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**Welcome to the March 2021 email newsletter.**

**Today's headline photo is the front cover of our March Journal.**

**From the Editor of the Journal**

- Paper copies of the March Journal should be dropping through letterboxes this week. If your copy doesn't arrive please check you have renewed your subscription (unless you opted out of a paper copy).

- On line copies have been on the website for paid up Society members to view for several days: [https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/images/journals/vol\\_15/nwkhfs-15-9b.pdf](https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/images/journals/vol_15/nwkhfs-15-9b.pdf) (link will only work for members logged into the website)
- Have the lockdowns helped with your Family History research? Share with other members via the Journal ....
- Articles long and short for future issues welcome ... editor on [Editor@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:Editor@nwkhfs.org.uk) always happy to respond to queries.

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### **Please don't let your membership lapse**

You can renew here, paying at our online

shop: <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/about/membership/our-membership/#how-to-pay>

But if you want it to lapse, an email to our membership secretary to let her know will save you being reminded - and save her chasing you: [membership@NWKFHS.org.uk](mailto:membership@NWKFHS.org.uk)

(This e newsletter remains 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).

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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://nwkhfs.org.uk/resources/all-other/zoom-talk-videos> note this link only works for paid up members logged into the website).

**Saturday 6 March 10.0am for 10.30 start, finishes about 11.30am**

**"Hops, Inns and Pilgrims on the south side of Old London Bridge" by John Halligan**

John lives in Hayes, Kent, has had a life-long interest in history, and has developed fourteen walks in and around the City of London. In addition to the walks, John has developed a number of popular and interesting talks, based on London themes.

In February 2016 John was proud to be granted Freedom of the City of London in a ceremony at the Guildhall.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84109404135>

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## **Thursday 11 March 7pm for 7.30 "Your Average Ancestor" By Ian Waller.**

Ian is a retired professional genealogist with over 30 years experience in English research, a former Chairman of and a Fellow of AGRA (The Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives) and has published several books related to Family Research.

During a lifetime most people left a large number of records (we all generate about 100 records). This talk takes a chronological tour of those records and explains how they can help put the flesh on the bones of our research, where they can be found, and what we can find.

Join Zoom

Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88953440674?pwd=UINtK2NGZkI5bHBJRURxR05YYmFHQT09>

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## **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. 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.

## **March Workshops**

3 March 10am - Carolyn's discussion Group - The Ethics of DNA in Genealogy

10 March 7.30pm - Workshop - Fluctuating Population Numbers - David Cufley

17 March 10.30am Discussion Group - Family History Resources and Techniques - David Cufley

24 March 10.30am Workshop details to follow

31 March 10.30am Discussion group DNA Family history Research

**Contact workshop coordinator Pam Goddard for the link / code to enable you to attend any of the above Workshops and Discussion**

**Groups.** [workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto: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://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.



We now have 21 speakers booked with more to be announced  
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**Bromley Borough Local History Society**  
**Researching history in the Borough of Bromley?**

[www.bblhs.org.uk](http://www.bblhs.org.uk) there are links from this page to many free to view historic photographs and pictures.

**"BBLHS has one of the most extensive websites of any local history society with many excellent local history resources**

There is FREE access for everyone, in line with one of the aims of the society to record and make available a range of material about the Borough of Bromley that might otherwise be lost. We have been able to do this partly through a generous bequest from the late Jean Tresize.

**On the Resources pages you will find:**

**The Annotated Horsburgh:** A scanned 1930s copy of ELS Horsburgh's *Bromley from the earliest times to the present century*, with additional pictures and notes. The additions were made by one of the history's instigators, local historian William Baxter. The unique copy has been made available courtesy of Bromley Local Studies Library.

**BBLHS journal *Bromleag*:** issues from 1974 —2016 are available. There is a full searchable index.

**Books:** Over 100 books on local, Kent and London history are available via the website including general histories of Bromley, Orpington and Beckenham areas; health reports; parish registers; cycling; railway guides; churches; place names and census material

**Street directories:** 1839—1940 all areas of the borough

**Maps:** of Bromley and London

## On the Galleries pages are:

**Old photos:** there are several hundred photographs from around the borough drawn from the collections of members.

**Illustrated Articles:** longer articles on people and places from around the borough.

**On the Index pages:** more information on all the different towns and villages that make up the London Borough of Bromley

**Search Page:** to help you track down an elusive name or place

*We are adding material all the time. If you would like to contribute  
—with information, illustrations or pictures to the web site —*

[admin@bblhs.org.uk](mailto:admin@bblhs.org.uk)

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## Kent Archaeological Society

Our events schedule will start on Tuesday **March 9th at 19:30**. Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh will present a talk, followed by live questions and answers, entitled: **Ways of seeing: Christ's life on Faversham's painted pillar**.

"Church wall paintings are frequently the preserve of art historians, but such material culture is also valuable for those who study the lives of ordinary people in the Middle Ages. Here I am going to be looking at Faversham's 'remarkable' 14th-century painted pillar to explore what it may have offered those of the town in spiritual terms, which in turn may help us to understand issues concerning late medieval piety. Additionally, this presentation considers the pillar's creation following a period of conflict in Faversham's history, another aspect of urban life that has parallels elsewhere in the county."

Click on the link below to access the event around 15 minutes before the start. There are no restrictions to this event and there is no need to download any software on a laptop or desktop although the app may give you a better experience. You may be prompted to download the Teams app if your accessing from an Android device, iPad or Mac but there is no need to register for an account.

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We will be following this up with a series of monthly talks by our Trustees including:

- April 13th - Underground Kent: Kent's hidden heritage by Rod LeGear
- May 11th - Our Neighbours in Empire: A tour of Belgium and the Netherlands in the Roman era by Dr Steve Willis
- June 8th - The KAS collections: Some of the highlights from our curator by Dr Elizabeth Blanning
- July 13th - Sorting the wheat from the chaff in Kent cropmarks by Chris Blair-Myers

We are also hosting guest speakers who have kindly agreed to present on topics including:

- The Wandering Herd: Medieval cattle farming by Andy Margetts
- Excavations at Snodland Roman Villa by Giles Dawkes

Meanwhile, keep checking our [website](#) news and our [events calendar](#) for events either organised by KAS or which we think may be of interest to our members and followers.

If you have suggestions on topics you would like covered by an online talk please email [communications@kentarchaeology.org.uk](mailto:communications@kentarchaeology.org.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](mailto: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.*

Stella Eames, Editor

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