



# North West Kent Family History Society

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

December



## NEWSLETTER



2015

Available on-line to anyone interested in Family History



*Gift suggestions*



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you with your research*



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### *Gift Suggestions* NWKFHS NWKFHS Calendar 2016

A wall hanging calendar, with full colour images from our area, is on sale at all Branch meetings, the library and at events.

Cost only £4.50. All profit to NWKFHS.

Much more information at [nwkfhs.org.uk/calendar](http://nwkfhs.org.uk/calendar)

BUY ONE <sup>TWO</sup> AT  
BRANCH MEETINGS

#### NWKFHS GIFT MEMBERSHIP

*The gift that lasts for generations!*

Click on link: [Gift Membership form](#)

\*\*\*\* Ideal gifts for family and friends and FH enthusiasts\*\*\*\*





## MORE NWKFHS FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS



<b>20 January 2016</b>	<b>DNA - A changing world of Family History</b> <i>The DNA workshop will discuss the basics of DNA and how it is a tool for confirming and providing suggestions for further document research</i>	<b>David Cufley</b>
<b>17 February 2016</b>	<b>Less Obvious Sources</b> <i>Reviewing records such as Tithe, Quarter Sessions, Burgess Rolls and Burials in Woollen sources that reveal more details about individuals and their lives.</i>	<b>Jean Stirk</b>
<b>16 March 2016</b>	<b>Reading 18th Century Writing</b> <i>A guide to the interpretation of a variety of documents, written in both formal and personal styles including: - a sailor's letter home; a page from a diary; a page from a parish register and an apprenticeship indenture.</i>	<b>Mari Alderman</b>

The two hour workshops are limited to 10 people and are held at the Library, Joydens Wood, Bexley,  
More information at [www.nwkhfs.org.uk/workshops.htm](http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/workshops.htm)



## LOCAL MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

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

*Why not invite a friend to join you at one of these meeting?*

**Dartford Saturday Morning 5 December 2015**

**Imogen Corrigan** talks about *The Politeness of Princes*  
*The reality of medieval etiquette and table manners*

*Followed by the **Society Christmas Lunch***

*Being organised by the Dartford Branch and held at 1pm after the Dartford meeting*

*Tickets price £13 available at the branch meetings.*

*contact Janet Rose 01322 384836 to book*

**Sevenoaks Thursday Evening 10 December 2015**

**Geoff Doel and partner** explain some traditional Kentish pursuits  
with a presentation entitled

*Smugglers and outsiders...and poachers and outlaws of Kent*

[Bromley branch no meeting in December: meetings resume in January.](#)

At each meeting there is a help desk for assistance with research.

Publications etc for sale and opportunities to borrow books and journals.

Easy access, toilets and refreshments at each venue.

Members and visitors are welcome at any meeting with donations appreciated from visitors.

Full details, guide maps to the meeting halls and local contacts are given at [www.nwkhfs.org.uk/meetings.htm](http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/meetings.htm)





## THE MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE



- All Family History Societies are facing the same issue: that of falling membership. The Federation of Family History Societies tells us this is because people use commercial search engines (like Find My Past) and think that research begins and ends with national censuses.
- This is fine if you only want to get back to 1837 but local FHS can help you research many other sources including Parish records.
- Falling membership obviously impacts on our income and limits what we can provide for you, the members. Currently there are events meetings, a research library and many publications
- We want to make NWHFHS even stronger and more effective.
- To achieve this we need to increase our membership so we are setting a **membership challenge to you**.
- **Recruit just one extra member** between now and April 2016.
- Please remember that Gift membership counts too ...
- Click on the link to get PDF gift membership form [Gift Form](#)
- As is our recent tradition there aren't any prizes except the knowledge your favourite Society will continue and you will know you have done your bit to keep NWHFHS as one of the leading FHS in the country.



## Coming up in the December Journal

Advertisements for Webmaster and web assistants, and Honorary Secretary plus formal notice of AGM are included in this issue. Other contents include articles Growing up in Deptford and Lewisham during WW1, a celebration of the life of a WW1 soldier and the skills of the medical team (based at The Queens hospital in Sidcup) and the extra-ordinary story of a journey to America in 1840) and Society news: Membership renewal forms and Booking forms for the Family History day 2016 are included as inserts. Members receive a copy in early December.



## NWKFHS AGM and Family History Day

*Will be held on Thursday 7 April 2016 at Cobham Hall.*

*More details and booking forms in the Journal.*

*And online [AGM Booking form](#)*



## 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 <http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/research-service.htm>

*We cannot guarantee a result but we will do our best to find an answer.*





## **NWKFHS Branch Newsletters** for Bromley, Dartford

and Sevenoaks can be viewed or downloaded freely at [www.nwkhfs.org.uk/newsletters](http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/newsletters)



## **NWKFHS LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTRE**

### **Christmas Open Days 9th & 16th December**

*Visitors welcome come along for chat and free tea or coffee plus mince pie*

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)

***The library is closed on Wednesday 24 and 31 December***

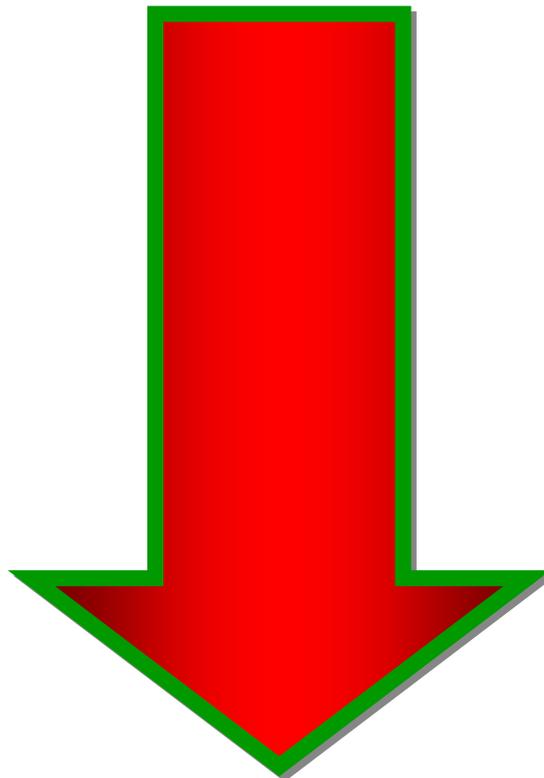
Contact Janet Rose, Society Librarian, telephone 01322 384836, or email [library@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:library@nwkhfs.org.uk)



## **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 [nwkh-library-catalogue-listing](#)

Check out the updates on our: [Blog](#) [Facebook](#)





*Wishing you all a very*

# *Merry Christmas*



*Walter Eves*



*Mike Weeks*



*Pat Gooding*



*Pauline Heathcote*



*Barbara Phillips*



*Janet Rose*



*Barbara Attwaters*



*Tony Codling*



*Christina & Robert Barnett*



*Fran Rogers*

*From the North West Kent*

*Family History Society Committee*

