



<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.

The Friday Evening is free but you must pre-register, via the show website (although as at 31 October the link has not gone live.)

A £12 ticket entitles you to full access to The Really Useful Show, (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>

Welcome to the 1 November 2022 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 14 months membership for the price of 12. Membership is only £10 or £12 for joint members using one address.

Individual	Family (Couple)	Association/Library
		
£ 10.00	£ 12.00	£ 12.00*
JOIN NOW	JOIN NOW	JOIN NOW

<https://www.nwkfhs.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'?

Easyfundraising

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.

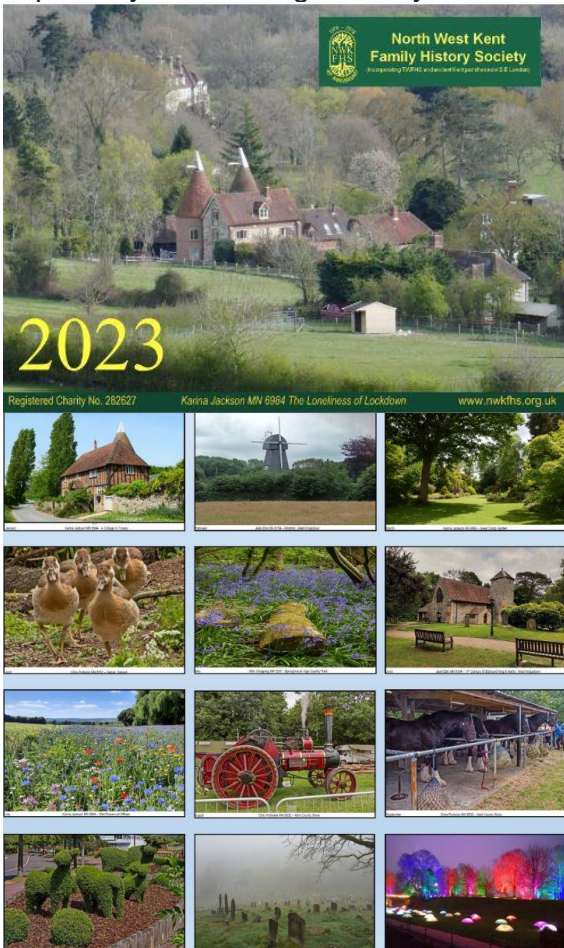
Stella's note: I don't use an app. But I have signed up to *easyfundraising* and so when I shop online at 'ordinary' shops such as supermarkets, John Lewis, Lakeland, Robert Dyas, and hundreds of others, it makes a small donation to North West Kent FHS via *easyfundraising*. Please sign up now:

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

2023 Calendars are now for sale: at our meetings 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.



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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.

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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/2799524396?pwd=ZTM4V0E4R2ZqbTZubXpXZ1dDZGdRQT09>

Meeting ID: 279 952 4396

Passcode: 533032

Peter Calver's unique website www.LostCousins.com, enables living relatives to find each other and 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.

Zoom Host: Pat Gooding

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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.

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 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 10am - midday

Discussion on various aspects of family history.

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

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9 November Library DNA Discussion group led by Victor Nutt 10.30am - 12.30pm

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

The DNA discussion group has restarted at the library in Summerhouse Drive., led by Victor Nutt.

If you are a beginner or have already started your DNA journey, come and join us on the 9th November at 10.30am.

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

Parking in nearby roads.

16 November Library Writing Group with Leader: Pauline Heathcote 10.30am - midday

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.

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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

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23 November Joyden's Wood Library

The Society Trustees meet every two months and unfortunately there isn't any practical venue for the meeting except the library.

Therefore, on these dates, one of which is this morning, we are sorry that the library is only available to members for their own research from 1pm.

On other Wednesdays (except public holidays) the library is open to members for their own research from 10am - 4pm.

The library closes at 4pm, or 2pm if there is no one using it.

**24 November: Zoom Workshop - A Woolwich Arsenal Place and Paper Study with David Cufley
2.30pm - 4.30pm**

Please log in from 2.15pm for the 2.30pm start

This is an interactive workshop using documents left by Ray Fordham.

Ray left a number of documents and databases that he had rescued from the Arsenal when it closed. The final collection we have received are a number of documents and maps relating to the bombing casualties of WW2. Among the files are lists of names without date or source, but they give addresses within the Arsenal boundary.

The idea of this workshop is to discover the sources that may provide more information as to who these people were and what happened to them.

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>

**30 November Library Workshop Marriage, Divorce and Bigamy with Christine Hills
10.30am - 12.30pm**

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

In the past, given the chance, most people would have got married rather than 'live in sin'.

Understanding the marriage law in England and Wales over the last 400 years when the Church held sway and divorce was impossible for the majority of the population, will enable you to understand why your ancestors behaved as they did.

Through discussion of examples, we will devise search strategies for missing marriages or even discover why your ancestor married the same person twice.

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 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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Parking in nearby roads.

30 November: Zoom DNA Discussion Group with Laura Lincoln 10.30am - 12.30

Discussion on 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.

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

West Kingsdown Library will be hosting volunteers from our Society at its free open morning on Tuesday 1 November 2022, 10am until midday

Interested in discovering your family history? Perhaps you have been looking for a while and have hit a brick wall. Come and meet members of the North West Kent Family History Society, have a chat and see what suggestions we can make for you to try next.

Maybe you have been thinking about taking a DNA test and would like to talk to someone about that?

Are you particularly interested in the military history in your family? We might be able to help.

Your family roots don't have to be based in North West Kent to benefit from using the Society's help, access to records, facilities, computers and databases such as Ancestry and FindmyPast.

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

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NWKFHS Members please see <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings> for future 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.

We Will Remember Them

Downe Church, Kent

"For our tomorrows, they gave their today"



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Items for the mid November enews should please reach me as soon as possible, and by 12 November 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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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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