

Welcome to the 1 September 2021 email newsletter.

I am delighted to tell you that the Society has now been able to book speakers and premises for actual face to face talks at our Dartford and Sevenoaks venues. The combined list of Zoom and in person talks are in one chronological list below.

The description for each event states clearly whether it is via Zoom or an in person talk.

Until Kent Libraries will allow us to start using the Joydens Wood Library, all Workshops remain Zoom.

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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

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Saturday 4 September Doors Open 9.45am talk starts at 10.30am at Dartford Branch.

Location: Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford Kent DA1 2LY

Talk – Guest Speaker Penny Allen, Archivist at Royal Museums Greenwich, will tell us about Merchant Navy Sources.

Learn how to access information on Masters and Mates certificates, crew lists, Greenwich Hospital Records, Lloyd's registers as well as maps and charts.

Free to NWKFHS members; non members are asked to make a token donation of £1 - £2 towards costs of hall hire and speaker.

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Thursday 9 September Doors Open 7.15pm Meeting starts 8.00pm talk at Sevenoaks Branch.

Location: Otford Village Memorial Hall, High Street, Otford TN14 5PQ (adjacent car park is free in the evening).

Talk – The Titanic: What happened after she sank? – Guest Speaker Ian Porter.

We are promised an interesting talk by Ian Porter on The Titanic; Looking at what happened to the people in the water and in the lifeboats, their arrival in New York, and some of the inaccurate myths that have come down through history.

Free to NWKFHS members; non members are asked to make a token donation of £1 - £2 towards costs of hall hire and speaker.

ZOOM TALK: Thursday 14 September Jackie Depelle: Wills for family history

7:00pm for 7:30pm. Guest Speaker Jackie Depelle will explain the value of wills in family history.

Perhaps the most useful source after certificates and censuses. Wills are a personal insight into relationships and possessions. Find indexes and associated records and read the documents.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85278125512?pwd=akZBU1gvVk1MYmdzYT11Z3drKzBJdz09>

Meeting ID: 852 7812 5512

Passcode: 978470

(I have ordered many wills since they reduced to £1.50 on <https://www.gov.uk/search-will-probate> . Often this has saved me buying a certificate because some very useful wills list children and grandchildren, even in laws. *Stella*)

ZOOM Workshops, Special Interest and Discussion groups

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

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

15 September 10.30am Discussion Group Coffee Morning Leader Mike Weeks

22 September 10.30am DNA Family History Research Discussion Group Leader Victor Nutt

29 September 2.30pm Workshop Using online forums to assist with your research. Leader Pam Goddard

This Workshop will take a look at some of the most popular forums and see how they can help you with your research.

Look at what you have to do to start using them and how to use them successfully.

Also looking at the possible benefits from using them, whether it is a link to a database, a repair to a photograph, help to transcribe old documents, photos of headstones, help with war records or advertising your society events.

For the purposes of the workshop Pam will use some of her own experiences to demonstrate.

6 October 10am Discussion Group - Family Secrets. What could they be and should they be told? Leader Carolyn Barclay

20 October 10.30am * NEW* Special Interest Group - Scottish Research Discussion Group Leaders Pam Goddard and Carolyn Barclay.

Initially the group will discuss starting your Scottish research, along with details of essential websites to use. Tips and advice will be shared on the use of some of these websites.

With regular meetings, discussions will be led by members' interests; but over time we will discuss various sources that will help with your research - archives, libraries, family history groups, local studies centres, along with various websites that could possibly aid your research.

27 October 10.30am DNA Family History Discussion Group - Leader Victor Nutt

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@nwkfhs.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://nwkfhs.org.uk/events-list> for topics and dates / times of Workshops and Talks further ahead.

The NWFHFS 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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<https://www.qualifiedgenealogists.org/2021-conference>

GENEALOGY AND SOCIAL HISTORY: KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS

A free conference on Zoom Saturday 25 September 2021

See the website link above for more info and how to register for the free talks.

Keynote talks

Researching your criminal ancestors Helen Johnson

Finding your ancestors at home: researching the history of houses Melanie Backe-Hansen, a historian specialising in house histories who was involved in the recent BBC programmes 'A house through time'

"Lying Bastards": the impact of illegitimacy on the records that our ancestors leave

behind. David Annal is a professional researcher with over 40 years' experience. He is a former Principal Family History Specialist with the National Archives.

MyHeritage - Temporary, Free Access to 1.3 billion Census and Electoral Roll Records

For the next week MyHeritage is offering free access to all census records it holds, from September 1 – 8, 2021.

The Census and Voter Lists category on MyHeritage encompasses a vast repository of over 1.3 billion records, including census records from the U.S., U.K., Ireland, Scandinavia, and Canada as well as electoral rolls and other records from Australia, Venezuela, Chile, Argentina, Armenia, Greece, and much more.

These records offer valuable snapshots of the lives of people living in these locations throughout history, especially from the 19th century onward.

[Search all census records on MyHeritage](#)

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 enews@nwkfhs.org.uk with your contributions. Any photos must be your own copyright.

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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.

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