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**Welcome to the 1 May 2021 email newsletter.**

**Saturday 1 May 10am for 10.30 - 12 midday including time for questions:  
Donna Rutherford (Part 1)- 'DNA for beginners' Zoom Talk**

**(Part 2 'Making the most of your results' will be 17 June 7.30pm)**

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81714661579?pwd=VDdrd2ZTaGZ0MnVqT1hmYzhWbIFiUT09>

Meeting ID: 817 1466 1579 Passcode: 973577

We are delighted that we have been able to book the well known DNA expert Donna Rutherford.

Have you ever wondered how having a DNA test could help your family history research?

Before spending any money, do you want to know more about the three types of test (autosomal, mitochondrial and Y) and which type or types is more likely to give you the results you are looking for?

What are the pros and cons of the different commercial companies which offer DNA tests?

And what happens after you've posted the testing kit back to the company?

Or maybe you know most of this but would like a refresher.

Then this talk is for you. Book your diary now for this and Donna's follow up talk on 17 June at 7.30pm.

This talk is free to members and non members alike, just log in between 10am and 10.30 on 1 May.

Should it be over subscribed or you are not in our time zone, Donna has agreed it can be recorded. But the recording will only be viewable in the members only area of the website.

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### **More 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).

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**Thursday 20 May 7pm for 7.30pm 'Commonwealth War Graves Commission Archives' Talk by Steve Roberts**

A talk about the important work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and its educational charity, the Commonwealth War Graves Foundation.

**Saturday 5th June 10am for 10.30- Christoph Bull "Chalk Parish-Marshes, Midges and Medicine"**

Christoph Bull is a tour guide and highly entertaining speaker who has frequently entertained North West Kent members on both counts.

*The Zoom code for these and other talks further ahead will be published on the website nearer the date.*

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

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

**April and May Workshops - for Society members only, and must be booked; numbers are limited to allow all attendees to participate**

**5 May** Carolyn's Discussion Group 10am. - 'A house is not a home'.

**12 May** Workshop 2.30pm Breaking Down Brickwalls Led by David Cufley  
Anyone wishing to attend was asked to submit your 'brickwall' by 29th April to allow sufficient time for the queries to be looked at. Please provide a name/topic and some background information. Email [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk)

**19 May** Writing Group 10.30am Led by Pauline Heathcote

**26 May** Workshop 10.30am Australia - Guide to records available for researching your family. Part 1 (Convict ancestors are covered in Part 2 in June) Led by Pam Goddard

'Whether your ancestors were early settlers, or families who settled more recently under the Assisted Passage Migration Scheme known as the £10 POMs this workshop will provide guidance where to find your families. Maybe they were 'Home children'. We will look at each state and the records available. We will also take a look at what is available on Find my Past and Ancestry.

**2 June** Discussion Group 10am How have maps helped in research? Leader Carolyn Barclay

**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](mailto: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.**

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**See <https://www.nwkfhs.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.**

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**Easyfundraising**

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**So far the Society has 39 easyfundraising supporters who have raised an amazing total of £729.03.**

I am one of them and, although the Society receives donations from the big retailers whenever I buy online or click and collect, it does not cost me any extra.



Back in mid September 2019, Zoe Martin sent in the attached photo of the Stone, Dartford Cricket Team in the early 1930s.

Her grandfather Horace George Bartholomew born 1910 is top 2nd from left and Zoe wondered if anyone recognised any of the other sportsman.

Just this morning, I was tidying up a corner of my own tree and (cutting a long story short) I noticed that my 1st cousin 3 x removed, Mary Ann Gradwick b 1859, had married George Edmund Bartholomew.

One of their sons was George Arthur Bartholomew b 1878 who married Ruth Hills ..... and their son was ... (drumroll) .... Horace George Bartholomew. Making Zoe and I 4th cousins. Neither of us have many cousins so we are both very happy to have found a 4th!

If you have any vintage photos and you'd like to submit them to this newsletter to see if the persons in them feature in anyone else's tree, feel free. Quote maiden names, and dates as far as you know them, and give me your permission to mention your email address for any responses.

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Francis Howcutt, a member of this Society when it formed in 1980, has sent us the following:

*Good afternoon.*

*Members of your Society may be interested to hear that I have recently launched a fresh index of the 1673-74 hearth tax lists for Northamptonshire, along with a detailed introduction.*

*There are over 22,000 records, providing names and other details of the vast majority of householders in the county sorted by name, by parish/town and in their original order.*

*It is the most complete snapshot of local residents earlier than the 1841 census.*

*It is available as a set of PDFs waiting to be downloaded from Parish Chest. £10*

*If you have ancestors from the area this will be of interest to you.*

<https://www.parishchest.com/northamptonshire-hearth-tax-index-1673-1674-10546.php>

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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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