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Welcome to the mid January 2018 issue of emailinfoservice, the NWKFHS email fortnightly information service, comprising the latest information about the Society and its events, and other items of interest for family historians.

It is compiled by me, Stella Eames; please send me any comments and contributions via emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org.uk

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[Facebook](#)

Society Vice-President and for many years Chairman, Walter Eves, has started a Facebook Group page for members and friends of NWKFHS. We know that interacting with other members is one of the most enjoyable things about the Society so please sign up. It's also a good forum for quick questions about ancestors in the NWK area, as other Facebook readers may share your ancestors. We know we have many far flung members all over the world who cannot get to meetings. The new page, which is in addition to our existing page, is called [North West Kent Family History Society Group](#). 144 people have joined so far.

To join NWKFHS and come to the library, all our meetings, house groups and workshops please just click [here](#) or email Membership Secretary Mrs Christina Barnett, on membership@nwkfhs.org.uk **Membership is only £10 per year or £12 for two people at the same address. Value of family history news and help you can receive priceless. Your subscription will be valid til 31 December 2018.**

Existing members: 2018 subscriptions: subscriptions are being collected at the branch meetings and the library. Yet another year without any increases so it is still £10 per individual or £12 for 2 people at the same address. What a bargain! Please consider setting up a standing order, not only is it less administration for our volunteer membership and renewals secretaries and our voluntary treasurer but also for you too.

Membership benefits: members get access to all our meetings with speakers PLUS PLUS PLUS a quarterly journal packed full of articles and useful information, monthly workshops on topics requested by members and the benefits of our library and research centre, open Wednesdays.

New Register Transcriptions

Volunteers spend hours transcribing parish registers - to raise funds for the Society and so that the data is available to out of town researchers for whom it would be costly and time-consuming to view the original registers.

Barbara Phillips, committee member for publications and projects, advises that the following new CDs are now available for purchase: [click here](#) for how to buy or for any enquiries.

Chislehurst St Nicholas Baptisms 1813-1886 plus alphabetical index (over 3,200 entries) CD101 Price £8

North Cray St James Marriages 1755-1783 plus bride and groom indexes (113 entries) CD102 Price £5

Darenth Asylum Chaplains Interment Register 1880-1904 (over 1300 entries) plus **Darenth Asylum Smallpox Deaths (including staff)** 1884-1901 (300 entries) both with alphabetical indexes. CD103 £8

Swanscombe St Peter & St Paul Marriages 1754-1837 (665 entries) plus Bride and Groom indexes. CD104 £5

REVISED due to the inclusion of an index plus amendments to the data: **Darenth Asylum Under-Age Burial Register** 1878-1985 (over 2,700 entries) plus alphabetical index. Disc includes MIs and photographs of graves. CDv2 £10.

The Society is very grateful for its transcribers. If it is something you can offer to do (entirely from home as you'll be provided with copies of the Register pages to read, and enter the data onto a computer spreadsheet) please contact Barbara on publications@nwkfhs.org.uk

New DNA Housegroup

The new housegroup had an interesting first meeting on 11 January. There is now a waiting list as space and the opportunity for every one to join in the discussion means that there has to be a maximum number. Perhaps a second housegroup on this topic may be started. So if you are interested, please let Victor Nutt know on workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

What's On - NWKFHS Events during the coming weeks

(see the Events tab on our Facebook page for events a few months further ahead)
(Or the website for the entire Talks programme April 2018 - March 2019 so you can book your diaries ahead)

Our meetings are interesting mix of speakers and workshops. The Branch meetings with speakers are held at venues in Bromley, Dartford and Sevenoaks and the workshops are in the Society Library in Joyden's Wood, which we have sole use of on Wednesdays.

Branch meetings are free to NWKFHS members and no booking is required. Guests are welcome but we appreciate a donation to the Society's funds to help cover the costs of hall hire and the speaker. Please join the Society if you want to come to more than one meeting - only £10 a year or £12 total for two members at the same address <http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/join.htm>

The 2-hour workshops are limited to 10 members and have proved very popular. Several are full already - however don't let that stop you booking them as reserve lists are kept and a second workshop on the same topic is arranged if there is demand. Sometimes reserves are invited to join the workshop at short notice. Please note that **booking is essential for workshops** and we invite a donation towards the costs of maintaining the library.

