



# North West Kent Family History Society

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If you have any suggestions about the content  
of this newsletter please let me know [editor@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto: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 March 2017** Alan Ruston talks about **London Maps** plus Annual Meeting  
Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley BR1 3NS.  
Open at 9.45am. contact [Bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:Bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk)

**Dartford Branch 4 March 2017** Toni Mount talks about **Ration Book Britain**  
**How we lived in the 40s and 50s**  
Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford DA1 2LY. Open at 9.45am.  
contact [Dartford@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:Dartford@nwkfhs.org.uk)

**Sevenoaks Branch 9 March 2017** Heather Woodward talks about **Ightham Mote**  
**Life Upstairs and Downstairs** plus Annual Meeting  
Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5DN. Open at 7pm.  
Contact [sevenoaks@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto: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 events

... Email [events@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto: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.

And at 20-21 April Hobby Craft, ExCel. NWKFHS attending as part of FFHS

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](mailto:events@nwkfhs.org.uk)

THE Society hopes to attend

6-7 May tbc Trevithicks Industrial Dartford Celebration Dartford Park,

13-14th May West Kent Garden and Leisure Show



### 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.



### THE NWKFHS BOOKSTALL... **Support the Society!**

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



### NWKFHS Blog & Facebook

Click on the links



[Blog](#)



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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. Photographs of places that reflect North West Kent including the area formerly covered by Tunbridge Wells FHS and/or family history interests.

email: [emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto: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/nwkf](http://flickr.com/photos/nwkf)

You can also reach the site from our website via the Free Data option on the menu at

[www.nwkfhs.org.uk](http://www.nwkfhs.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](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk)

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| 15 March | <b>Finding the Missing</b>  | <b>Jean Stirk</b>    |
| 22 March | <b>Introduction to 'Family Historian', a Genealogical Family History Computer programme</b> | <b>Brian Kirk</b>    |
| 19 April | <b>Some Early Sources Pre 1700.</b>   | <b>Joyce Hoad</b>    |
| 26 April | <b>Society Quarterly Discussion Group: Morals and Ethics in Genealogy</b>                   | <b>Hilary Waters</b> |

**To join a workshop or discussion group you must book.**

You can do this at all branch meetings  
or on-line [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk)

Reserve lists are maintained and sometimes a reserve is invited to join the workshop at short notice.

Use this email address to find out more  
about any of these workshops and discussion groups.



**Society Discussion Group**  
**The first meeting in January 2017**  
*Image David Turner*



**Research Service** The Society offers 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 [www.nwkfhs.org.uk/research-service.htm](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:chairman@nwkfhs.org.uk)

#### 3. Volunteers Needed                    play a part in **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.

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](mailto:publications@nwkfhs.org.uk)

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

Contact Tony Codling on [chairman@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:chairman@nwkfhs.org.uk)



**The March issue of the Journal is in the post.** Fancy seeing your story in print in a future issue? Contact me ... [editor@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@nwkfhs.org.uk)



## **From the Treasurer**

Not a member! ... Please join us! [www.nwkfhs.org.uk/join.htm](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.nwkfhs.org.uk/world-war-one.htm](http://www.nwkfhs.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@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org.uk)

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

**Help the Society to maximise profits from the sale of the colourful Society Calendars.**  
**The last few calendars are on sale at a bargain £2 ... available at branches and the library**

Contributions and suggestions for future issues of the Journal  
or this newsletter to [editor@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@nwkfhs.org.uk)