



Welcome to the 1 October 2019 emailinfoservice, the NWKFHS fortnightly information service, comprising the latest information about the Society and its events, and other items of interest for family historians.

Today's Photo

Judith French kindly supplied today's photo, from her late father's collection. She thinks he bought it as he often bought Dartford related photos.

It is captioned: 'Dartford Football Club Winners of the Kent Senior Cup 1930-1931'. So it can be dated to the end of the football season in 1931.

Wonderfully all the men in it are named, albeit initial and surname only.

Are any of them your ancestors? Many of the surnames are unusual.

Back Row from left: J BATCH, J S PEARSON, W R MACKNEY, G W SAREL (Chairman) , D O BURT, H FOSTER, A E ROFE

Middle Row: G P TATNER, W BOWER (Trainer), J CAMPBELL, C BUSSINGHAM, A WEBSTER, T HIGGINS, R PATRICK, W COLLIER (Manager), R HOLME (Secretary).

Front Row: W WILKIE, W McGIRR, J AITKIN, S CHARNLEY (Captain), A DUNSIRE, J HARRON

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 emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org.uk. with your contributions. Any photos must be your own copyright.

If I don't receive any I will have to use my own which may not be as interesting.

Not joined yet? - don't dine in for £10 - join the Society for £10 instead.

Those who join now get 3 months free as your membership will last til 31 December 2020. SO ITS A GREAT TIME TO JOIN.

Those of you who are not members are missing a treat as the Society's Journal is packed with interesting stories thanks to its Editor Pauline Heathcote. The Journal, posted quarterly, is only available to members.

(NB Editors do need something to edit! So members please carry on sending in your interesting research stories to Pauline editor@nwkfhs.org.uk).

To join NWKFHS and receive the Journal and come to the library, all our meetings, house groups and workshops please just click [here](#) or email Membership Secretary Mrs Christina Barnett, on membership@nwkfhs.org.uk **Membership is only £10 per year or £12 for two people at the same address. Value of family history news and help you can receive priceless.**

Membership benefits: members get free access to all our meetings with speakers PLUS a quarterly journal packed full of articles and useful information, monthly workshops on topics requested by members and the benefits of our library and research centre, open Wednesdays. The website has a members - only area with back journals and other data.

The Library at 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joyden's Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE is open to members and visitors every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm. Our volunteers can help you with your research and you can use the library computers with free Find My Past and Ancestry access.

We welcome all new members whether experienced at family history or novices. Our library volunteers can help you get started or possibly overcome a brick wall. Come to the library on a Wednesday between 10am and 4pm, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joyden's Wood, DA5 2EE. You can join the Society at the library.

[The latest branch newsletters and back issues of this e-newsletter can be found HERE You will be taken to a screen where you can then click on the newsletter you want to read.](#)

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What's On - A reminder of NWKFHS Events during the next few weeks

[\(Click here to see the entire Talks, Workshops and Events programme so you can book your diaries well ahead\)](#)

Our meetings are interesting mix of speakers and workshops. The Branch meetings with speakers are held at venues in Bromley, Dartford and Sevenoaks and the workshops are in the Society Library in Joyden's Wood, which we have sole use of on Wednesdays.

Branch meetings are free to NWKFHS members and no booking is required. *Visitors are welcome and are invited to make a contribution towards costs of hall hire and the speaker. Returning visitors are invited to join the Society only £10 a year or £12 total for two members at the same address.*

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

The 2-hour workshops are limited to 10 members and are very popular. Even if full, reserve lists are kept and a second workshop on the same topic is arranged if there is demand. Sometimes reserves are invited to join the workshop at short notice. Please note that **booking is essential for workshops** and we invite a donation eg £5 towards the costs of maintaining the library.

Thursday 3 October Drop in session at The Meeting Place, Dartford 9.30 - 12.00

Our friendly volunteers will be on hand at The Meeting Place, The Orchard Centre, Dartford to talk to anyone wanting help with family history or just interested in finding out about our Society.

If you know anyone in the locality who is thinking of dipping their toe into our addictive hobby, why not suggest they call in.

Friday 4 October 2.00pm - 4.00pm Writing Group at the Library Led by Nigel Durrant

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk
There is no charge for workshops but they are only open to Society members. Attendees are invited to make a contribution, suggested £5, towards costs.

Held at the Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE
Park in nearby side roads. Doors open 10am.

Saturday 5 October Speaker at Dartford 10.30am Guest speaker Ian Waller will talk about Gondolas and Growlers: how the hansom cab affected the lives of every Londoner

The London cabbie was an anonymous character. This talk looks at how the industry grew and declined and how the Hansom Cab affected the lives of every Londoner.

Prior to retirement Ian was a professional genealogist with over 30 years experience. He is currently Chairman of AGRA (The Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives) the body which represents professional genealogists throughout England and Wales.

He is a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists and has published several books in the Society's "My Ancestor" series including *My Ancestor was an Agricultural Labourer*, *My Ancestor was a Mormon*, *My Ancestor was in the Royal Navy* and *My Ancestor was a Leather Worker*.

Doors open 9.45am, meeting starts 10.30am. The venue, Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford DA1 2LY, has a large, free car park via the Heath Lane entrance.

Visitors are welcome and are invited to make a donation towards the hall and speaker costs. Returning visitors attending more than one meeting are asked to join the Society (£10 per calendar year).

Dartford Science and Technology College asks: *due to having a pupil with a severe allergic reaction to nuts and aerosols, we have had to ban these two items to ensure the pupil's safety. Please do not bring any products that are aerosol based, or foods which may contain nuts, onto site. I do hope that you all will understand the importance of this request, and we thank you for your understanding.*

Wednesday 9 October 10.30am - 12.30 Computing Group at the Library
Self help with input from library experts.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk
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Thursday 10 October Speaker at Sevenoaks 8pm
Speaker Christoph Bull will talk about Dickens in Kent

Christoph is a local historian, speaker, guide, author and Librarian of over 35 years experience who has entertained NWKFHS audiences many times. He makes a welcome return to give us this illustrated talk.

