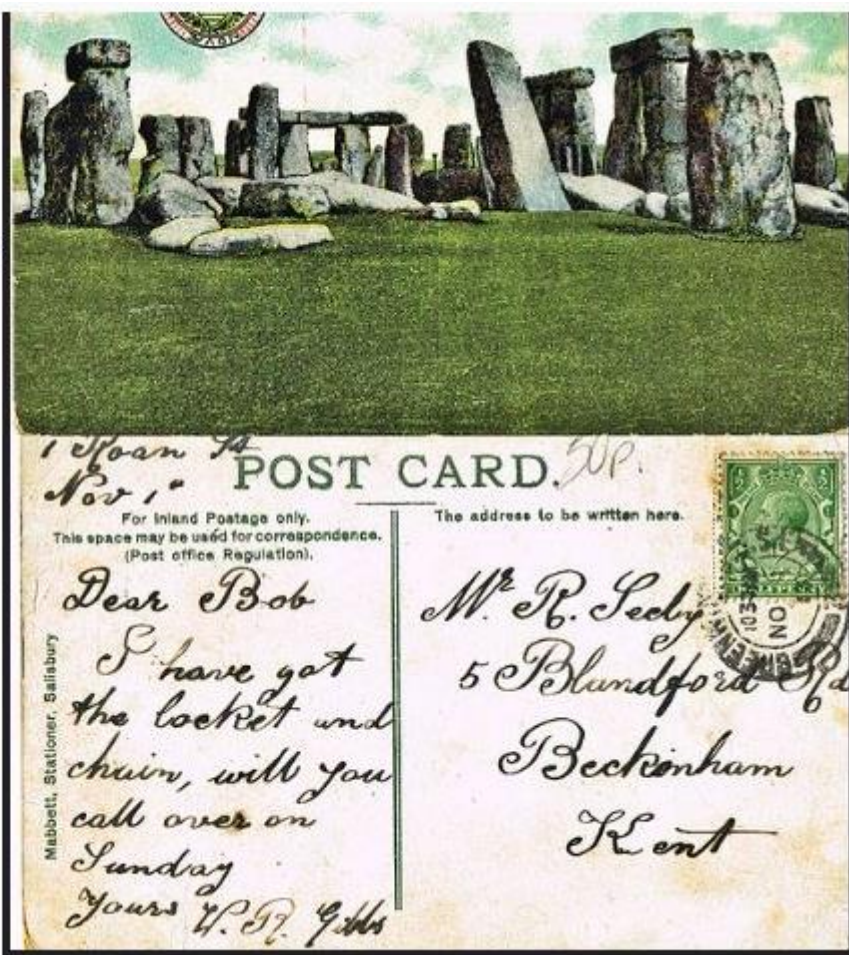


Post Card to Bob
Seely, 5 Blandford
Road, Beckenham,
Kent.

1st November 1913

Picture showing
Stonehenge,
Wiltshire.

Robert James
Seely born 1886,
Greenwich was the
son of John **Seely**
and Mary Ann
Gallehawk who
had Married 28th
December 1880 at
Christ Church,
Greenwich.



The 1911 census shows him living at this address working as a Hairdresser.

Robert married Mabel K **Marlow** in 1915 at Bromley, Kent.

Robert and Mabel had three children, born in Bromley in the 1920s.

Robert died 17th November 1963 at Ramsgate, Kent.

This postcard is one of many in the Society's Flickr collection.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nwkf/52426206122/in/photostream/>

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Welcome to the mid-January 2023 enews

Membership Renewals due 1 January (unless you only joined the Society after 1 October 2022) £10

Members, thank you for being part of our Society. Your subscriptions go towards our expenses - the library, hall hire and speaker fees, Zoom licences and all the incidentals of administering a group of over 1,000 members.

Unless you pay by standing order, please renew your membership now. Only £10

per annum or £12 for two members receiving one journal at the same address. We sincerely hope that you renew or maybe join if you are not a member, and enjoy another year of great talks and workshops, both in person and via Zoom. Plus access to the data in the Members Only Area of the website.

Our library in Joyden's Wood is open from 10am - 4pm almost every Wednesday for members to get help and carry out research and in January alone we are running 6 workshops (2 at the library, 4 by Zoom). (Because numbers are restricted, usually to 10 or 12, to allow all participants to join in, workshops are restricted to Society members.)

You can pay your renewal membership, or buy membership, at any meeting or at the library or pay online. It's very easy: <http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/about/membership/our-membership#how-to-pay>

To those who have already renewed - thank you.

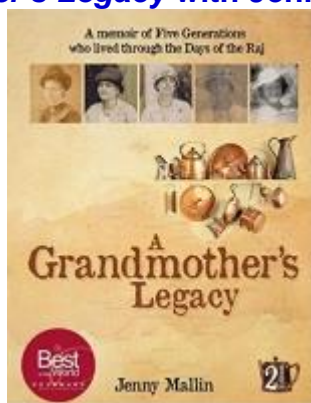
(This enews remains free to members and non members alike).

