



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 IMPERIAL CHISLEHURST



Joanna Friel

DARTFORD THE INNS OF COURT



Ian Bevan

WORKSHOPS

1939 Register



Christine Hills
Booking Code: 1902

Friday DNA Group



Booking Code: FDNAG 01

Discussion Group



Victor Nutt
Booking code: 1903

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, 5TH JANUARY, IS: THE SECRET HISTORY OF NORTHFLEET: CHRIS BULL

Chris is an old friend of the society having been a guest speaker many time in the past. He has been interested in local history since school days & became the Local Studies Librarian at Gravesham before becoming Reference Librarian at Dartford which also involved much local history. He has written numerous books, booklets & articles over the years & has been a speaker since the late 1970s & a guide since the early 1990s. He retired early from Kent's library service in 2013 & has been able to increase the range of talks & guided tours. Chris likes to bring local history to the local communities & asks them to help him collect material. Over the past 5 years he has done a regular programme of talks in the Reliance Restaurant in Gravesend under the title "Local history & chips" – & has also worked with many other local businesses on promoting local history. In 2015 he won the Dorothy McCulla Award for his contribution to local studies librarianship.

MORE SAD NEWS

Since our last meeting I have been asked to pass on to you the sad news of the deaths 2 of our members.

Reg Eagles, along with his wife Pam, regularly attended Dartford meetings for many years & were also helpers with project indexing at the library. Reg had been diagnosed with dementia & passed away on the 6th of December.

In mid-December we were told of the news that Joan Goodwins had sadly died in October, aged 92. A society member for many years, Joan started a house group in Meopham in 1986 & over the course of more than 30 years she led the group in various research projects for NWKFHS including MI recording, transcribing, census records, addressing queries from abroad & many others. She was active right up until her death.

CHRIS BULL, AGAIN

In November's Dartboard I mentioned that another walk had already been booked with Chris. I can now tell you that it will be on Tuesday the 2nd April & will be around Dartford in the morning & with a look behind the scenes in the Library in the afternoon. More details in the next edition.

Computing Group



Booking code: 1904

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
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Reception	Sheila Elisak Pauline Heathcote
Exchange journals	Stella Nicholls
Old magazines & journals	Frank Parsons Judith French
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Trips & outings	Hilary Waters
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2019 SUBSCRIPTIONS & GDPR



Maureen Griffiths is again at today's meeting taking 2019 annual subscription renewals. Cheques are preferable but cash will also be accepted. Please be aware that you may be asked to complete a GDPR form, even if you have already completed one, as it will be a condition of renewing your membership, so better safe than sorry. Forms are available.

On the subject of renewals, please consider setting up a *Standing Order & Gift Aid. SO's are easier for everyone involved, especially yourselves, & Gift Aid is a valuable source of income for the Society without any extra money from you. However you pay, SO's, cheque or cash, don't forget you can make a donation to the society by paying more than the current rates.

*In last month's Dartboard I called them Direct Debits, I was wrong, my apologies.

SIGNING IN AT MEETINGS

Our Secretary, Sheila Elisak, has asked me to remind you of the following: It is very important that you sign in at each meeting. In the event of an emergency evacuation please do not leave the site before you have had your name ticked off so it is known that you are not still in the building. If you are a society member, but your name does not show on the relevant list, please add your name to the bottom of it. Non-attendance at meetings for 6 months means your name drops off.

The visitor's list is for non-members only.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - AGM & FAMILY HISTORY DAY ON 11 APRIL 2019

THE 2019 AGM BOOKING FORM SENT WITH THE DECEMBER JOURNAL IS INCORRECT.

If you have not already responded to book lunch/tea please use the correct form https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/images/AGM_2019/BOOKING-FORM-2019.pdf

AND NOW SOME BAD NEWS

The Lost Cousins website has announced that as from the 16th February the prices of B, M & D certificates will be increasing, from £9.25 to £11 for a certificate & from £6 to £7 for a PDF copy of a register entry. These are just the basic increases but there are others that may affect family historians so I suggest that you refer to the Lost Cousins Newsletter of the 25th December 2018, www.lostcousins.com/newsletters2/xmasday18.htm#BMD. This article is a simplified version of the official notification, Statutory Instrument No. 1268 of 2018, for which there is a link, but don't bother, I tried to read it but lost the will to live before the end of the first page.

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL NWKFHS MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR