

Zoom Talk: The life of the poor, and assisted emigration at the beginning of the 19C with Dr Judith Hill

Friday 17 March 7.30pm to 9pm

We hope as many of you as possible can attend our next Zoom talk, details above and below.

Our Zoom licence permits up to 100 attendees.

Please log in from 7pm and enjoy a chat amongst participants until the talk starts at 7.30. There is no pre booking.

Zoom host: Pat Gooding

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 279 952 4396 Passcode: 533032

About the Talk

After the Swing Riots of 1830 -32, which took place against the increasing pauperisation of labourers, emigration was viewed favourably and many parishes in southern England saw it as a solution to remove surplus labour.

About the Speaker

Judith taught history at the University of Surrey and is now a freelance lecturer and researcher. She gives lectures to many groups including the Family History Federation, Institute of Genealogists, history societies, Probus, NT and university groups.

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: *Thomas Coram and the Foundling Hospital* with Carol Harris

Saturday 1 April: 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

Carol Harris is a freelance journalist, speaker and social historian.

She is currently Social History Editor at Coram, the UK's oldest children's charity.

Carol will explain the history of the hospital, the aims of its founder and what primary sources are still available.

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.

(Please note that, as the first Saturday in May is the King's Coronation, the Dartford Talk due 6th May will be held the week before on Saturday 29 April.)

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Sevenoaks Branch Talk: *Endell Street: The Women Who Ran Britain's Trail-Blazing Military Hospital in WW1* with Wendy Moore

**Saturday 8 April Doors open 10.45am meeting starts 11am
Otford Village Memorial Hall 28A High Street, Otford, Kent TN14 5PQ**

About the speaker

Wendy lives in Eltham. She is a journalist and author of a number of books, including one about the talk she is giving. She also supports her local 'Elthamread' including the Junior section.

Talk Summary

When the First World War broke out, the suffragettes suspended their campaigning and joined the war effort.

For pioneering suffragette doctors (and life partners) Flora Murray and Louisa Garrett Anderson that meant moving to France, where they set up two small military hospitals amidst fierce opposition. Yet their medical and organisational skills were so impressive that in 1915 Flora and Louisa were asked by the War Ministry to return to London and establish a new military hospital in a vast and derelict old workhouse in Covent Garden's Endell Street. That they did, creating a 573-bed hospital staffed from top to bottom by female surgeons, doctors and nurses, and developing entirely new techniques to deal with the horrific mortar and gas injuries suffered by British soldiers.

Receiving 26,000 wounded men over the next four years, Flora and Louisa created such a caring atmosphere that soldiers begged to be sent to Endell Street. And then, following the end of the war and the Spanish Flu outbreak, the hospital was closed and Flora, Louisa and their staff were once again side-lined in the medical profession.

The story of Endell Street provides both a keyhole view into the horrors and thrills of wartime London and a long-overdue tribute to the brilliance and bravery of an extraordinary group of women.

No booking, just turn up.

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

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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.

If you have a topic or subject you feel would interest other members and or / help with their research and is suitable material for a workshop, please do contact Carolyn Sekulowicz-Barclay on workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk who would very much like to hear from you. The workshops are all led by volunteers and very much depend on volunteers coming forward. Thank you

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

Whilst the next six weeks or so workshops are listed below, workshops have been planned for the whole of 2023 and can be read about on the above link.

15 March 10.30am Library Library Workshop Reading Court Hand for Probate Records with Mari Alderman <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/future-workshops/library-workshop-reading-court-hand-for-probate-records-with-mari-alderman>

15 March 7.30pm Zoom Workshop Drawing Charts and Trees By Hand as a Research Tool with David Cufley
<http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-drawing-charts-and-trees-by-hand-as-a-research-tool-with-david-cufley>

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

29 March 2.30pm Zoom Discussion Group: Let's Talk About Family History with David Cufley
<http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-discussion-group-let-s-talk-about-family-history-with-david-cufley-2>

29 March: if you have booked the brick walls workshop on 12 April, your brick wall should be advised to David Cufley by today at the latest.

5 April 10.30am Zoom Family History Discussion Group on Migration with Ann Clarke.
<http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-family-history-discussion-group-with-ann-clarke>

12 April 10.30am Library DNA Discussion Group for those who are either new to DNA or want to discuss particular aspects of DNA

<http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-dna-discussion-group-for-those-who-are-either-new-to-dna-or-want-to-discuss-particular-aspects-of-dna-3>

12 April 2.30pm Zoom Workshop; Breaking Down Ancestral Brick Walls with David Cufley

<http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-breaking-down-brickwalls-with-david-cufley>

Note that any brick wall you want included in the discussion should be pre advised to David by 29 March. Use the workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk to do this.

13 April 2.30pm Zoom Workshop on Royal Arsenal Documents with David Cufley

<http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-royal-arsenal-documents-with-david-cufley>

19 April 10.30am Library Zoom DNA Discussion Group with Laura Lincoln

<http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-dna-discussion-group-with-laura-lincoln-8>

26 April 10.30am Library Writing Group: New To Writing Up Your Family History? with Pauline Heathcote

<http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/future-workshops/library-new-to-writing-up-your-family-history-with-pauline-heathcote>

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

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 some expertise on a topic which you think would interest others and would be willing to lead a workshop.

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Calendar Competition 2024

The Society will be producing a calendar again this year for 2024.

The latest submission date for your photos to be considered for the calendar is as previous years; 30 June.

We judge and select the winning photographs in July and get the proof calendar to the printers by the end of that month.

Why not take some now as well as in the summer? Something one would want to look at for a month and preferably in our area.

See here for the winning 2023 photos: <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/society-calendar>

Send your photos to publications@nwkfhs.org.uk

Landscape images please with Name, Membership No, Place it was taken and preferably the Date it was taken. It's not desirable to have people in the photos as their permission has to be obtained.

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Items for the 1 April enews should please reach me as soon as possible, and by 30 March 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.

Stella Eames, Editor

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