

## Welcome to the North West Kent FHS mid April 2024 enews

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The North West Kent FHS Trustees would like to thank all the people who took time to attend the recent *Future of the Society* Zoom meetings or view the recordings.

In particular, a huge thank you to those who generously offered their support in various capacities.

We are pleased to be able to announce that Nigel Durrant was formally co-opted as Chair (Trustee) at the Society Management meeting on 27th March.

Also, we now have a strong candidate to take over the role of Treasurer (Trustee) when Pam Goddard retires at the end of May - more news on that appointment later.

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### **ZOOM Talk with David Cufley** **24 April 7.30pm** ***Greenwich Park Wall History 1609 - 2023***

The bricks and brickwork of Greenwich Park Wall are normally not seen, as the viewer looks past and into the park and at its Observatory.

This talk explores the boundary wall and how it has been changed over its 400-year life. It discusses not only its construction and materials but also the buildings that were built onto or through it.

Built at the beginning of the 17th century, the wall is a listed building and its 1986 archaeological survey report says that '*no record of the source for the bricks has been found*'.

The talk discusses the manufacture and laying of bricks in this period and seeks local brickmakers and their sites that may have contributed to its construction.

No booking. Free to Society members and non members alike.

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81080412979?pwd=NUF3eDdNTC9VQUQwNllsaERmZGs5dz09>

Meeting ID: 810 8041 2979

Passcode: 325646

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### **Dartford Branch May Talk: *DNA Test for Family Historians* with Geoff Swinfield**

**Saturday 4 May: Doors Open 9.45am Talk starts 10.30am**

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

Geoff has taught widely on family history research techniques but has also used his training in genetics to help families who are at risk from inherited diseases.

However, DNA testing can also break down brick walls, reveal unknown ancestors and verify family myths.

Geoff is undoubtedly the best person to help us understand the relevance of DNA in our research.

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

No booking, just turn up.

Free to members. A donation towards hall hire and speaker fee is appreciated from visitors.

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## **Sevenoaks Branch May Talk: *Alcock and Brown: The Epic Story of the First Flight Across the Atlantic* with Dave Gillham**

**Saturday 11 May Doors open 10.45am meeting starts 11am**

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

David has been a keen local historian for many years, and has been involved with several Lottery funded projects regarding Crayford.

Alcock and Brown was a three year project culminating in many events in the centenary year (2019) of their flight.

The talk will tell the story of their meeting and the part Vickers Crayford played in the historic and remarkable achievement.

No booking, just turn up. Free to members. A donation towards hall hire and speaker fee is appreciated from visitors.

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

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## **Workshops, Special Interest and Discussion Groups - for Members Only**

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

There are dozens of Workshops and Discussion Groups via Zoom to cater for members who cannot get to our Library - which is the venue, on Wednesdays, for our in person workshops.

The wealth of expertise amongst the Society members who volunteer to lead these groups is amazing. I wonder if other Societies put on this number of training sessions for their members.

**Membership of our Society is only £10 a year and expires 31**

**December.** <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/about/membership/our-membership/#options>

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.

## **Attending Workshops and Discussion Groups**

### **In Person Groups at the Library**

These must be booked individually - the website link explains how to reserve your place. This is essential as numbers have to be kept to ten due to space restrictions.

## Zoom Groups

These do not have to be booked individually, but you do need to register in order to be sent the Zoom links. The website link for each Zoom group explains how you register.

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

**Society Members, click on the workshop website links below which will explain how to join the workshop or discussion group.**

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**17 April 10.30am ZOOM *DNA Discussion Group* with Laura Lincoln**

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-dna-discussion-group-with-laura-lincoln-17>

**24 April 10.30am Library: *DNA and General Family History Discussion Group* with Jacki Ellis and Pam Goddard**

**Postponed from previously advertised date of 10 April**

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-dna-and-general-family-history-discussion-group-with-jacki-ellis-and-pam-goddard-2>

**1 May 10.30am Library: *Scottish Interests Discussion Group* with Pam Goddard**

Today the discussion will be about Records held by Friends of Archives and Family History Societies.

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-workshop-scottish-interests-discussion-group-with-pam-goddard>

**1 May 10.30am ZOOM *Discussion Group: Stories Told By Ancestors - were they true and how did you prove that?* with Ann Clarke**

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-discussion-group-stories-told-by-ancestors-were-they-true-or-not-and-how-did-you-prove-that-with-ann-clarke>

**8 May 10.30am Library *DNA and General Family History Discussion Group* with Jacki Ellis and Pam Goddard**

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/discussion-group/library-dna-and-general-family-history-discussion-group-with-jacki-ellis-and-pam-goddard-3>

**8 May 7.30pm Zoom Workshop: *Seasonal Migration eg fruit pickers, hop pickers and brickmakers* with David Cufley**

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-workshop-seasonal-migration-eg-fruit-pickers-hop-pickers-and-brickmakers-with-david-cufley>

**15 May 10.30am ZOOM *DNA Discussion Group* with Laura Lincoln**

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-dna-discussion-group-with-laura-lincoln-19>

**22 May 10.30am Zoom Discussion Group: Let's Talk Family History with Laura Lincoln**

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-discussion-group-lets-talk-family-history-with-laura-lincoln-2>

**29 May 10.30am Library Writing Group with Pauline Heathcote**

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/future-workshops/library-writing-group-with-pauline-heathcote-7>

**29 May 10.30am Zoom Discussion Group: Finding Out The Past, does it make you appreciate the present with Ann Clarke and Laura Lincoln**

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-discussion-group-finding-out-about-the-past-does-it-make-you-appreciate-the-present-with-ann-clarke-and-laura-lincoln>

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**Society Library:**

The Society Library is open every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm for members to do their own research, socialise, participate in library based workshops and discussion groups and receive help from the library volunteers.

You can use the library's PCs to access Ancestry - and FindMyPast which includes access to the 1921 census. We suggest joining Kent Libraries as you can then access these websites from your own device whilst in the library which eases pressure on the demand for library PCs.

Non members, on Wednesdays you can join the Society at the library.

80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley Kent DA5 2EE Free parking in nearby side roads.

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**LIDDIARD Family Gathering 20 - 22 September 2024**

If you have a LIDDIARD connection in your family tree (of any spelling), you might be interested in participating in this **Liddiard Family Gathering** in Aldbourne, Wiltshire, England.

<https://liddiardfamilyhistorysociety.com/wp/events-2/>

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**Bexley Archives Summer Walks**

Join London Borough of Bexley Community Archivist Oliver Wooller on any of three walking tours of West Heath, Blendon and Penhill, and Sidcup. Click below for dates and how to book.

<https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bexley/whats-on/#/?location=Bexley%20Local%20Studies%20and%20Archive%20Centre>

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## Family History Zone online newsletter

Have you heard of this?

One of the articles in the current newsletter is how to use social media in genealogy research.

[https://familyhistory.zone/using-social-media-for-genealogy-research/?](https://familyhistory.zone/using-social-media-for-genealogy-research/)

This is something I have been doing for some while - I exploit all free resources as well as some paid ones. I found a first cousin this way - who coincidentally told me that she was also looking for me.

Have a look at the other articles covered in this free e newsletter <https://familyhistory.zone/>

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**Items for the 1 May 2024 enews should please reach me as soon as possible, and by 29 April 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. Please email me at [enews@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto: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.*

*Please email me if there's anything you want to say about enews.*

*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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