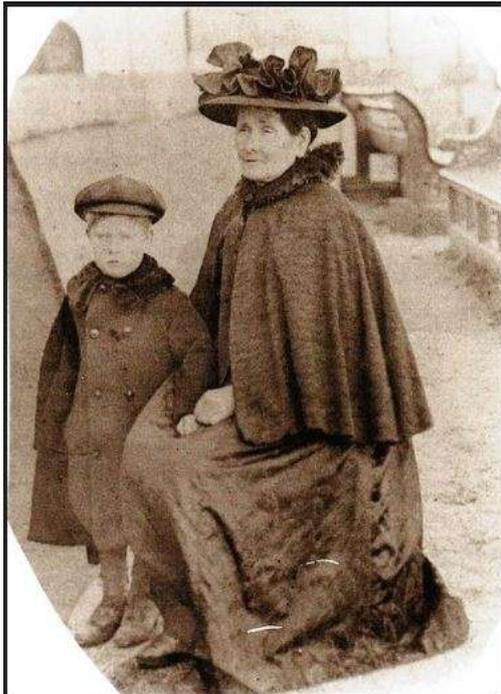


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As one of our workshops (13 April, led by Walter Eves, will be about how Flickr can be of use to family historians, I thought I would start (as I occasionally do) with a photo from the Society's Flickr collection.

Samuel **EVES**, 778054, 127th York Rangers, Canadian Expeditionary Force. Photo was taken circa 1900 with his Grandmother Margaret **PARADINE**, in Kent.

Samuel joined the 127th York Rangers at Newmarket, Ontario on 15 December 1915. Previously served in the militia, 12th Regiment York Rangers.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nwxf/sets/>

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Welcome to the 1 March 2022 enews

Society Library: opening hours and booking

At present the library is open and staffed by library volunteers on Wednesdays from midday to 4pm.

To prevent overcrowding users must, please, phone our Librarian Janet on 01322 384836 in advance to check there is space for the time period you would like to come.

Janet has told me that most people come about midday and stay til 3.30pm or so. At the moment there is plenty of space for everyone who has booked.

There are three PCs for research; or you can use your own device - but if using your own device you need to join Kent Libraries to be able to log in to the library edition of Ancestry, FindmyPast and other resources.

If you cannot get there in the afternoon but can make the morning, please phone Janet to discuss as a library Volunteer may be able to open up early for you.

Library at: 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Kent DA5 2EE

Parking in nearby roads.

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Society Membership 2022 Renewal was due 1 January and still only £10

Members should all have renewed by now for 2022.

2021 was an unusual year, but we hope you still felt your £10 subs was a bargain and will continue to be so, given our programme of talks and workshops, whether in person or Zoom, and our four quarterly journals.

Please also remember to let our Membership Secretary know of any change of address or email address.

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/about/membership/our-membership>

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/membership>

(this enews is free to members and non members alike).

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Virtual Family History Fair

Saturday May 7 2022

10.00 am – 12.00 pm

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

FREE to All

Join us via Zoom to meet with other enthusiastic researchers from other Societies. Use the breakout rooms to move between Societies and bring your queries to obtain answers from locally knowledgeable genealogists
Bookings open later this month

East Surrey FHS Family History Fair Saturday 7 May - Volunteers Needed

10am - midday and 2pm - 4pm

On 7 May, our neighbouring society, East Surrey, will be hosting a virtual family history fair using Zoom. Other Societies are being invited to occupy breakout rooms to chat to visitors about their locality and answer questions.

I volunteered in this way for two such events run by the Family History Foundation, and it was good fun..

As East Surrey is just 'next door' NWK has expressed an interest in participating and so we'd like to know who can volunteer (from the comfort of your own home, anywhere in the world).

There will be two sessions, morning and afternoon, and North West Kent FHS is looking for volunteers to staff our 'room' via *Zoom*.

If you can help at either, or both, morning and afternoon sessions, UK time, please contact Mike Weeks on publicity@nwkfhs.org.uk

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Talks are now either in person at our Dartford and Sevenoaks venues or by *Zoom*. The combined details of *Zoom* and in person talks are in one chronological list below.

The description for each Talk states clearly whether it is via *Zoom* or an in person talk.

Currently all Workshops remain *Zoom*.

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ZOOM Talks

Zoom Talks are open to all. They cannot be pre booked - please just 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 and recorded talks are saved here -

<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.

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Saturday 5 March 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 Russell Bowes will give a talk entitled Dig For Victory - Background information to ancestors' lives during world war II.

Few of us are old enough to have memories of life during World War II but most are familiar with the expression "Dig for Victory" and know its war time origin. Russell Bowes has a diploma in garden history, and is well qualified to explain how the Dig for Victory campaign was implemented.

In 1939 the UK was importing 70% of its food, as it was government policy to prioritise the export of manufactured goods over the importance of producing food at home. This resulted in there only being 7 weeks food supply in store at the outbreak of the war. As male agricultural workers were conscripted, women (the Land Army) had to work on the land and vegetables had to be grown instead of flowers.

