



**Welcome to the 1 March 2020 emailinfoservice, the NWKFHS fortnightly information service, comprising the latest information about the Society and its events, and other items of interest for family historians.**

**[AGM and Family History Day Thursday 9 April 2020 9.30am - 5.00pm](#)**

**<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/community/meetings-house-groups/family-history-day-agm-2020>**

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

**If you haven't booked yet please do so asap so our volunteer organisers know the numbers to plan for. In any case there is a deadline for advising the caterers of numbers, should you wish to book lunch or afternoon refreshments.**

The booking form, including lunch choices and costs for lunch and afternoon tea/coffee and slice of cake (or of course you can bring your own lunch etc), are on the yellow insert in the December Journal. Or download the booking form here. <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/community/meetings-house-groups/family-history-day-agm-2020>

**The March Journal is now available on the website [nwkfhs.org.uk](http://nwkfhs.org.uk) if members wish to read it electronically. Members must sign in to read it. If you are a NWKFHS member you will also receive a March Journal in the post unless you have opted to read it online only.**

**Any problems members have logging in, or signing in if you have not logged into the website before, please contact [webmaster@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@nwkfhs.org.uk)**

The emailinfo e-newsletter sent out at the beginning of February carried a reminder to members that subscriptions had been due on 1st January, and asked those intending to renew to do so now to save our volunteers some time.

For clarification, it's not necessary to pay and join the Society to receive this e newsletter which is completely free, as is joining the Facebook group. [https://www.facebook.com/groups/767236786758351/?epa=SEARCH\\_BOX](https://www.facebook.com/groups/767236786758351/?epa=SEARCH_BOX)

#### **Do you know anything about EDWARD G YOVEISH?**

Today's lead photo was kindly sent in by Sylvia Worth nee SHEPHARD who hopes a reader may be able to help her in her researches. Sylvia writes:

*The following is the only information I have about my Godfather Edward G Yoveish and the only photo I have of him. The photo shows him on the beach at West Wittering near Chichester in 1952.*

*According to the Ancestry website, and the Electoral registers, my Godfather was living in Lewisham Road, Deptford between the years of 1945 and 1950. The 1939 Census shows a family with the surname Yoveish/Wallace living at the same address.*

*The main reason for my search is because I want to gather together as much information as I can about my late father Donald A SHEPHARD to enable me to write a short memoir of his life. If Edward was of a similar age to my father then he would have been born around 1926. My father died young at 47yrs old and my 92 yr old mother now has dementia.*

*Please do contact me if you have any information. Many thanks*

Sylvia Worth [sylvia.worth@btopenworld.com](mailto:sylvia.worth@btopenworld.com)

*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](mailto: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.**

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#### **St Luke's Parish Magazines, Deptford**

Barbara Phillips asks:

*"A NWKFHS transcriber, Jackie Sellars, whilst also working on the WW1 roll of honour project, contacted me saying that when she was researching this she came across details of marriages for St Luke's Deptford between 1918-1924 from St Luke's Parish Magazines. You may be aware that this period is missing from the parish records deposited at the London Metropolitan Archives.*

*However, the work is incomplete as the following Parish Magazines are missing: March and July 1919, July 1920, January and June 1922 and January and April 1923.*

*Is there anyone out there who has a copy of these?"*

*With best wishes*

**Barbara** [publications@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:publications@nwkfhs.org.uk)

#### **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.

Why not browse the online calendar and see if any of the topics interest you?  
Booking is open but workshops are for the benefit of for NWKFHS members only.  
You don't need to book to attend the branch meetings with speakers.

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### **Saturday 7 March Speaker at Dartford 10.30am**

#### **Guest speaker Dr David Lepine will talk about The History of Dartford Grammar School**

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.*

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### **Wednesday 11 March 10.30am - 12.30pm Workshop at the Library Family History Beginners Session Workshop led by Fran Rogers**

This workshop aims to assist in the early stages of family history research. It will include birth, marriage and death certificates, censuses, parish registers, wills, directories and websites.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto: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.

