



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.

15th Aug – Toni Mount “Mrs Beeton’s Summer Picnic”

19th Sept - Ian Porter “The Titanic - what happened after the ship sank”

17th Oct – Helen Allinson “A Hundred Years of Toys and Play”

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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

5th Sept – Gordon Dennington “Britain's air-raid warning system in WW2”

3rd Oct – Peter Daniel “A history of Crayford's famous textile printers, who were at the forefront of the Chartist campaign to win the vote for the working man”

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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.

10th Sept – Cathy Chater “Coroner's inquests”

8th Oct – Celia Heritage “The Parish Chest”

Today’s meeting – our “picnic”

Remember that, after the meeting today, we are holding our own version of a summer picnic. If you are staying, please let Jennifer on the signing-in table know and take any food to the table by the serving hatch. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available.

Do take advantage of this opportunity to spend a short time chatting to other members over nibbles and a drink.

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 16th Sept 2015

David Cufley - Drawing charts and trees by hand as a research tool

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.

Your Branch Needs you!

We need your help! In order to continue running the Branch, we need branch committee members and taskholders. Can you spare some time to produce the newsletter or perhaps you could see yourself in the role of Finance Officer. Nominations for chairman will take place February 2016, so if you are interested in becoming Chairman, please let us know in the coming months. We also need a Bromley representative on the main Executive Committee which meets in Joyden's Wood. If you would like more information please speak to a committee member. Expenses will be paid.



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Speakers

The society is looking for people who can give talks on Family History to other organizations such as the WI, Retirement fellowships, clubs etc. If you think you can help please see a committee member.

The War Graves Photographic Project (TWGPP)

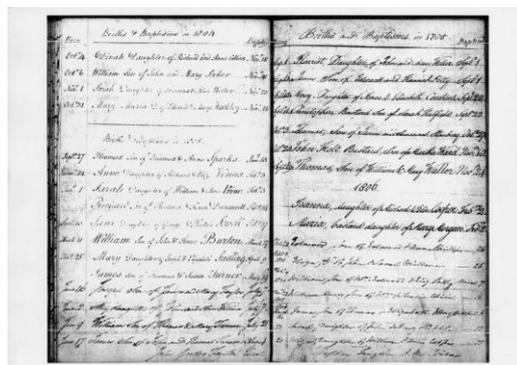
During a successful recent visit to Beckenham Cemetery, members found and photographed over 40 graves. We are holding another morning session to photograph the remaining graves on our list. A provisional date has been set for Saturday 29th August, meeting at 10.30am by the main gates of Beckenham Cemetery. If you are interested in joining us, either as a "grave spotter" or a photographer, please see Caroline or Clare.

There are some other cemeteries that still have some graves outstanding. Holy Trinity, Bromley is one example. If you would like to volunteer or perhaps "buddy up" with someone please let us know.

New Project:

Our new project is transcribing the St Mary Cray Baptism register from 1755 -1812.

We have enough volunteers to transcribe the original information into a spreadsheet, but you can still put your name down to transcribe future registers. We need people to check the transcriptions. You will be given print outs of the original and the transcript to check. If you would like to help, please see Caroline on the project table.



Something to think about

July 2016, marks 100 years since the battle of the Somme. To mark the occasion we are asking people to produce a story board, similar to the ones done last August. They should be based around the Somme, either one of your ancestors or perhaps a particular day from the battle.

Other News

One of our members, Fran Rogers, is a regular visitor to the library at Joyden's wood. She has said that if anyone wishes to visit the library she is happy to give them a lift, providing she is going herself. If you are interested in attending the library, please see Caroline or Clare for more information.

TNA are pleased to announce the release of two newly-digitised series of naval service records, [ADM 362](#) and [ADM 363](#). This will help complete the careers of any Royal Navy Rating who enlisted before 1923 and served after 1924.

Drop-in's and events:

Volunteers needed

Saturday 29th August- Sidcup Library 10am -1pm
Please see Barbara Phillips

Saturday 26th September- Southborough Lane Library 10am - 1pm

Saturday 10th October - Bromley Central Library 10am - 1pm

Please see Caroline at the Project table to register your interest.

Members interests:

Please do not forget we have a members interest box, where you can add names you are researching. This can be found on our notices table. We also have a suggestions box. If there are any subjects you wish a speaker to come along and talk to us about, please pop a note in the box.

Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

Clare Muscat* – Chair

Helen Daniels* – Refreshments

David Carter* – Genealogy Advice/Problems

Jennifer Peel * - Sign-in Desk

Lynn Overton et al - Exchange Journals.

Clare Muscat* – Programme Organiser

Pete Crawley* – Finance Officer

Caroline Blackett* – Minutes/Projects

Janet Akehurst – Bookstall

*Committee members Contact us on Bromley@nwkhfs.org.uk