



WWI Post Card dated 6 February 1915 from Reginald George **PULLEN**, Private 2893 Kings Liverpool Regiment, to his sister Winifred Alice Pullen. He gives his address as 7th Kings Liverpool Regiment, no. 6 Platoon, Old Park, Canterbury (Kent).

He describes the conditions he lived in.

His sister's address is given as Bedford College, Reids Wing, Regents Park, London.

Reginald George Pullen born 22nd September 1893 and Christened at St Dionis, Parsons Green, Fulham was the son of George Lewis Pullen and Alice Sarah **NEWMAN**.

During WWI he joined the Kings Liverpool Regiment rising to the Rank of Sergeant. On 26th April 1917 he was commissioned as an Officer in the 5th South Lancs Regiment. He was awarded the Military Cross in 1917. He died in 1973.

Winifred Alice Pullen was born in 1894 also in Fulham.

Welcome to the 1 February 2023 enews

The above postcard is from the Society's Flickr

collection. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nwkf/albums/72157636432677693>

Dartford Branch Talk: *Farewell to Kent: supported emigration in the 19th century* with Helen Allinson

Saturday 4 February: Doors Open 9.45am meeting starts 10.30am and will end by 12.30pm

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

Farewell to Kent - Poor emigrants in 19th century who were assisted to America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand

Born in Bromley when Bromley was in Kent, Helen has lived in Sittingbourne since 1974 and worked as a primary school teacher.

She has always been interested in history and has authored several local history books including 'Farewell To Kent: upon which this talk is based. It is the story of poor people from all over Kent whose passage was paid, often by Poor Law Guardians, to assist them to emigrate.

This system was country wide and so the talk will be of interest even if your ancestors did not come from Kent.

There is a large, free car park but it is shared with other users and can be busy at times.

No booking, just turn up.

The Society is a registered charity and membership fees and donations are an important part of our income. The Talk is free to members but guests and visitors are asked to make a donation towards hall hire and speaker's fee. There will be a donations box at the venue.

The meeting will be led by Janet Rose.

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Sevenoaks Branch Talk: *DNA for Family Historians* with Geoff Swinfield

Saturday 11 February Doors open 10.45am meeting starts 11am

Otford Village Memorial Hall 28A High Street, Otford, Kent TN14 5PQ

You may consider using a DNA test to learn more about yourself and your family.

Whether that's because you're looking for more information about unknown family members, your ethnic background, or to verify family tales, a DNA test can be an option for helping you learn more about your family tree, but where to start and what to consider.

What benefits can be achieved by DNA testing for genealogy? Can DNA testing help with brickwalls and reunite long lost family members? You may wish to test beyond yourself to find missing fragments of your ancestors that weren't passed on to you which may require testing of siblings, parents, and other relatives. There are so many questions.

Dr Geoff Swinfield has lectured widely on all aspects of genealogy, its sources and research techniques including the use and application of DNA testing to Genetic Genealogy. He graduated from Nottingham University with a PhD in genetics and began training as a professional genealogist in 1979 at the IHGS in Canterbury. Whilst at IHGS, as its Director, he headed a team which, in conjunction with hospital research departments, used genealogical research to trace the inheritance of genetic abnormalities to identify those who may be at risk.

Geoff is also a past Chair of AGRA's Board of Assessors and a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists, we could not be in better hands to help us understand DNA for our Family History research.

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There is a large public car park (payment required) adjacent to the hall but it can be busy.

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Zoom Talk: *Upstairs Downstairs - from humble beginnings to the American Dream* with Jackie Depelle
23 February 7.30pm to 9pm

About the Talk

This story takes us from Norfolk to New York with an upwardly mobile gentleman.

However whether he spends his life upstairs or downstairs you will have to listen to Jackie's talk to find out.

About the Speaker

From film and fiche to the virtual world, Jackie teaches Family History and presents at major international events including RootsTech, The Genealogy Show and The Family History Show.

Thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to meet people from across the country via zoom as well as listening and learning from colleagues at online shows and tutorials. Jackie also keeps in touch with volunteers through membership of the Guild of One Name Studies, British Association for Local History, various Family History Societies across the UK and Historians Collaborate.