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### **Thursday 12 March Speaker at Sevenoaks 8pm Branch Annual meeting followed by Carol Harris talking about Women and the official war artists scheme of WW1 and WW2**

Doors open 7.30pm meeting starts 8pm. Otford Methodist Church Hall, High Street Otford TN14 5PH is very close to a car park which is free after 6.30pm.

Free to members and no booking is required. 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)

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### **Wednesday 18 March 10.30am - 12.30pm Workshop at the Library Using Educational Resources for researching your family history led by Janet Rose and Sheila Elisak**

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto: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.

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### **Friday 20 March 2.00pm - 4.00pm Friday DNA Group at the Library Led by Victor Nutt**

A shared help group to discuss DNA topics requested by members and to share knowledge. Meets on the 3rd Friday afternoon each month.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk)  
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**Saturday 21 March Speaker at Bromley 10.30am**  
**Branch Annual Meeting followed by Eleanor Monk talking about Women at sea**  
**- surviving in a man's world**

**If you are willing to volunteer to be part of the Bromley Branch Committee, booking speakers and / or generally assisting with the running of the branch it is vital that you make yourself known before the Branch Meeting.**

**A Programme Organiser is urgently required. Speakers are booked to March 2021 so you can ease in gently. Please contact [Bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:Bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk) if you can help or to find out more.**

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)

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**Wednesday 25 March 10.30am - 12.30pm Workshop at the Library**  
**Marriage, Divorce and Bigamy led by Christine Hills**

In the past, given the chance, most people would have got married rather than *live in sin*.

Understanding the marriage laws of England and Wales over the last 400 years will enable you to understand why and thereby help you to find a missing marriage or even discover why your ancestor married the same person twice.

Bring your ancestral marriage problems to the workshop and we can try to solve them together.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto: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.

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*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 many months ahead**

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

**<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/community/events>**



**[Exciting New Opportunity](#)**

Do you have an Apple Mac (MacBook, MacBook Pro or MacBook Air)?

This is an opportunity for paid up North West Kent Family History Society Members only.

The Apple Store at Bluewater has kindly agreed to provide a beginners session just for North West Kent Family History Society Members. If the session is successful, they will look at providing more advanced courses, and courses for iPads, at a later date.

Numbers are strictly limited so register your interest as quickly as possible. You don't need to belong to the computer group to attend as this is open to ALL members.

The training session will be at Bluewater store and will last about one and a half hours and will most likely be on a Wednesday.

Register your interest now with Pam via the workshop booking email at [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk)

**HURRY REGISTER NOW, SPACES ARE LIMITED**



Currently the 3 day pass is only £79. Given that last year there were over 40 talks available over 5 time slots each day (ie at each time slot there was a choice of about 10 different speakers) it was in my view great value for money, as the pass included everything.

I'll be honest though and say my only concern is Coronavirus, from the perspective of possible quarantine scenarios. I think it's too early to know what the situation will be in November.

The earlybird price is available until 24 April so I will review the situation then.

I want to go as I very much enjoyed last year.

#### **GILBERT FAMILY SOCIAL HISTORY**

NWKFHS member Tom Gilbert has kindly sent in this thoroughly researched article. His email address should any reader wish to contact him to add or discuss information is [tomgilbert499@outlook.com](mailto:tomgilbert499@outlook.com)

Tom's research has been exhaustive and, even if not a Gilbert, you might wish to read the article to see whether any of the spouse surnames Tom has researched match any names you are interested in.

In 1781 David GILBERT was born in Erith, Kent. He is mentioned in the 1841 Census aged 60 and described as a Ballast man in the Brickfields. As David is not in the 1851 census he must have died during that period - there is a record to suggest that David died in 1849.

He married Ann **LOCK** born 1786 a spinster from East Wickham on the 9th December 1805 in East Wickham. Ann also is recorded in the 1841 census but not in the one for 1851.

David and Ann Gilbert had seven children, all born in Erith:-

David 23 November 1806  
Thomas 29 May 1808  
Sarah 9 May 1812  
Ann 8 May 1814  
Elizabeth 4 February 1816  
Hester 8 March 1818  
Harriett 10 June 1820.

