



NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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BROMLEY BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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Forthcoming Meetings

Bromley Branch meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month, at Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley, BR1 3NS.

Doors are open 9.45am and, prior to the meeting starting at 10.30am, members have an opportunity to browse the exchange journals, bookstall and library tables. Advice is available on problems regarding research, including computing. Visitors are very welcome.

19th Apr – Paul Carter 'Disease and Public Health in Victorian Britain; the Evidence from Bromley'

17th May - Eric Probert 'Using Electoral Registers'

21st Jun - Ian Porter 'The Suffragettes'

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Dartford Branch meetings are held at Dartford Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford, DA1 2LY on the first Saturday of the month. Doors are open from 9.45am; the meeting starts at 10.30am

3rd May - Ken Chamberlain 'HMS Worcester (The early days of the Merchant Navy Officers' Training ship)'

7th Jun - John Mills 'The History of Capital Punishment in Britain'

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Sevenoaks Branch meetings are held at Sevenoaks Community Centre, located in Otford Road, Sevenoaks, TN14 5DN Junction with Crampton Rd (close to the A25 Bat & Ball junction) on the second Thursday of the month. Doors are open at 7.15pm, meeting starts at 8.00pm.

8th May - Mari Alderman 'Illegitimacy'

12th Jun - Chris McCooley 'Despatches from the Home Front'

Society Library Workshops

Workshops are run on Wednesdays from 10:30 – 12:30 at the society's Library & Resource Centre, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, DA5 2EE. A £5 donation is kindly requested for each workshop.

For further details please see the subject list on our notice board or speak to a committee member. Bookings can be made from the Branch meeting or you can email direct at library@nwkfhs.org.uk.

WW1 in the Bromley Borough

Bromley Local Studies & Archive are running a borough wide project that explores how the people of Bromley cared for both military and civilian casualties of the First World War.

The project will explore how the people of the area, which now constitutes the London Borough of Bromley, cared for both combatant and non-combatant casualties of the War. The project includes a number of volunteer opportunities (Information can be obtained from Local Studies) Please email localstudies.library@bromley.gov.uk to lodge your interest.

Bromley Branch Projects

The Commonwealth War Grave Photographic Project

We are still looking for people who can photograph War graves, especially at Beckenham Cemetery. There are over 250 graves at Beckenham so the list has been split into sections and you will be given one section to photograph. If you feel you can spare some time to help please visit the **projects table** for more information.

If you are interested in helping but would prefer to join up with another volunteer, or if you need a lift to Beckenham, please ask and we will see what we can do.



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Please also visit the **Projects Table** if you would like to lodge your interest in future projects

Library Drop-Ins

We are currently looking for volunteers to participate in drop-in events run by NWKFHS in conjunction with Bromley Library service WW1 work; these will be taking place throughout the year. We need 6 Volunteers for each drop-in at the following libraries;

- Mottingham
- Bromley
- Orpington
- Beckenham
- Chislehurst

Please see Caroline at the projects table for dates.

GREAT-VALUE 1 MONTH SUBSCRIPTION - £9.95 FOR UNLIMITED ACCESS

The British Newspaper Archive (www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk) has launched a brand new 1 month subscription. For just £9.95 you can search, view and print fascinating articles published in British and Irish newspapers between 1710 and 1954.

The new 1 month subscription is better value for money. Not only is it less than half the price of The British Newspaper Archive's old 30 day package, you can also view more newspaper pages.

Don't Forget

We still need your stories for our WW1 exhibition at the August meeting. Please see Pete Crawley's display board on the notices table at the back of the room as an example of what can be done.

Did You Know!

The Royal Mail Group War Memorials Database

It is thought to be the second largest custodian of war memorials in Britain, behind only the Church. It is indexed and fully searchable at

<http://catalogue.postalheritage.org.uk/dserve/bpmadocs/memorials.htm>

Taskholders wanted

The sharp-eyed among you may have noticed that, although Isabel Leslie was re-elected to the Branch Committee last month, she is not on the list below. This is because she has decided to reduce her family history activities. However, it also means we are looking for someone who could store the exchange journals and/or library books and bring them to meetings.

If you are interested in producing this newsletter or if you can help in any way, please speak to any committee member

AGM 26th April 2014 Dartford Technical College.

Please see a committee member for further details

Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

Clare Muscat* – Chair
Lynn Woodward* – Programme Organiser
Helen Daniels* – Refreshments
Pete Crawley* – Finance Officer
David Carter* – Genealogy Advice/Problems
Caroline Blackett* – Minutes/Projects
Jennifer Peel* – Sign-in Desk
Janet Akehurst – Bookstall
Lynn Overton et al - Exchange Journals.

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Contact us on Bromley@nwkhfs.org.uk



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