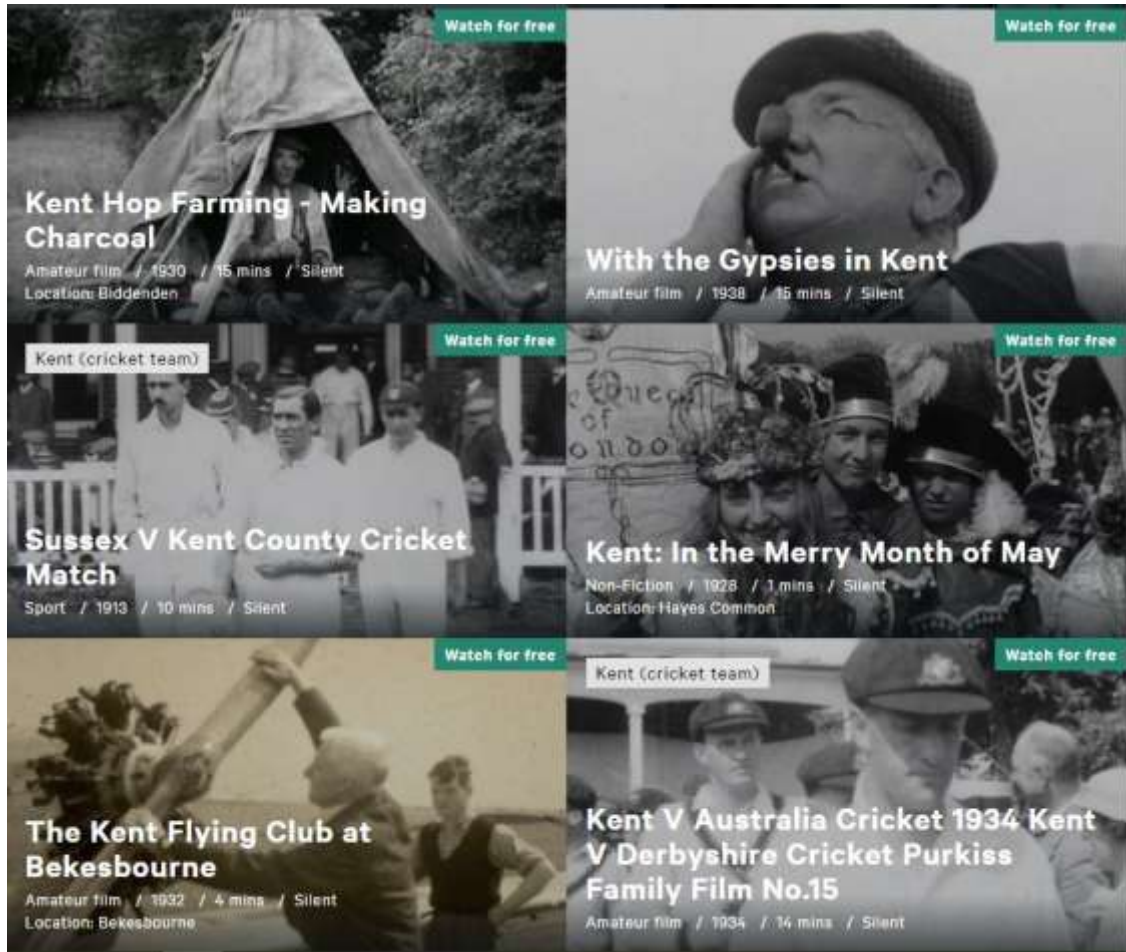


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Welcome to the 5 September emailinfoservice, the NWKFHS fortnightly information service, comprising the latest information about the Society and other items of interest for family historians.

The above photo is a snapshot of just a few of the many free to watch, old, films on the British Film Institute site. The link below used the search term 'Kent' but you can enter more specific terms and watch many interesting historical old films on various topics.