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Although the Society Library is open almost every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm, please be aware that on 25 January it won't open til 1pm.

The library closes at 2pm if no one is present.

80 Summerhouse Drive, Joyden's Wood, DA5 2EE. Parking in nearby roads.
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ZOOM Talk: *A Grandmother's Legacy* with Jenny Mallin



26 January 7.30pm to 9pm

Please log in from 7pm and enjoy a chat amongst attendees beforehand.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 279 952 4396 Passcode: 533032

Jenny delivers a fascinating insight into five generations of her family who lived during the days of the British Raj in India.

Seen through the eyes of their granddaughter, Jenny captures a period of British history through her PowerPoint presentations with extensive collection of family sepia photographs, and manages to bring her stories to life: her grandmothers' lives as memsahibs and the "legacy" that Jenny has been given, a 170 year old cookbook penned by Jenny's great 4 x grandmother in 1844 when she was aged just 15 and a newlywed bride, married to an English schoolmaster.

Jenny also describes her grandfathers, uncles and relatives who served in the British Army as early as 1798, The Royal Indian Navy, the Railways in Madras, a co-founder of an English Medium School in India in the early 18th century and a great uncle who rose up through the ranks to become Postmaster General in the telegraph industry.

Now a writer, Jenny has had a successful career at the BBC in television production. She lives in Kingsclere, Hampshire with Stewart, her husband of over 30 years, their Westie dog, and their three cats. Any spare time that she has is spent doing painting, home decorating, jewellery making, listening to music, photography and enjoying nature.

Jenny has travelled extensively throughout India and has also visited many other countries, including Hong Kong, Japan, Australia, and America. Her travelogues and written anecdotes of her journeys are much enjoyed by her family and friends.

A collection of talks based on generations of her British Raj Family with fascinating sepia photographs and interesting facts about the history of the infrastructure of India.

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 our Zoom licence and speaker's fee.

This talk won't be recorded.

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Dartford Branch Talk: *Farewell to Kent: supported emigration in the 19th century* with Helen Allinson

Saturday 4 February: 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

Farewell to Kent - Poor emigrants in 19th century who were assisted to America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand

Born in Bromley when Bromley was in Kent, Helen has lived in Sittingbourne since 1974 and worked as a primary school teacher.

She has always been interested in history and has authored several local history books including 'Farewell To Kent: upon which this talk is based. It is the story of poor people from all over Kent whose passage was paid, often by Poor Law Guardians, to assist them to emigrate.

This system was country wide and so the talk will be of interest even if your ancestors did not come from Kent.

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: *DNA for Family Historians* with Geoff Swinfield

Saturday 11 February Doors open 10.45am meeting starts 11am

Otford Village Memorial Hall 28A High Street, Otford, Kent TN14 5PQ

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.

There is a large public car park (payment required) adjacent to the hall but it can be busy.

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ZOOM Talk: *Upstairs Downstairs - from humble beginnings to the American Dream* with Jackie Depelle

23 February 7.30pm to 9pm

About the Talk

This story takes us from Norfolk to New York with an upwardly mobile gentleman.

However whether he spends his life upstairs or downstairs you will have to listen to Jackie's talk to find out.

About the Speaker

From film and fiche to the virtual world, Jackie teaches Family History and presents at major international events including RootsTech, The Genealogy Show and The Family History Show.

Thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to meet people from across the country via zoom as well as listening and learning from colleagues at online shows and tutorials. Jackie also keeps in touch with volunteers through membership of the Guild of One Name Studies, British Association for Local History, various Family History Societies across the UK and Historians Collaborate.

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This talk won't be recorded.

The Zoom link will be posted on the website www.nwkhfs.org.uk nearer the time.

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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://nwkhfs.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.

Topics range from DNA, writing your family history and more. To see the full range, click the link below and change the date to the months you want to look at.

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings>

Workshops are already planned throughout the whole of 2023 and have been added to the website.

Workshops are arranged in accordance with members' requests. For example the Society began a monthly DNA Discussion Housegroup several years ago, which quickly filled up and is still running, soon followed by another DNA Discussion Group this time meeting monthly at the library and now also a monthly Zoom group.

There are also two Scottish Interests groups, for members with Scottish ancestry. These alternate meeting by Zoom and at the library. I don't participate, as I have no Scottish ancestry that I know of, but I did become aware, through another genealogy newsletter, of a programme of free presentations on Saturday 14 January, including one on the 1921 Scottish Census which would be useful to anyone who has. : https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/4016695720274/WN_6zDT5OTARyyE7o8dAnq8Zw

North West Kent FHS January and February Workshops

Go to Upcoming Events and click on the workshop for further information: <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings>

18 Jan 10.30am POSTPONED Library Workshop: the 1939 Register with Christine Hills. Regrettably this workshop cannot take place on the publicised date. A new date will be advertised when possible.

