

Welcome to the North West Kent FHS mid-August 2024 enews

Thank you for reading our enews.

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Society Members if you click on the 'your society needs you' link on the website home page you can see the roles which still need volunteers: <https://nwkfhs.org.uk/>
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Dartford Branch September Talk: *How English and Welsh Records Work: what is and isn't there* with Michael Gandy

Saturday 7 September: Doors Open 9.45am Talk starts 10.30am

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

Michael is well known to our Society as a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker.

He is returning to give us a talk on how things work: and the origins and development of local and state governance, the better to understand the reasons why and for whom the records were made that we use in our research and why they don't always provide the answers that we expect.

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.

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Sevenoaks Branch September Talk: *Otford's little-known isolation hospital Wickham Field* with Alan Williams

Saturday 14 September Doors open 10.45am meeting starts 11am

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

Alan lives locally with his wife and children near to Otford and is a Lecturer.

He is a very active member of the 1940s Society, Otford, and many of his talks reflect his interest in the war years. He is also a member and editor of the Otford History Society newsletter.

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

Groups meeting 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.

Many, many thanks to our volunteer workshop coordinators 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.

21 August 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-21>

28 August 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-5>

28 August 7.30pm Zoom Workshop with David Cufley - One Name Studies, what's involved and how can they help?

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-workshop/zoom-workshop-one-name-studies-whats-involved-and-how-can-they-help-with-david-cufley>

4 September Library Scottish Interests Discussion group Unfortunately this has had to be cancelled

4 September 10.30am Zoom Discussion Group: Family History Soap Box - Get It Off Your Chest with Ann Clarke

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/zoom-discussion-group/zoom-discussion-group-family-history-soap-box-get-it-off-your-chest-with-ann-clarke>

11 September 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-7>

11 September 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>

18 September 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-4>

21 September: 10am - 1pm Drop-In Session at Bexley Central Library, Townley Road, Bexleyheath DA6 7HQ

Society members and non-members are all welcome to drop in and talk to us about any aspects of family history, including military history, DNA testing, local, national, and international records, and how to find them.

<https://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings/fairs-other-events/bexley-central-library-drop-in>

25 September 7.30pm Zoom Workshop: Researching agricultural ancestors with David Cufley

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

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Society Library

The Society Library is open every Wednesday 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.

The library is open from 10am to 4pm but it greatly helps the volunteers if visitors with research queries call in earlier in the day rather than later.

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The next issue will be 1 September and articles should please reach me as soon as possible, and by 28 August latest. For those who don't already have my email address please use this contact

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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 contact me if there's anything you want to say about enews. Use the contact form here: <https://nwkhfs.org.uk/?location=1#Contact>

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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