The Library at 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joyden's Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE is open to members and visitors every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm. Our volunteers can help you with your research and you can use the library computers with free Find My Past and Ancestry access.

January 17 - Wednesday 10.30am Workshop at the Library **Using maps to trace your ancestors**

A workshop exploring how your research data can be used to create a map of the counties and parishes where your ancestors have lived and worked.

By producing a distribution map, you will have a visual image of their movements, which may help you solving some research queries. The workshop will use timelines, spreadsheets and databases to create the information that can be used by hand or software ie GENMAP to create the map. Hand drawn maps can use any map as background by marking locations and years of the event. Led by David Cufley.

Workshop open to all members of NWKFHS. Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact Victor on workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk £5 donation requested towards costs.

Venue is the Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE

Park in nearby side roads. Doors open 10am.

January 20 - Saturday 10.30am - Speaker at Bromley **Behind the scenes of television's golden years**

Please note change of speaker to that previously published.

Our January speaker is Wilf Lower, who has a wide background of knowledge of entertainment will take us "Behind The Scenes of Television's Golden Years". Wilf will enliven miserable post festival days with his background knowledge of the BBC and stories of much loved television programmes

Doors open 9.45am, meeting starts 10.30am. The venue, Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley BR1 3NS has a free car park (although this can fill up) and is close to Bromley North Station and is on or near many bus routes.

Free to all NWKFHS members. No booking - just turn up. Guests are welcome but we appreciate a £1.00 donation to the Society's funds. More info from bromley@nwkhfs.org.uk

January 24 - Wednesday 10.30am Discussion Group at the Library

The Future of family History Societies part 3 led by Victor Nutt.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact Victor on workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk
£5 donation requested towards costs.

Venue is the Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE

Park in nearby side roads. Doors open 10am.

February 3 - Saturday 10.30am - Speaker at Dartford

Early days of the Metropolitan Police

Guest speaker Ken Chamberlain will tell us about the Metropolitan Police Service which was established, by Act of Parliament, in 1829 by the then Home Secretary, Sir Robert Peel. Two Commissioners of Police for the Metropolis were appointed.

An establishment of 895 constables, 88 sergeants, 20 inspectors and 8 superintendents were recruited. This grew within one year to 3,000 men, organised into seven divisions policing the metropolitan area. Many recruits were former soldiers or sailors, and came from outside London. This excluded the City of London, where a separate city police force was established in 1832.

The Metropolitan Police were directly answerable to the Home Secretary until the year 2000, when the Metropolitan Police Authority was created (MPA).

Doors open 9.45am, meeting starts 10.30am. The venue, Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford DA1 2LY, has a large, free car park via the Heath Lane entrance.

Free to all NWKFHS members. No booking - just turn up. Guests are welcome but we appreciate a £1.00 donation to the Society's funds. More info from dartford@nwkfhs.org.uk

February 6: Tuesday 12.15pm at Orpington Library

Fran Rogers is speaking about beginning your family history research and how NWKFHS can help as part of Orpington Library's 'Short Bites' programme of speakers. This event cannot be booked but please arrive at the Library in good time to take your seat. The entrance to the library is in The Walnuts Shopping Precinct, next to Sainsbury's entrance. The talk and questions will last about an hour.

February 8 - Thursday 8.00pm Speaker at Sevenoaks

World War I Poets; explanations and recitations

The poets of World War One - Sassoon, Owen, Blunden - have acquired an almost celebrity status. Our guest speakers who will explore this topic for us this evening are Bob and Fern Ogle.

