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Zoom Talk: with speaker Imogen Corrigan: Viking Life and Legends
Thursday 20 October 7.30pm - 9pm



Please log in from 7pm and enjoy an informal chat between attendees until the talk starts at 7.30pm

Warriors at heart, the popular and not inaccurate view of the Vikings is of thuggish invaders and ferocious fighters. Whilst it's always acknowledged that they were also masters of navigation and sea-faring and were great traders, not much attention is paid to their culture and how some of it influenced later church art in Britain.

Their religious beliefs worked seamlessly with their legends so sometimes the two are hard to separate. Sagas tell of heroic deeds by both man and monster, whilst others unintentionally show the nuts and bolts of Scandinavian society. Skaldic poetry with its strange metaphors is more specific – deliberately so – composed so that it couldn't be altered by future generations and so the story couldn't be lost.

North West Kent FHS is a charity and membership fees and donations are an important part of our income. So, if you are not a North West Kent FHS member, please consider making a donation via our [web shop](#) towards the cost of the speaker and our Zoom licence.

This talk will NOT be recorded.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2799524396?pwd=ZTM4V0E4R2ZqbTZubXpXZ1dDZGdRQT09>

Meeting ID: 279 952 4396

Passcode: 533032

Welcome to the mid October enews

Don't forget that right now is the very best time to join the Society. Anyone joining now gets membership until the 31 December 2023. So nearly 15 months membership for the price of 12. Membership is only £10 or £12 for joint members using one address.



<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/about/membership/our-membership/#options>

Why not buy a gift membership for that hard to please person who doesn't want more 'stuff'?

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easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend online to North West Kent FHS. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Brands pay *easyfundraising* a commission because when you start your shop from the *easyfundraising* website or app, they can see it sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and it turns that into a donation.

Stella's note: I don't use an app. But I have signed up to *easyfundraising* and so when I shop online at 'ordinary' shops such as supermarkets, John Lewis, Lakeland, Robert Dyas, and hundreds of others, it makes a small donation to North West Kent FHS via *easyfundraising*. Please sign up now:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/login/?reason=efr-www-authenticated_isAnon&forward-url=https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nwkhfs/

Society Library: now back to pre-pandemic opening hours

I am delighted to tell you that the library is now open and staffed by library volunteers on Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm and there is no need for booking.

There is a proviso that, if as at 2pm there is no one there, the volunteers will close up, but they are very happy to stay if the library is in use.

Our new Librarian is Hilary Waters, who is taking over from Janet Rose who served as Society Librarian and did a fantastic job for many years.

(Please note, advance notice, that the library will not open until 1pm on 23 November as the space is needed for a meeting in the morning).

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 (via any library in Kent) to be able to log in to the library edition of Ancestry, FindmyPast and other resources.

