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*Welcome to the NWKFHS email information service
15th November 2017*

Welcome to another 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

[Click here for a link to the latest branch newsletters and back issues of emailinfoservice \(aka Society newsletter\)](#)

You can also keep up with all the NWKFHS news on Facebook. Just click [the link](#) and look at the Events tab on the left hand side of the Facebook page.

**[British Home Children Registry - Canada](http://www.britishhomechildrenregistry.com)
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From 1869 to 1939 over 100,000 destitute children emigrated from

Britain to Canada to be used as indentured farm workers and domestics. Believed by Canadians to be orphans, only two percent truly were. These children were sent to Canada by over 50 organisations including the well-known and still working charities such as Barnardo.

Only surnames beginning with AA to HAM are online so far and can be searched - but this small section of the alphabet includes over 30,000 children. Work is ongoing daily to enter missing children, emigration information, and perform logic and error checks.

Click the link above and search to see if any of your ancestors were among the children who, it was thought, were going to a better life.

Dartford Meeting - Freemasonry - visit to the Sidcup Masonic centre

At the Dartford branch meeting on 5 November, Peter Jones gave a very interesting, introductory talk on 300 years of Freemasonry. At the end, Victor Nutt said that if there were any members who wish to visit a masonic centre to see and hear more about what goes on at a masonic meeting, he would be happy to organise such a visit to the Sidcup Masonic Centre. It will have to be on a Sunday afternoon as the Centre is very busy at all other times.

If you are interested, please contact Victor on the workshop booking address stating the number of people interested (you can bring family and friends).
workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

After all the branch meetings this month Victor will make arrangements for the visit. Because of the time of year it is most likely to be in the early part of 2018.

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.**

Any sleuths reading this? Help needed identifying The Crew of Train 33 - Ambulance Train based in Sevenoaks in WW2. Some of the nurses came from Chislehurst and Bromley.

Susie Riches asks - Do you recognise any of these surnames? Achurch, Cross, Foster, Gibbs, Gilmore, Grogan, Jones MRCS, John, Lawrence, Mahoney, Manger, Martin, Meggs, Povey, Taylor, Tillery, Williamson, Sister Wilkinson, Wood.

With my grandmother, Diana PAPWORTH, these were the doctors and nurses of Train 33 who took wounded soldiers to and from hospitals in WW2. As a 17 year old from Ramsey (Hunts), Diana enlisted in 1940 and always spoke very fondly of her work as a nurse and of colleagues.

I have her wartime diaries and some photographs but would love to find out more. Please contact me at susiesue77@yahoo.co.uk

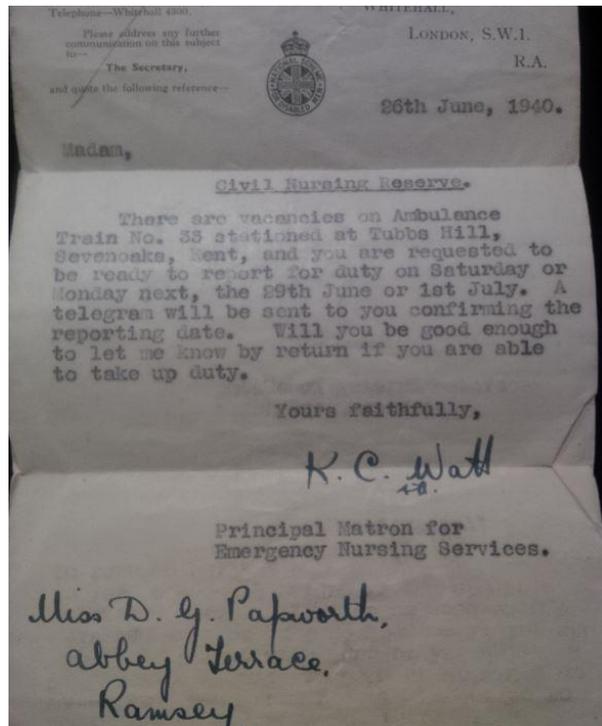
As usual, to zoom the photos to a larger size, just right click on the image then select 'open image in new tab'.



To Diana
 from the crew of Train 32.

October 18th. 1940.

D. Whitworth Jones M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P. B.A. B.Sc.
 Dorothy Wilkinson S.R.N.
 Sarah Gilmore S.R.N.
 Olive Wood S.R.N. S.C.M. W. Martin
 Ethel M York ed. G. Gibb
 Joyce Ashurst L. W. Taylor
 Mrs. P. Johns S. J. Lawrence
 Miss. Povey of Mahoney
 Diana S. Gordon W. Jones
 Iris Emery H. Cross
 B. Nangle F. J. Meigs
 Ian Williamson G. J. Denny H.T.O.
 Dorothy Foster



What's On - NWKFHS Events during the coming weeks

[\(see the Events tab on our Facebook page for events further ahead\)](#)

Our meetings are interesting mix of speakers and workshops. The Branch meetings 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.