<https://player.bfi.org.uk/search/free?q=kent>

Use Your Vote

If you are a paid up NWKFHS member you should have just received your September Journal and an AGM voting form.

But the simplest way to vote is to do so online, which saves you postage. **You need to log in to the website first.**

Members, if you wish to read the Annual Report and Annual Accounts before you vote, see here <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/community/meetings-house-groups/agm/#annual-reports>

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/>

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/agm-voting>

Zoom Workshops for NWKFHS Members

Wednesday 9th September: 2pm - 3.30pm or longer if required

Breaking down Brick Walls

Members who wish to attend should send details of their 'brick wall' so that the moderator can prepare source data pages beforehand to start the discussion on each topic.

Wednesdays 7th and 14th October: 11.00 - 12.30pm

Errors, Lies and Other Misinformation split into two parts - Part 1 on the 7th and Part 2 on the 14th.

Workshops discussing errors in Official Records and Commercial Search Engines and how to try and spot them. Case studies will be used as part of the discussions

Do you believe what your ancestors told officials and their families?

Do you believe what other researchers tell you, how good is their research?

Are transcriptions accurate and do the indexes reflect the original documents?

Mark Twain said "*If you don't read the newspaper, you're uninformed. If you read the newspaper, you're misinformed.*" You could apply this to family history documents.

This workshop will give you the tools to try to avoid researching someone else's family as yours.

Workshops are only open to paid-up Society members. But membership is only £10 a year, and, if you join after 1 October, your membership is valid til 31 December 2021. <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/about/our-membership>

To attend any of these workshops email workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk to obtain an invitation code.

Workshops have always been free to members but we've also always asked for a donation, £5 suggested. If you are attending one and would like to make a donation please do so here <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/shop/nwkhfs-shop/services/society-donation>

Do you remember the Villa Dene in Joyden's Wood Road or the Harwood family?

Reader John Harwood **SPROUL**, born and living in Paisley, Scotland, holidayed there as a child in the 1950s. Members of his wider family lived there and kept ponies and pigs and had a small orchard.

He would love to be in touch with anyone who knew the family or even remembers the property.

(Dartford Council's online planning portal shows that Villa Dene was demolished in 1986 and new houses were built 34 and 34A Joyden's Wood Road.)

John's family there were John Harwood (died 13 Sept 1954) and his wife Mary Kelso Harwood. Mary was John's paternal grandmother's sister.

John Harwood Sproul's dad was Alexander Hopkirk Sproul; and his dad's brother was James Hopkirk Sproul who lived at 76 Pembury Road Bexleyheath.

John has provided a couple of photos: of the Villa Dene and of a man on a motorbike he knew as *Uncle Joe*. Joe may have been a farm hand on the mini farm or he may have married Mary Kelso Sproul after her husband's death in 1954.

John is sure he must have family still in the Bexley area and would love to hear from anyone who knows or remembers anything about the Harwood or Sproul families. He has lots of photos from circa 1956 he would be very happy to share.

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The Guild of One Name Studies ("the Guild")

I mentioned the Guild in the August emailinfo, within the article about free or cheapest sources of information. Emailinfo reader and Guild Member Jean Toll saw that and offered to write a fuller article. I gratefully accepted because I myself only head about the Guild from reading a mention of it in an old NWKFHS journal.

Although I have not yet started a one name study (of my maiden name GRATWICK) I have very much enjoyed attending Guild Seminars and conferences.

**The Guild of One-Name Studies
Worldwide Surname Research Family History and beyond ...**

The **Guild of One-Name Studies** is the worldwide centre of excellence in one-name studies, it promotes the interests of both the individuals and groups who are engaged in them.

Established in 1979 and registered as a charity in 1989, the Guild provides its members with the means to share, exchange and publish information about one-name studies as well as encouraging and assisting all those interested in

genealogy and one-name studies by means of conference, seminars, webinars, projects and other activities.

