



North West Kent Family History Society

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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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*If you have any suggestions about the content
of this newsletter please let me know editor@nwkfhs.org.uk*

Book your place at the Annual Family History Day!

COME TO A MEETING! BOOK A WORKSHOP!



Local Meetings in February

Members and friends (charge applicable) welcome at all meetings. Full details, guide maps to the meeting halls and local contacts are given in each issue of the Journal and on the website.

Bromley Branch 18 February 2017 *Note change of venue for this meeting*

Bromley Archives .. what's available?

Meeting at Bromley Central library... large hall. The nearest parking, is either at The Glades or The Civic Centre car parks. Open at 9.45am. contact Bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk

Dartford Branch 4 February 2017 *Dirty Dartford speaker Chris Bull*

*Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford DA1 2LY. Open at 9.45am.
contact Dartford@nwkfhs.org.uk*

Sevenoaks Branch 9 February 2017 *Soldiers of the West Kent Regiment speaker Ian Walker*

*Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5DN. Open at 7pm. Contact
sevenoaks@nwkfhs.org.uk*

*At these friendly Meetings there are refreshments, sales and help desks and branch libraries.
At Sevenoaks and Dartford you can borrow Journals exchanged with other Family History Societies.
Many Family History magazines available for small donations.*



Meet the Society at Events

If you would like to join the team to help with enquiries and talk about the Society at next year's events ... Email events@nwkfhs.org.uk

See NWKFHS at the Local and Family History Fair at Hall Place, Bexley, on Sunday 5 March 2017 ... please check local advertising for date confirmation.

Details of the **NWKFHS AGM and Annual Family History day** were published in the December issue of the Journal. It is on **Saturday 22 April**, at West Heath School, Sevenoaks. Guest speakers include Melanie Gibson-Barton talking about the Somme and Imogen Corrigan talking about the 93rd Searchlight Brigade, Royal Artillery. Please return **your booking forms** as soon as possible. Contact events@nwkfhs.org.uk



NWKFHS Library and Resource Centre

Extend your family history research with a visit to the library on any Wednesday. Chat about your research and your brick walls. New members and beginners welcome.

If you know someone who is just beginning to research their family history suggest they join the society and attend the workshop on 15 February (see below).



THE NWKFHS BOOKSTALL... [Support the Society!](#)

Have you had a look at the New Book Stall recently? There is an exceptional collection of local interest books for sale many not always available at other local bookstores. See the book shop at all branch meetings.



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The Society Calendar 2018 [Support the Society!](#)

Take some photos Enter your images for the 2018 calendar. Full details will be in the March journal

email: emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org.uk



NWKFHS is on Flickr ... Documents and Images on-line

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



NWKFHS Workshops

The two hour workshops are limited to 10 people but are repeated if there is demand. Workshops are held at the Library, KCC Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Dartford, Kent DA5 2EE. Contact Janet Rose 01322-384836.

Bookings and enquiries email workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

A completely **NEW** workshop designed for members who are just beginning to research their Family History. Fran Rogers will guide you through the early stages of your research.

After successful Writing Family Histories workshops a suggestion has been put forward that the Society should organise a regular **Quarterly Writing Group** with more focus on writing and sharing. The aim is to help writers develop their confidence; enjoy a chat about the work or craft of writing and consider publication in the Journal or elsewhere.

Those who participated in previous writing workshops (November 2015 & October 2016) were contacted and invited to join the group and **other members are welcome**. The group will be an informal one, led by Pauline Heathcote, the Society Editor.

15 February	NEW Beginner session with Fran guiding you through the early stages of your research	Fran Rogers
22 February	Writing Group an opportunity to share and talk about your writing.	Pauline Heathcote
15 March	Finding the Missing	Jean Stirk
22 March	Introduction to 'Family Historian', a Genealogical Family History Computer programme	Brian Kirk

To join a workshop or discussion group you must book.

Reserve lists are maintained and sometimes a reserve is invited to join the workshop at short notice. You can book at all branch meetings

or on-line workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

Use this email address to find out more

about any of these workshops and discussion groups.



Research Service The Society offers members and non-members a genealogical

Research Service with a contact email research@nwkfhs.org.uk

More details on-line at www.nwkfhs.org.uk/research-service.htm

Research Co-ordinator, c/o NWKFHS Library & Resource Centre, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood Estate, Bexley, DA5 2E



HELP!

Can you take on a volunteering task?

1. Vacancy for a **minutes secretary**

The Minutes Secretary ensures that committee decisions are recorded accurately, supporting the smooth and effective running of the Society. This is a great opportunity for a motivated, reliable person to support the Society's Executive Committee. More information at: [Appeal Minutes Secretary](#)

Contact Stella Eames on secretary@nwkfhs.org.uk

2. Vacancies for **Webmaster and Website Assistants**

The Society has a vacancy for the Webmaster of the Society's new website which is under development and several Assistants to help in the day-to-day updating of the website.

The post requires knowledge of maintaining and operating the new website as well as advising Trustees and others about its use and development. The website assistants will help by updating pages of the website. Contact Tony Codling on chairman@nwkfhs.org.uk

3. Volunteers Needed play a part in of **making records available!**

The publication team gathers images of original data sets and processes them ready for the transcribers to get to work. This work is not regular (perhaps 7 times a year) but usually comes in batches of 200 images.

- Cropping jpeg images and making them as clear as possible and, if possible, burning them to disc, otherwise returning them to me by memory stick.
- Printing each image on A4 paper and returning both the images and printed copy to me.

If YOU would like to play a part in the essential task of making records available please contact Barbara Phillips on publications@nwkfhs.org.uk

4. Volunteer to burn CDs, 1-20discs a month. Equipment supplied.

Contact Tony Codling on chairman@nwkfhs.org.uk



The March issue of the Journal is with the printer. Fancy seeing your story in print in a future issue? Contact me ... editor@nwkfhs.org.uk



From the Treasurer

Not a member! ... Please join us! www.nwkfhs.org.uk/join.htm

Members Standing Order Forms are available at all branch meetings, the Society Library and workshops and can be downloaded from www.nwkfhs.org.uk/nwkfhs-standing-order%202.pdf

Members GIFT AID If you have previously filled in a GIFT AID form but no longer pay UK income tax could you please let me know. Contact Patricia Gooding email, treasurer@nwkfhs.org.uk or write to address inside front cover of each Journal.



Free guide to WWI research

NWKFHS has a free guide to WWI research that can be downloaded (pdf) from the World War One Centenary web page at www.nwkhfs.org.uk/world-war-one.htm



EMAIL INFORMATION SERVICE

If you haven't done so already sign up for this service and tell non-members who might be interested. Email your name include membership number if a member and request to be included on the email list and get regular updates on society activities to emailinfoservice@nwkhfs.org.uk

GREETING CARDS will be on sale at Branch meetings. All profits to NWKFHS.

**Contributions and suggestions for future issues of the Journal
or this newsletter to editor@nwkhfs.org.uk**