The meeting will be led by Janet Rose.

Free to NWKFHS members; non members are asked to make a donation towards costs of hall hire and speaker.

There is a large, free car park but it is shared with other users and can be busy at times.

No booking, just turn up.

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**Thursday 10 March 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 Dr John Reuther will give us a very informative talk entitled "*The Lives and Deaths of the Hanovers*".

The House of Hanover were of German descent who succeeded the House of Stuart as kings of Great Britain in 1714. The first Hanoverian King of England was only 52nd in line to the throne, but, thanks to the Act of Settlement, George was the nearest **Protestant** eligible to take the crown.

Free to NWKFHS members; non members are asked to make a donation towards costs of hall hire and speaker.

No booking, just turn up.

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

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Zoom Talk Tuesday 22 March log in from 7pm for a 7.30 start

"The Life & Legacy of George Bradshaw"

Dr David Turner will examine how Bradshaw's company produced guides and handbooks that were considered indispensable for Victorian and Edwardian railway travellers and reveals how they were seen by the public.

Zoom host: Mike Weeks

This talk will be recorded and placed on the website probably within a few days afterwards.

The Zoom link will be published on the website www.nwkfhs.org.uk nearer the date.

If you listen to a Talk and, especially if you are a non-member of the Society, please consider making a donation to the Society through our eshop

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/services> and scroll down for 'Society Donation'.

Even though we don't have to hire a hall for our virtual talks, we still have to pay the speaker and have bought Zoom licenses.

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Saturday 2 April 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 Kathy Chater will give a talk about Coroners' Inquests -

Coroners' inquests produce a wealth of information for family historians. Ancestors might have been involved in a number of ways, such as jurors, court officials or witnesses.

Inquests don't just reveal how someone died – they also show how, where and with whom the deceased lived and how they got on with family, friends and neighbours.

Kathy Chater has been tracing her own ancestry for over forty years. She is the author of Tracing Your Huguenot Ancestors (2012); The Reformation in 100 Facts (2016); My Ancestor Was A Lunatic (2014) and Tracing Your Family Tree in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales (2nd ed. 2008). She also contributes articles and reviews on social and family history to magazines and websites.

The meeting will be led by Janet Rose.

Free to NWKFHS members; non members are asked to make a donation towards costs of hall hire and speaker.

There is a large, free car park but it is shared with other users and can be busy at times.

No booking, just turn up.

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Zoom Talk Thursday 21 April log in from 7pm for a 7.30 start

Guest Speaker Ian Waller on Brickwalls

Ian Waller knows that every family historian has hit a brick wall at some stage in their research and this talk examines ways of demolishing those brickwalls, breaking down barriers and overcoming challenges posed by documents that were not generated with the family historian in mind.

A recording of the meeting may be made available on the website for members only at a later date but this has not been confirmed.

Zoom host: Pat Gooding

The Zoom link will be published on the website www.nwkfhs.org.uk nearer the date.

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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. Please note that booking is essential.

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

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

**2 March Medieval Records Part 2 – The Manorial Documents Register David Cufley
7.30pm - 9.30pm**

The Manorial Documents Register (MDR) is an index of English and Welsh manorial records, providing brief descriptions of documents and details of their locations in public and private hands.

Manorial records include court rolls, surveys, maps, terriers and all other documents relating to the boundaries, franchises, wastes, customs or courts of a manor. This is a case study using the Hexton, Hertfordshire Manor court records to recreate a family mentioned in the records as tenants and as jurors. The method we have used to recreate a family line from the manor records.

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated. <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/services> and scroll down for 'Society Donation'.

Capacity 15

Spaces are limited. Please reserve a place with workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk including the event title and date together with your name and membership number.

9 March Discussion Group: Bring an Ancestor Leader Carolyn Barclay 10am-11.45am

Members to introduce an ancestor of interest to the group.

Free but a donation via the web shop would be appreciated. <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/services> and scroll down for 'Society Donation'.

Capacity 12

Spaces are limited. Please reserve a place with workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk including the event title and date together with your name and membership number.

**16 March Parish Chest: A workshop on the documents found in the parish archives.
David Cufley 7.30pm - 9.30**

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated. <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/services> and scroll down for 'Society Donation'.

Capacity 15

Spaces are limited. Please reserve a place with workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk including the event title and date together with your name and membership number.

23 March Breaking Down Brickwalls David Cufley 10.30am - 12.30pm

Discussion workshop to help researchers get over research hurdles (**entries must be submitted by 9 March.**) Please provide a name, topic and some background information

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated. <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/services> and scroll down for 'Society Donation'.

Capacity 12

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30 March DNA Discussion Group Laura Lincoln 10.30am - 12.30pm

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated. <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/services> and scroll down for 'Society Donation'.

