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This email is to advise you of a change to our booked Zoom Speaker on 11 February. Fred Lemont has had to withdraw.

Instead, our President, David Cufley, kindly stepping in at short notice, will give a talk on "Where will we be without Vincent, Keyes, Pam & Mayhew"

Journey through London using four authors for local and family history sources.

Thursday 11 February: log in from 7pm, talk starts 7.30pm ends 8.30pm ish.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89666267227?pwd=WUZ5c3U0OTh1czJjRnU0ZUhRU2ZiZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 6626 7227 Passcode: 834481

ZOOM Talks and Workshops

Zoom Talks are open to all. They do not need to be booked but please log on via the link in good time.

All times given are UK time.

See <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings#year=2021&month=1&day=5&view=month>

for topics and dates / times of Workshops and Talks further ahead.

ZOOM Workshops

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.

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.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/workshops/past-zoom-workshop-videos>

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

Wednesday 10 February 2.30pm Workshop - Kevin Bacon Family History Laboratory - David Cufley

An interactive experiment to make family history links between participants and to verify if the 'six degrees of separation' has any relationship to Family History Research.

It will explore the connections members have to each other and how they may be related by genes, place or event.

The laboratory may stimulate members' research and breakdown those brick walls to that elusive ancestor. Serendipity and Kismet are important research tools of family historians and are little used and explored. This laboratory will try to highlight their use.

Members attending need to refresh their memories of their families especially their research surnames, places of birth, residences and occupations.

Wednesday 17 February 10.00am Writing Group - Pauline Heathcote

**Wednesday 24 February 10.30am Workshop - Women at War
WW11 - Pam Goddard**

What did your mother or grandmother do during the war? Find out about the various services and areas in which women featured during the war and if any records are available.

Contact workshop coordinator Pam Goddard 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.

Please don't let your membership lapse

A plea from our Renewals Secretary that a lot of members have not renewed yet. (Renewal was due 1 January).

We think this is because many members customarily renewed by cheque or cash at the meetings and talks - which had to be replaced by Zoom meetings - and at the Library and Research Centre - now closed.

If you haven't renewed yet, or wish to join, please consider doing so online <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/about/membership/our-membership>

(This e newsletter is free for members and non members alike. Society paid-up members additionally receive a quarterly journal packed with interesting stories, access to workshops, writing groups and discussion groups and access to data held behind the membership paywall on our website).

A WWI Medal Mystery

Lucy Martin writes:

"My father in law passed away in June and through clearing his house we found a pewter tankard. Inside with a few other unrelated items was a medal. We asked other members of the

family if they were aware of any family or friend connection to it and drew a blank.

It is a Mons Star 1914-15. It has no ribbon attached and it was difficult to read as it was so dirty. I cleaned it sympathetically with soap, water and a toothbrush until I could read it better.

It read:

113380

CPL W.E. LORD

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I had a look on Forces War Records and found that the soldier was called Corporal William Edward Lord of the Royal Engineers.

His birthplace was 73, Swallowfield Road, Charlton, SE7
He started his military service on 12 June 1915 when he was 19 years old. His Index number of Admission was 39181. He was a Roman Catholic.

He was transferred to sick convoy on 31 March 1918 and was back to duty on 24 May 1918.

He was in Depot Special Branch. I think that Branch might have dealt with poison gas? I also gleaned that he may have been an Analytical Chemist.

He was discharged from the Army on 7 November 1918 as he was not physically fit for war service.

Anyhow, this is all I have been able to find thus far. I feel that as we have no obvious family connection to this soldier, we ought to try and find a surviving member of his own family to return it to.

It's importance to their family history is great."

If you have any connection to or knowledge of, Cpl W E Lord's living relatives and can help Lucy in her quest, please email her on lucyamartin@hotmail.co.uk

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

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If there is anything else I should be aware of, to give you maximum benefit from this emailinfoservice, 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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