



# DARTBOARD

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

## BRANCH MEETINGS

### SEVENOAKS

#### UNDERGROUND BRITAIN

Geoffrey Beer



### BROMLEY

#### SPITALFIELDS THROUGH THE AGES

John Halligan



### DARTFORD

#### THE SIREN SEA Nations depend on it

Imogen Corrigan



## WORKSHOPS

### COMPUTING GROUP

Booking Code: 1904



### Friday DNA Group

Booking Code: FDNAG 02



### Beginners Family History

Fran Rogers

Booking code: 1905



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 INNS OF COURT:-

Ian Bevan

Ian is an official City of London guide & lecturer. He lectures in history at various colleges & organisations such as WEA (Workers' Education Association) & U3A (University of the 3rd Age), with a particular interest in the Crystal Palace. He is the author of the book 'To the Palace for the Cup' & other titles. His range of walks covers both inner & outer London & he has previously spoken several times to the various branches of the Society. He formally spent 30 years as an IT/Management Consultant.

### 2019 FAMILY HISTORY DAY & 41st AGM

Tickets are now on sale at this meeting for the highlight of the year at Cobham Hall on Thursday 11th April 2019. They are also available at the Society's library at Joydens Wood, & at the other branch meetings.

**NOTE:** The booking form that was issued with the December Journal is incorrect. The correct one can now be downloaded from the Society's website under Community & then Family History Day.

### VOLUNTEER WANTED

A volunteer is needed to help Stella Nicholls on the Exchange Journal stall at Dartford Branch meetings. If you would like to find out more please see Stella.

**PLEASE REMEMBER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WANTED!**

Still on the subject of the stalls, you are all aware that I run the Branch Library stall. Last year only 3 books were borrowed, one of those by myself, so please remember that if you don't use it you may lose it!

### DARTFORD WALK



On Tuesday the 2nd April Chris Bull will entertain us around Dartford. Commencing at about 11am he will point out places of interest that are easily overlooked as we rush through the historic town centre. After a break for lunch we will be able to go behind the scenes in the Library. Originally built with the aid of a grant from the philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie, it has served the town since 1916. If you would be interested in joining the walk please email me at [dartford@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:dartford@nwkhfs.org.uk) & please enter **Dartford Walk 2019** in the subject box. I will then add you to my list so I can give you more details.

## Writing Group

Pauline Heathcote

Booking code: 1906



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

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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
Exchange journals	Stella Nicholls
Old magazines & journals	Frank Parsons Judith French
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## NEXT STEPS ON THE ROAD SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS BY THE FFHS

The Federation of Family History Societies, to which NWKFS is a member, is running a series of regional events. This seminar is being run on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 at the Wesley Chapel, 49 City Road, London, EC1Y 1AU. This seminar is FREE to to FFHS member societies and builds on last years seminar 'Family History Society of the Future'. This new seminar updates the FFHS goals, discusses ideas for the future and what experiences that work or don't work.

For more details and booking contact Steve Manning the FFHS Education officer at [education@ffhs.org.uk](mailto:education@ffhs.org.uk) .

Information from David Cufley

## CHANGE OF DATES

As a result of a request from some interested parties the new Computer Group will now meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next one will be on the 13th of February. All other details stay unchanged. The website has been altered to reflect this change.



## THE SOCIETY LIBRARY

The society library is housed at the KCC library, Joydens Wood, where we have our own room & storage for much of our resources, many of which are available to borrow & not just for reference. These include books, maps & more. All you have to be is a member to take advantage of this on Wednesdays only. Please note that books in the main library are out of bounds except for browsing.

When you meet new people who show an interest in family history please let them know that our Society is NOT just for researching Kent family history. We hold many resources covering the rest of Britain & beyond. Please also stress that many of our members have a wealth of knowledge & will help with genealogical & other related problems.

## BEXLEY BOOK BUZZ 2019



This month, February, Bexley Borough are holding their 2nd literary festival called Book Buzz 2019. There is something for everyone in it including a talk by Nick Barrett, author & historian, called 'Researching & Writing your Family History'. It will be at Bexley Central Library, Bexleyheath, on the 20th February, starting at 2pm & lasting for about an hour. The best news is that it is free, but tickets must be obtained in advance through [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk). It is easy to do & as of writing this there are still tickets available but I wouldn't leave it too long.

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