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

## MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

### LIBRARY GENERAL FAMILY HISTORY & DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

For members who want to discuss aspects of DNA & family history

10.30am start

Leaders - Jacki Ellis & Pam G.

11th  
October

### ZOOM TALK

19th century Ratcatchers

7.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

11th  
October

### ZOOM DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussions about various topics of DNA & your family history research

10.30am start

Leader - Laura Lincoln

18th  
October

### LIBRARY SCOTTISH BEGINNERS WORKSHOP... 'NEW'

A new workshop for those beginning their family history research

10.30am start

Leader - Pam Goddard

18th  
October

### LIBRARY NEW TO WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

For more information contact [Pauline on theeditor@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:Pauline@theeditor@nwkfhs.org.uk)

10.30pm start

Leader - Pauline Heathcote

25th  
October

### ZOOM FAMILY HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP

Come & enjoy discussions on different aspects of Family History

10.30am start

Leader - Ann Clarke

1st  
November

### DARTFORD AGM & TALK ON THE 4th NOVEMBER

Please see more information on the next page

Doors open 09.45

10.30am start

DARTFORD BRANCH MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE DARTFORD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE, HEATH LANE, DARTFORD ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. DOORS OPEN AT 09.45 & MEETING COMMENCES AT 10.30.

### OUR TALK TODAY, THE 7th OCTOBER 2023, THE RISE & FALL OF LULLINGSTONE ROMAN VILLA

Rod Shelton

Rod has lived in Otford for 25 years & is active in village matters. He is the local historian & chairs the Otford Society.

He has researched the story of the villa & will reveal how its fate lay in the violent machinations of the Roman Emperors & the lust to gain Imperial power. Lullingstone, he suggests, was to become a pawn in this game of political ambitions.

SEVENOAKS BRANCH MEETINGS ARE HELD AT OTFORD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL, HIGH STREET, OTFORD ON THE 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. DOORS OPEN AT 10.45 & MEETING COMMENCES AT 11.00.

### THE TALK ON THE 14th SEPTEMBER 2023, THE 1951 FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

Alan Williams

The Festival of Britain was a national exhibition & fair that reached millions of visitors throughout the United Kingdom in the summer of 1951. The Festival was a triumphant success during which people flocked to the South Bank site, to wander around the Dome of Discovery, gaze at the Skylon, & generally enjoy a festival of national celebration.

The British public showed that it had not lost the capacity for enjoying itself, & above all, the Festival made a spectacular setting as a showpiece for the inventiveness & genius of British scientists & technologists.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The society now has 25 recorded talks & 49 recorded workshop videos which members can view at anytime. A wide variety of subjects are covered on family research why not have a look to see what could help your research. You can find them on our website under RESOURCES / ZOOM TALK OR ZOOM WORKSHOPS

### NEW WORKSHOP

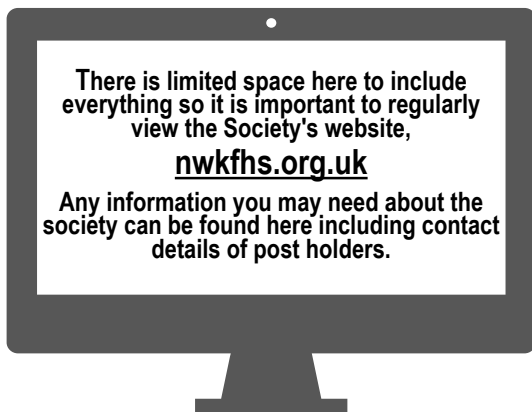
Do you have Scottish ancestry but don't know where to begin your family history research north of the border? Book into this workshop & find out more. Scotland has traditionally had separate laws & records in many areas & where many differ from those of England & Wales. Sounds complicated? Attending this workshop will make it all come clear.

## MEETINGS

Meetings are either held at Dartford or Sevenoaks or on Zoom. They are open to all, but a donation towards the cost of the speaker is welcome from non-members.

## WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

Workshops & Discussion Groups, both at the library or on Zoom, are for members only. Prior booking is essential as numbers are limited. To book a place please email: [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk)



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## SOCIETY AGM & DARTFORD BRANCH MEETING, 4th November 2023

The 45th AGM of North West Kent Family History Society will be held at 10.30am prior to the regular Dartford Branch Meeting. The venue is the same as usual. Here is the time table for the morning:

Registration starts at 10am & meeting commences at 10.30am.

The AGM will be over by 11.30 when there will be a short comfort break, teas/coffees available.

The Dartford Branch Meeting will commence at midday.

No booking is required, just turn up.

### VENUE INFORMATION - DARTFORD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE, HEATH LANE, DARTFORD, DA1 2LY

There is a large free car park at the College but it is shared with other users & can be busy at times.

## WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

When Pauline first set up a writing group sometime in the mid 2010's I was one of it's members. At that time I had made several attempts to start writing mine but was not happy I was doing it correctly. That was the 1st thing I found out, there is no correct way. I know for myself, & I think all the other members of the group, found out that our confidence in writing grew over the different assignments Pauline set us.

If you want to write, family history or anything else, joining this writing group will benefit you, not only in confidence but also in how to get your creative side working & put onto paper.

The assignments Pauline sets us are mainly based around family history but not always so it is suitable for everyone.

## 2024 CALENDAR

The Society has once again produced a calendar for the coming year which are now on sale for the princely price of £2.50p. Each month has a beautifully produced photograph taken by a Society member. £2.50p is the price for buying them here at the meeting, at the Sevenoaks meeting, at the Library or via the Society's esales, [shop@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:shop@nwkfhs.org.uk). This is exceptional value as the price includes 2nd class postage within the UK if you buy it through esales.. Get yours now while stocks last as numbers are limited, when they are gone they are gone.

## THE EPHEMERA STALL

At the back of the hall you will find the Ephemera Stall, if you hadn't seen it already. It is run by Louise & contains a diverse selection of items, some family history orientated & some not. Items are not priced as if for sale but can be yours for a donation of your choice.

Examples of what you will find are back issues of genealogy magazines such as 'Who Do You Think You Are' & Family Tree. There are also back issues of more specialised publications, 'The Yorkshire Family Historian' & similar. CD Roms including 'Norfolk Parish Records', 'London 1891 Census' & the same for Essex, 'Berkshire Burial Index (9th edition)' & various others.

Non Family History items include a small selection of mixed greetings cards & some 'Bygone Kent' journals which contain an interesting selection of articles on Kent History.

I suggest you look at the Ephemera stall regularly as Louise doesn't put everything out on the stall each month, so it will always be different.