

North West Kent Family History Society

(Covering N W Kent and ancient Kent parishes now S E London)

January **NEWSLETTER** 2014

An electronic publication available on-line to anyone interested in Family History

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If you have any suggestions about the content of this newsletter please let me know editor@nwkfhs.org.uk

 **Did YOU get it?** *The December Journal was posted out with a copy of the Society's publication list. This was the first time the list has been sent to all members: previously it was available if requested, from the membership and publication teams. It will continue to be available at all fairs attended by the events team and is, of course, available on-line.*

www.nwkfhs.org.uk/publications.htm

*So have you spotted data that might be helpful to your research? Place that order NOW!
You can order on-line or by post www.nwkfhs.org.uk/publications.htm*

Local Meetings in January

Members and friends welcome at all meetings

Full details, guide maps to the meeting halls and local contacts are given at

www.nwkfhs.org.uk/meetings.htm

Bromley 18 January 2014 *Timothy Stopford talks on
Royal Navy, Royal Fleet Auxiliary and Fleet Air Arm crests
- their origins & history*

Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley BR1 3NS. Open at 9.45am.

Dartford 4 January 2014 *Lady Mary Teviot speaks about
Baby Farming*

Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford DA1 2LY. Open at 9.45am.

 **Sevenoaks January 2014 No Meeting**



New publications

Stone St Mary the Virgin: Baptisms 1718-1955 - CD52 The disc consists of 9759 entries with a transcript and index. This complements the marriages and burials already completed last year - CD41 Burials 1718-1963 and CD42 Marriages 1722-1955; each of these discs contains over 3000 records.

Stone Cemetery Dartford & Stone St Mary Churchyard CD-MI 5 (2nd Edition) £5: Disc includes transcripts of monumental inscriptions and an alphabetical surname index. Stone Cemetery was completed earlier in the year but not widely publicised as we were awaiting Monumental Inscriptions from Stone St Mary church. This complements burials for the area for which we are grateful.

Gravesend Cemetery Burial Registers 1902-1983 - CD53 £10: Transcripts of Burial Indexes (approx 30,000 burials). This complements CD27 £10 which covers 1839-1901.

Seal, Kemsing and Ightham: Misc Census, Parish and other records - CD54 £8.00 (bargain price): David Williams, Jean Stirk and many other volunteers have put together a comprehensive database for the area, made up as follows:

Seal:

Censuses	1841-1911
Directories	1832-1938
Tithe Apportionments	1841
Parish Records	1561-1964 Baptisms 1562-1925 Marriages 1561-1924 Burials

Kemsing:

Parish Records	1561-1920 Baptisms 1562-1950 Marriages 1562-2009 Burials
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Ightham:

Censuses	1841-1911
Directories	1847-1938
Tithe Apportionments	1839
Parish Records	1559-1955 Baptisms 1560-1955 Marriages 1559-1955 Burials

Bessel's Green Unitarian Church, Bessel's Green Baptist Church and French Street Private Burial Ground - CD55 £8: The newly completed Bessels Green Baptist Church project dovetails with the existing work on the Bessels Green Unitarian Church. We think that the work on the French Street Private Burial Ground should be read with this information to give a more comprehensive understanding of religious non-conformity in the Sevenoaks area. This includes background information, the pictures of the burial ground and stones with MIs and a list of the probable burials. We thank both Karina Jackson and Chris Barnett for allowing this work to be included on the disc.


A fully comprehensive book has been created by them entitled "The Burial Ground at French Street, Westerham, Kent" and further details of how to purchase this will appear in the journal. An extremely worthwhile read.

St Edmund's Pleasance (Upper Burial Ground) Cemetery, Dartford - CD56 £5: The work started by Janet Rose has been carried through to publication by Steve Archer to include monumental inscriptions, photographs, plot plan and background.

Not a member ... Join us! www.nwkfhs.org.uk/join.htm

The membership renewal form was in the December Journal

Contact treasurer@nwkfhs.org.uk or renewals@nwkfhs.org.uk if you have any queries.

 **Banking Charges** Banks are increasing their charges to NWKFHS to process cheques. Please help NWKFHS to limit these additional costs by setting up a standing order to renew your membership of the Society. No money is moved until the due date (1 January 2014). Forms are available at all branch meetings, the Society Library and workshops and can be downloaded from

www.nwkfhs.org.uk/nwkforms/standing_order_form.pdf

 **Library & Resource Centre**

The North West Kent Family History Society Library & Resource Centre
Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood Estate, Bexley DA5 2EE.

It is open **every Wednesday**, 10am-4pm. Seasonal closures 25 December and 1 January 2014. Janet Rose, librarian, says We have our own room, separate from the main library, where our complete collection of books and other reference material is available on open shelves.

This includes microfiche, many data CDs and computers with internet access; this includes Ancestry and other on-line genealogical databases.

Contact email library@nwkfhs.org.uk

Non-members are welcome to visit.

Car parking is available in the adjacent residential road.


Bus services are the 429 and the B12. (Joydens Wood Post Office)

 **Research Service**

The Society offers to members and non-members a genealogical Research Service with a contact email research@nwkfhs.org.uk

More details on-line at <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/research-service.htm>

Research Co-ordinator, c/o NWKFHS Library & Resource Centre, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood Estate, Bexley, DA5 2EE,

 **NWKFHS Workshops** Click on this link [NWKFHS - Library Workshops](#)

The two hour workshops are limited to 10 people, but are repeated if there is demand.

Workshops are held at the Library, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley

Contact Janet Rose (01322-384836)

Bookings and enquiries email library@nwkfhs.org

15 January 2014	Breaking through the brickwall A mentoring workshop	
26 February	Parish Chest part one	Christine Hills
12 March	Parish Chest part two A continuation	Christine Hills
16 April	The British Home Front in World War 1 Repeated in June 2014	Mike Brown
21 May	Basic DNA (repeated by popular demand)	David Cufley



Members Interests

Don't forget to keep your **Surname, Subject and Place Interests** up-to-date on the website and in the directory of members' interests, up-dated in each Journal.

www.nwkfhs.org.uk/members-interests.htm

Contact webmaster@nwkfhs.org.uk

There is no charge to members for this service

EMAIL INFORMATION SERVICE If you haven't done so already sign up for this new service. Email your name and membership number requesting to be included on the email list and get regular updates on society activities

email: emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org

Contributions for future issues of the Journal or this newsletter to
editor@nwkfhs.org.uk

Best wishes for the New Year

January (in Latin, Ianuarius) is named after Janus, the god of the doorway; the name has its beginnings in Roman mythology, coming from the Latin word for door (ianua) since January is the door to the year.



January Birth Flower is the cottage pink *Dianthus caryophyllus* or Carnation