

North West Kent FHS July 2026 enews

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/>

A warm welcome to everyone who has recently signed up to this e-news.

Please scroll down to see:

- our online and in person events in July;
- a follow up reminder about our new bank account if you pay your membership by standing order; and
- our AGM and Family History Day on Saturday 4 July.

Please note that there won't be a 1 August enews as I am taking a break. The next enews will be 1 September with copy date of 30 August.

So, as there won't be a monthly reminder dropping into your inbox about our multitude of talks, workshops and discussion groups in August, please do check our online web calendar of events: <https://nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings>

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

Did you know you can join the North West Kent Family History Society for as little as £10 a year? Membership offers a wide range of benefits, including online and in-person talks and meetings, a quarterly journal, access to the Society library on Wednesdays and the society's databases of members' interests.

Existing Society members who pay by standing order

Although we have made several requests and reminders about our change of bank account, some standing orders are still being paid into our old Santander account.

Although we can transfer these funds to the correct account, it would greatly assist our Treasurer and Membership Secretary if any members who have not yet updated their standing orders could do so as soon as possible.

So **all Society members who pay by bank standing order**, and have not already done so, should please amend their Standing Order Payee Bank Account details to the following:

Name: North West Kent Family History Society

Sort Code: 20-57-76

Account Number: 23339416

This change is to take effect from your next renewal which should be 1 January 2027 (if not please correct the date as well)

I am with Lloyds and using internet banking I could not alter the destination bank so I had to delete my existing standing order and set up a new one. If you also have to create a new standing order (rather than amend the existing one), please do not forget to cancel the old standing order to the Santander account.

If you have already done so - thank you.

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This enews is free to Society members and non members alike and is intended to stay that way. But if you are not a member please consider joining and get access to all our talk and workshops.

<https://nwkfhs.org.uk/about/membership/our-membership#how-to-pay>

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Take a look at our website to see our extensive programme of events - dozens of in-person and Zoom talks, discussion groups, and workshops running through to the end of 2026. <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings>

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4 July AGM and Family History Day

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

There is a large free car park at the College but it is shared with other users and can be busy at times. <https://nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/family-history-day-agm/annual-general-meeting-2>

9.45am Doors Open

10.30am AGM

11.30am Speaker Kathy Chater on Film and Sound Archives for Family Historians

1.15pm Lunch

2.30pm Speaker David Annal on Understanding Death duty Registers

4.00pm end of day

Comfort and coffee breaks throughout the day

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Ever wondered what you can find out at Kent Archives?

Listen to the Zoom Talk by Archives Officer Alice Imperatori about Family History research at Kent Archives in Maidstone

Thursday 9 July at 7.30pm

Kent Archives holds the largest collection of historic records relating to the county of Kent.

This wealth of parish, diocesan and local authority records, maps, estate records, local history publications and more can help us research and contextualise our Kent ancestors' lives within the places they lived and worked.

The talk will provide an introduction to Kent Archives collections and resources of particular use to family and local historians, as well as information on how to search and access them.

Alice joined Kent Archives in Spring 2025 after working as an archives assistant at the Society of Genealogists in London. In her current role as Archives Officer, she catalogues newly-acquired collections, and deals with answering research queries about historic Kent and its people.

Please log in from 7.15pm and enjoy chat with the other participants before the talk starts.

Please ensure you use your real name when joining our Zoom events. Participants appearing as 'Zoom User' or similar will not be admitted, as this helps us prevent scammers from joining.

Recording available for 6 months in Members Only Area of website www.nwkfhs.org.uk Handout will be given.

<https://nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-talks/zoom-talk-about-family-history-research-at-kent-archives-in-maidstone-by-archives-officer-alice-imperatori>

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To Get the Zoom Links for Alice's Talk and our many Zoom discussion groups and workshops

A Zoom Register has been created to facilitate members' attendance at any and all of the zoom events. Any society member who would like to be added to the register needs to submit their name, email address and membership number via <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/contact>. You only need to register once. Please do this in plenty of time before the event.

Once a month the zoom links for the Zoom talks, discussion groups and workshops during that month will be sent by email to those members on the register. Members who have registered can then attend as many of the Zoom events as they wish with no need to make a specific booking for each one.

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Sevenoaks Branch Talk 11 July: Peter Daniel on the History of Crayford's famous textile printers (at Swaisland & David Evans) who were at the forefront of the Chartist Campaign to win the vote for the working man

Peter Daniel lives in Crayford with his wife Julie and two daughters who are both now at secondary school.

