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Welcome to the mid August 2021 email newsletter.

Being circulated a little early to also act a reminder of our Zoom Talk on Thursday 12 August.

ZOOM Talks

Zoom Talks are free and open to all. They cannot be booked but please log on via the link in good time.

All times given are UK time.

(NWKFHS members who missed a talk, perhaps because you are not in our timezone, note that **some** speakers have allowed their talks to be recorded - <https://nwkfhs.org.uk/resources/all-other/zoom-talk-videos> note this link only works for paid up members logged into the website).

We are still without a webmaster. If you could take on that role please do contact Chairman@nwkfhs.org.uk This is a really bad time to be without a webmaster given that everything is being done online.

If you don't wish to take on the role of Webmaster but know how to edit mpa4 files and could join the volunteers trying to perform the webmaster duties between them please contact president@nwkfhs.org.uk

Thursday 12 August 7pm for 7.30 Natalie Bodle *My ancestors were Irish - or were they??*



Natalie is a full-time professional genealogist, educator and tour guide and a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG).

A native of County Antrim, her company Roots Revealed is based in Ballymena, County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

This talk examines the history and origins of Irish surnames. If you don't know where in Ireland your ancestors originated, listen to Natalie's tips to help you to narrow down the location.

First names often followed a traditional naming pattern and this can help to build your family tree. There are some naming traditions that were used in particular by the Ulster Scots that again can help to expand your family tree; and Latin names sometimes used in Roman Catholic records.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Saturday 21 August 10am for 10.30 Amy Moffat *The History of Bethlem Museum of the Mind*

Bethlem Royal Hospital was founded in 1247 and was the first institution in the UK to specialise in the care of the mentally ill. The hospital continues to provide in-patient care as part of the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, and has been based in south London since 1930.

Situated within the hospital grounds, in a stunning Art Deco building shared with the Bethlem Gallery, **Bethlem Museum of the Mind** was formally opened by artist Grayson Perry in March 2015.

The museum cares for an internationally renowned collection of archives, art and historic objects, which together offer an unparalleled resource to support the history of mental healthcare and treatment.

Join Museum Learning Officer, Amy Moffat, to learn more about the Museum.

The Zoom code for this and other talks further ahead will be published on the website nearer the date.

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ZOOM Workshops

Zoom Workshops (including Discussion Groups and Writing Groups) have a maximum number to allow all attendees to participate, and are restricted to paid up North West Kent FHS members only. Workshops last for 2 hours.

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.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/workshops/past-zoom-workshop-videos>

Note the above link will only work for Society members logged into the website.

Workshops - for Society members only, and must be booked; numbers are limited to allow all attendees to participate

18 August Writing Group 10.30am Leader Pauline Heathcote

25 August Discussion Group 10.30am **DNA Family History Research** Leader Victor Nutt

1 September Discussion Group 10.00am **How have our ancestors shaped us?** Leader Carolyn Barclay.

15 September Discussion Group **Coffee Morning** 10.30am Leader Mike Weeks

Many, many thanks to workshop coordinator Pam Goddard for arranging this exciting programme of workshops and to the workshop leaders.

Society members please email Pam for the link / code to enable you to attend any of the above Workshops and Discussion Groups. workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk

Pam would like to hear from you if you have topic requests for workshops or want to suggest different dates or times.

See <https://nwkhfs.org.uk/events-list> for topics and dates / times of Workshops and Talks further ahead.

The NWKFHS library and research centre at Joyden's Wood remains closed. I will let you know, and it will be on the website, when it can re-open.

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Victorian Clerical Errors



Tom Hughes has asked me to publicise his blog

<https://victorianclericalerrors.blogspot.com/2021/07/the-besieged-clergyman.html>

The latest blog is about a Victorian clergyman in Cowden, Kent, the
Reverend Henry Gordon **HARVEY**.

Tom says he is always keen to receive comments, criticism and additional
information. You can post these at the foot of his blog.

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Reg Terry

In the last enews I asked readers help to trace the family of Reg Terry following the
discovery of this photo-postcard by one of my relatives (Terry was not known to be a
surname connected with our family). The photo was annotated with Reg
Terry's name and that he sailed for New Zealand in 1921.

Five readers got back to me with further info about Reg and, as a result, I was able
to trace online two descendants: one said that Reg was her husband's maternal
grandfather, another that Reg was her grandmother's brother. I think that makes
them 2nd cousins by marriage. Anyhow, both gave me their email addresses and
were over the moon to receive scans of the front and back of the photo.

One sent me this on board photo. The young man on the far left is clearly recognisable as Reg.



All due to the The crowdpower of our readership, with a little bit of help from the internet!

RootsTech Connect 2022 Aims to Repeat Success

FamilySearch has announced that RootsTech 2022 will take place on 3 - 5 March 2022, as a fully virtual family history event.

After welcoming over one million visitors from over 240 countries to its 2021 online event, RootsTech Connect 2021 was the largest in the history of RootsTech, and spectacular proof of humanity's interest globally in discovering our roots and connecting to each other.

Building on its success, RootsTech Connect 2022 will remain completely virtual and free. Registration will open in September 2021.

"We were humbled with the response to an all-virtual RootsTech, and so grateful to all of our sponsors, exhibitors, speakers and attendees who participated," said Steve Rockwood, FamilySearch International CEO.

"We heard from thousands of people from all over the globe that the 2021 online experience allowed them to participate for the first time and enjoy the power of learning and connecting virtually. And it created an expansive online archive for learning that is now available for free all year long. It's an incredible resource, and we are excited about what we're planning for 2022."

Free DNA online talks

Family Search also has a series of DNA talks. If you haven't yet dipped your toe in the water and tested, or you want to expand your knowledge, click below. You may need to create a free RootsTech or FamilySearch account to see the talks. I have both so cannot experiment to see if it's a requirement.

https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/series/dna-day-classes?cid=em-brc-11306&mkt_tok=NTc4LVRUWC04NzQAAAF-oNIPInYaepSRKwG52go7x5qMqco8byzxxF0H0396WZvqRkmoBZLJulzqShASYoSgZoDwWELonE498eo3l037GaQvTmTii_tl3Dj-yPVEePP_IQ

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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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