



# 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. Tea and Coffee is available before and after the meeting. Visitors are very welcome.

**Today 16<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Chris BOULTON

“Bromley and Sheppards college”.

Chris is the Chaplain for Sheppards College.

**21<sup>st</sup> May** - Guy GRANNUM

"Caribbean Ancestors - An overview into occupations in the region, Family history techniques and migration."

**16<sup>th</sup> Jun** - Christina BARNETT & Karina JACKSON

“French Street Burial Ground”.

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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.

**7<sup>th</sup> May** – Stuart ROBINSON

“Curiosities & random events of the city of London”.

**4<sup>th</sup> Jun** – Melanie GIBSON-BARTON

“Walking in Flanders Fields”.

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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.

**12<sup>th</sup> May** – Ken HUTCHINSON

“Rudyard Kipling's life & verse (in costume)”

**9<sup>th</sup> Jun** – Trevor SAPEY

“Life on board Henry VIII's warship Mary Rose”

### DID YOU KNOW!

The 1939 Register is now available within your 12 month subscription of Findmypast? There are plenty of transcription errors, so please play around with spelling variants.

Guess what! Christine HILLS is leading a workshop on the subject on the 18<sup>th</sup> May.

### 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.

Next workshop: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Apr 2016

An Investigation into the Records Available to Research the Lives of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Soldiers by Barry LANGRIDGE.

Followed by: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Apr 2016

An introduction to Family Historian – A Genealogy and Family Tree Software Computer Programme by Brian KIRK.

For further details, please see the subject list on our notice table or speak to a committee member. Bookings can be made from the Branch meeting or you can email direct at [library@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:library@nwkfhs.org.uk).

### PROJECTS

#### **The CWG Photo Project**

This is now nearing completion. But there are still some odds and ends that need clearing up at Beckenham Cemetery. Some tombstones are still to be found and photographed. Talk to Caroline and/or Barbara PHILLIPS, to find how you can still help with this project. Then with luck this can be completed this year.

#### **St Marys Cray Baptism Register 1755 -1812.**

Thanks to the transcribers the transcription phase is now complete. And the checkers have nearly completed the checking phase. So soon we will be able to combine all the sections together and pass it to Barbara for publication. Hopefully this will be another nice little earner.



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Volunteers, please don't get withdrawal symptoms. There are several other Parish Registers, that are held at Bromley Library, and which need transcribing, we will announce our next project soon.

### **DROP INS**

On Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016 we are running a Drop in advise session at West Wickham Library, from 10am - 1pm. We do need some volunteers who can spare a couple of hours. Please offer Caroline your services.

### **THE BOOKSTALL**

The bookstall gets new books each month. So it's always worth having a look each month. You never know what little gems you might find. On the bookstall we have this year's price list for the Societies F.H. data CD's. Have a look, if there are ones that you want, place an order, and publications will endeavour to deliver by the next meeting.

### **BROMLEY'S AUGUST MEETING**

The August meeting is talk on 'How to research your House History'. Your committee thought that as some of you may already know a lot about the history of your own house, or the house of an ancestor, then perhaps before then, you could put together a board (similar to the WW1 boards that we did) on the history of your, or of an ancestor's house. You could include censuses, plans, maps, photos of your ancestors on the doorstep, stories etc. Please talk to Caroline or Pete or any other committee member.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

As the Bromley branch do not have a December meeting, your committee thought that maybe you would like go out for a Christmas lunch in December. If this appeals to you, please talk to Helen or Janet, and put your name on the sheet that Caroline has at the projects table, and we'll get it organised.

### **The Society' s 2017 Calendar**

Following the success of last year's Photographic Competition, and the production and sale of the Society Calendar, we are doing it again this year. So now that the weather is getting warmer and the evenings longer, get out there and take photos. The full details are in the March Journal.

**The closing date is the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

### **Have you a shipwright in the family?**

Spotted in May's 'Family Tree' magazine. The wills of nearly 100 shipwrights who worked at Chatham Royal Dockyard in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries have been put on line by the Kent Archaeology Society. You can find the wills at: -  
[www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/14/02/00.htm](http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/14/02/00.htm) (17<sup>th</sup> c.)  
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### **The 23rd April 2016**

This day will be the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death. Do any of you have a family connection? Does your family have a connection with Stratford-upon-Avon? Was one of your ancestors a Shakespearian actor? Could you write a paragraph or two for the Journal? I'm sure our editor would love to hear from you.

#### Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

Clare Muscat\* – Programme Organiser  
Helen Daniels\* – Refreshments/E.C. Rep  
Pete Crawley\* - Finance Officer/Newsletter  
David Carter – Genealogy Advice/Problems  
Caroline Blackett\* – Minutes/Projects  
Jennifer Peel - Sign-in Desk  
Janet Akehurst\* – Secretary/Bookstall  
Lynn Overton et al - Exchange Journals.  
Carol Clayton\*

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