



# DARTBOARD

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

## BRANCH MEETINGS

### SEVENOAKS

THERE IS NO  
MEETING THIS  
MONTH



### BROMLEY

THE  
BRUSHMAKERS  
SOCIETY

Ken Doughty



### DARTFORD

CADBURY, FRY &  
ROWNTREE

Fred Lemont



## WORKSHOPS

Computer  
Group

Library Experts  
Booking Code 1922



Friday DNA  
Group

Booking code:  
FDNAG 08



Dating Old  
Photographs  
(Part 1)

Hilary Waters  
Booking Code: 1923



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, 3rd AUGUST, IS: LLOYD'S OF LONDON INSURANCE

**Jerry Dowlen**

You may remember Jerry's last visit to us in August of last year when he gave us an entertaining talk, 'Wandering through the Crays'. Today he is back to tell us something of his other interest, the City of London with history highlights of this famous of British Institution that is more than 300 years old.

Born in London Jerry now lives in Orpington, Kent. He is either the author or co-author of a number of small local interest books & community publications. Topics include the City of London & St Mary Cray, Cray Wanderers F.C., a biography of Donald Ward, a Bromley poet & pacifist, & art & poetry anthologies featuring local artists & writers.

### NEW VOLUNTEERS

Within the last month 2 volunteers have come forward to take on important society positions.

A Bromley member, Jim Murchie, has agreed to be co-opted as temporary Honorary Secretary until the 2020 AGM next April when he will request to be elected by the membership as a trustee. The trustees have welcomed Jim to the executive committee. Jim will now receive emails addressed to [secretary@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:secretary@nwkhfs.org.uk).

Pam Goddard has also come forward to offer her services as Workshop Coordinator, taking over from Victor Nutt when he steps down at the end of the year. Thank you very much, Jim & Pam.

### SOCIETY QUESTIONNAIRE

The Society's Executive Committee want to give you the best experiences it can with all society services including branch meeting speakers & the website. In order to do this it would be of great help for them to hear your views on both of these. A questionnaire has been prepared which, hopefully, will be available at today's meeting & which I urge you to complete. This will not be a one off as forms will be available for the next few months at most branch meetings as the speakers are always different. If you haven't used the website up until now it may encourage you to do so & so your feedback as a new user will be most welcome.

## Writing Group

Pauline Heathcote  
Booking code: 1924



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

## JOYDENS WOOD LIBRARY

I am pleased to tell you that after a review of the opening times of the borough libraries by Dartford council, there are no changes that will affect the society's access to Summerhouse Library.

We still have access all day on Wednesdays, when every one is welcome, & at certain other times as advertised for special projects.



## THE MOON

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing, a major new exhibition has just opened at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich. The Moon is the UK's biggest exhibition dedicated to Earth's celestial neighbour & the exhibition charts the cultural & scientific story of our relationship with it including artefacts from NASA's Apollo 11 mission. The exhibition is on until the New Year & further details, including booking tickets, can be found at [www.rmg.co.uk/national-maritime-museum](http://www.rmg.co.uk/national-maritime-museum).



## CHANGE OF SPEAKER

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, there has been a change of speaker at September's Sevenoaks meeting. Instead of Ian Porter entertaining us about the Titanic, Gillian Halcrow will now be telling us about the SOE, the Special Operations Executive, or Churchill's Secret Army. The society's website has been changed to reflect it.

Please remember that the list of Branch Meeting speakers issued with the March Journal each year can be out of date before you receive it as it is printed ahead of dispatching the journal & things can change very quickly. It is always advisable to check the website if it is important to you.

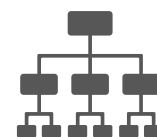
## WORKSHOP BOOKING

Although there are paper lists where you can add your name to the appropriate workshop sheet at Branch Meetings you can also book by email. If you log onto the member's only area of the website, select 'Community' from the menu along the top of the screen & click on 'Workshops' from the dropdown menu you will find all the dates & details of forthcoming workshops. On the right of the screen is a photo of Victor Nutt with a link to the booking area below. If you hover your cursor over the link it will change to red & clicking on it will create a new email message with some of the address section completed. Unfortunately you will have to do the rest.



## ANCESTRY LATEST

This most popular of Family History websites have just announced the addition of 4 new collections to their database which could be of interest to us in the South East. Three collections are: 1) Essex, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages & Burials, 1538-1812. 2) Essex, England, Church of England Births & Baptisms, 1813-1918 and 3) Essex, England, Church of England Marriages, 1754-1935.



The 4th is Bexley, Kent, England, Electoral Registers, 1734-1965. Happy searching.

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