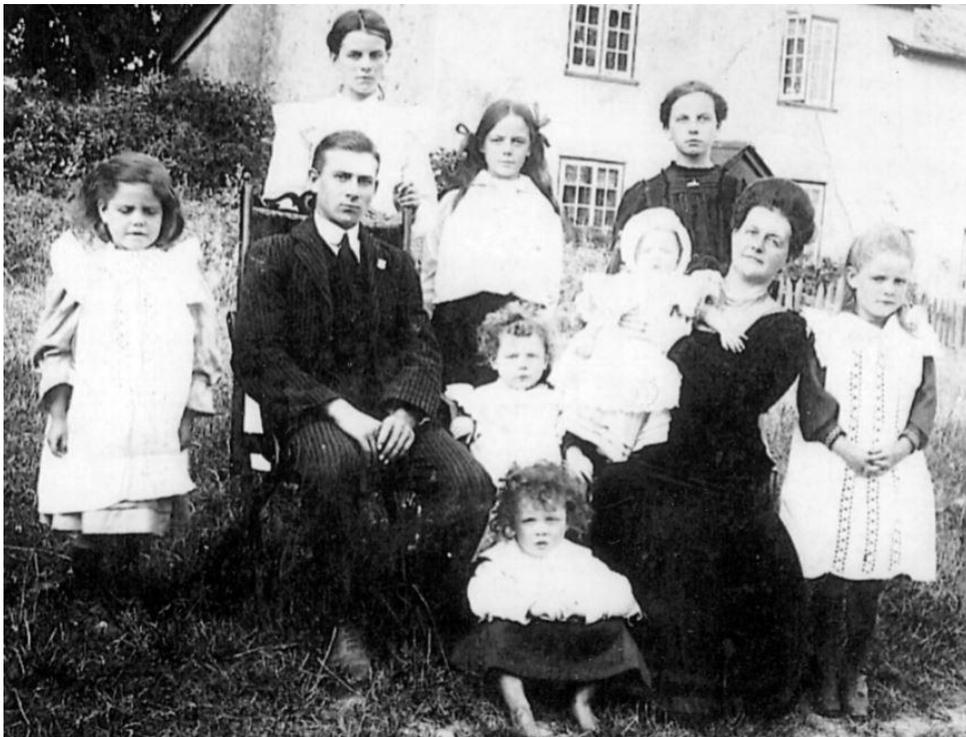
Bob Ogle was born in Sevenoaks, has lived in the county all his life and is proud to be a Kentish man. As author of more than 20 books he has travelled extensively in pursuit of information and photographs and is in great demand from organisations across the south-east to tell his unique story.

A former editor of The Sevenoaks Chronicle, Bob was a journalist for more than 30 years before he left his newspaper to concentrate on writing books and giving his talks. He is also a regular broadcaster on BBC Radio Kent.

Free to all NWKFHS members. No booking - just turn up. Guests are welcome but we appreciate a £1.00 donation to the Society's funds. More info from sevenoaks@nwkfhs.org.uk

Venue: Sevenoaks Community Centre, Cramptons Road, off Otford Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5DN
Doors open 7.15pm, meeting starts 8pm. Finishes by 9.30pm. There is a large free car park.

**February 17- Saturday 10.30am - Speaker at Bromley
Call the Midwife**



Our Guest Speaker, Ian Porter, is an historian, writer, public speaker and walks guide. He has lived in St Johns, Lewisham, Catford and pretty much every other place in South East London (the full list sounds like a railway announcement) to which his restless parents moved.

Ian obtained a degree in history at the University of Birmingham and has written a novel, *Whitechapel*, set in the East End slums of 1888. Ian also writes articles and gives lectures on various elements of old East End life from the start of the industrial revolution through to the era of today's talk 'Call the Midwife'. Ian is full of knowledge and adds his humour to make a very enjoyable and interesting talk.

Doors open 9.45am, meeting starts 10.30am. The venue, Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley BR1 3NS has a free car park (although this can fill up) and is close to Bromley North Station and is on or near many bus routes.

Free to all NWKFHS members. No booking - just turn up. Guests are welcome but we appreciate a £1.00 donation to the Society's funds. More info from bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk

**February 21 - Wednesday 10.30am Workshop at the Library
The 1939 Register**

Led by Christine Hills. This is a duplicate of the workshop last held on 19 July 2017 because many more members wanted to attend than we had space for.

The Register can be used as a census substitute but, unlike other census, it is not a snapshot in time but an evolving document which continued to be updated for some years after WW2. We will examine what it contains and discuss any problems you may have encountered when using it.

The 1939 Register is a useful resource for family, social and local historians. As the 1931 census for England and Wales was destroyed by fire during the Second World War and no census was taken in 1941, the 1939 Register provides the most complete survey of the population of England and Wales between 1921 and 1951.

