



# North West Kent Family History Society

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

September **NEWSLETTER** 2014

*An electronic publication available to anyone interested in Family History*



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**Local Meetings in September** Members and friends welcome at all meetings

Full details, guide maps to the meeting halls and local contacts are given at

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

**Bromley Branch** 20 September

**Surviving in Soho in the 1850s:**

**Roger McKenna** takes a look at some of the Social History of the Soho area of London  
Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley BR1 3NS. Open at 9.45am.

**Dartford Branch** 6 September

**Ordnance Survey Ancient and Modern**

**Colin Brown** talks about the History of the Ordnance Survey

the planned speaker on Crayford's textile printers deferred until 2015

Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford DA1 2LY. Open at 9.45am.

**Sevenoaks Branch** 11 September

**Karina Jackson** and **Christina Barnett** present **The French Street Burial Ground - What we dug up!!**

Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5DN. Open at 7pm.

*At these friendly Meetings there are refreshments, sales and help desks and branch libraries. You can borrow from the exchange Journal loan service. Many FHS magazines available for small donations.*



**Meet the Society at Events**

Pop in and see if they can help you. Check for times [www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events.htm](http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events.htm)

**Saturday, 13 September** 10-1pm & 2-4pm Society volunteers will be running a **World War I Family History Drop-in Session** at Beckenham Library, Beckenham Road, Beckenham, BR3 4PE.

**Sunday, 28 September** 10-4pm Society events volunteers will be present at Crayford Town Archive, Main Hall, Crayford Community Centre, Above Crayford Library, 176 Town Hall Square, Crayford, Kent, DA1 4FN.



**The September Journal** is in the post to all paid up members and includes details of the Cudham (and other local villages) documents purchased by the Society. There are articles about the Kidd and Miskin families of Dartford (and local Brewers), several articles about different aspects of World War one and a book review. Regular features includes request from members for help with research queries and details about new Society publications.

**If you are not a member why not join us? More information at**  
<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/join.htm>



**Recent PUBLICATIONS *Our Volunteers have been Busy!***

- **New CD62 Bexleyheath Cemetery Burials 1879-1943 Price £8**  
 Full transcript of the registers with index of almost 9,000 burials giving name, description of person buried, age, place of death, date of burial and grave number.
- **New CD63 Darenth Asylum (Hospital), Dartford, Burial Register 1879-1985 Price £8**  
 Full transcript of the registers with index of over 2,700 entries giving name, date, grave number and age, occasionally other information. There are some photographs of surviving gravestones taken in 2013 and some MIs done some considerable time ago. One will note that not that many stones have survived. In addition we have included several articles about the Asylum and its history etc with the kind permission of Francine Payne.
- **New CD 64 Transcripts of the Registers of St Mary's Church in the Parish of Westerham in the County of Kent. Price £8**  
**Baptisms c1560-c1940** Approximately number of Events recorded: 7700  
**Marriages c1559-c1951** Approximately number of Events recorded: 1350  
**Burials c1562-c1968** Approximately number of Events recorded: 5550  
 All this data has been transcribed by Maureen Oakley, a local historian of Westerham, who has kindly donated the data to the Society. The run of records is incomplete in some areas; this is due either to the copy not being legible or to no copy being available to transcribe. The Society has not been able to check the transcriptions since no access was possible to copies of the original documents. The NWKFHS cannot accept any responsibility for the accuracy of the data. The Society Executive Committee wishes to thank Maureen Oakley for her donation of the data which represents a considerable amount of effort. The data has been edited for this publication by R. Woodward, Society Projects Co-ordinator.

The following CDs are a full transcript (name, age, date of burial, occasional remarks) of the register/s and cover a greater number of years and replace earlier less complete CDs. The price remains at £5 each.

- **CD57 Beckenham St George Burials 1813-64** replaces CD28 Beckenham Burials 1813-1851
- **CD58 Bromley St Peter & St Paul Burials 1813-55** replaces CD29 Bromley Burials 1813-51
- **CD59 Chislehurst St Nicholas Burials 1813-97** replaces CD31 Chislehurst Burials 1813-51
- **CD60 Farnborough St Giles Burials 1813-73** replaces CD34 Farnborough Burials 1813-51
- **CD61 Keston Burials 1813-90** replaces CD36 Keston Burials 1813-51
- **CD-OR3 Dartford Holy Trinity Marriages 1813-1984** is now version two because of extended date range from 1955. Price £8.00. This impacts on DVD-OR1 which includes CD-OR1 to 4 inclusive, Price £26.
- **CD17 Version 2 Dartford Holy Trinity Burials 1778-1926 transcripts & index.** The data relating to pre-1812 burials has been expanded by some 300 entries and a number of the existing entries amended. Note 1778 now and not 1788.

Go to <http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/publicsnews.htm> to read more and order.



**Library & Resource Centre** Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood Estate, Bexley DA5 2EE.  
 Open every Wednesday, 10am-4pm. Contact email ..... [library@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:library@nwkhfs.org.uk)



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



**Victoria Cross on display** Thomas Riverdale Colyer Fergusson 1896-1917 was a recipient of the

Victoria Cross. He was with the Northamptonshire Regiment when he performed the deed on 31 July 1917 at Bellewaarde, Belgium, which was to earn him the VC. This medal is usually on display at the Northamptonshire Regiment museum but at present it is on loan and on display at Ightham Mote, Kent until the end of the season. This property was owned by his father Thomas Colyer Fergusson and it is now a National Trust property, near Sevenoaks, Kent. There is a memorial in St Peter's Church Ightham. Ightham also has the wooden grave marker cross which marked his original grave.  
Contributed by Angela Bevan



### **NWKFHS Workshops** Click on this link [NWKFHS - Library Workshops](#)

The two hour workshops are limited to 10 people, but are repeated if there is demand.

Workshops are held at the Library, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley

Contact Janet Rose (01322-384836)

Bookings and enquiries email [library@nwkfhs.org](mailto:library@nwkfhs.org)

22 October	<b>In the Name of God Amen - Understanding Wills</b>	Christine Hills
19 November	<b>Latin for Parish Registers</b>	Mari Alderman
More workshops will be advertised in the next newsletter.....		



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

Many images of photographs, legal documents newspaper cuttings at [flickr.com/photos/nwkh](http://flickr.com/photos/nwkh)

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Address inside front cover of each Journal.



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and non-members contact email [research@nwkh.org.uk](mailto:research@nwkh.org.uk)

More details on-line at [www.nwkh.org.uk/research-service.htm](http://www.nwkh.org.uk/research-service.htm)

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



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

September (from Latin *septem*, "seven") was originally the seventh of ten months on the oldest known Roman calendar



The birth flowers for September are the forget-me-not, morning glory and aster