



# DARTBOARD

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

## BRANCH MEETINGS

### SEVENOAKS

**CHRISTMAS: A  
CELEBRATORY  
HISTORY**

**Alan Williams**



### BROMLEY

**THERE IS NO  
MEETING THIS  
MONTH**



### DARTFORD

**THE HISTORY OF  
BUTTONS**

**Alison Ellman-Brown**



## WORKSHOPS

**THERE ARE NO WORKSHOPS IN  
DECEMBER**

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, 7th DECEMBER IS: CHRISTMAS ON THE HOME FRONT

**Mike Brown**

Mike Brown was head of history in a London comprehensive school who, in the absence of a book about the Home Front for his pupils, decided to write one. Since then he has had around thirty more books on twentieth century history published.

Mike & his wife Carol Harris give talks at schools, museums, clubs, & other venues. They have appeared on radio and television, including Time Team, Timewatch, & (most impressive of all for his pupils), Richard and Judy. Recently they have worked on the series 'Ration Book Britain', 'Heir Hunters', 'Love on VE Day' & 'the German are Coming'. They live in South-east London. Mike retired from teaching in 2010, & now works full time writing, giving talks & doing research.

### IMPORTANT LAST REMINDER

**Please remember that next month's meeting will be on the 11th January, the 2nd Saturday of the month, as the college will be closed on our usual day.**

### MORE INTERESTING READING



All of the past Tunbridge Wells FHS journals are now available within the Member's Only Area (M.O.A.) of the society's website. They can be accessed via the MEMBERS drop down menu which appears after you have logged into the site using your username & password credentials. If anyone is still having problems registering & logging in to our website please come along to the library on a Wednesday where someone will help you. You will need your membership number.

### FREE REFERENCE BOOK LIBRARY & EXCHANGE JOURNALS

With effect from January 2020 the Buckinghamshire Family History Society are going to issue their Member's Journals in electronic format only. This is a growing trend as it saves a substantial amount of money which can be better spent. This will then have a knock-on effect in that our supply will gradually dwindle as more & more societies do the same. Please make use of the ones we currently have while they are there.

### CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM THE DARTFORD COMMITTEE

*The Dartford Branch Committee of Janet Rose, Sheila Elisak, Maureen Griffiths, Lorraine King, Barbara Phillips, Barbara Attwater & Raymer Lofts would like to wish all members a very Happy Christmas & a healthy & prosperous 2020.*

## DON'T FORGET

There are still copies of the 2020 Society Calendar available at only £2 each. Where else can you get a year long present at that price!

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
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## WORKSHOPS & WEBSITE

There are no workshops during this festive month.

At a loose end on Wednesdays? All members are welcome to visit the library where they will find a mug of tea or coffee, cake &/or mince pies & fellow members to discuss all topics of the day, especially family history.

Please remember that if a workshop you would like to attend is already full please add your name to the list as you may be offered a place if another member has to cancel. Also, by doing this the workshop will be re-run when numbers are sufficient.

An additional page has been added to the website entitled 'Past Workshops'. This can be found under the 'COMMUNITY' menu directly below the existing Workshops. This is a result of feedback from a number of members who have either missed past workshops or do not know what has been presented in recent years & what they entailed. Hopefully most of the past workshops are there but if you know of any that are not please email [webmaster@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@nwkfhs.org.uk).

Latest issue of the Journal (December) has been uploaded to the Member's Only Area (M.O.A.) along with the cover & contents pages (only) in the public domain section of the website.



## LIBRARY WINDOW DISPLAY

The Library Committee are proposing the idea that any member of the Society could display the results of their family history research at the Joydens Wood Library Window.

The plan is for them show pictures maps & documents that refer to their research to tell the story of an ancestor. The Society will pay for the pictures to be laminated & give assistance with mounting the display on the backboards. The method of attachment uses Velcro tape. Any member who wants to take up this challenge can ask for help from some of the Library experts. If a member would prefer to prepare a display on a subject rather than their family this can be done. A suggested subject would be the work & tools of a trade or occupation, such as a 'Tailor' or coachman'. Email [library@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:library@nwkfhs.org.uk) if you are interested.

## WALK & TALK

If you want to get a bit of gentle exercise & fresh air between Christmas & the New Year Chris Bull, a regular entertainer & speaker at our meetings, has organised a 'Winter Warmer Walk' over Swanscombe Marshes on Friday 27th December starting at 10.30am. Organised on behalf of the Gravesend Historical Society Footpath Committee, the group will meet outside the George & Dragon, Galley Hill, Swanscombe. It is a free event, (donations welcome), open to all, no need to book, just turn up. Please wear sensible footwear.

Chris's 2020 programme of walks & talks is now on his website - [www.christophbull.co.uk](http://www.christophbull.co.uk).

## MONEY MATTERS

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This year's charity raffle is in aid of Ellenor Hoispice.

Your 2020 subscriptions are now due. Maureen Griffiths is taking them in the hall today & will be doing so at our next meeting on the 11th January.