THINKING OF TRACING YOUR WW1 ANCESTORS? NEED SOME HELP? THEN CONTACT US NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

As we move to the 100 year anniversary of WW1 many of you may be thinking that perhapsyou would like to find out about one or more of yourrelatives that went off to fight for their country and never came back. But you don't know where to start.

A good starting point for your research is the Medal Card Index, providing details of campaign medals **for all** who served in the Army. This can be found on the internet via the commercial company Ancestry.com(available free in borough and Kent libraries).

Naval and Fleet Air Arm records are covered on the National Archives Discovery website this is free to browse although a small fee is charged if you require more information. Also the War Graves Commission is a very good free site.

A comprehensive list of websites, both for the UK and overseas, is available on the Federation of Family History Societies free website via the WW1 Centenary Tab.

Almost inevitably you will hit a brick wall and this is where using the expertise of a Family History Society can prove invaluable. We shall be holding a drop in session in March at Sevenoaks main library, and others in the boroughs of Bromley and Bexley throughout 2014 and 2015. Our society has been helping local people trace their ancestors for over twenty five years and we are based at the Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road (at junction with Cramptons Road), Sevenoaks.TN14 5DN. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month with the exception of January and August. The doors open at 7.15pm

If you are interested why not come along to a meeting. You will find us very welcoming and we have several people who will be able to help and advise you how start on your research.

For more details about the Society look at the website <u>www.nwkfhs.org.uk</u> or email us at publicity@nwkfhs.org.uk