

NWKFHS AGM & Family History Day
Saturday 1st November 2025
Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane,
Dartford, Kent, DA1 2LY

There is a large car park and room for street parking.

There is easy access to the main hall and toilet which are situated on the ground floor. A lift is available to the lower ground floor where there are additional toilets.

PROGRAMME FOR DAY

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| 09.45 | Registration, time for tea/coffee, buying raffle tickets |
| 10.15 | Welcome |
| 10.30 | AGM (see separate agenda) |
| 11.15 | Comfort Break, time for buying raffle tickets if you have not already done so. |
| 11.30 | Ian Waller on 'Sold, Separated & Divorced'
See overleaf about the talk and the speaker. |
| 12.30 | Comfort break & time to look at books etc. while hall is set up for lunch. Look at the board to see if your raffle ticket has been picked! |
| 13.00 | Buffet Lunch in the Hall |
| 14.15 | David Annal on 'Lying Bastards': Exploring the impact of illegitimacy on family history research.
See overleaf about the talk and the speaker |
| 15.30 | End of AGM day |

Ian Waller on 'Sold, Separated & Divorced'

Our morning speaker is **Ian Waller** a retired professional genealogist and highly respected teacher of family history. He is a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists and has written several books in their "My Ancestor" series.

Most of our ancestors were married only once, until death, but we all have discovered individuals whose lives did not fit that pattern. At a time when relationships outside marriage were unacceptable, what did they do when their marriages broke down and divorce was not an option? Ian will explain that there are records recording desertion, wife sales, separation and even divorce which needed an Act of Parliament.

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David Annal on 'Lying Bastards': Exploring the impact of illegitimacy on family history research.

Our second speaker of the day is the well known **David Annal** an experienced lecturer and author who has been involved in family history for over 40 years and was the principal family history specialist at The National Archives. He is a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists and now runs his own research business and has a YouTube channel.

David will examine the social stigma that has been associated with illegitimacy until fairly recently and reveal how these unfortunate children and their parents went about concealing it in official documents; or, just being economical with the truth, forcing us to take their information with a pinch of salt.