



**Welcome to the January emailinfoservice, comprising the latest information about the Society and other items of interest for family historians.**

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Today's photo was sent in by Michael Welch and was taken in 1952 at Upland Primary Infants School, Church Road, Bexleyheath, Kent. Michael is 4th from left in the back row.

Michael recalls some names but we decided it would not be good practice to mention them here. But if you are in the photo or want to make contact with Michael to ask anything about it, please email him on [welchm18@yahoo.com](mailto:welchm18@yahoo.com)

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Just when we ended a very challenging year, and had started to look forward with some optimism due to the vaccination programme, COVID restrictions have tightened again due to the virus mutating.

To those readers who are suffering from Coronavirus, and whose loved ones are ill, I wish you a speedy recovery and much love during this very distressing time.

Although we may not feel terribly inspired at the moment, anyone interested in family history need never be bored. Social contact is more important than ever and we can stay in touch by telephone, online or Zoom.

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### **ZOOM Talks**

All are welcome to the Talks - Society members and non members alike. We would be very pleased if you could join us. No booking, just use the link in good time on the day.

**The next Zoom talk is this Thursday.**

**Speaker Gill Blanchard “ Working on Who Do You Think You Are”**

Gill is a professional genealogist, house historian, lecturer and author with 30 years experience. Historian and qualified adult education tutor. Author of several books including: 'Tracing Your Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk Ancestors', 'Tracing Your House History' and 'Writing Your Family History'.

Learn what goes on behind the scenes as a researcher for the popular television show. With particular focus on Gill's research for various episodes.

Thursday 7 January 7.00pm for 7.30pm, finishes 8.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82636320942?pwd=RDQ5d21CdExrQ0NnTFBuWmlOWVZhUT09>

Meeting ID: 826 3632 0942

Passcode: 503135

**Speaker: Joanna Friel “ Chislehurst Characters”**

Joanna Friel has been Chairman of Chislehurst Society since 2018 and is passionate about **Chislehurst**.

In conjunction with a colleague, Adam Swaine, she has published a book "Secret Chislehurst" which explores the secrets of Chislehurst through a fascinating selection of stories, facts and photographs.

Saturday 16 January 10.00am for 10.30am finishes 11.30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88916137399?pwd=UkZMY3NmMzlaUTY0YmNTeVBtSE5YUT09>

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**ZOOM Workshops**

As we can't hold face to face workshops, **NWKFHS members** are invited to the following online Zoom workshops: we would be very pleased if you can join us.

**Wednesday 13 January 10.30am - 1pm**

**Workshop - Trade sources - Led by David Cufley**

Gives sources for researching occupations using mainly brickmaking but also rat catching and calico printing examples but is applicable to other trades

**Wednesday 20 January 7.30pm - 9pm**

**Discussion Group - Writing up your Family History - Led by David Cufley**

Using Word to write up your family history

**Wednesday 27 January 2.30pm - 4.30pm**

**Workshop - Researching Naval Ancestors WW1-WW2 - Led by Pam Goddard**

Help with finding and tracking your ancestors and learning about their lives in the Navy using service records, log books and other sources available on the internet.

**All times given are Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)**

Please see <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings#year=2021&month=1&day=5&view=month> for topics and dates / times of Workshops and Talks further ahead.

Society members, please contact workshop coordinator Pam Goddard for the link / code to enable you to attend any of the above Workshops and Discussion Groups. [workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk) Discussion groups are limited to 12 attendees.

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

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<https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>

25 - 27 February 2021

#### **Introducing RootsTech Connect: A Free Online Conference Experience**

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. Click the link above to register for the free talks and activities.

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#### **Family History Federation - Really Useful Show (online) Saturday 10 April**

Early Birders get Best Value - Show Tickets only £7.50 - until 31 January 2021

Building on the amazing success and lessons learned from November 2020

our April 2021 show will feature **MORE** inspiring **SPEAKERS**  
**MORE** knowledgeable **EXHIBITORS PLUS** exciting **NEW**  
**FEATURES**

The software used last time '**SLACK**' **HAS NOW BEEN RETIRED** in favour of **ONLINE LIVE CHAT** direct from the main website. In addition to **ALL TALKS** available for at least **7 days**

**[EARLY BIRD TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW](http://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com)**  
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#### **Gresham Lectures**

In case you are unaware of these free lectures, on all kinds of topics, here is the link. <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/attend/> They are all free. I used to attend occasionally when I worked in central London, which is where the talks were held when it was possible to meet in person. The Talks programme has been continued online and, judging by the ones I have watched, the speakers are excellent. 100% recommended.

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## **Membership Renewal**

Due 1 January, there is a reminder form inside the December journal. Or pay online which saves time for our volunteer Renewals Secretary and Treasurer. Paying by standing order is even more helpful.

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/about/membership/our-membership>

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### **Face comparison and mood identifier for free**

<https://azure.microsoft.com/en-gb/services/cognitive-services/face/#demo>

Member Robert Sear has written in about some free software he has come across.

He says " I have two wedding photos, 1923 and 1924. I thought the man top left in the 1923 marriage photo could be the same person who is seated with a hat on his lap in the 1924 photo.



