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

## MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

### ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

Heroes & Villains - have you found them in your family tree

10.30am start  
Leader - Ann Clarke

7th  
August

### LIBRARY DNA & GENERAL DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussions on various aspects of DNA & family history

10.30am start  
Leader - Jacki Ellis

14th  
August

### ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

Let's talk about Family History  
An informal session to talk about any Family History topics

2.30pm start  
Leader - David Cufley

14th  
August

### ZOOM DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussions on various aspects of DNA

10.30am start  
Leader - Laura Lincoln

21st  
August

### LIBRARY WRITING GROUP

For Society members only, booking essential

10.30am start  
Leader - Pauline Heathcote

28th  
August

### ZOOM WORKSHOP

One name studies, what's involved & how can they help?

7.30pm start  
Leader - David Cufley

28th  
August

**REMINDER** - Booking is no longer required for individual Zoom Workshops & Discussion Groups. For 2024 a Zoom Register has been created to cover all attendance to any of the zoom groups. Any society member who would like to be added to the register needs to submit their name, email address and membership number to [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org)

**DARTFORD BRANCH MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE DARTFORD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE, HEATH LANE, DARTFORD ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. DOORS OPEN AT 09.45 & MEETING COMMENCES AT 10.30.**

### OUR TALK TODAY, THE 3rd AUGUST 2024, USING FUNERAL DIRECTORS & BURIAL RECORDS FOR RESEARCH

Brian Parsons

Brian Parsons has worked in the funeral industry since 1982 with a particular interest in education. He is an accredited tutor & has lectured at Bath University. He has written several books including his latest revised version of "London Cemeteries". Brian will demonstrate how best to use funeral & burial records for genealogical research. These documents contain a wealth of information on the deceased, their families & the funeral customs of the era & area where they lived. The presentation will include some rarely seen images.

**SEVENOAKS BRANCH MEETINGS ARE HELD AT OTFORD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL, HIGH STREET, OTFORD ON THE 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. DOORS OPEN AT 10.45 & MEETING COMMENCES AT 11.00.**

### THE TALK ON THE 10th AUGUST 2024, THE SECRETS OF A REMOTE PARISH

Christoph Bull

Chris is well known to our society having given many talks & the occasional walk. In this talk we will find out more of this village's remote setting & secrets. So secret he is not giving anything away in his publicity about the talk. To find out more you will have to come to the meeting.

### THE TALK ON THE 7th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT THE DARTFORD MEETING IS, HOW ENGLISH & WELSH RECORDS WORK

Michael Gandy

Michael is well known to our Society as a knowledgeable & entertaining speaker.

He is returning to give us a talk on how things work & the origins & development of local & state governance, the better to understand the reasons why & for whom the records were made that we use in our research & why they don't always provide the answers that we expect.

### MORE DISCUSSION GROUPS

There are 2 more groups to add to the list on the left:

#### LIBRARY SCOTTISH INTERESTS DISCUSSION GROUP

For Society members only, Booking essential

cont.

## MEETINGS

Meetings are either held at Dartford or Sevenoaks. They are open to all, but a donation towards the cost of the speaker is welcome from non-members.

## WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

Workshops & Discussion Groups at the library are for members only. Prior booking is essential as numbers are limited. To book a place please email: [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk)



<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Janet Rose
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<b>Pastoral Care</b>	Janet Rose
<b>Sound Technicians</b>	Ian West
<b>Light refreshments</b>	Sandra & Bob Shepherd
<b>Raffle</b>	Pat Cornelius
<b>Reception</b>	Pauline Heathcote
<b>Ephemera</b>	Louise Scott
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<b>Trips &amp; outings</b>	Hilary Waters
<b>Dartboard editor</b>	Hilary Waters

You can email the editor at: [newsletters@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:newsletters@nwkfhs.org.uk)

Date: 4th September, 10.30am start  
Leaders - Jacki Ellis & Pam Goddard

### ZOOM DISCUSSION GROUP

Family History Soap Box - Get it off your chest  
Date: 4th September, 10.30am start  
Leader Ann Clarke

### EXCHANGE JOURNALS

At last week's meeting of the Society Trustees it was decided to stop participating in the Exchange Journal system, the main reasons are twofold:

1. Other societies are gradually abandoning paper Exchange Journals going over to online only so the number we receive is gradually diminishing.
2. Every month at the Dartford meeting the journals, in 6 heavy boxes, are taken out of storage & displayed for the attendees to peruse &/or borrow. This year especially almost nobody comes to look. After which at the end of the meeting they have to be put back in storage.

Also with lack of volunteers to help there is no back-up to run the stall at times of holidays or sickness.

The Trustees are trying to simplify the Society & this is one thing that can help. The current journals held will be passed to Louise on the Ephemera stall where they can be bought for a small donation.

### LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVE'S CHANGES

With effect from the 5th August 2024 The London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) is changing its name to The London Archives. Its owners, the City of London Corporation, have received feedback from workshops & surveys where there appears to be a lot of confusion around the word Metropolitan. Were they the archives for the Metropolitan Police? the Metropolitan tube line? or London Metropolitan University? It is hoped that this change & rebranding is hoped to make it clearer to all what services they can help the public with. As well as the name change a new website is under development.

At the same time as the change of name a free display, 'Magna Carta & King John' is opening. It features 2 of the most iconic documents in the archives' collections, London's Magna Carta (1297), the 1st time it will have been on public display at the LMA, & the Mayoralty charter of King John (1215).

With over 100km of books, maps, photographs, films & documents dating back to 1067 held in its strong rooms, London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) records the history of the capital, preserving & sharing the stories of Londoners, businesses, charities, hospitals, schools, community groups, & many others.

The City of London Corporation is one of the largest funders of heritage & cultural activities in the UK, investing over £130m every year. The organisation manages a range of world-class cultural & heritage institutions, including the Barbican Centre, Tower Bridge, Guildhall School of Music & Drama, Guildhall Art Gallery, London Metropolitan Archives, & Keats House. It also supports the London Symphony Orchestra & the Museum of London.