November 18 – Saturday 10.30am Speaker at Bromley The goose is getting fat! The history of Christmas food

Our guest speaker, Imogen Corrigan, will tell us why we kiss under mistletoe and how our own traditions - decorating our houses with greenery and bling, sending cards, eating too much, wearing a silly hat - are based on pagan festivities that either honoured spirits or simply helped to break up the winter. Others, such as advent calendars and crackers, are much more recent.

Imogen's talk gives a glimpse behind the scenes to see our ancestors preparing for the day, stirring-up puddings and dragging Yule logs into the house on Christmas Eve.

Doors open 9.45am, meeting starts 10.30am.

At the usual Bromley Branch venue, Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley BR1 3NS. The church has a car park which can fill up. But it's only yards from Bromley North Station and on or near many bus routes.

**November 23 - Drop in session at The Meeting Place, Dartford
10am - 2pm**

NWKFHS volunteers will be speaking to passers-by about researching family history and our Society.

Please pop in and say Hallo if you are passing. You can also join the Society, buy calendars and notelets and receive some help with your research.

November 25 - NWKFHS in the Foyer at Tesco Orpington 10am - 3pm

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Please pop in and say Hallo if you are passing. You can also join the Society, buy calendars and notelets and receive some help with your research. Although several members have volunteered to staff the stand we could probably do with a couple more for a couple of hours each. Please contact me Stella on interstellae@hotmail.co.uk if you live within reasonable travelling distance and are free that day.

**November 29 – Wednesday 10.30am – 12.30pm Writing Group
No 2 at the Library**

Because the current quarterly writing group has proved so popular, it has been decided to start a second, rather than trying to accomodate new members within the original group.

The success of writing group No 1 has shown that a maximum of six members is an ideal number to allow all voices to be heard. The on-going future of the two groups will be re-evaluated at the beginning of 2018. Leader Pauline Heathcote.

Writing Group No 2 is open to all members of NWKFHS. Booking essential - please contact Victor on workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk. Donation requested towards cost of maintaining the library.

**December 2 - Saturday 10.30am - Speaker at Dartford
Medieval Christmas**

Our Guest Speaker today is published author and well known speaker Toni Mount. Life in medieval Engand is Toni's specialist subject and Christmas then was without Turkey, roast potatoes, crackers, cards, trees and Father Christmas. Toni will talk about Old Man Winter and St Niklaus, so effectively the story of Christmas plus a lot of other Christmas stories.

Doors open 9.45am, meeting starts 10.30am. There is 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

December 14 - Thursday 8pm Speaker at Sevenoaks A celebration of Christmas

Our guest speaker Anne Carter will be giving her very seasonal talk entitled 'Celebration of Christmas'. Anne will take us back in time and explain how Christmas was spent through the years.

Before Anne's talk start we will all enjoy some Christmas food, brought by members.

Doors open 7.15pm, meeting starts 8pm, ends by 9.30pm. The venue, Sevenoaks Community Centre, Cramptons Road, off Otford Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5DN (near Bat and Ball rail station) has a large free car park.

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

Please join the Society if you want to come to more than one meeting - only £10 a year or £12 In total for two members at the same address. <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/join.htm>

Remember that all our planned talks and workshops to the end of the year and beyond are listed in chronological order on our Facebook page (google NWKFHS Facebook). Just click the Events tab on the left hand side of the Facebook page.

ARCHIVE PHOTOS OF KENT

Thank you to member Janet Digby for telling me about this website. I've already spent some time browsing the photos!

This extensive photo-archive currently contains 22,617 historic images of Kent with many dating back to the late 1800s.

Many of the locations/features shown are accompanied by matching modern views. You can search by town, feature or collection or use Google maps. <http://www.kentphotoarchive.com>

New Family History book by Lady Mary Teviot

On 23 September, Lady Teviot was Bromley's speaker on the subject of what it was like to be involved in a TV Series. Lady Teviot took part in Heir Hunters. She has written a book called The Street-Wise Guide to Doing Your Family History and her publishers have asked us to pass on a discount they are offering.

See <http://www.eerpublishing.com/teviot-streetwise-family-history.html>

Save £5.00 on paperback copies. ORDER ONLINE only from the publisher's website. Offer ends 1 March 2018. Cite the code TEVIOT2018 You will be invoiced on publication. SBN 9781912224357 Paperback £14.99 OFFER PRICE £9.99. Publication March 2018.

Canterbury Christ Church University has asked us to let members know about its Medieval Canterbury Weekend on 6 - 8 April 2018

A weekend of events (lectures and guided tours) organised jointly by the Centre for Kent History & Heritage and Canterbury Cathedral Archives & Library to celebrate medieval history in Canterbury, mainly centred at Old Sessions House, Canterbury Christ Church University.

Speakers include: Carenza Lewis, Richard Gameson, Helen Castor, Louise Wilkinson, David Starkey, Leonie Seliger, Marc Morris and Janina Ramirez

In aid of the Ian Coulson Memorial Postgraduate Award fund helping postgraduates studying Kent history topics at CCCU.

Tickets: £10 per event. For Canterbury Christ Church students and those purchasing at least 10 tickets in one transaction the price is £8 per event

Full details and Booking available online at: <http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/medieval-canterbury>

If there is anything else I should be aware of, to give you maximum benefit from this emailinfoservice, 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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