Capacity 12

Spaces are limited. Please reserve a place with workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk including the event title and date together with your name and membership number

6 April Discussion Group Should History be rewritten? and Members Choice (members to suggest topics for discussion). Leader Carolyn Barclay 10.00am to 11.45am

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated. <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/services> and scroll down for 'Society Donation'.

Capacity 15

Spaces are limited. Please reserve a place with workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk including the event title and date together with your name and membership number.

6 April Workshop Trade Sources Leader David Cufley 7.30pm to 9.30pm

This workshop explores the sources available for family historians to research ancestors' occupations and industries.

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated. <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/services> and scroll down for 'Society Donation'.

Capacity 15

Spaces are limited. Please reserve a place with workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk including the event title and date together with your name and membership number.

13 April Workshop Flickr for Family Historians Leader Walter Eves 10.30am to 12.30pm

This workshop explores how Flickr, a popular photo-sharing and hosting service can be useful for Family and Local Historians.

Since 2013 the Society has been posting various documents, deeds, postcards, wills etc. that were in private personal collections and thus in the main part unavailable for anyone else to see.

So far there are about 3,500 items from the 1800s (some with content dating back to the 1700s) through to WW1 and into the 1920s and 1930s covering Kent and the rest of the country - creating a searchable name rich resource.

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated. <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/shop/nwkhfs-shop/services> and scroll down for 'Society Donation'.

Capacity 15

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20 April Scottish Interest Group Workshop Leaders Pam Goddard/Carolyn Barclay 2.30am to 4.30pm

Kirk Sessions: this workshop explores the role of the Kirk Sessions as the Parish Courts, their function and how accessing the records can give an insight into our ancestors' lives.

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated. <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/shop/nwkhfs-shop/services> and scroll down for 'Society Donation'.

Capacity 15

Spaces are limited. Please reserve a place with workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk including the event title and date together with your name and membership number.

27 April Workshop Laura Lincoln DNA Discussion Group 10.30am to 12.30pm

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated. <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/shop/nwkhfs-shop/services> and scroll down for 'Society Donation'.

Capacity 15

Spaces are limited. Please reserve a place with workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk including the event title and date together with your name and membership number.

Many, many thanks to workshop coordinator Carolyn Sekulowicz-Barclay for arranging our exciting programme of workshops, and to the workshop leaders who all give their time freely.

Society members please book by emailing Carolyn for the link / code to enable you to attend any of the above Workshops and Discussion Groups. workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk

Carolyn would like to hear from you if you have topic requests for workshops or want to suggest different dates or times.

If you participate in a workshop, please consider making a donation to the Society through our eshop <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/shop/nwkhfs-shop/services> and scroll down for 'Society Donation'.

See <https://nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings> for topics and dates / times of Workshops and Talks further ahead.

News from the University of Strathclyde <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy>

We wanted to let you know that our FREE Online Genealogy 'Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree' kicks off again on 7th March.

Dive into your family history and learn how to create a family tree. Follow one woman's journey as she learns about her past on this 6-week course led by genealogy tutors. Perfect for beginners, the course content is delivered through storytelling, visual learning and discussion. Learn from anywhere at a time that suits you. Not just Scottish research.

The course has been a huge success since its launch with nearly 115,000 learners taking part.

To find out more or to sign-up please visit - <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy>

The Society Website - a Wealth of Information for Society Members

Logging on to the Website as a Member

Did you know that the members' only area of our website is full of valuable resources such as past issues of our quarterly journals (all the way back to 1978), recorded zoom talks, surnames members are researching, and much, much more.

All you need to do is visit the members' only area of the website (<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/members-login>) and log in with the details we have given you. (Look for your user name and first password on the Welcome Letter you received when you joined.)

Not sure how? We've prepared a video which will show you exactly what to do, step by step. Why not take a look today and see what more you can add to your family tree research?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYBG1RWufrU>

Haven't you joined our society yet? Please do consider becoming a member as it's only £10 for individuals and £12 for joint members, per year. Click on the link below to see more.

<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/about/membership/our-membership>

Easyfundraising - a charity donation when you shop online

[Click here](#) to raise donations for North West Kent Family History Society whenever you shop online. Turn your everyday online shopping into FREE donations at no cost to you..

So far the Society has 40 easyfundraising supporters who have raised over £773.

And last but not least, RootsTech is starting very soon. A completely free virtual family history



100% Virtual, 100% Free.

3–5 March 2022

Sign up for RootsTech so you can enjoy:

- Inspiring keynote speakers
- Unlimited access to over 1,500 sessions
- Expo Hall with companies from around the world
- Playlists, chat, and much more

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/>

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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 with your contributions. Any photos must be your own copyright.

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Click on our other links <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/blog> [Facebook](#) [Flickr](#)

I am a volunteer creating this e-news in my 'spare time' but, if you do notice any errors, please tell me, so that they are not carried forward to the next edition.

I often get asked to publicise family history fairs, new books on genealogy and small genealogy

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.

Stella Eames, Editor

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