



# North West Kent Family History Society

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

March **NEWSLETTER** 2016

Available on-line to anyone interested in Family History

Suggestions for future Newsletters plus feedback to [editor@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@nwkfhs.org.uk)

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## **NWKFHS AGM and Family History Day**

- \* Will be held on Thursday 7 April 2016 at Cobham Hall.
- \* More details and booking forms in the December 2015 Journal. and online [AGM Booking form](#)
- \* Contact Barbara Attwaters with any queries ... use [editor@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@nwkfhs.org.uk) (messages will be forwarded)

## **Free entry New Photographic Competition with a Difference!**

**Photographic Competition for the 2017 NWKFHS Calendar**

Entries needed from YOU for the second NWKFHS calendar (2017).

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 2016**

**Copyright statement in March Journal.**



## NWKFHS FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS

Booking now for

<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>
<b>20 April 2016</b>	<b>An Investigation into the Records Available to Research the Lives of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Soldiers</b> <i>Today even the less fortunate members of society enjoy benefits that would have been unheard of during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Is it therefore any wonder that the Recruiting Sergeant in his smart red coat with shiny buttons was able to persuade the impoverished country labourer to take the King's Shilling and enjoy good food, foreign travel and adventure? The reality was in fact quite different as the volunteer would find out!</i>	<b>Brian Langridge</b>
<b>18 May 2016</b>	<b>The 1939 Register</b> <i>Getting the most out of the register that recorded the UK population in September 1939 and is the only available census between 1921 and 1951.</i>	<b>Christine Hills</b>
<b>15 June 2016</b>	<b>The Poor are always with us - A Workshop on Poor Laws and Settlement</b>	<b>Jean Stirk</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 March [www.nwkhfs.org.uk/meetings.htm](http://www.nwkhfs.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 19 March**

**The archivist talks about Bethlem Hospital -Its Archives & Museum  
Plus Branch Annual Meeting**

**Dartford Saturday 5 March**

**Alan Porter talks about The Suffragettes**

**Sevenoaks Thursday 10 March**

**Ian Walker talks about The Great Houses of Sevenoaks  
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.nwkhfs.org.uk/meetings.htm](http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/meetings.htm)

 **WANTED: articles and images with stories attached for future Journals.** Contact [editor@nwkfsh.org.uk](mailto:editor@nwkfsh.org.uk)

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

 **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](#).

 **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.

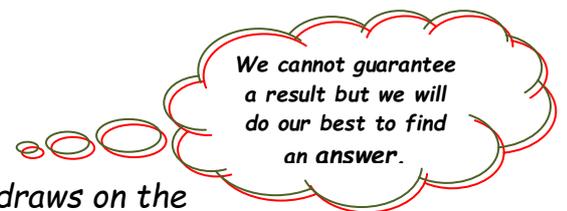
 **The March Journal** will be circulated to all members who have paid their subscription for 2016. If your journal has not been delivered by 21 March please check you have paid your subscription payment. If you find you need to renew contact [renewals@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:renewals@nwkfhs.org.uk)

 **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](mailto: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 <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/research-service.htm>



Volunteers from the Society want to know about local events they could attend during the summer... to promote family history research and the Society. Contact Mike Weeks or Barbara Phillips if you know of events they could attend...  
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## **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](mailto:library@nwkfhs.org.uk)*

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March birth flower is the Daffodil

The March equinox on the 20th or 21st marks the astronomical beginning of spring