The Register can be viewed online at FindMyPast (subscription) or free at The National Archives at Kew. NWKFHS members can view FMP free at the Society library on Wednesdays.

Workshop open to all members of NWKFHS. Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact Victor on workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk £5 donation requested towards costs.

Venue is the Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE
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**February 28 - Wednesday 10.30am Workshop at the Library
Writing Group**

Open to all members of NWKFHS. Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact Victor on workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk £5 donation requested towards costs.

Venue is the Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE
Park in nearby side roads. Doors open 10am.

**March 3 - Saturday 10.30am - Speaker at Dartford
LostCousins <https://www.lostcousins.com/>**

Guest speaker LostCousins founder Peter Calver will tell us about how the best people to help you knock down your 'brick walls' are your cousins - indeed, one of your cousins may already have solved the problem that you're finding so challenging. In the past research has tended to focus on just a few family lines - but at LostCousins you can search for cousins from all of your lines simultaneously.

Free to all NWKFHS members. No booking - just turn up. Guests are welcome but we appreciate a £1.00 donation to the Society's funds. More info

Doors open 9.45am, meeting starts 10.30am.

The Branch Annual Meeting will precede the guest speaker.

Free to all NWKFHS members. No booking - just turn up. Guests are welcome but we appreciate a £1.00 donation to the Society's funds. More info from bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk

Bromley Methodist Church does have a carpark, but it may fill up. It is very near Bromley North Station and on or near many bus routes.

**March 28 - Wednesday 10.30am Workshop at the Library
Beginners Guide to researching Soldiers of WWI**

This workshop is aimed at those members wishing to research WW1 Soldiers from records on Ancestry & Find My Past. - Led by Fran Rogers

Open to all members of NWKFHS. Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact Victor on workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk
£5 donation requested towards costs.

Venue is the Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE

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14 April 2018 AGM and Family History day: at Farringtons School, Chislehurst

Members, book your diaries now. The AGM will be at midday but there is a full programme of events starting with welcome coffee at 9.30am including morning and afternoon speakers. See the insert in the December Journal for details and the booking form for lunch and afternoon tea if you'd like that.

Remember that all our planned talks and workshops for the next year are listed in the Talks PDF on our website <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/Branch%20programme%202018-19.pdf>

Thrifty Genealogy 2 - get the most out of free resources.. continued



In the last email I promised to continue with some information on cheap and free ways to further your research. I think this will become a series of

articles as the subject's too wide to get it all in one article.

So I have decided to split it into - if not bite-size chunks - at least into pieces which are not too long. Therefore, today I am focusing on some useful [free newsletters and talks](#).

[The Federation of Family History Societies \(FFHS\)](#)

A sort of trade association for the family history societies.

The website pages list lots of resources including conferences run by the FFHS itself. I've been to a couple and can attest the quality of the speakers. There is normally a nominal fee for the day to cover costs of hall hire and tea/coffee. Last time it was just £12.

Currently being publicised are: London 29 September 2018 - Beyond the Census III

For more information or to register an interest please contact education@ffhs.org.uk

[The Society of Genealogists](#)

This costs to join but has free introductory sessions.

See this page <http://www.sog.org.uk/search-records> Do a free surname search. <http://www.sog.org.uk/books-courses/events-courses/category/free-talks-tours-advice/> Some talks are free. They do also have interesting paid for courses. Sign up for the free newsletter.

[The National Archives](#)

Free to visit and to order up to six documents which they'll have ready for your visit. It's vital to read about visiting and take identification with you so your visit isn't wasted. Apply for your Readers pass online before you go. <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/visit-us/researching-here/>

You can also sign up for the free newsletter. Use the online discovery tool to search for info which may be held about your surnames. <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk> Unlike some archives, once there in person you can use your own camera or phone to photograph documents.

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/search-our-records>

Although you have to pay (by buying credits) to get copy documents, a lot can be found just by searching its records. Searching is free but you have to register to search (just name, email address, password).

<https://www.familysearch.org/search>

Free to register and lots of info is also free.

(I noticed that the Society of Genealogists had a free course on 8 Feb on how to get the best from FamilySearch but it's already fully booked. So it's important to keep an eye out for the free courses and book well in advance.)

