



# North West Kent Family History Society

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

September

## NEWSLETTER

2016

*An electronic publication available on-line to anyone interested in Family History*



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of this newsletter please let me know*

*[editor@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@nwkfhs.org.uk)*

**COME TO A MEETING! VISIT AN EVENT AND BOOK A WORKSHOP!**

*Society officers will try to respond to any queries promptly while the NWKFHS website is  
undergoing some changes.*



## **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

**Bromley Branch 24 September** Sue Gibbons talks about

### **Shopkeeper Ancestors**

*Sources for finding out about a trade and the shop itself*

Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley BR1 3NS. Open at 9.45am.

**Dartford Branch 3 September** Peter Daniel explains about

### **Vickers at Crayford**

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

**Sevenoaks Branch 8 September** Geoff Cowling talks about

### **WW2 Escape Lines**

*The routes that criss-crossed Europe*

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.*



## **December diary dates**

*It might seem a little early but these dates are worth popping in your diaries...*

### **Bromley Branch Christmas Lunch**

*Fancy a lunch in a hotel with friends from Bromley Branch? (date to be agreed).*

*If you would like more information please speak to a committee member at a branch meeting or e-mail [Bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:Bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk) for more information when it is available.*

### **Dartford Branch Christmas lunch**

*The 2016 Dartford Branch Christmas lunch will be held after the Dartford meeting on the 3rd December at the Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford.*

*The cost will be £13.50. Tickets will be available from our Dartford Branch meetings, the Society Library and Sheila Elisak on e-mail [dartford@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:dartford@nwkfhs.org.uk) or phone Janet Rose on 01322 384836 for more information. Everyone is welcome.*

### **Sevenoaks Branch Christmas Buffet**

*Sevenoaks will be holding a Christmas Buffet for members and friends on the evening of their 8th December meeting. We start a little earlier at 7pm evening.*

*Speak to branch committee members at meeting or e-mail [Sevenoaks@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:Sevenoaks@nwkfhs.org.uk) for more information.*

### **NWKFHS Library and Resource Centre**

*If you have used the library this year pop in and enjoy a mince pie with a hot drink on Wednesday 14th December. And if you make New Year Resolution to extend your family history research start the year with a visit to the library on Wednesday 11 January 2017 and enjoy a chat about your research with mince pie and a hot drink.*

*New members and beginners welcome at both events.*



## **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)

28 September	<b>An introduction to Family Historian</b> Repeat by demand of April 2016 workshop.	Brian Kirk
19 October	<b>Writing Family Histories</b> Repeat by demand of November 2015 workshop	Pauline Heathcote
16 November 2016	<b>Brick Walls - Thinking Outside the Box</b> Repeat by demand of March 2015 workshop	David Cufley
<p>More workshops will be advertised in the next newsletter, the Journal and at all branch meetings. To join a workshop 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 <a href="mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk">workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk</a> .....</p>		



## **NWKFHS Blogs & Facebook**

Read the latest NWKFHS blog. Recent posts have shown well conserved Romany caravans. Recently there has been information about hopping in Kent, a new WW1 website and the newly available National Probate Calendar including new records from 1973 -1995

Click on the links



[Blog](#)



[Facebook](#)



## **London War damage**

We have received an album of 28 photographs of WW2 damage including a Joinery factory at Baldwins Gardens, adjacent glass shop, decorating department. It also shows premises in Leopards Court, Grays Inn Road, Verulam Street and Duncan Avenue.

Contact [library@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:library@nwkfhs.org.uk) TO ARRANGE A VIEWING!

This item may be donated to a more appropriate archive



## **Meet the Society at Events**

Pop in and see if the team can help you or you can help them!

**Hextable Heritage Day on 10 September**

**Bexleyheath Local Studies Library on 22 October**

Watch for local posters or enquire at the venue about times.

Email c/o [editor@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:editor@nwkfhs.org.uk)



## **Library & Resource Centre**

Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood Estate, Bexley DA5 2EE.

Open every Wednesday, 10am-4pm. Contact email ..... [library@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:library@nwkfhs.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.nwkfhs.org.uk/world-war-one.htm](http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/world-war-one.htm)



## **The Society Calendar 2017**

This full colour wall calendar will be available from branches and at the Society library from early September. This new calendar incorporates some of the improvements suggested by members during 2016 so it includes more space for your notes!

The winners of the photographic competition will receive a free copy of the calendar and their names will be published in the December 2016 Journal.

### **Ideal present!**

The cost is £4.50 each and all contributions after costs will be added to Society funds.

For postal sales UK, P&P is an extra £2.85 for second class or £3.35 first class.

Overseas postage costs on request. To order by post 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).



## **Research Service** The Society offers to 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, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood Estate, Bexley, DA5 2EE



## **The September issue of the Journal** was despatched by post few days ago.

If yours does not arrive by 21 September please let me know [edito@nwkfhs.org](mailto:edito@nwkfhs.org)

Thank you.



## **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/nwkforms/standing\\_order\\_form.pdf](http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/nwkforms/standing_order_form.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?

Patricia Gooding email, [treasurer@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@nwkfhs.org.uk) or write to address inside front cover of each Journal.



**Local Studies Libraries** at Bromley and Dartford are undergoing planned closures.  
Check with the centre before you travel.



### **EMAIL INFORMATION SERVICE**

If you haven't done so already sign up for this service and tell non-members that 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](mailto:emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org)

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



*September's birthstone is the Sapphire*