North West Kent FHS is a charity and membership fees and donations are an important part of our income. So, if you are not a North West Kent FHS member, please consider making a donation via our [web shop](#) towards the cost of our Zoom licence and speaker's fee.

This talk won't be recorded.

The Zoom link will be posted on the website www.nwkhfs.org.uk nearer the time.

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NWKFHS members who missed a ZOOM talk, perhaps because you are not in our timezone, note that **some** speakers have allowed their talks to be recorded and recorded talks are saved here - <https://nwkhfs.org.uk/resources/all-other/zoom-talk-videos> note this link only works for paid up members logged into the website. Sometimes speakers have given permission for their talks only to be recorded for a specified amount of time, so members please do check the link.

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Workshops, Special Interest and Discussion Groups

Workshops (including Discussion Groups and Writing Groups) whether in person or via

Zoom have a maximum number to allow all participants to be involved, **and are restricted to paid up North West Kent FHS members only**. They generally last for about 2 hours.

Please note that booking is essential.

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

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

Topics range from DNA, writing your family history and more. To see the full range, click the link below and **change the date to the months you want to look at.**

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings>

Workshops are already planned throughout the whole of 2023 and have been added to the website.

1 Feb 10.30am Library: Scottish Interests Discussion Group with Pam Goddard and Carolyn Barclay

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-scottish-interest-discussion-group-with-pam-goddard-and-carolyn-barclay>

1 Feb 10.30am ZOOM Family History Discussion Group leader Ann Clarke. Today the topic is: how to organise your family history records and documents.

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-discussion-group-with-ann-clarke>

8 Feb 10.30am Library DNA Discussion Group

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-dna-discussion-group-for-those-who-are-either-new-to-dna-or-want-to-discuss-particular-aspects-of-dna-2>

15 Feb 10.30am Zoom Workshop: Creating Family Trees from GEDcoms with David Cufley

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-creating-trees-from-gedcoms-with-david-cufley>

22 Feb 10.30am Library Writing group with Pauline Heathcote

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/future-workshops/library-writing-group-with-pauline-heathcote-2>

22 Feb 10.30am Zoom DNA Discussion Group with Laura Lincoln

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-dna-discussion-group-with-laura-lincoln-7>

1 March Zoom Family History Discussion Group leader Ann Clarke.

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-discussion-group-with-ann-clarke-2>

8 March 10.30am Library DNA Discussion Group

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-dna-discussion-group-for-those-who-are-either-new-to-dna-or-want-to-discuss-particular-aspects-of-dna>

8 March 7.30pm Zoom Scottish Interests Discussion Group with Pam Goddard and Carolyn Barclay

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9 March 2.30pm Zoom Royal Arsenal Workshop with David Cufley

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/royal-arsenal-workshop-with-david-cufley>

Go to Upcoming Events for information about workshops for the rest of March and later: <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings>

For Zoom workshops, please log in from 15 minutes before the start time and enjoy chat amongst participants before the workshop starts.

For library workshops please arrive any time after the library opens at 10.am

Numbers are restricted to enable all participants to ask questions, share knowledge and engage with other members therefore booking is essential.

Please reserve a place with workshop.booking@nwkhfs.org.uk including the event, title and date together with your name and membership number.

Workshop leaders freely give their time, but a donation either at the library for in person workshops or via the web shop is appreciated. <https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/shop/nwkhfs-shop/services/society-donation>

Many, many thanks to workshop coordinator Carolyn Sekulowicz-Barclay for arranging our exciting programme of workshops, and to the workshop leaders who all give their time freely.

Carolyn would like to hear from you if you have topic requests for workshops or want to suggest different dates or times. (Or have some expertise on a topic which you think would **interest others and would be willing to lead a workshop).**

Tudors and Stuarts Weekend 28 - 30 April

<https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-humanities/research-kent-history-and-archaeology/tudors-and-stuarts-weekend-2021/tudors-and-stuarts-history-weekend.aspx>

We've been asked to let readers know about this Tudors & Stuarts 2023 history weekend at Canterbury Christ Church University from Friday 28 April to Sunday 30 April.

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Items for the mid February enews should please reach me as soon as possible, and by 12 February latest.

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

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I am a volunteer creating this e-news in my 'spare time' but, if you do notice any errors, please tell me, so that they are not carried forward to the next edition.

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 enews service, 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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