



North West Kent Family History Society

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

March **NEWSLETTER** 2015

Available on-line to anyone interested in Family History

Suggestions for future Newsletters plus feedback to editor@nwkfhs.org.uk

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 ***New NWKFHS publications are detailed on***
<http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/publicsnews.htm>

 ***Free entry 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.*



**NWKFHS AGM and Family History Day will be held on
Saturday 25 April 2015**

*Talks on Records of the 17th and 18th Century by Michael Gandy
And The 1911 Census: a vision of England by Dave Annal, plus the Society AGM
More details and yellow booking forms in the December Journal.*

contact secretary@nwkfhs.co.uk



NWKFHS FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS

Booking now for

<i>18 March 2015</i>	<i>Thinking outside the box</i>	<i>David Cufley</i>
<i>15 April 2015</i>	<i>In the Name of God Amen - Understanding Wills A repeat of an oversubscribed workshop</i>	<i>Christine Hills</i>

*The two hour workshops are limited to 10 people and are held at the Library, Joydens Wood, Bexley,
More information at www.nwkfhs.org.uk/workshops.htm*



Local Meetings in March www.nwkfhs.org.uk/meetings.htm

Members can attend any meeting at any Branch venue.

Visitors are welcome too. Why not invite a friend to join you?

Bromley Saturday Morning 21 March 2015

*Jeff Page investigates A Sweet Tooth
Sweet Making in London's East End
plus Branch Annual Meeting*

Dartford Saturday Morning 7 March

Helen Allinson talks about A Hundred Years of Toys and Play

Sevenoaks Thursday evening 12 March (recent change of speaker)

*David Cufley presents Kevin Bacon's Family History Laboratory
An interactive exploration of six degrees of separation
plus Branch Annual Meeting*

*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.nwkfhs.org.uk/meetings.htm

 **Membership renewal** ... The membership team send thanks for the prompt payment of your membership renewals.

If you are a UK tax payer please complete the **Gift Aid Declaration** which provides the Society with an extra £2.50 and £3 for family membership, at no cost to you. .

 **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.

 **The March Journal** will be circulated to all members who have paid their subscription for 2015. Apart for Society news there are major articles about a past resident of Longfield, Kent, a puzzle, based on the Bromley area, concerning a picture postcard, the life of a working mother in Woolwich during both WW1 and WW2 and many shorter articles. If you journal has not been delivered by 21 March please check you have paid your subscription payment. If you find you need to renew contact renewals@nwkfhs.org.uk

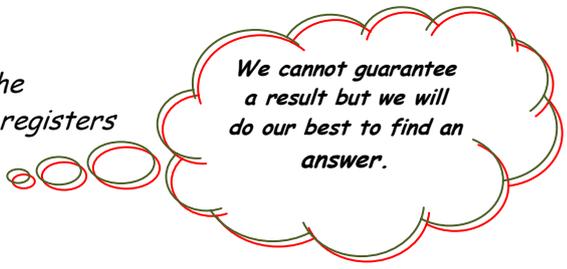
 **HELP WANTED** ... The Society is often asked to talk about Family History and the Society to other interest groups. If you can help please contact Mike Weeks for more details.

publicity@nwkfhs.org.uk

 **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



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

 **Committee's Annual Report**

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

Volunteers from the Society will be at the following local events ...

Sunday 1 March

Local & Family History Fair Hall Place, Bourne Road, Bexley

Monday 16 March

Sevenoaks Library Adult Learners Week Buckhurst Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 1LQ.

Monday 23 March

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Saturday 28 March

Welling Library WW1 Drop-in Session Bellegrove Road, Welling, DA16 3PS

Pop in if you have a query ...! Check www.nwkfhs.org.uk for times and up-to-date details.

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

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@nwkhfs.org.uk

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March's birthstones are aquamarine and bloodstone. These stones symbolize courage. The name "aquamarine" derives from the Latin "aqua" meaning water and "mare" meaning sea. The second birthstone for March is *bloodstone*, a dark-green jasper flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide