



Welcome to the mid July enews

The Cook Family on the beach at Sandown, Isle of Wight, 1913

This lovely family photo has kindly been sent in by member Angela Brandreth-Cook.

I send the attached photo, taken by an itinerant photographer on the beach at Sandown, IoW .

*The pipe smoking young man on the right is my father, Esmond Barnaby **COOK** (1892-1946), aged 21.*

*The woman on the left is my grandmother, Laura Elizabeth Cook nee **CHANDLER**. (1869-1959) with my aunt Chris on her lap. The photographer asked her to move further in, as he couldn't get everyone in the shot, so that is what Auntie Chris (Christine Mary Cook 1894-1984) did!*

The boy in front of Grandma is my uncle Cecil (Cecil Barnaby Cook 1898 - 20 August 1917) aged thirteen. He died in WW1 when the Sopwith Pup he was flying broke up when he was coming in to land it. He was just eighteen. <https://livesofthefirstworldwar.iwm.org.uk/lifestory/6841405>

The three people in the middle of the picture are most probably cousins, but I cannot say with certainty who they are. The lady in the flowery hat on the extreme right is likely to be a sister of my grandma, but again, I can't say for sure.

If you may be related to any of these and want to contact Angela, email me, Stella, and I will forward your email enews@nwkfhs.org.uk

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The Shetland Bus WWII with Guest Speaker Gilly Halcrow

Thursday 14 July; a Sevenoaks Branch Meeting

at Otford Village Memorial Hall, 28a High Street, Otford TN14 5PQ

Doors Open 7.15pm meeting starts 8.00pm and will finish by 9.30pm

Gilly's talk tells the story of the brave Norwegian sailors in their fishing boats who kept links open between occupied Norway and Britain during WWII, taking agents in with supplies for the resistance and escaping refugees out.

Not only did they have to face sub-Arctic storms in the North Sea but also the might of the Nazi war machine searching for them.

This fascinating talk details the deeds of incredibly courageous and patriotic men. The seas between Norway and Scotland are the stormiest in the world. No other series of journeys in such bad weather, in such small boats and in darkness to an unlit coast had been undertaken.

The impact of the operation resulted in 400 tons of arms and explosives being delivered, 450 refugees rescued and many agents being delivered and recovered.

Gilly's talk is a moving account of what affectionately became known as 'The Shetland Bus'; helping Norway to bring back its peace and pride.

There were many acts of outstanding courage and incredible bravery performed during the Shetland Bus operation. To commemorate this, a wreath laying ceremony is held annually on 17th May in Shetland. Norway still send Christmas trees to London and Edinburgh in gratitude for our assistance.

The Society is a registered charity and membership fees and donations are an important part of our income. The Talk is free to members but guests and visitors are asked to make a donation towards hall hire and speaker's fee. There will be a donations box at the venue.

No booking, just turn up. Free parking in the evenings at the adjacent large car park.

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The 9 lives of Mina Jury with Guest Speaker Claire Moores

Zoom Talk Thursday 28 July; Log in from 7pm (and enjoy an informal chat between attendees) until 7.30pm start of the talk.

Claire Moores is an independent history researcher with over 20 years experience of genealogical and local historical research projects.

Mina Jury was transported to Van Dieman's land age 17 for stealing some jewellery from her employer. After she got her ticket of leave she married and had 11 children. However, after her husband's death she then returned to England to appear as a minor witness in the trial of the Tichborne Claimant in 1873. Uprooted from the stable life she had created in Australia, Mina went on to live a life of theft and fraud in England.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87308914672?pwd=M2RjQS9HTDNMMDBuVE1BSXhrNXVBdz09>

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This talk will be recorded and placed on the Members Only Area of the website for a period of

one month - probably within a few days afterwards.

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Creating a One-Street or One-Place Study with Gill Thomas

Saturday 6 August: a Dartford Branch meeting

at Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford Kent DA1 2LY

Doors Open 9.45am meeting starts 10.30am and will end by 12.30pm

One-place studies are a blend of family history and local history, with a focus on the entire population of a single road, village or community, not just a single, geographically dispersed family line.

Such studies are frequently undertaken by family historians wanting to create a context for their ancestors.

Gill is a professional genealogist and AGRA member. She will be giving us the benefit of her experience on how to use genealogical and other sources to create a One-Place Study and how this can inform our family history research.

The meeting will be led by Janet Rose.

The Society is a registered charity and membership fees and donations are an important part of our income. The Talk is free to members but guests and visitors are asked to make a donation towards hall hire and speaker's fee. There will be a donations box at the venue.

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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Researching Brewery and Publican Ancestors with Guest Speaker Simon Fowler

Zoom Talk Tuesday 9 August 8pm (Seattle 12pm; Ottawa 3pm; August 10 Auckland 7am)



This talk is organised by East Surrey Family History Society, which has invited members and friends of North West Kent FHS to attend free of charge.

Many of us have ancestors who worked somewhere in this industry. The talk will help researchers to discover the various avenues of research available.

Simon formerly worked at the National Archives. Brewers and publicans are just one area of his exhaustive knowledge so fill up your glass and join us!

You must Register in advance for this meeting using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAld-qvrT0qEtCyq4xkb5DooYBTsegy6DY>

Please note: this talk will be recorded but the recording will be played only once: on 10 August

at 10am. (Perth 5pm. Canberra 7pm, Auckland 9pm) but the zoom link for the recording is only available to members of North West Kent and East Surrey FHSs.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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Sevenoaks Branch Meetings - An Important Notice - Change of day and time

With effect from 10 September 2022 and thereafter, meetings will take place from 10.45am (Doors Open) to 1.00pm on the second Saturday Morning of each month.

The venue remains the same: Otford Memorial Hall, 28A High Street, Otford TN14 5PQ

All members and guests very welcome.

It is hoped the change to Saturday mornings will make it easier to attend, especially during the winter months.

Meeting format remains the same with a speaker, raffle, bookstall and, of course, refreshments.

The committee look forward to seeing you all.

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NWKFHS members who missed a *ZOOM* 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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ZOOM Workshops, Special Interest and Discussion Groups

Workshops (including Discussion Groups and Writing Groups) have a maximum number to allow all participants to be involved, **and are restricted to paid up North West Kent FHS members only**. They generally last for about 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.

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20 July ZOOM DNA Discussion Group 10.30am - 12.30pm

Discussion on various aspects of DNA

Registration/Booking 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.

Workshop leaders freely give their time, but a donation via the web shop is appreciated. <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/shop/nwkhfs-shop/services/society-donation>

10 August ZOOM Workshop Family Stories with Carolyn Barclay 10am - 11.45am

Have you got a family story which made you laugh, smile, cry or groan? Would you like to hear others' stories?

Book your place and log in from 9.45am.

Numbers are restricted to enable all participants to ask questions, share knowledge and engage with other members.

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

Workshop leaders freely give their time, but a donation via the web shop is appreciated. <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/shop/nwkhfs-shop/services/society-donation>

17 August ZOOM Writing Group with Pauline Heathcote 10.30am - 12.30

Numbers are restricted to enable all participants to ask questions, share knowledge and engage with other members.

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Workshop leaders freely give their time, but a donation via the web shop is appreciated. <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/shop/nwkhfs-shop/services/society-donation>

17 August: if you have booked the workshop on 31 August Breaking Down Ancestral Brick Walls please email details of your brick wall by today at the latest to David Cufley on president@nwkhfs.org.uk

24 August ZOOM DNA Discussion Group with Laura Lincoln 10.30am - 12.30

Numbers are restricted to enable all participants to ask questions, share knowledge and engage with other members.

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

Workshop leaders freely give their time, but a donation via the web shop is appreciated. <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/shop/nwkhfs-shop/services/society-donation>

24 August LIBRARY Workshop with Pam Goddard 10.30am - 12.30

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

Numbers are restricted to enable all participants to ask questions, share knowledge and engage with other members.

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

Workshop leaders freely give their time, but a donation is appreciated in the Donations Box at the library.

Please arrive at least a few minutes early to enable the workshop to start promptly. Parking in nearby roads.

KCC Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joyden's Wood, DA5 2EE

**31 August ZOOM Workshop Breaking Down Ancestral Brick Walls with David Cufley
7.30pm - 9.30**

Please log in from 7.15pm for the 7.30pm start

A workshop to help researchers overcome research hurdles.

**'Brick Walls' must have been submitted to David Cufley by the 17 August
using president@nwkfhs.org.uk**

Numbers are restricted to enable all participants to ask questions, share knowledge and engage with other members.

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

Workshop leaders freely give their time, but a donation via the web shop is appreciated. <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/services/society-donation>

NWKFHS Members please see <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings> for workshops and discussion groups during the next few months.

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@nwkfhs.org.uk including your name and membership number.

Carolyn would like to hear from you if you have topic requests for workshops or want to suggest different dates or times. (Or have some expertise on a topic which you think would interest others and would be willing to lead a workshop).

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

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 any NWK member to use 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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Any items for the August enews should please reach me by 29 July latest.

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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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<https://twitter.com/nwkfhs>

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 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.

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.

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