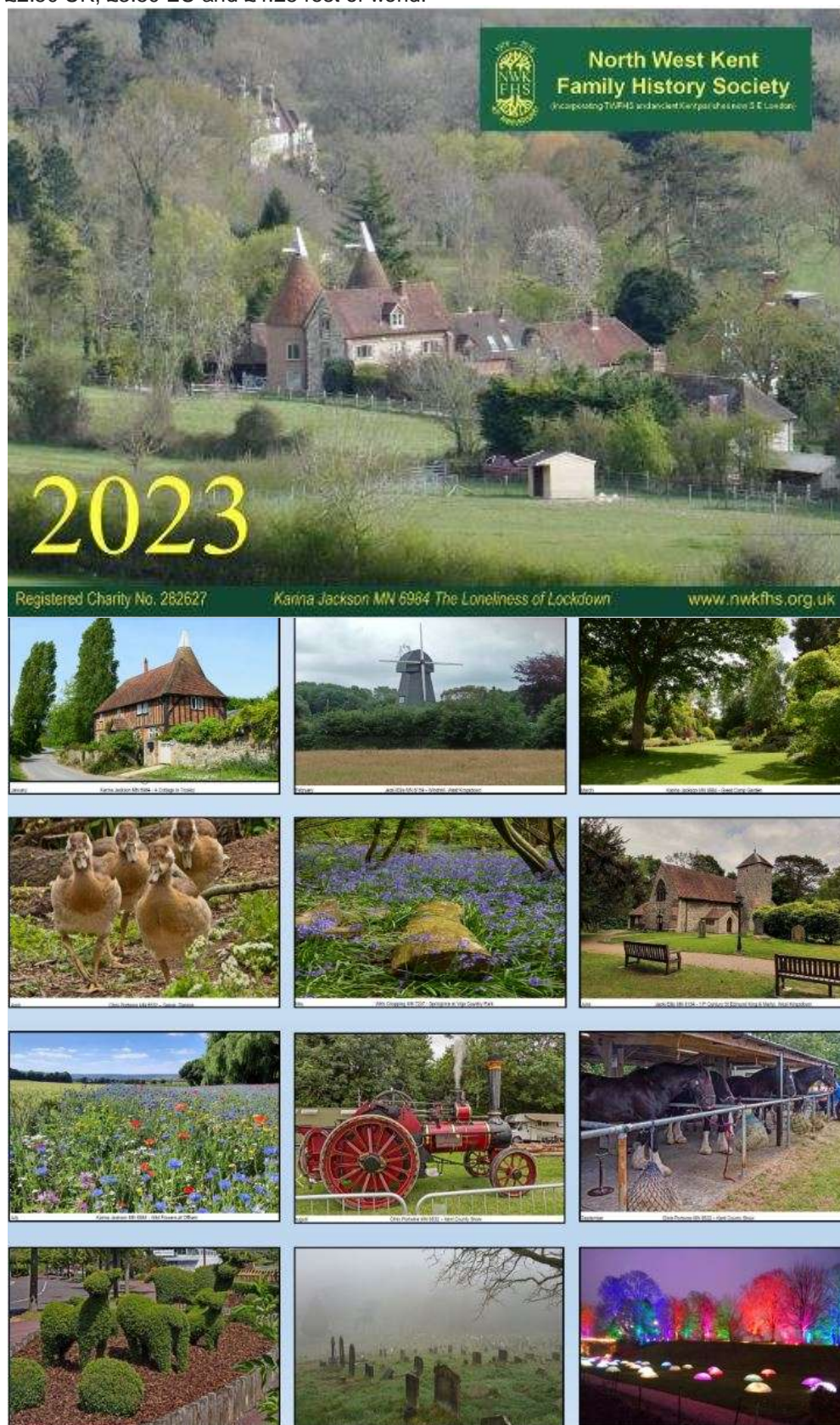
Library at: 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Kent DA5 2EE
(On the corner of Summerhouse Drive and Eden Road)
Parking in Eden Road or other nearby roads.

2023 Calendars are now for sale: at our meetings and and via our e shop. Prices quoted include postage in UK, EU and Rest of the World.

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/shop/nwkhfs-shop/services> (scroll down a little way)

I find them handy small Christmas gifts for people out of our area. As the prices are so cheap and include 2nd class postage, why not have them sent direct to your recipient and let them know separately that it is a gift from you.

£2.50 UK, £3.50 EU and £4.25 rest of world.



Dartford Branch Talk: *Towers of Strength - The Martello Towers of England* with David Sleep

Saturday 5 November: Doors Open 9.45am meeting starts 10.30am and will end by 12.30pm
Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford Kent DA1 2LY

Many will remember the Martello Towers from their seaside holidays and David will explain how they were part of a revolution in English defense against the French.

He became fascinated by the towers as a child when his parents took him and his sisters on trips to places such as Dymchurch, and he has visited most of the towers still standing.

They were part of the fortifications built in the early 1800s to prevent an invasion by Napoleon.

Martello towers stand up to 40 feet (12 m) high (with two floors) and typically had a garrison of one officer and 15–25 men. Their round structure and thick walls of solid masonry made them resistant to cannon fire, while their height made them an ideal platform for a single heavy artillery, mounted on the flat roof and able to fire, over a complete 360° circle. A few towers had moats or other batteries and works attached for extra defence.

The Martello towers eventually became obsolete but many have survived to the present day, often preserved as historic monuments.

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.

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.

The meeting will be led by Janet Rose.

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Sevenoaks Branch Talk: *The Normandy D-Day Landings* with Ian Thompson
Saturday 12 November: at Otford Memorial Hall, 28A High Street, Otford TN14 5PQ
Doors open 10.45am Meeting starts at 11am

This morning our speaker Ian Thompson will reveal the intelligence war, how the allies fooled the Germans.

All members and guests very welcome.

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, (£1 for 3 hours, payment required) 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: 19 November 10.30am Peter Calver of LostCousins

Please log in from 10am and enjoy an informal chat between attendees until the talk starts at 10.30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82810291672?pwd=ajhnWlJrMWtLK1FwNlVBYiZmU00yZz09>

Meeting ID: 828 1029 1672 Passcode: 645342

Peter Calver's unique website www.LostCousins.com, which enables living relatives to find each other, has over 90,000 registered members.