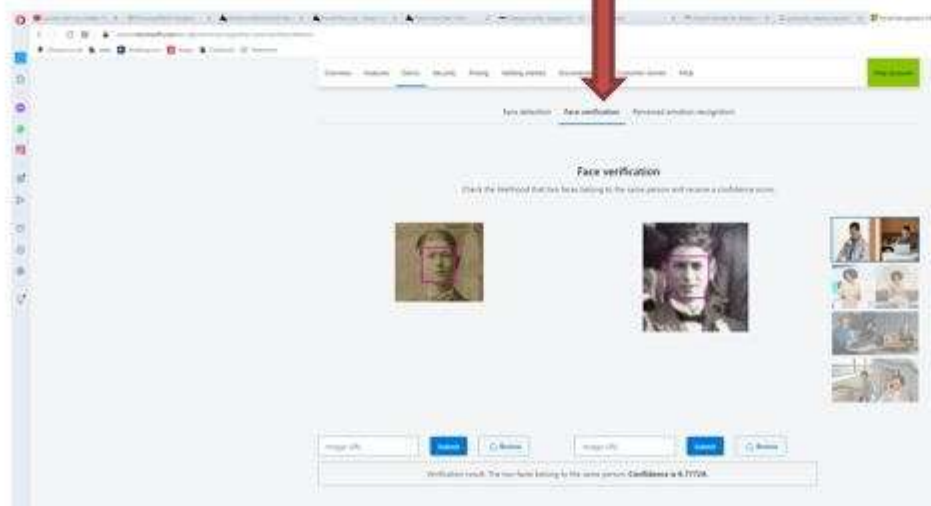
1923 Marriage of Dennis Andrews and Dorothy Read



So I cropped their head out



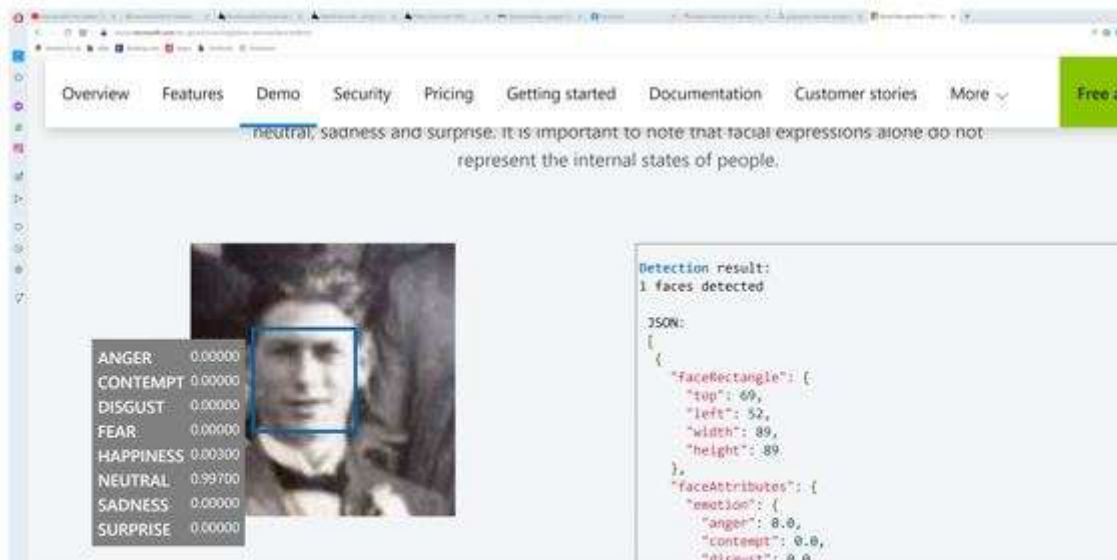
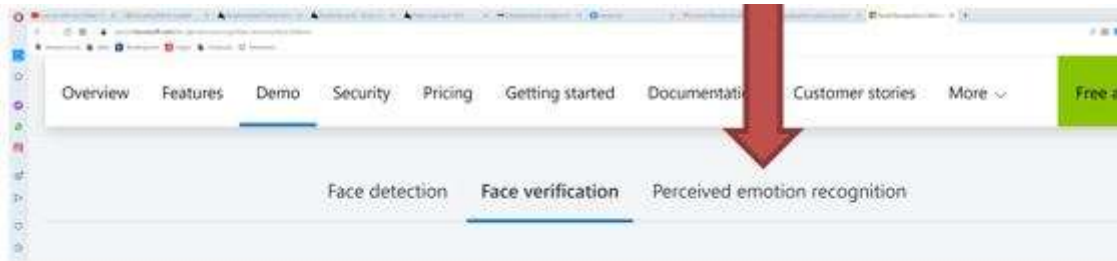
And inserted them into Microsoft Azure face recognition



Verification result: The two faces belong to the same person. **Confidence is 0.77728.**

You can also check the Perceived emotion recognition

Detect perceived facial expressions such as anger, contempt, disgust, fear, happiness, neutral, sadness and surprise. It is important to note that facial expressions alone do not represent the internal states of people.



**Only 0.003 for Happiness, it was his wedding, perhaps he had his photograph fac**

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*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.*

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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.*

Stella Eames, Editor

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