Local Libraries

Keep an eye out for what is going on locally.

eg Bexley Libraries have BookBuzz in February. View the programme [here](#). For example on Thurs 15 Feb there is a look at the personal memories of local people at the Local Studies and Archive Centre at Bexley Local Library; on Friday 16 Feb Nick Barrett the genealogical consultant for Who Do You Think You Are is giving a talk at Hall Place. Free but you must book via Eventbrite.

Orpington Library has a series of talks under the umbrella 'short bites' at

12.30pm - 2pm on the first Tuesday of the month. On 6 Feb NWKFHS own Fran Rogers will be talking about Family History research. It's free and you don't have to book. The Bromley libraries don't seem to publicise their talks online, but there is a leaflet available at each library which takes part.

Gresham Lectures

Completely free hour - long lectures on a variety of academic subjects, some of which would interest a family historian eg London Merchants and their Residences 17 Jan; most do not require booking, most are held at the Museum of London. See the website for details.

I am winding up here as this article is already long enough. To be continued in the next emailinfo.

Brockley-born Albert Christian Havelock



*Albert Christian Havelock,
died 27 March 1916*



NWKFHS member Graham Jansen recently bought a First World War medal trio issued to Sapper 70910 Albert Christian Havelock of the Royal Engineers, and is now researching his war record.

Albert Havelock was born in 1895 in Brockley, (then) Kent. His father was Charles Havelock of 86 Clonmore Street, Southfields, Wandsworth. Albert was a pupil at Wandsworth School and the School's Memorial Trust now own the medals and intend to display them inside the newly built school on the site where Wandsworth School originally stood. Graham has also been helping the Memorial Trust research the names of other pupils who lost their lives during the First World War.

Sapper Havelock was killed in action on 27 March 1916 and is buried at Saint Pol Communal Cemetery Extension, Saint-Pol-sur-Ternoise, Department du Pas-de-Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France Plot A. 3.

If any readers are perhaps connected to Albert Havelock and can further Graham's research, please email him at gray912@sky.com

Nursing Family History Workshop Saturday 10 February, 10am-5pm
RCN HQ, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN



**“Mummy,
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Do you have a First World War nurse in your family? Would you like help and advice researching your medical ancestors? Join us for a day of talks and practical workshops focused on nursing family history and women at war.

Speakers include: Kirsty Gray, Dick Robinson and Molly Case.

Tickets: £8 (£7 RCN members)

Book online at: www.nursingfamilyhistory.eventbrite.co.uk or call 0345 337 3368



The Royal College of Nursing Library and Heritage Centre has asked us to publicise their event. It looks excellent value at only £7/ £8 which includes lunch and tea/coffee.

I (Stella) have already booked because, reading about the programme on the Eventbrite link below, it is not just about nursing.

“Mummy, what did you do in the war?” will feature a mixture of talks and practical sessions focusing on how to research your Great War family history.

Find out how to research your Great War family history, with a focus on nursing and VAD stories. The day will feature a mixture of talks and practical sessions, from exploring nursing records online to creative writing and family history. Speakers include family history expert Kirsty Gray, nurse and poet Molly Case, and Dick and Lisa Robinson, who will talk about

Dick's great aunt, First World War nurse Edith Appleton.

To read more, or book a space, see Eventbrite page. <https://nursingfamilyhistory.eventbrite.co.uk>

Tickets are £8, including lunch and tea and coffee. A certain number of tickets are available at £7 for Family History Society members or U3A members. When you book click the 'RCN member' to get the £7 offer. On the day bring a note of code FHS2018 or U3A2018 and evidence of membership of one of these organisations. As NWKFHS for example does not issue membership cards, our Journal is your evidence. Or you may be a U3A member also (I am) and can just bring that membership card.

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If there is anything else I should be aware of, to give you maximum benefit from this emailinfomailingservice, please let me know. I do receive many suggestions and requests for external events to be included, but there is only room for so much and I am conscious that the longer this email is, the less likely it is to be read. Some external events I publish on our Facebook page instead. But I'd welcome your opinions on the length and content and whether there is anything additional you'd like included.

Please mention it to others and encourage them to sign up so that we can keep society members and anyone interested in family history informed of NWKFHS activities.

PS If you do notice any errors please tell me, so that they are not carried forward to the next emailinfo.

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