



# 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 2016

### 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** – “How to research your house history”

Un covering the secrets behind your front door  
by Melanie BACKE-HANSEN

24<sup>th</sup> Sep – “Shopkeeper Ancestors” Sources for finding out about a trade and the shop itself, by Sue GIBBONS.

15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Change of speaker - To be advised.

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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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sep “Vickers at Crayford” by Peter DANIEL

1<sup>st</sup> Oct – “How to research your house history”

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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.

August – No meeting.

8<sup>th</sup> Sep – “WW2 escape lines” – the routes that criss-crossed Europe by Geoff COWLING

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016

**Your Family in History – A Timeline** – A discussion group, guided through history (1538-1914), highlighting events and the effects on **your** ancestors. Led by Hilary WATERS.

Followed by: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Sep 2016

**An Introduction to Family Historian – A Genealogy and Family Tree Software programme.** This workshop will provide an overview of this UK programme. Content will include preferences, data entry, importing data from other programmes, as well as introducing diagrams, reports, and the adding of photos. It will cover the method of recording sources and the respective citations. Aimed at beginners. Led 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 to [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk)

### PROJECTS

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

Janet DIGBY & husband completed the last section at Elmers End (Beckenham) Cemetery. And on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> Jul 2016 a small team, Caroline, Clare, Lynn, Stewart and Pete, visited Elmers End Cemetery and found, and photographed, all the graves that had previously been missed.

Please talk to Caroline and/or Barbara PHILLIPS, to find how you can **still** help with this project in the future.

#### **Cudham Parish Registers**

Transcription of the Cudham Baptism register for 1813-1847 is proceeding very well, and some checking has been started. If anyone else would like to get involved with either transcribing or checking for this project, please talk to Caroline.



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### Photographic Competition 2016

The competition winners will be chosen by NWKFHS and all decisions are final. The Calendars will be sold at branch meetings and Society events from September 2016 onwards. For postal orders contact [chair@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:chair@nwkhfs.org.uk). Names of the winners will be published in the December Journal.

### **BRANCH TASK-HOLDERS**

In order for your Branch meetings to run smoothly in the future **more volunteers are required** as task-holders. In particular we require someone to store, and transport the exchange journals. Please talk to any committee member to see how you can help to run the Branch.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

As the Bromley Court Hotel, wanted full payment up front with booking, we are having to seek another venue. Any ideas and suggestions would be welcome. Please contact Janet or Ellen.

### **THE BOOKSTALL**

Because of the cost of transporting the books between the three venues, the low level of sales, the society is looking at the viability of running a bookstall at each venue each month. Please pass your views and suggestions to the main committee or to members of the branch committee. **It could become a case of, "use it or lose it."**

### Family History Talks

The Society needs more people willing to talk to other groups about basic Family History and the NWKFHS. Presentations can be provided.

If you would like to know more chat to any trustee or contact the NWKFHS Publicity Officer Mike WEEKS, [publicity@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:publicity@nwkhfs.org.uk)

### Changing the Landscape

The National Archives is hosting its first family history and archives-inspired contemporary art exhibition, 'Changing the Landscape', which runs until September 2016, in the Reading Rooms, The National Archives, Kew. Richmond, TW9 4DU.

### The Society Website

Last December we commissioned a website design company to provide us with an exciting new website which is still in the final stages of its development and we hope will go live shortly. It will include a members' only area, and a shop to allow purchase of books and CDs on line via PayPal. And members will be able to renew their subscriptions online. Unfortunately, it is taking a bit longer than anticipated, no further information is available at present.

### Temporary closure of Bromley Local Studies Library

The Local Studies Library on the second floor of the Central Library, Bromley **will be closed between Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016** whilst the new museum exhibition display is built and installed.

As a result, access to local studies, archive and museum material (including electoral registers) during this period will be revised. Access will be **by advance appointment only** and will be facilitated on the first floor of the Central Library, Bromley.

Bromley Historic Collections staff will be available during the closure period to answer general enquiries via the central library enquiry desks on the first and second floors.

Appointments to view material will be available in two-hour time slots on Mondays to Fridays. There may be limitations to the amount of material that can be viewed during an appointment.

Access to the library edition of Ancestry will continue to be available on computers in any Bromley library.

Please contact us on 020 8461 7170 or by e-mail at [historic.collections@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:historic.collections@bromley.gov.uk) to enquire about access or to book an appointment.

#### 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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