

Welcome to the mid October 2021 email newsletter.



Society member Colin Brash has sent in the above photo and says:

I am sending you a picture of a football team local to New Cross, Deptford in which three of my family were members.

My father, W.J.S.Brash (back row, 3rd from right, born 1908 in 27 Lebanon St.), his brother Fred (back row 1st left) and my Mother's brother ,Charles May (back row 2nd from right).

The team name had 'Edric Road' in it, where Fred was born at number 34 in 1915; and where his parents, Thomas and Mary Ann, carried on living.

The background to the picture does not look like Edric Road, which is terraced houses, so it was probably where they played. My feeling is that the picture was taken in the mid to late 1930s.

The only other name I can attach to the photograph is H.Watkins, 24 Wivenhoe Road, Peckham, S.E.15. This was written on the back of the photo.

I have traced H Watkins' family and they do not know any of the men in the picture, nor is he a member of the team.

I would be grateful for any assistance in solving this puzzle.

If you can suggest any lines of enquiry to Colin, please contact him on crbill3@aol.com

Good news - the library at Joyden's Wood has re-opened 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.

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.

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. Sometimes speakers have given permission for their talks only to be recorded for a specified amount of time, so members please do check the link.

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.

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.

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

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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83821309661?pwd=WU8vUE9iV29yYjZUUnVmVnhSVDRQZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 2130 9661

Passcode: 341114

Saturday 6 November 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 Mary Smith will talk about A Schoolgirl's War

What was wartime really like for children in Kent?

Mary Smith, former headteacher of Maidstone Girls' Grammar, will give an illustrated talk featuring an exquisite, unique set of paintings revealing school life during the Battle of Britain and the doodlebug attacks. The paintings were completed as the War unfolded by art teacher, Helen Keen.

Mary Smith, who retired as Head of Maidstone Girls' Grammar School in 2014 after eight years, has also produced a book called "A Schoolgirl's War" which had its origins in two discoveries made at the school.

The first was the accessing of an underground purpose-built shelter at the rear of the school after removal of debris blocking its entrance and the revelation that the shelter was a time capsule as a classroom used during air raids, complete with the original school benches on either side of the long, narrow shelter. The second discovery was a large and comprehensive diary of wartime school life, beautifully illustrated by the then Art teacher, Helen Keen, which was supplemented by Mary Smith interviewing 53 "old girls" about their experiences of school during the war.

This talk includes fascinating and often surprising recollections from past pupils, now in their 80s and 90s. Although it focuses on one school, the experiences were common to schools across Kent and, perhaps, the lives of some Friends. The reason this story is unique is the quality of the records, particularly these beautiful paintings, that have been preserved at the school.

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No booking, just turn up.

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.

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

3 November 10am Discussion Group - Can a postcard tell a story?? Leader Carolyn Barclay

10 November 2.30pm Workshop - Researching a Place Leader Pam Goddard

The workshop will highlight various sources that would be useful in your research as well as looking at various data readily available to use. Examples will be used from my own research on One Place/One Name.

17 November 10.30am Writing Group- Leader Pauline Heathcote

24 November 10.30am DNA Family History Research Discussion Group Leader Laura Lincoln.

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@nwkhfs.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://nwkhfs.org.uk/events-list> for topics and dates / times of Workshops and Talks further ahead.

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@nwkhfs.org.uk with your contributions. Any photos must be your own copyright.

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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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