

Welcome to the 1 October 2021 email newsletter.

Good news - the library at Joyden's Wood is reopening shortly for members to do their research on Wednesdays.

Our Society Librarian, Janet, has further info and asks those who want to come to book a time slot to prevent overcrowding. Janet's phone number is 01322 384836.

Library at: 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Kent DA5 2EE

Parking in nearby roads.

Those of you who have been to the library will know that space can be tight and this is the best way of controlling it and being fair to everyone.

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Talks are now either in person at our Dartford and Sevenoaks venues or by zoom. The combined list of Zoom and in person talks are in one chronological list below.

The description for each event states clearly whether it is via Zoom or an in person talk.

Currently all Workshops remain Zoom.

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ZOOM Talks

Zoom Talks are free and open to all. They cannot be booked but please log on via the link in good time.

All times given are UK time.

(NWKFHS members who missed a talk, perhaps because you are not in our timezone, note that **some** speakers have allowed their talks to be recorded - <https://nwkfhs.org.uk/resources/all-other/zoom-talk-videos> note this link only works for paid up members logged into the website).

We are still without a webmaster. If you could take on that role please do contact Chairman@nwkfhs.org.uk This is a really bad time to be without a webmaster given that everything is being done online.

If you don't wish to take on the role of Webmaster but know how to edit mpa4 files and could join the volunteers trying to perform the webmaster duties between them please contact president@nwkfhs.org.uk

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Saturday 2 October Doors Open 9.45am meeting starts at 10.30am at Dartford Branch.

Location: Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford Kent DA1 2LY

Guest Speaker Alan Williams will talk about "From cradle to gave, creating the welfare state in the 1940s Britain".

The Branch Annual Meeting will also take place.

Free to NWKFHS members; non members are asked to make a token donation of £1 - £2 towards costs of hall hire and speaker.

Despite the petrol problems and traffic congestion, at the time of sending out this newsletter I am told the intention IS for the meeting to go ahead.

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Thursday 14 October Doors Open 7.15pm Meeting starts 8.00pm talk at Sevenoaks Branch.

Location: Otford Village Memorial Hall, High Street, Otford TN14 5PQ (adjacent car park is free in the evening).

Guest Speaker Ian Thompson will talk about "*The lady code breakers of Bletchley Park*".

Over nine thousand women called Bletchley Park in Buckinghamshire home during WW2.

Daily, they decoded messages about upcoming attacks, learned about the Nazis' plans and ultimately read the communiqués that revealed the Germans' fear of defeat.

Yet these unsung heroines - who included Kate Middleton's grandmother - couldn't tell anyone about their critical contribution to the war effort.

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Free parking in the evenings at the adjacent large car park.

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ZOOM TALK: Tuesday 19 October 7pm for 7.30pm Lady Teviot: Parish Chest

7:00pm for 7:30pm. Expert Guest Speaker Lady Teviot will help us explore a valuable resource to use in conjunction with parish registers; and show how people lived, including overseers accounts, settlement and removal orders.

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ZOOM Workshops, Special Interest and Discussion groups

Zoom Workshops (including Discussion Groups and Writing Groups) have a maximum number to allow all attendees to participate, and are restricted to paid up North West Kent FHS members only. Workshops last for 2 hours.

If any Society members missed a workshop which they would have liked to attend, or it filled up, see here for videos of some past workshops:

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/workshops/past-zoom-workshop-videos>

Note the above link will only work for Society members logged into the website.

6 October 10am Discussion Group

Family Secrets. What could they be and should they be told? Leader Carolyn Barclay

13 October 7.30pm - House History Leader David Cufley

Discovering the history of your ancestors' house. This workshop gives information on the social and building sources of our 18th, 19th and 20th century ancestors' homes.

Using case studies, the aim is to put together documents, maps, plans and pictures of the study houses, which others can use for their own research.

The workshop will include three flow charts on sources as handouts and each source will be discussed as required by the participants.

20 October 10.30am * NEW* Special Interest Group - Scottish Research Discussion Group Leaders Pam Goddard and Carolyn Barclay.

Initially the group will discuss starting your Scottish research, along with details of essential websites to use. Tips and advice will be shared on the use of some of these websites.

With regular meetings, discussions will be led by members' interests; but over time we will discuss various sources that will help with your research - archives, libraries, family history groups, local studies centres, along with various websites that could possibly aid your research.

27 October 10.30am DNA Family History Discussion Group - Leader Victor Nutt

Many, many thanks to workshop coordinator Pam Goddard for arranging this exciting programme of workshops and to the workshop leaders.

Society members please email Pam for the link / code to enable you to attend any of the above Workshops and Discussion groups. workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

Pam would like to hear from you if you have topic requests for workshops or want to suggest different dates or times.

See <https://nwkfhs.org.uk/events-list> for topics and dates / times of Workshops and Talks further ahead.

Announcement from FindmyPast: Findmypast has been selected as The National Archives' commercial partner to make the 1921 Census of England & Wales available online.

The census, which was the first to be conducted following the introduction of the Census Act of 1920, will be published online by Findmypast in early 2022.

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<http://www.localpopulationstudies.org.uk/conference/>

The Local Population Studies Society (LPSS) is a charity devoted to promoting local history, social history, and historical demography in a local context. All are welcome to its free online conference

The conference is **free, but you need to register by email in advance**, and the Zoom access codes will be circulated just before the conference. You can find the full programme and registration form at the links on the web page above.

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I (Stella Eames) welcome photos of people or places (specially historical or family history) in the North West Kent area with a story about them as I like to start each newsletter with a photo and story. Please email me at enews@nwkfhs.org.uk with your contributions. Any photos must be your own copyright.

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I am a volunteer creating this e-news in my 'spare time' but, if you do notice any errors, please tell me, so that they are not carried forward to the next edition.

I often get asked to publicise family history fairs, new books on genealogy and small genealogy businesses. I use my discretion in including ones which are local to our area or which I think may interest readers. It does not mean that I or NWKFHS has any personal knowledge, or makes any recommendation, about the event or business.

If there is anything else I should be aware of, to give you maximum benefit from this enews service, please let me know. I do receive many suggestions and requests for external events to be included, but there is only room for so much and I am conscious that the longer this email is, the less likely it is to be read. Some external events I publish on our Facebook page instead. But I'd welcome your opinions on the length and content and whether there is anything additional you'd like included.

Please mention it to others and encourage them to sign up so that we can keep society members and anyone interested in family history informed of NWKFHS activities.

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