



# DARTBOARD

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

## BRANCH MEETINGS

### SEVENOAKS

WHAT THE BATTLE  
OF JUTLAND DID  
FOR THE NAVY

Nick Fothergill



### BROMLEY

THE HISTORY OF  
BOROUGH MARKET

Julie Carver-Pierce



### DARTFORD

DRAGON BLOOD &  
WILLOW BARK

Toni Mount



## WORKSHOPS

### Computer Group

Library Experts  
Booking Code 1916



### Treasures to be found in old wills

Ellen Shelly  
Booking Code: 1917



### Friday DNA Group

Booking code:  
FDNA 06



Dartford Branch Meetings are held at the Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9.45am to 12.30pm.

### OUR TALK TODAY, 1st JUNE, IS: THE SECRET INTELLIGENCE SERVICES & ESPIONAGE:- Dr Helen Fry

Helen has written numerous books on WW2 with particular reference to the 10,000 Germans & Austrians who fought for Britain. As a WW2 historians she undertakes consultancy work for documentary companies & for location filming for several TV channels including BBC, ITV & Channel 4. She has also been engaged in a range of wider historical projects including for schools & adult education relating to WW1, WW2 & the Cold War. Helen is an Associate Editor for 'Eye Spy Magazine' & is a trustee & Deputy Chair of the Trent Park Museum Trust.

More information on Helen's books & media projects can be found on her website, [helen-fry.com](http://helen-fry.com)

### SPYS & MORE



If you find Helen's talk interesting you may also like the exhibition, on until November, at The National Archives - 'Protect & Survive, Britain's Cold War Revealed'. This exhibition explores the impact of the Cold War on Britain, from the corridors of power & hidden government bunkers to daily life in the home. Discover the real evidence of what happened during this turbulent era of secrets & paranoia. An array of original documents are on display, including political memos, spy confessions, civil defence posters & even a letter from Winston Churchill to the Queen. These documents provide visitors with a rare glimpse into the complexities of government operations during this time of infiltration and betrayal.

### MEETING TABLE CHANGES



There has been a small change to the tables in the hall as from today. The Free Reference Book Library & Exchange Journals tables have now merged. Stella Nicholls & myself will continue on the new stall with help from Rosemary Lathey. The Workshop table with Victor will move to my old position near the back exit doors.

### AND DON'T FORGET

That from this month Sevenoak's meetings will take place in the Main Hall at Otford Village Memorial Hall, 28a High Street, Otford, Kent TN14 5PQ. There is an adjacent car park which is free after 6.30pm.

## Your Society Needs You

Barbara Phillips  
Booking code: 1918



Workshops are held on advertised days at KCC's Joydens Wood Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Bexley, Kent, DA5 2EE.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THESE, ALL FUTURE MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & MUCH MORE

Master of Ceremonies	Janet Rose
Branch Secretary	Sheila Elisak
Branch Finance Officer	Maureen Griffiths
Logistics Manager	Lorraine King
Programme Secretary	Barbara Phillips
Pastoral Care	Raymer Lofts
Sound Technicians	Ian West Tony Lathey
Light refreshments	Sandra & Bob Shepherd
Raffle	Pat Cornelius
Reception	Sheila Elisak Pauline Heathcote
Old magazines & journals	Frank Parsons Judith French
Notice board	Sylvia Hammond
Computer help desk	Allan Stapleton
Bookstall	Gillian Seager Tim Jacobs
Free reference book library & exchange journals	Hilary Waters Rosemary Lathey
Trips & outings	Hilary Waters
Dartboard editor	Hilary Waters
You can email the editor at: newsletters@nwkfhs.org.uk	

## 75th D-DAY ANNIVERSARY - 6th JUNE

I expect you all know about D-Day so no more said, except to give you some useful sources where you could find information on your ancestor's war experiences:

**Forces War Records:** This [online resource](#) has a great deal of useful content on soldiers serving in World War Two.

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission:** Its [database](#) contains information on those who died in World War 2.

**War Office:** Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF) and 21 Army Group [microfilms](#) are available to view at The National Archives in Kew, London. SHAEF commanded the forces that landed in France on D-Day.

**Cabinet Office:** [Search records](#) for documents concerning decisions and discussions before, during, and after the Second World War.

**1939 Register:** This 'census' of the civilian British population was used as the basis for issuing ID cards and ration books. You can view it for a fee on [Findmypast](#) and [Ancestry](#), and for free at The National Archives in Kew.

**War Diaries:** These are held at The National Archives in Kew. There is information on how to locate the relevant diary on [TNA's website](#).

**Imperial War Museum:** Extensive World War 2 [archive](#) including documents, films and photographs.

**British Newspaper Archive:** this digitised [archive](#) is a treasure trove of contemporary war reports.

If you read this article on the website you will be taken to the website just by clicking on the underlined words.

The National Archives has a [series of guides](#) that provide more detail on the resources it holds relating to WW2.

## THE GENEALOGIST



A large number of records from the National Archives have recently been released & can be searched on The Genealogist website, [thegenealogist.co.uk](http://thegenealogist.co.uk). These include over 146,000 individuals who were listed in prison records. Sourced from the PRIS 10 & PRIS 11 collections, these documents contain records from 1697 to 1862 & reveal those jailed for debt or bankruptcy. Included are the details of John Dickens, father of Charles, who was imprisoned at Marshalsea, a notorious prison in Southwark.

In another release over 300,000 occupational records can help you discover ancestors who went to sea in merchant ships & uncover more details of their working lives. Men as young as 14 were apprenticed for up to 6 years to learn the trade of a Merchant Navy seamen & a number of them would then rise up the ranks to become Captains of their own ships. You will need Diamond Subscription to access these, which is currently on a special offer so see the website for more details.

## WEBSITE UPDATE

The latest (May 2019) Publication List has been uploaded onto the Society's website. This can be viewed & downloaded in PDF format from a number of locations within the website, The Publications page can be accessed via the 'Resources' & then 'Publications & Projects' menu, or the via the 'Shop' menu.