



NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
(Covering N W Kent and ancient Kent parishes now in S E London)

BROMLEY BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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August 2013

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.

17th Aug - Rob Cottrel 'Watermen & Lightermen'

21st Sep- Mark Bateson 'Overview of Kent Archives'

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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

7th Sep – John Neal 'St Pancras & Kings Cross, a history of the stations and the surroundings'

5th Oct – David Cufley 'An interactive experiment to explore links between members -Serendipity & Kismet!'

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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.

12th Sep – Brian Boyden 'Pipe Makers'

10th Oct – Pat Mortlock 'Intrigue, Ambition & Respectability – The owners of Ightham Mote'

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 subject list at the sign-in desk or speak to a committee member.

Bookings can be made from the Branch meeting or you can email direct at library@nwkhfs.org.uk

Dr Nick Barratt in Bromley

Bromley Central Library and Waterstones Book Shop are hosting a talk by Dr Nick Barratt, Genealogist, Author and TV Presenter. The talk is entitled

"Family History and the Media in the 21st Century: Behind the scenes of Who Do You Think You Are?"

and will be held in the 4th floor Large Hall at Bromley Central library from 7.15—8.30pm on Thursday 19th September. Tickets cost £4.00 and are available from:

[Bromley Central Library](#)

OR

Waterstones Book Shop in the Glades.

Footnote: new members will wish to know that access to Ancestry.com is available free at all Bromley libraries

WW1 Projects – How to be a Volunteer

Can you spare some time to contribute to these projects? You can find out more about the work required and enrol on our Volunteer panel by visiting the ProjectsTable at our monthly meetings or contact us by e-mail at:

Bromley@nwkhfs.org.uk

- **The War Graves Photographic Project (TWGPP)**

We hope to organize visits of volunteers to work in pairs at Beckenham Cemetery to photograph the Commonwealth War Graves on 25th Aug and 22nd Sep.

- **Bromley Absentee Voters Project**

This project to transcribe and publish the Bromley electoral role section showing details of absent voters (see page 2) is progressing well but volunteers to check or transcribe are urgently needed.

- **People of the Great War**

We are looking for volunteers to submit stories about their relatives or 'heroes' from Bromley and the surrounding areas. This project will form a theme running throughout 2014 meetings and magazines. Assistance with searching, editing or preparing photos or presentation material will be available.



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Work in progress from the Bromley
Absentee Voters Project

The list being transcribed has been identified as being of 1918-1919 origin. At this time the Parliamentary Borough of Bromley comprised Bromley, Beckenham and Penge. The sample text shown below gives a flavour of the information found regarding the soldiers concerned. The Descriptions of Service, Ships or

Regiments noted include many and varied details of where they are serving and in what capacity. These sometimes include notification of prisoners of war, hospitalised soldiers and the country where the soldier was active at the time of the register.

Polling No	Surname	Forename	Polling District	Ward	Qualifying Premises	Service Arm	Service No	Rank	Description of Service, Ship or Regiment
2299	Coppin	Arthur	B	Bromley Common 1	22 Addison Rd	Navy	310732	Str	HMS Apollo
2300	Gumbrell	Albert E	B	Bromley Common 1	22 Addison Rd	Army	8809	Pte	9th Essex Northampton War Hospital
2301	Stace	Bertie	B	Bromley Common 1	36 Addison Rd	Army	268355	Signal Sec	649 (WR) Field Co RE
2302	Isard	Oliver	B	Bromley Common 1	38 Addison Rd	Army	DM2 230577	Pte	730 MT Co ASC
2303	Simmons	Augustus William	B	Bromley Common 1	5 Albert Rd	Army	43764	Gnr	RGA
2304	May	Percy	B	Bromley Common 1	15 Albert Rd	Army	113412	Pte	257 Co MGC

Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

Clare Muscat* – Chair
Lynn Woodward* – Programme Organiser
Mike Weeks* – Publicity Officer
Helen Daniels* – Refreshments
Pete Crawley* – Finance Officer
David Carter* – Genealogy Advice/Problems
Isabel Leslie* – Newsletter
Caroline Blackett* – Minutes
Janet Akehurst – Bookstall
Paul Dyer et al Exchange Journals.

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