18 Jan 7.30pm Zoom Workshop: What makes a good family history tree? leader David Cufley
<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-what-makes-a-good-family-tree-with-david-cufley>

25 Jan 10.30am Zoom DNA Discussion Group with Laura Lincoln
<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-dna-discussion-with-laura-lincoln>

26 Jan 2.30pm Zoom Workshop: The Royal Arsenal Papers left by Ray Fordham leader David Cufley

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-a-woolwich-arsenal-place-and-paper-study-with-david-cufley>

1 Feb Library: Scottish Interests Discussion Group with Pam Goddard and Carolyn Barclay

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-scottish-interest-discussion-group-with-pam-goddard-and-carolyn-barclay>

1 Feb 10.30am ZOOM Family History Discussion Group leader Ann Clarke. Today the topic is: how to organise your family history records and documents.

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-family-history-discussion-group-with-ann-clarke-2>

8 Feb 10.30am Library DNA Discussion Group leader Victor Nutt

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-discussion-group-dna-discussion-with-victor-nutt>

15 Feb Zoom Workshop: Creating Family Trees from GEDcoms with David Cufley

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-creating-trees-from-gedcoms-with-david-cufley>

22 Feb Library Writing group with Pauline Heathcote

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/future-workshops/library-writing-group-with-pauline-heathcote-2>

22 Feb Zoom DNA Discussion Group with Laura Lincoln

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-dna-discussion-group-with-laura-lincoln-7>

For Zoom workshops, please log in from 15 minutes before the start time and enjoy chat amongst participants before the workshop starts.

For library workshops please arrive any time after the library opens at 10.am

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

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 either at the library for in person workshops or via the web shop is appreciated. <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/shop/nwkhfs-shop/services/society-donation>

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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.

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.

East Surrey FHS Virtual Family History Day 28 January

We are pleased to be supporting our neighbouring society, East Surrey, for its second annual Virtual Family History day.

Although it is free to all, booking is essential as numbers are not unlimited. <https://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk/index.php?view=article&id=140:virtual-talk-east-surrey-fhs-virtual-family-history-fair-2023&catid=35:virtual-show> and scroll down to see the booking link.

- Online, so available anywhere in the world
- Sessions are timed to give a wider time range.
- Multiple societies participating
- Zoom breakout rooms enabling each participant to have their own areas (akin to a their own stand)
- Links for the morning and afternoon sessions
- Free to attend, you may attend either or both sessions.
- Numbers are limited so please book early!

Morning Session: London 10.00 am, Helsinki 12.00 pm, Perth 5.00 pm, Canberra 7.00 pm, Auckland 9.00 pm

Afternoon Session: London 2.00 pm, Helsinki 4.00 pm, Perth 9.00 pm, Seattle 6.00 am, Ottawa 9.00 am

Our volunteers are staffing the virtual North West Kent FHS stand (from the comfort of their own homes)..

I've been asked to publicise the following event which looks interesting.

Kent Archaeological Society and The Centre of Kent History and Heritage Talk:



Mission to England: re-investigating the origins of St. Augustine's Abbey

On Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 6pm for 6.45pm

Guest Speaker: Professor K.R. Dark PhD FSA Scot FRHistS FRAI SFHEA, of Kings College London

Location St Paul's Church, Church Street (St Paul's), Canterbury, CT1 1NH

Speakers: Prof. Ken Dark Host: Prof. Kerry Brown

Contact: outreach@kentarchaeology.org

Summary: Although today dominated by the impressive ruins of its medieval abbey, St. Augustine's Abbey – part of the Canterbury UNESCO World Heritage site – was the base for the late sixth-century Papal mission to Kent, which led ultimately to the establishment the English Church.

While pivotal in the later development of English religious and political life, culture and even architecture, most of what is published about the earliest phases of St. Augustine's derives from early 20th-century excavations and little attention has been paid to what was at the site prior to the arrival of the missionaries in 597.

Beginning in 2019, the 'Mission to England' project – established and directed by the speaker – seeks to employ 21st-century archaeological methods to enhance understanding of the origins and earliest development of the site, building on the contributions of all its earlier investigators.

The first part of the project's work, at the Chapel of St. Pancras, has already identified what may well be the earliest known 'Anglo-Saxon' church building in Britain – and the only one which may have been commissioned, consecrated, and used by the leader of the Papal mission, St. Augustine of Canterbury.

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Items for the 1 February enews should please reach me as soon as possible, and by 28 January 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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Click on our other links <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/blog> [Facebook](#) [Flickr](#) <https://twitter.com/nwkfhs>
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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.
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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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