

Welcome to the North West Kent FHS 1 January 2024 enews.

Very best wishes to all our readers for a happy and above all, healthy and peaceful 2024.

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Dartford Branch January Talk: *Boxers, Bandits and a Blind Beggar* with Ian Bevan

Saturday 6 January 2024: Doors Open 9.45am Talk starts 10.30am

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

Bethnal Green was a medieval hamlet to the east of the City of London long before the term "East End" was invented.

It became popular with rich merchants in the 16th century but immigration began in the 18th century and Bethnal Green soon developed into one of the first manufacturing districts in the area.

By the end of the 19th century foreign immigration had turned Bethnal Green into the over-populated scene of poverty which we find in the census returns. Slum clearance and post war redevelopment swept away most of these communities.

Ian Bevan is an experienced speaker who has been a regular visitor to our Society over the years.

Many of us have ancestors who lived in or passed through the East End of London and his illustrated talk will explain the history of the area and the clues which are left to show how our families lived and worked there.

The talks venue has a large, free car park but it is shared with other users and can be busy at times.

No booking, just turn up.

Free to members. A donation towards hall hire and speaker fee is appreciated from visitors.

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Sevenoaks Branch January Talk: *In for a Penny, In for a Pound* with Jo Livingston

Saturday 13 January 2024 Doors open 10.45am meeting starts 11am

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

Do you still think in £ s d? - do you remember when postage was cheap and phone calls expensive?

A light-hearted look at the changes in both coinage and prices over the last seventy years.

Jo lives in Bexley and has been doing talks, mainly in Kent and SE London, for about 15 years to a number of historical societies.

(This is an unavoidable change from the previously publicised speaker)

No booking, just turn up. Free to members. A donation towards hall hire and speaker fee is appreciated from visitors.

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

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14 February 7.30pm ZOOM Talk by David Cufley

Sevenoaks to Swanley Railway and the Eynsford Viaduct. Includes navvies and railway worker families.

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-talks/zoom-talk-sevenoaks-to-swanley-railway-and-the-eynsford-viaduct-with-david-cufley-includes-navvies-and-railway-worker-families>

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Workshops, Special Interest and Discussion Groups - for Members Only

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

There are dozens of Workshops and Discussion Groups via Zoom to cater for members who cannot get to our Library - which is the venue, on Wednesdays, for our in person workshops.

The wealth of expertise amongst the Society members who volunteer to lead these groups is amazing. I wonder if other Societies put on this number of, effectively, regular training sessions, for their members.

And membership of our Society is only £10 a year and expires 31 December, so to benefit from a full year of membership and access to these workshops, buy now! <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/about/membership/our-membership/#options>

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.

Attending Workshops and Discussion Groups

Face to face Groups at the Library

These must be booked individually - the website link explains how to reserve your place. This is essential as numbers have to be kept to ten due to space restrictions.

Zoom Groups

These do not have to be booked individually, but you do need to register in order to be sent the Zoom link. The website link for each Zoom group explains how you register.

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Many, many thanks to our volunteer workshop coordinator for arranging our exciting programme of workshops, and to the workshop leaders who all give their time freely.

Society Members, click on the workshop website links below which will explain how to join the workshop or discussion group.

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10 January 10.30am ZOOM Discussion Group: PowerPoint Presentation: Using Evernote for Family History with Natalie Poulton

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-discussion-group-using-evernote-for-family-history-with-natalie-poulton>

17 January 10.30am LIBRARY DNA and General Family History Discussion Group with Jacki Ellis and Pam Goddard

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-discussion-group-on-dna-and-general-family-history-with-jacki-ellis-and-pam-goddard>

17 January 7.30pm ZOOM Workshop: Settlement, Examinations and Removal Orders with David Cufley <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-settlement-examinations-and-removal-orders-with-david-cufley>

24 January 10.30am 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-18>

31 January 7.30pm ZOOM Workshop: Breaking Down Brick Walls with David Cufley
(If you will be attending, please submit ancestral brick walls by 17 January to David Cufley via workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk)

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-breaking-down-brick-walls-with-david-cufley>

7 February 10.30am LIBRARY Scottish Interests Discussion Group with Pam Goddard: Topic: The Scottish Diaspora and its impact on our families.

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

7 February 10.30am ZOOM Discussion Group with Ann Clarke: Topic: Kismet, Serendipity or gut feel - how have they helped you find an ancestor.

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-discussion-group-with-ann-clarke-kismet-serendipity-or-gut-feel-how-have-they-helped-you-find-an-ancestor>

14 February 10.30am LIBRARY DNA and General Family History Discussion Group with Jacki Ellis and Pam Goddard

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Society Library: The Society Library is open every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm for members to do their own research, socialise, participate in library based workshops and discussion groups and receive help from the library volunteers.

You can use the library's PCs to access Ancestry - and FindMyPast which currently includes access

to the 1921 census. We suggest joining Kent Libraries as you can then access these websites from your own device whilst in the library which eases pressure on the demand for library PCs.

Non members, on Wednesdays you can join the Society at the library.

80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley Kent DA5 2EE Free parking in nearby side roads.

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Other Genealogy News

Kent Archives

"[Archives@Kent] is the quarterly newsletter published by Kent Archives and Local History Service, Maidstone. From publicising newly catalogued material to exploring documents in detail and sharing information about upcoming events, our newsletters can be delivered straight to your email inbox or accessed at www.kentarchives.org.uk/archive-newsletter.

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Read the newly released Winter 2023 instalment of our newsletter and previous issues at <https://www.kentarchives.org.uk/archive-newsletter/> "

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Items for the mid January 2024 enews should please reach me as soon as possible, and by 12 January 2024 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. 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.

Please email me if there's anything you want to say about enews.

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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