Thomas (born 1808) went on to marry a Sarah who lived in Rainham in Essex and he worked as a Lighterman living in Rainham. In the 1851 census no children were recorded and it seems they never had a family. They did however have a servant Job **MEPHAM** from Aylesford, Kent in 1851 though he had left by 1861. They were at the time living at 33 Wharf Yard Rainham Essex. In subsequent census returns Thomas remained a Lighterman and they moved homes. In 1861 at 19 Cottage on the Wharf, and in 1871 lived at 22 Wharf House both in Rainham. Thomas appears to have died around 1880.

Sarah (born 1812) married a Paul **PINCHING**. Paul was born in 1802 and died in 1851 at Lambeth St John the Evangelist. Sarah and Paul appear to have had 8 children: Sarah 1831, Eliza 1833 to 1835, Mary 1839 to 1839, Thomas 1840 to 1843, Ann Gilbert Pinching 1842, Emily 1845 to 1915, Esther 1847 to 1909 and Arthur 1849 to 1901. Sarah died in 1874 in St Pancras London.

David (born 1806) the first child of David (1781) was married on the 24th August 1833 to Ann nee **CLIFFORD** who was born in 1810 at Stockport, Cheshire. David was a foreman in the local Brickworks in Crayford. He died in 1869. They had ten children. In the 1841 census Jenneah, the father of Ann was living in the family home, He was 55 years old and described as a Factory Worker. It would seem that he had been born in Kent. Also at home at that time were the two sons of Jenneah. James born 1821 and Jenneah junior born 1826. At that time there were only four

children in the home at Stoneberry Brickworks.

The family comprised Ann 27 July 1834, Esther 25 December 1836, Emma 7th April 1839, David 9 May 1841, Thomas 30 April 1843, James 8 June 1845, John 28 November 1847, Henry 28 May 1850, Isabella Elizabeth 1852, and finally Charles Henry 30 April 1854.

Also living in the household at one time was a Charles **PARKER** born in Islesworth, Middlesex, who was a clerk at the brickfields where David was the foreman.

Ann went on to marry the lodger Charles Parker and they moved to a village called Upton cum Chavley in Buckinghamshire which today is part of Slough. Charles Parker eventually became the manager of a brick works near Slough. Charles and Ann had eight children:-

Charles born 1855 who became a greengrocer, George born 1857, a railway clerk, David born 1859, a solicitors clerk, Minnie born 1863 and Esther born 1865 who in 1881 was described as having home duties, Kate born 1868, Anne born 1871 and Horace born 1873 were scholars in 1881 but by 1891 no longer lived at home.

Horace in 1891 was lodging in Stoke Poges with the **FRANCIS** family (mother and daughter). At the time of the census he was being visited by his sister Minnie. In 1901 aged 27 Horace was still single and lodging with Mr and Mrs **VINCE** and family in Slough. In the 1891 census young Charles was living in 3 High Street (a greengrocers shop?) and he and his wife Emily born 1867 were caring for their two children - Charles born 1887 and Arthur born 1899 - as well as both the ageing parents.

Esther born 1865 went on to marry a Victor **COLLES** who according to one record was a wig maker from Belgium and she and her husband lived at 46 Achilles Road, Hampstead with their four children Fred born 1891, William born 1896, George born 1898, Dorothy born 1899.

Also living with Victor and Esther was Ann who was widowed sometime between 1891 and 1901. The 1911 census records six children, the four already mentioned and Florence born 1902 and Marie born in 1904. Contact has been made with the relatives of this branch of the family. In the 1911 census the occupation of Victor is clearly a Gun Maker and the family had dropped the "s" from "Colles" and become "**Colle**"

Esther Gilbert who was born 25 December 1836, in 1860 married Newman **HYMAS** a miller born in 1833 at Springfield Chelmsford Essex. In the Crayford Trade directory of 1867 Newman is described as a Corn Merchant in Crayford. This is the village where Esther was born. By 1871 they were residing in Southwark (see below)

Emma born 7 April 1839 was in 1861 living at home with her parents but by the 1881 census had married Robert **UPTON** in 1864. Robert was born in 1839 in Wrotham, Kent.

