

# 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*



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***please let me know***

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### ***Local Meetings in December***

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

*[www.nwkfhs.org.uk/meetings.htm](http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/meetings.htm)*

***Bromley no meeting in December***

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

***Dartford 7 December Anna Flood talks about The History of the Christmas Card***

*Followed by Christmas Lunch (bookings contact Janet Rose Tel: 01322-384836)*

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

***Sevenoaks 12 December Phil Tucker investigates ... Do These Stairs Go Up?***

*Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5DN. Open at 7.15pm.*

***Members and friends welcome at all meetings***



## **Banking Charges** Banks are increasing their charges to NWKFHS to process cheques.

Please help NWKFHS to limit these additional costs by setting up a standing order to renew your membership of the Society. No money is moved until the due date (1 January 2014). Forms are available at all branch meetings, the Society Library and workshops and can be downloaded from

[membership renewals form](#)

Contact [treasurer@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@nwkfhs.org.uk) or [renewals@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:renewals@nwkfhs.org.uk) for more details.



## **Bexley Archives to move?**

Details about the Bexley Council proposals to move the Local Studies and Archives (currently in Townley Road, Bexleyheath) to Bromley are available on line at [www.bexley.gov.uk](http://www.bexley.gov.uk).

There is also an on-line survey for you to comment [Bexley budget survey](#)

The North West Kent Family History Society has many members who live in the area and who use the Local Studies and Archives at the Central Library. At a recent meeting between the Trustees of the Society and Volunteers the matter was also raised by several members. The Society is taking part in this consultation.

There was a public demonstration in November when many more names were added to the petition ... raising the total to over 1000. You can sign an on-line petition at

[petitions/bexley-council-don-t-move-bexley-local-studies-and-archives-out-of-bexley](#)

or <http://tinyurl.com/o4ukr8j>

## **Don't move Bexley Local Studies and Archives out of Bexley**



### **Sales sales** ... from our publication listing ...

**CD50** contains the **Metropolitan Asylum District Board Minutes 1890-1930**. this is an index to 38 volumes regarding asylums, hospitals, schools, organisations, some personnel and many other topics across what was Greater London at that time.

**CD49** contains **Bexley Asylum Minute Books 1901-1939**: this is an index of some 12,000 names of patients, staff and contractors.

More information about ordering on line, with credit cards and by post at

<http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/publications.htmw>

Contact ... [webmaster@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@nwkfhs.org.uk) with detailed enquiries



## **Library & Resource Centre**

The North West Kent Family History Society Library & Resource Centre

Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood Estate, Bexley DA5 2EE.

It is open **every Wednesday**, 10am-4pm. Seasonal closures 25 December and 1 January 2014.

Janet Rose, librarian, says We have our own room, separate from the main library, where our complete collection of books and other reference material is available on open shelves.

This includes microfiche, many data CDs and computers with internet access; this includes

Ancestry and other on-line genealogical databases.

Contact email ..... [library@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:library@nwkfhs.org.uk)

Non-members are welcome to visit.

There is no car park but parking is available in the road.

Bus services are the 429 and the B12. (Joydens Wood Post Office)



## Research Service

The Society offers to members and non-members a genealogical Research Service with a contact email [research@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:research@nwkfhs.org.uk)

More details on-line at <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/research-service.htm>

Research Co-ordinator, c/o NWKFHS Library & Resource Centre, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood Estate, Bexley, DA5 2EE,



## 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.

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

Contact Janet Rose (01322-384836)

Bookings and enquiries email [library@nwkfhs.org](mailto:library@nwkfhs.org)

15 January 2014	<b>Breaking through the brickwall</b> A mentoring workshop <i>See additional information at Branch meetings, on line and in the Society Newsletter (November)</i>	
26 February	<b>Parish Chest part one</b>	Christine Hills
12 March	<b>Parish Chest part two A continuation</b>	Christine Hills
16 April	<b>The British Home Front in World War 1</b> Repeated in June 2014	Mike Brown
21 May	<b>Basic DNA</b> <i>(repeated by popular demand)</i>	David Cufley



## 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](http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/members-interests.htm)

Contact [webmaster@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@nwkfhs.org.uk)

*There is no charge to members for this service*



## Beyond Census 2011 Census Consultation Documents

[www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/get-involved/consultations/consultations/beyond-2011-consultation/index.html](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/get-involved/consultations/consultations/beyond-2011-consultation/index.html)

You can take part in the Government's consultation about the future of the Census.

The consultation will remain open for responses from organisations and individuals until **13 December 2013**

More information also at <http://www.ffhs.org.uk/news/news131125.php>



## **London street view before the great fire**

*From the FFHS website ... Francis Howcut wrote: Even centuries ago, London had a unique role in the life of England. Not only was it the capital city, with by far the largest population of any settlement there, but it attracted streams of migrants from the rest of the country and beyond. Therefore, most modern people of English descent probably have forebears who lived in London during the decades before the Great Fire of 1666.*

*Wouldn't it be wonderful to walk the streets and see the sights that greeted our ancestors? A video produced by six students at De Montfort University Leicester gives us the best opportunity yet to make that journey.*

*The production alternates between a "street view" and overhead view of three dimensional images of various parts of the city. It gives a vivid sense of the tight enclosure found in most of this densely populated area. Houses, churches, shops, docks and even flied can all be seen. The only inaccuracy I spotted was the relatively modern design of some tombstones. The main surprise is an almost total lack of people along the way - a major difference between 21st century vision and 17th century reality.*

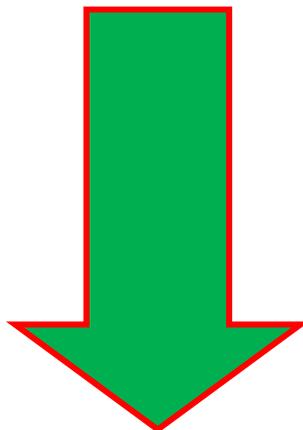
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPY-hr-8-MO>

**EMAIL INFORMATION SERVICE** *If you haven't done so already sign up for this new service. Email your name and membership number requesting to be included on the email list and get regular updates on society activities*

email: [emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org](mailto:emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org)

*Contributions for future issues of the Journal or this newsletter to*

[editor@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@nwkfhs.org.uk)





*Wishing you all a very*

# *Merry Christmas*

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