation about the *Royal Hospital Chelsea* (speaker to be announced)  
Dartford Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford DA1 2LY. Open from 9.45am

#### **Sevenoaks Thursday 11 July 2013 evening**

Isobel Watson talks about *A Place in the Sun - Sun Fire Insurance records*  
Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5DN. Doors open at 7.15pm.



## ***The Royal Arsenal info offer...***

### **Did your relative work at The Royal Arsenal, Woolwich?**

Ray Fordham worked for the Woolwich Arsenal for many years as an electrician. His working life ended in retirement when the Arsenal closed. During this time many tons of paperwork was being destroyed and Ray retained some that he thought were worthwhile keeping. The information relating to part of this material is as follows:

1. A list of 1<sup>st</sup> World War (1914-18) disabled who were employed at the Arsenal during the period 1936 to 1945. This database includes name, date of birth, clock & centre number, date of birth, date employed and nature of disability. There are over 800 names.
2. A list of air raid casualties during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War (1941-1945). This database gives name, address, hospital they were taken to and injury. There are over 500 names.
3. The Arsenal had its own doctor's surgery and medical staff were able to do operations on site. The data base is for 1906 and has over 500 names. The information includes name, age, case number, department they worked in and 'concern'. Typical were ruptures, hernias, splinters, appendicitis etc. The doctor would also come out to the home if the employee lived within 3 miles of the arsenal.
4. Roy also retrieved some 40 photographs of children's parties held in the Arsenal during the 1950s. No one is identified.

The information is in the process of 'tidying' and Ray would like to make the above information readily available to all but before he does so would welcome enquiries to give him an idea of its precision.

Enquiries to **Barbara Phillips** using [ra@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:ra@nwkfhs.org.uk).



## ***Free Help***

Publish your research problem in the Journal to get help from other members. Send your Family History Challenge enquiry for entry into the September Journal to

**Caroline Blackett** contact her by e-mail

[help.wanted@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:help.wanted@nwkfhs.org.uk). *There is no charge for this service*

*Please note 14 July is the Deadline for contributions for the September Journal ...*



## ***Library & Resource Centre***

The North West Kent Family History Society Library & Resource Centre is located at Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood Estate, Bexley DA5 2EE.

It is open **every Wednesday**, 10am-4pm.

The Society has a room separate from the main library, where our complete collection of books and other reference material is now available on open shelves. This includes microfiche, data CDs. the material available primarily covers parishes within the Historical North West Kent area, but includes the rest of Kent and other parts of the Country including London.

Material is constantly being added. .... AND we use the library computers "on-line" to access commercial websites like FindMyPast and Ancestry. Guidance on *how to* .... available along with a friendly chat and *cuppa*.



## NWK FHS Workshops

*Join a workshop go on you know you want to*

*Contact Janet Rose*

*(01322-384836 address inside front cover of Journal)*

*or email [library@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:library@nwkfhs.org.uk)*

Date	Subject	Tutor
17 July 2013	Early Census [Pre 1841 Census] and Census-like Lists (repeated course)	Jean Stirk
18 September 2013	PC File Management (Housekeeping) <i>Please see more details on website</i>	Dr Allan Stapleton
30 November 2013	Early Census [Pre 1841 Census] and Census-like Lists (repeated course)	Jean Stirk
<p><i>More information at <a href="#">NWK FHS - Library Workshops</a></i>  <i>The two hour workshops are limited to 10 people, but are repeated if there is demand.</i>  <i>These are held at the Library, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley</i></p>		

*Don't forget to keep your **Surname, Subject and Place Interests** up-to-date on the website and in the directory of members' interests, up-dated in each Journal.*

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