In 1871 Robert and Emma were in lodgings at 161 Blackfriars Road, Southwark, the landlord of which was Newman Hymas and his wife Esther nee Gilbert (see above)

By the 1881 census Robert and Emma were living in West Ham at 34 Hack Road. The family then comprised Mother in law Ann 71 years and nephew Frederick Parker 21 years (see Ann Gilbert) who was an Engine Fitter. Robert Upton was a Carpenter and in 1891 he and Emma were residing at 79 Fredericks Road West Ham without any family. Emma died in April 1892 aged 53. Robert was in 1901 an inmate of Forest House presumably a Workhouse (Old People's Home) and he died in 1908.

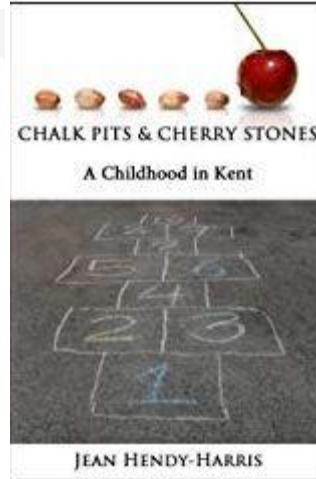
David 1841 joined the Royal Navy and in the 1861 census was serving as a Stoker on the HMS Clio at Guaymar Harbour off the west coast of Mexico. The Clio eventually became a training ship moored of the Menai Straits in North Wales and renamed the Conway. It has been reliably ascertained that on leaving the Navy, David went to Omaha, Nebraska, USA. It is suspected that he was the first Gilbert to go to there and as a result his brothers, James, John, Charles and Thomas, joined him. The latter returned to England sometime in 1880 having married, leaving his wife Susan in Ware Hertfordshire.

The family became incredibly mobile and dispersed to other parts of the UK and to America.

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**From Northfleet Girl to New Zealand**  
**Jean Hendy-Harris**



*I (nee Jean Hendy) was born in Northfleet, North Kent, and as I grew older developed an enduring love affair with London where as an adult I lived and worked for years. However, since the nineteen seventies I have lived in New Zealand where my three children grew up.*

*Until recent years my writing had revolved around education, how children learn and as a passionate educator and campaigner for choice and change I home schooled my two younger children for ten years.*

*Following the sudden death of my only brother a few years ago I embarked upon a change of direction and decided to write the book that we had in fact originally resolved to write together, detailing our Thameside childhood in Gravesend and Northfleet in the years that followed World War 2. Consequently 'Chalk Pits and Cherry Stones' is an account of cheerful poverty and fundamental deprivation that would barely be recognised today, of food rationing and shortages, air raid warnings and Doodlebugs, overcrowding and neediness, a memoir of a time that is now almost forgotten.*

*Several similar books have followed, each of them detailing the social history of those years and how one family reacted to the situation they found themselves in. They are available as ebooks for Kindle reading and also as printed copies via Amazon.*

<https://www.amazon.com/Jean-Hendy-Harris/e/B00P4OL64Q>

There is a bit more about Jean here <https://www.smashwords.com/profile/view/diddicai>  
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**All About Memoirs**

This seems a good place to mention that those who know me (Stella Eames) know that as well as being interested in genealogy, I own a lot of books, particularly memoirs.

Genealogy and memoirs go hand in hand as one sub genre of memoirs is about people investigating their family history and ancestors or recounting their lives. Just like Jean.

I've decided to create a Facebook Group called All About Memoirs. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/232599084426219/>

I started it just now with one friend. Feel free to join. It is nothing to do with NWKFHS - just to do with the fact one of my favourite genres is memoirs.

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*PS I am a volunteer creating this e-newsletter in my 'spare time' but, if you do notice any errors, please tell me, so that they are not carried forward to the next emailinfo. 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 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.*

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