All Guild seminars and conferences are open to non-members as well as members. You do not need to be undertaking a One-Name Study to join the Guild.

The objectives of the Guild of One-Name Studies are:

- To advance the education of the public in one-name studies (defined as research into the genealogy and family history of all persons with the same surname and its variants)
- To promote the preservation and publication of the resultant data, and to maximise its accessibility to all interested persons

The Guild of One-Name Studies was founded in the United Kingdom. However, it has always been keen to extend its membership worldwide and currently has over 2,600 members in thirty countries around the world. Some of them are very experienced and knowledgeable about family history research and one-name studies; most are extremely enthusiastic and keen to help other people extend their knowledge and further their research. It is therefore very likely that one of our members may be able to help should you require it.

If you have a surname in your family that is being studied by a Guild member, then s/he may well be able to provide you with valuable information and insights about the name. You can find out which surnames are being studied from the online Register, where contact details are listed for over 8,400 surnames and variants being researched by members of the Guild.

Guild Resources - <https://one-name.org/guild-resources/>

Some of these resources are **available for everyone, including:** A list of all surnames for which a one-name study has been registered; An index containing worldwide marriages up to 60 years ago, contributed by Guild members; Stories from Guild members' research, available to be read by all and can be searched by name; Many Guild seminar recordings are available on YouTube; The Guild Journal – editions of over three years old are visible to all. Plus much more.

Others are restricted to **Guild members only, including:** All editions of the Guild Journal visible to all members; An index of Scottish births, marriages, and deaths contributed by members; An index of names inscribed on schools' honours boards, local war memorials, dedication plaques, society trophies etc; A repository of Birth, Marriage and Death data contributed by Guild members; The Guild Wiki which covers a wide variety of topics; The Guild's Probate Index can be searched for any names appearing in the indexed wills. And much more.

Jean Toll

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Second cousin or first cousin once removed?

I have known even serious genealogists get confused about this.

Family Search has produced a downloadable cousin chart to help family historians work out relationships.

https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/cousin-chart/?et_cid=1772438&et_rid=110020382&linkid=CTA&cid=em-brc-10059

Kent Online Parish Clerks have just published new transcriptions

Its dedicated Farnborough and Downe Online Parish Clerk, Henry Mantell, has been hard at work transcribing several new volumes of burials for you, which are now live on its website.

[#Sevenoaks](#) Burials 1846-1878 are at

<http://www.kent-opc.org/.../P.../SevenoaksStNicBur1846-1878.html>

[#Hever](#) Burials 1774-1812

<http://www.kent-opc.org/.../PRTranscri.../HeverBur1774-1812.html>

Hever Burials 1813-1904

<http://www.kent-opc.org/.../PRTranscri.../HeverBur1813-1904.html>

[#Riverhead](#) Burials 1864-1908

<http://www.kent-opc.org/.../PRTran.../RiverheadBur1864-1908.html>

The new Riverhead parish page can be found at

<http://www.kent-opc.org/Parishes/Riverhead.html>

Data Currently Online:

Web pages: 797

Kent parishes: 274

Newspaper extracts: 1,943

Unique family groups: 2,952

356,725 unique entries in our indexes and transcripts

1,527 outbound record links

Enjoy!

RootsTech will be all virtual in 25 - 27 February 2021

The annual FamilySearch genealogical convention, which is held in Salt Lake City annually, will be all virtual in 2021.

You can sign up to take part in everything online free of charge. <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>



For the first time ever, the world's largest family celebration event will be entirely virtual and completely free.

Get ready to celebrate shared connections with people from around the world. Connect with friends, your family, your past, and your heritage and homelands—all from the comfort of your home and in your browser.

MyHeritage Photo Enhancer - free opportunity expires 10 September

This is a reminder that you can use [MyHeritage Photo Enhancer](#) and [MyHeritage In Color™](#) for free only until 10 September. This is the perfect opportunity to try them out. The results are absolutely amazing!

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.

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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.

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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