



North West Kent Family History Society

(Covering N W Kent and ancient Kent parishes now S E London)

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NEWSLETTER

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An electronic publication available on-line to anyone interested in Family History



NWKFHS Local meetings



NWKFHS AGM, FH Day
and Annual report



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Closes 8 April



Photographic Competition
Closes June 2015



NWKFHS Workshops **NEW**



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Help Wanted



NWKFHS WW1 resources lists



We are on Flickr!



Members Interests



Free Periodicals



If you have any suggestions about the content of
this newsletter please let me know

editor@nwkfhs.org.uk



Local Meetings in April Members and friends welcome at all meetings

Full details, guide maps to the meeting halls and local contacts are given at

www.nwkfhs.org.uk/meetings.htm

Bromley 18 April Ian Porter talks about

The Real Downton Abbey: What Domestic Service in a Big House Was Really Like

Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley BR1 3NS. Open at 9.45am.

Dartford Branch 11 April Imogen Corrigan describes

The roles and lives of regal and talented women

The meeting will include the Branch Annual Meeting

Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford DA1 2LY. Open at 9.45am.

Sevenoaks Branch 9 April Glen Jones talks about

Kentish Valour

Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5DN Open at 7pm.



**NWKFHS 37th Family History Day and AGM will be held at
Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN14 5DN
on Saturday 25th April 2015**

more information <http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/agm2015.htm>



Consultation ... The future of KCC libraries and archives ...

The KCC library consultations closes on 8 April. Individuals are invited to respond on-line ...

<http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/lraconsultation/consultationHome>

The North West Kent Family History Society has many serious concerns regarding the Proposed Charitable Trust.

See the NWKFHS response at <http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/proposed-charitable-trust.pdf>



**New Photographic Competition with a Difference!
Photographic Competition for the 2016 NWKFHS Calendar**

Entries needed from YOU for the first NWKFHS calendar (2016).

*Whilst full details are in the March journal (circulated to members early March)
you might like to start thinking about your entries, which must be loosely connected with
Family History and the areas covered by the NWKFHS.*

Here are some of the details

- *Your own work*
- *Digital image (preferred) minimum 300 dpi*
- *Colour or black and white prints should be 8 by 5 inches*

Closing date for entries will be 30th June 2015

Copyright statement in March Journal.

www.nwkhfs.org.uk/photographic-competition.pdf



NWKFHS Workshops Click on this link [NWKFHS - Library Workshops](#)

The two hour workshops are limited to 10 people, but are repeated if there is demand.

Take a us know if there is one you missed and would like repeated.....

Workshops are held at the Library, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley

Contact Janet Rose (01322-384836) Bookings and enquiries email library@nwkhfs.org

STOP PRESS 17 June 2015 Creep, pull and push Leader Jean Stirk

Tracing the movement of our ancestors ... more details on-line

15 July 2015 Latin for Parish Registers Leader Mari Alderman

A hands-on workshop in reading parish registers written in Latin. No previous knowledge of Latin is needed. The session will include a short PowerPoint presentation covering the vocabulary and simple grammar needed. Hand-outs will be supplied. Some reading old handwriting will be included to facilitate reading the Latin from copies of original registers. Bring along any documents you are having difficulty reading or translating. We hope it will be both fun and exhausting!



NWKFHS Research Service

This service blends the skills of Society volunteers and draws on the considerable resources of the Society library which include parish registers and other sources mainly relating to North West Kent.

Information at nwkfhs.org.uk/research.htm



EVENTS TEAM *Volunteers from the Society will be at Crossness Engines Trust Family History & Steaming Day The Old Works, Crossness Sewage Treatment Works, Belvedere Road, Abbey Wood, London SE2 9AQ... on Sunday 19 April 10.00am - 4.00pm*
See <http://www.crossness.org.uk/visit.html>



HELP WANTED ... *The Society is often asked to talk about Family History and the Society to other interest groups. Can you talk about the Society? Need a reminder session about using Powerpoint? fully prepared presentation available so if you can help please contact Mike Weeks for more details.* publicity@nwkfhs.org.uk



NWKFHS WW1 Resources ...*An extensive list of resources (including on-line) has been compiled to help researchers studying the World War one period.* <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/world-war-one>

NWKFHS LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTRE

Please call in!

NWKFHS Library volunteers are available to help every Wednesdays 10am-4pm at the KCC library Summerhouse Drive, Bexley, Kent DA5 2EE

Telephone 01322 527604 (Wednesdays only)

Contact Janet Rose, Society Librarian,

telephone 01322 384836

email library@nwkfhs.org.uk

Society collection of books, CDs and other ephemera

See what we have got! The catalogue of the Society resources is available as a searchable on-screen document at [nwk-library-catalogue-listing](#).



NWKFHS is on Flickr Images on-line

Many images of photographs, legal documents newspaper cuttings at flickr.com/photos/nwkf You can also reach the site from our website via the Free Data option on the menu at www.nwkfhs.org.uk.



Members Interests

Don't forget to keep your **Surname, Subject and Place Interests** up-to-date on the website and in the directory of members' interests, up-dated in each Journal.

www.nwkfhs.org.uk/members-interests.htm

Contact webmaster@nwkfhs.org.uk

There is no charge to members for this service



FREE PERIODICALS ... surplus to requirements

At the **Society Library** (open Wednesdays) there is a trolley-full of Journals from many other FHS. Do call and take some home. Small donation appreciated.

Have you enjoyed the March Journal? Let the editor know what you enjoyed and why... What else would you like in your journal? Contact editor@nwkfhs.org.uk

NWKFHS Annual Report

It is in the March 2015 Journal but you can click to read now. [Annual Report 2015](#)

Society Back Journals

Disks CD68 and CD69 have PDF versions of the complete run of Society back journals, 1978-2013. NWKFHS publications can be purchased on-line and at branch meetings... <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/publicnsnews.htm>]

NWKFHS Branch Newsletters for Bromley, Dartford and Sevenoaks can be viewed or downloaded freely at www.nwkfhs.org.uk/newsletters

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email: emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org

At **Branch Meetings** there are many magazines available for small donations

Contributions for future issues of the Journal or this newsletter to
editor@nwkfhs.org.uk



April's birth flower is typically listed as either the Daisy (*Bellis perennis*) or the Sweet Pea

The Anglo-Saxons called April Oster-monath or Eostur-monath.

The Venerable Bede says in *The Reckoning of Time* that this month Eostur is the root of the word Easter.

He further states that the month was named after a goddess Eostre whose feast was in that month.

It is also attested by Einhard in his work, *Vita Karoli Magni*.