Standard membership is free and includes the opportunity to receive Peter's free LostCousins informative e newsletter distributed 2-3 times a month.

Members add ancestors onto their LostCousins *My Ancestors* page using Census entries as their source. (When getting started it's recommended that you use the freely available 1881 Census.)

Then press the Search button and LostCousins automated matching will flag up if another member has entered the same ancestor (in which case you're related, you are each others' 'lost cousins').

Cousins can contact each other via the website - although you can of course subsequently exchange email addresses.

Peter has kindly agreed that the talk can be recorded, and so it will be uploaded to the members-only area of nwkfhs.org.uk within a few days of the live Zoom talk.

Peter has freely given his time for this talk, but North West Kent FHS is a charity and membership fees and donations are an important part of our income. So, if you are not a North West Kent or East Surrey FHS member, please consider making a donation via our [web shop](#) towards the cost of our Zoom licence.

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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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Workshops, Special Interest and Discussion Groups

Workshops (including Discussion Groups and Writing Groups) whether in person or via Zoom 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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19 October Library DNA Discussion Group 10.30 to 12.30

A members-only event; for you if you are new to how DNA can help with family history or you want to discuss particular aspects of DNA.

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 towards the Society's contribution to the library running costs is appreciated. A donation box will be available on the day.

This is a face to face meeting at the library, which the Society has sole use of on Wednesdays.

Kent County Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley, Kent, DA5 2EE
Corner of Eden Road and Summerhouse Drive.

Parking in nearby roads.

26 October Zoom DNA Discussion Group with Laura Lincoln 10.30am - 12.30

A discussion of various aspects of DNA for family history.

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>

2 November: last date for submitting your ancestral brick walls for discussion at the workshop on 16 November. Send to David Cufley at president@nwkfhs.org.uk

2 November Library Workshop: Starting from Scratch with Jean Stirk 10.30am - 12.30pm

For you if you have never tried to trace family members - or who have tried but are not happy with little or no progress.

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 towards the Society's contribution to the library running costs is appreciated. A donation box will be available on the day.

This is a face to face meeting at the library, which the Society has sole use of on Wednesdays.

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2 November ZOOM Workshop: Scottish Interest Group with Pam Goddard and Carolyn Barclay 10.30am - 12.30pm

A workshop for those interested in Scottish Genealogy.

The workshop will look at land ownership in Scotland (this was also the subject discussed at the face to face meeting in the library.)

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>

9 November: Zoom Discussion Group with Carolyn Barclay

Discussion on various aspects of family history.

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>

16 November Library Writing Group with Leader: Pauline Heathcote

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

This is a Members Only event. Any interested members who have not already joined this group please contact Pauline on theeditor@nwkfhs.org.uk

Workshop leaders freely give their time, but a donation towards the Society's contribution to the library's running costs is appreciated, donation box will be available on the day.

This is a face to face meeting at the library which the Society has sole use of on Wednesdays.

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Parking in nearby roads.

16 November: Zoom Workshop - Breaking Down Ancestral Brick Walls with David Cufley 10.30am - 12.30pm

Please log in from 10.15am for the 10.30am start

A workshop to help researchers overcome research hurdles.

'Brick Walls' must have been submitted to David Cufley by 2 November
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>

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Thursday 27 October Dartford Meeting Place 10am - 12 noon

If you are in the Dartford area, please do drop in and chat to our friendly volunteers who will do their best to help with your family history queries.

The Meeting Place is in The Orchards Shopping Centre (DA1 1DN), opposite Boots.

Tuesday 1 November at West Kingsdown Library. 10am - 12 noon.

If you are in the West Kingsdown area, please do drop in and chat to our friendly volunteers who will do their best to help with your family history queries.

London Road, West Kingsdown, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 6BZ

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

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.

<https://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com/>

The Family History Federation's online Really Useful Show 11 and 12 November (Friday evening and all day Saturday).

Talks, workshops and expert sessions.

See the website for full details and to buy tickets.

A £12 ticket entitles you to full access to The Really Useful Show November 2022, including the Exhibition Hall on Friday 11th November between 6pm and 10pm GMT; and talks, expert sessions and workshops (as well as the Exhibition Hall) on Saturday 12th November between 10am and 6pm.

North West Kent FHS volunteers will be staffing our stand remotely, and many other Societies will be represented too, to answer your questions. <https://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com/exhibition-hall>

Items for the 1 November enews should please reach me as soon as possible, and by 29 October 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.

Stella Eames, Editor

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