Peter attended Wentworth and Wilmington Grammar Schools. He worked for 4 years in finance in the City, which he hated, before studying Economic History at the University of Sussex. He then worked as a primary school teacher at Oakfield and West Hill schools for 6 years before becoming Education Officer at Westminster Archives for 14 years.

He has always been interested in local history and since 2008 worked closely with his friend Simon McKeon at Bexley Local Studies and the Crayford Town Archive to create the Crayford History website as a platform for local schools to discover "the rich history of our corner of Kent".

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/sevenoaks-branch-meetings/sevenoaks-branch-talk-peter-daniel-on-the-history-of-crayfords-famous-textile-printers-at-swaissland-david-evans-who-were-at-the-forefront-of-the-chartist-campaign-to-win-the-vote-for-the-working-man>

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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.

It's great to have our own members leading so many Zooms. We are a friendly group so if you fancy joining us, please do. I think we all learn a lot from our discussions. As usual, just turn up when you can. There's no need to book but you do need to register (only once) to receive the zoom codes.

Membership of our Society is only £10 a year and lasts until 31

December 2026. <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://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/workshops/past-zoom-workshop-videos> Note the link will only work for Society members logged into the website.

Attending Workshops and Discussion Groups

Groups meeting 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 talks, discussion group and workshops

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

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

..... July Workshops and Discussion Groups

1 July 10.30am Zoom Discussion Group with Ann Clarke: How did our ancestors' childhood compare with childhood now?

<https://nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-discussion-group-with-ann-clarke-how-did-our-ancestors-childhoods-compare-with-childhood-now>

8 July 10.30am Library DNA & General Family History Discussion Group with Pam Goddard

<https://nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-dna-and-general-family-history-discussion-group-with-pam-goddard-7>

8 July 7.30pm Zoom Welsh Interest Group with David Cufley

<https://nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-welsh-interest-group-with-david-cufley>

15 July 10.30am Zoom DNA Discussion Group with Laura Lincoln

<https://nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-dna-discussion-group-with-laura-lincoln-38>

22 July 7.30pm Zoom Workshop on Adoption with Frances Lake . Frances is the daughter of an adopted person who died without revealing his status.

<https://nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-adoption-with-frances-lake>

29 July 10.30am Zoom Scottish Interests Discussion Group with Pam Goddard: Scottish militia and military records - where to find them and how they may help with your research

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

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Society Library – Wednesday Open Days 10am - 4pm

The Society Library is usually open every Wednesday for members to carry out their own research, enjoy a cuppa, socialise, and take part in workshops and discussion groups held at the library. Our team of volunteers is also on hand to offer help and guidance.

Members are welcome to use the library's PCs and WiFi to access both *Ancestry* and *FindMyPast*, which now include the 1921 census. We recommend joining **Kent Libraries**, as this allows you to access these websites on your own device while at the library—helping to reduce demand for the library's PCs.

Not yet a member? You're welcome to join the Society in person at the library on any Wednesday.

📍 **Address:** 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley, Kent DA5 2EE

🚗 **Parking:** Free in nearby side roads

🕒 **Opening hours:** 10am to 4pm

To assist our volunteers, we kindly ask that visitors with research queries aim to arrive earlier in the day if possible. Please bring along any existing information you have about the ancestor you're researching, and consider bringing a **USB memory stick** to save any discoveries you make during your visit.

Advance Notice on 29 July a Trustees Meeting will be held in the room where all our books and some maps are stored. So unfortunately, the room will not be accessible until the meeting ends, probably about 1pm/1.30pm. The main library and computers are in the main library room and will still be available.

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From Medway Archives: our next Saturday drop-in

Location: Medway Archives Centre (MAC), 32 Bryant Road Strood ME2 3EP

Time: 4 July 2026 10:00am - midday

Cost: Free

[https://www.medway.gov.uk/events/event/1040/saturday drop-in strood town centre](https://www.medway.gov.uk/events/event/1040/saturday-drop-in-strood-town-centre)

Next Enews – Submissions Welcome

The next enews will be sent out on **1 September**. If you have any items you'd like included, please send them to me **as soon as possible**, and no later than 30 August. Simply reply to this email to submit your content.

There is no need to reply this email unless you have noticed an error.....

Click on our other links <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/community/news-journals/blog> [Facebook](#) [Flickr](#) <https://bsky.app/profile/nwkhfs.bsky.social>

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 contact me if there's anything you want to say about enews. Just reply to this 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. Stella Eames, Editor

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