Doors open 7.30pm meeting starts 8pm. The new venue, Main Hall, Otford Village Memorial Hall, 28a High Street Otford TN14 5PQ is adjacent to a car park which is free after 6.30pm.

Visitors are welcome and are invited to make a donation towards the hall and speaker costs. Returning visitors attending more than one meeting are asked to join the Society (£10 per calendar year)

Wednesday 16 October 10.30am - 12.30 Workshop at the Library
Researching Commonwealth Ancestors led by Pam Goddard

Were your ancestors early settlers, prisoners sent to Australia, or maybe you are looking for a family member who was sent abroad as a Home Child to one of the commonwealth countries. Perhaps someone in your family emigrated to Australia or New Zealand as a Ten Pound Pom under the Assisted Passage Migration Scheme.

This workshop will cover all these areas and many more.

Using many free databases along with a large number of records on Find My Past and Ancestry, tracing family can often be quite simple; and if you are lucky you may be able to track down living relatives.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

There is no charge for workshops but they are only open to Society members. Attendees are invited to make a contribution, suggested £5, towards costs.

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Friday 18 October 2pm - 4pm DNA Group at the Library

Meets every third Friday of the month. Self help.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

There is no charge for workshops but they are only open to Society members. Attendees are invited to make a contribution, suggested £5, towards costs.

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Saturday 19 October Speaker at Bromley 10.30am
Meryl Catty and Maureen Binks will present An Enumerator's Tale

Census returns are a vital resource for genealogists. But how reliable are they?

For census purposes, enumeration districts of about 200 households were drawn up, which an enumerator was considered capable of visiting in a day.

Enumerators first delivered a Householder's Schedule with instructions as to how it should be completed. The head of the household was required by law to complete the form on census night detailing all those persons who were sleeping in the house that night.

The enumerator returned to collect the Householder's Schedule. However a fully complete, accurate census return depended on many things:- the ability of the head of the household to read and write; the instructions being understood, particularly regarding night workers or those away from home; the readability of the handwriting; the cooperativeness of the head - just like now there were those who did not regard this as the government's business. Some people wished to exaggerate their job seniority, pretend to be married etc. All this could have the poor enumerators pulling their hair out.

Meryl and Maureen will tell us in a very amusing way of the difficulties encountered by enumerators.

Doors open 9.45am, meeting starts 10.30am. The venue, Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley BR1 3NS has a free car park (although this can fill up) and is close to Bromley North Station and is on or near many bus routes.

Visitors are welcome and are invited to make a donation towards the hall and speaker costs. Returning visitors attending more than one meeting are asked to join the Society (£10 per calendar year)

[Vacancy For Bromley Branch Programme Secretary](#)

Lynne Overton has, as yet, had no enquiries from people wanting to discuss what would be involved in taking over her role, nor from volunteers who would like to take it on. Accordingly, she is asking once again for any interested parties to get in touch with her, so that she can outline exactly what is involved.

She has been asked if someone who is not a regular Bromley attendee could organise the programme, and the answer to that is, "of course", as the Bromley Committee would undertake to help set up equipment, greet the speaker, offer the introduction, and give the vote of thanks.

Another approach would be that two friends could work together on the programme, talking over likely speakers, and co-ordinating their efforts so that the onus of sourcing, contacting, confirming etc would be shared between them.

Lynne has built up a file of contacts, lists of sources for discovering likely speakers, spreadsheets of past speakers to Bromley Branch, and blank spreadsheets to be filled in for the Executive Committee and the Journal, and all this information, including a file of past correspondence will be handed over to the new incumbent(s). If you know Lynne, you will know that she is always willing to support anyone who needs it, and will make herself available for assistance and advice if required.

Please contact her, either at a Bromley meeting, or by e-mail: programme.nwkhfbromley@virginmedia.com

Saturday 19 October Drop in session at Bexley Local Studies, Townley Road Central Library, Bexleyheath DA6 7HJ 10am - 1pm

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STOP PRESS: AGM and Family History Day 2020 Announced

Date: Thursday 9 April 2020

Venue: West Heath School, Ashgrove Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1SR (same venue as 2017)

Anyone can attend a talk at the locations in Bromley, Dartford and Sevenoaks; but if you are a non member a donation is requested towards the cost of the hall and speaker. £1- £2 suggested. Non members asked to join if attending more than one meeting.

For NWKFHS events further ahead just look at the website, events are listed til March 2020.

NWKFHS Membership is just £10 and lasts til 31 December 2020.

<https://www.nwkhfhs.org.uk/community/events>

Dare I mention the C - Word??

☐ Christmas ☐

Christmas is comingEasyfundraising

Help us keep the Society running at no cost to you. Think of us when buying your Christmas presents online. The Society Trustees are constantly trying to find ways of increasing income without upping the membership fee. With easyfundraising, almost every time you shop online or buy groceries, a % of the money you spend comes to North West Kent FHS.

There are over thousands of organisations which donate money to charities in this way, such as Marks and Spencer, Waitrose, Sainsburys, Tesco, Amazon, Booking.com, B&Q and many many more.

1. Click on <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/northwestkentfamilyhistorysociety/> and sign up.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to NWKFHS at no extra cost to you.

There are no catches or hidden charges for you and North West Kent Family History Society will be very grateful for the money raised. Thank you for your support.

And the other C- Word – calendars

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If there is anything else I should be aware of, to give you maximum benefit from this emailinfoservice, 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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