

**Welcome to the mid September 2021 email newsletter.**

**This is being circulated a bit early because I want to make sure you all know that Jackie Depelle's talk on Wills is Tuesday September 14th. See further information below.**

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.

Until Kent Libraries will allow us to start using the Joydens Wood Library, 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](mailto: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](mailto:president@nwkfhs.org.uk)

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### **ZOOM TALK: Tuesday 14 September Jackie Depelle: Wills for family history**

**7:00pm for 7:30pm. Guest Speaker Jackie Depelle will explain the value of wills in family history.**

**Wills are perhaps the most useful source after certificates and censuses. Wills are a personal insight into relationships and possessions. Find indexes and associated records and read the documents. Learn how to exploit them.**

(Readers abroad may not know that England and Wales Wills which have been probated, from 1858 to date, can be purchased, and downloaded a few days later, for £1.50 from <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills> )

Jackie Depelle is a specialist Family History tutor, guiding and motivating family history research for just over twenty years.

A regular virtual speaker at shows and to groups across the country, Jackie supports Family and Local History and the Guild of One Name Studies through membership and via her former role as Chairman of the Yorkshire Group of Family History Societies. She now also runs many online courses mainly for the WEA and other education providers.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85278125512?pwd=akZBU1gvVk1MYmdzYTI1Z3drKzBJdz09>

Meeting ID: 852 7812 5512

Passcode: 978470

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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 grave, 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.

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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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**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.

**15 September 10.30am Discussion Group Coffee Morning Leader Mike Weeks**

**22 September 10.30am DNA Family History Research Discussion Group  
Leader Victor Nutt**

**29 September 2.30pm Workshop Using online forums to assist with your  
research. Leader Pam Goddard**

This Workshop will take a look at some of the most popular forums and see how they can help you with your research.

Look at what you have to do to start using them and how to use them successfully.

Also looking at the possible benefits from using them, whether it is a link to a database, a repair to a photograph, help to transcribe old documents, photos of headstones, help with war records or advertising your society events.

For the purposes of the workshop Pam will use some of her own experiences to demonstrate.

**6 October 10am Discussion Group - Family Secrets. What could they be and  
should they be told? Leader Carolyn Barclay**

**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**

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**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](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://nwkfhs.org.uk/events-list> for topics and dates / times of Workshops and Talks further ahead.  
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The NWKFS library and research centre at Joyden's Wood remains closed. I will let you know, and it will be on the website, when it can re-open.

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**Caring for your family history documents, certificates and photos at home**

The London Metropolitan Archives recently created guides to help researchers care for documents located in their homes.

See <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/history-and-heritage/london-metropolitan-archives/about-lma/conservation> and scroll down to read the PDF Guides.

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<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/nationwide-digital-churchyard-mapping-project-begins>

The Church of England has partnered with Cumbrian-based surveying company Atlantic Geomatics who will use back-pack mounted laser scanners to quickly and accurately map churchyards. They will also photograph all the visible headstones.

There are around 19,000 Anglican burial grounds in England, and the ambitious scheme will aim to digitally survey the majority over the coming seven years. Data on burials will be combined with other information, such as the National Biodiversity Network Atlas, to present the most complete picture of churchyards to date.

The project will come at no cost to parishes or dioceses in the Church of England and parishes will have free access to the map through a new web-based record system which is set to launch in Spring 2022. There will also be the option to subscribe to additional services.

Click on the link for more information.

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***Unusual Parish Register Marriage Entry***

Not our area, but I wondered if this might encourage readers to let me know about unusual entries in North West Kent Area Registers which you have come across: for publication in this enews.

[https://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Ashton-under-Lyne/stmichael/marriages\\_1778-1786.html](https://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Ashton-under-Lyne/stmichael/marriages_1778-1786.html)

Marriage: 17 Feb 1784 St Michael and All Angels, Ashton under Lyne, Lancs.  
Joseph Cook - the Parish of Mottram  
Mary Faulkener - this Parish

Notes: refused marriage till the day following for very bad behaviour viz After the words 'With this ring I thee wed', he said *and with my fist I'll break thy head* [written at bottom of entry and marriage crossed out; entry number 546 repeated in register by mistake]

Register: Marriages 1778 - 1802, Page 139, Entry 546

Source: LDS Film 559172

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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](mailto: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-newsletter in my 'spare time' but, if you do notice any errors, please tell me, so that they are not carried forward to the next emailinfo.*

*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.*

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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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