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

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

LIBRARY DNA & GENERAL DISCUSSION GROUP

The group will discuss topics relating to family history & aspects of DNA

10.30am start

Leader - Pam Goddard

11th
June

ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

Let's talk Family History

7.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

11th
June

ZOOM TALK

Genealogy in Early British & Irish Censuses, 1986 - 1841

7.30pm start

Leader - Dr Colin Chapman

12th
June

ZOOM DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Who or what were your influences when starting your Family History research?

10.30am start

Leader - Laura Lincoln

18th
June

ZOOM WORKSHOP

Thinking Outside the Box

7.30pm start

Leader - David Cufley

25th
June

ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

How did the Childhood of our ancestors compare with now

10.30am start

Leader - Ann Clarke

2nd
July

DID YOU KNOW?

The word pedigree derives from the Middle English pedigrū. This in turn comes from the French 'pie de grue' meaning crane's foot, from the branching shape of a family tree.

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 JUNE 2025, *LATE CHANGE*

Unfortunately today's advertised speaker has had to cancel at short notice due to illness. However, David Cufley has generously agreed to step in & give us a talk on Trade & Occupational Sources. Thank you David.

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 JUNE 2025, THE ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE AT OTFORD

Rod Shelton

This is the story of the Archbishop's Palace that once stood in Otford. It rivalled Hampton Court & was briefly home to Henry VIII. Today, just a tower remains. Yet through the detailed model of it when it was in its prime, we can visit the ghost of this one great Palace of Kent. Rod has written the detailed history of this heritage village & its famous palace.

Rod is a local historian & specialises in reproducing models of homes of historical interest back to the period in which they were first built. This takes much research & reference as well as a fair amount of calculation. His particular interest is in the life of the people who lived there at that time. A large selection of his models of featured places and homes in the Darent Valley are on permanent display at Lullingstone Castle.

THE TALK ON THE 5th JULY 2025 AT THE DARTFORD MEETING IS, EMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA IN THE MID 19th CENTURY

Bill Lindsay

Many of us have ancestors who went to Australia & Bill's family's nautical connections will enable him to include details of the conditions aboard ship that were endured by them & what they experienced when they arrived at their destination.

Since his retirement from the pharmaceutical industry Bill has been researching Victorian merchant shipping & has written many articles on the subject & is the editor of the magazine *Topmasts* for the Society of Nautical Research.

MEETINGS

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

WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

Workshops & Discussion Groups at the library are for members only. Prior booking is essential as numbers are limited. To book a place please email: workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

There is limited space here to include everything so it is important to regularly view the Society's website,

nwkfhs.org.uk

Any information you may need about the society can be found here including contact details of post holders.

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LATEST SOCIETY JOURNAL

I hope by now you have all received the latest journal as it contains details of the 47th Annual General Meeting 2025, on page 9. If you have elected to receive an electronic version it is now on the website. Please read it carefully & respond as requested. This is your opportunity to have your say & influence how the Society is run.

ALSO IN THE JOURNAL - IMPORTANT

Paul Merrington, the Society's Secretary, is requesting all members to amend their Membership Standing Orders. For many years, the North West Kent Family History Society has been using its Santander Bank account as the recipient of annual membership fees which are paid by bank standing order. However, there are some operating issues with that account which make it difficult to run the Society on a day-to-day basis. This can be resolved by having membership fees paid into the Society's Barclays Bank account instead.

Therefore, the Society is now requesting that all current members who pay by bank standing order, should please amend their Standing Order Payee Bank Account details to the following:

Name: North West Kent Family History Society

Sort Code: 20-57-76

Account Number: 23339416

This change is to take effect from your renewal in January 2026. If you have to create a new standing order (rather than amend the existing one), please do not forget to cancel the existing standing order to the Santander account.

The Society Trustees thank you for your help with this change.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE AHNENTAFEL SYSTEM?

Ahnentafel is the German for 'Ancestor table' & is a way of numbering your ancestors so making it easier to find them, & is probably the most common system in use.

How does it work? You are the root person so are number 1 in your table. From there, the system doubles a person's number to get the number for No. 1's father & adds one to that number to get the number for their mother. So the root person's father is 2 & their mother is 3. Their paternal grandfather is 4, their paternal grandmother is 5, their maternal grandfather is 6, & their maternal grandmother is 7. The system can be carried back as many generations as one has names, leaving out those numbers where the names are unknown.

So this is how it works in practice for Prince William, Prince of Wales.

1. Prince William, Prince of Wales
2. Charles III
3. Lady Diana Spencer
4. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
5. Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom
6. John Spencer, 8th Earl Spencer
7. The Honourable Frances Roche
8. Prince Andrew of Greece & Denmark
9. Princess Alice of Battenberg
10. George VI of the United Kingdom
11. Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, The Queen Mother
12. Albert Spencer, 7th Earl Spencer
13. Lady Cynthia Hamilton
14. Maurice Roche, 4th Baron Fermoy
15. Ruth Sylvia Gill

Taken from Family Tree magazine online where more information can be found.