



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 2017

Forthcoming Meetings

Bromley Branch meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month, at Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley, BR1 3NS. (*See Sept meeting)

Doors are open 9.45am and, prior to the meeting starting at 10.30am, members have an opportunity to browse and shop at the bookstall. Advice is available on problems regarding research, including computing. Tea and Coffee is available before and after the meeting. Visitors are very welcome, but if they wish to attend further meetings, then we would request that they apply for membership.

19 Aug 2017 – 'The sad & mysterious life of Amelia Dolding' by Stuart Valentine

23 Sep 2017 – 'Heir Hunters – taking part in a TV series' by Lady Teviot (* **special note - this is the 4th Sat in Sept**)

21 Oct 2017 – 'The future of the internet for family historians' by Peter Christian

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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.

2 Sep 2017 – 'Call the Midwife' by Ian Porter

7 Oct 2017 – 'Sir Cloudsley Shovell & Longitude
The story of Crayford's famous admiral'
by Peter Daniel

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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.

14 Sep 2017 – 'Victorian doctors. The story of women who struggled to survive in a man's world' by Toni Mount

12 Oct 2017 – 'Battleships and blockade. Jutland & the Royal Navy in the Great War' by Nick Fothergill

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.

The workshop sessions have proved to be very successful and when demand is too high for a single session then the organisers will try to schedule a re-run at a later date. **So Members are therefore encouraged to indicate their interest even if a session is fully booked.** A waiting list is also created so that cancellations can be offered to interested members.

The workshop offerings have been expanded to include the following meeting groups

- 'Society Quarterly Discussion Group'
- 'Society Quarterly Writing Group'

These have also proved very popular and already here is sufficient demand to introduce a second Quarterly Writing Group.

Pending Workshops:

Wednesday 20 September 2017

Below Stairs & Outdoors: Manorial Court Revelations - Jean Stirk

Wednesday 27 September 2017

How to Use the Discovery Catalogue on the National Archive Website Effectively – Joyce Hoad

Workshop Wednesday 25 October 2017

The History of Education – Janet Rose & Sheila Elisak

For further details on what is on offer and to register your interest in these groups please see the subject list on our notice table or speak to a committee member. Bookings can be made from the Branch meeting.

Members are reminded that the **Library & Resource Centre** which is open each Wednesdays from 10am-4pm has much to offer – expert advice to discuss your problems, a vast collection of books and records together with on line computer access to genealogy sites. *The tea and coffee is also excellent!*



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PROJECTS

Cudham Parish Registers

As reported last month, the images within the Cudham Marriage Register 1837-1900 have now been downloaded and processed ready for transcription. The register entries have been sorted into manageable packages for distribution to individual volunteers to transcribe the hand written register entries on to a standard spreadsheet. The tools to do this work together with full instructions can all be delivered to you by email. If you have an hour or so to spare, please talk to Caroline Blackett and/or Barbara Phillips.

The CWG Photo Project

This project was last mentioned in our August 2016 newsletter and is now all but complete as far as the Bromley cemeteries are concerned. There are only a few stragglers to seek out. Volunteers are always welcome, please talk to Caroline if you would like to help. Let us see if we can finally '*put this project to rest*' and find the last few stragglers this year.

House Groups

Our March Journal printed an article by Maureen Griffiths our House Group Co-ordinator. These are small informal groups of members meeting monthly, usually in the leader's home, to discuss family history problems and developments. If you are interested in this form of research either as a Leader or Member please talk to a committee member here or get in touch with Maureen at housegroups@nwkfhs.org

Bromley Branch Summer Lunch

Our Summer Lunch on Friday 28 July proved to be a great success. Some 20 members met in the bar at the Bromley Court Hotel then went on to enjoy a well presented meal in the restaurant overlooking the garden. It was refreshing to find myself having time to chat with members that I only knew by sight before.

The Family History Show, London

This commercial fair is to take place on the 24th September 2017 - 10:00 to 4:30, at

Sandown Park Racecourse,
Portsmouth Road,
Esher, KT10 9AJ

For details see

<http://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/london/>

Bromley Borough Local History Society

Meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month (except in August) at the United Reform Church, Freelands Road, Bromley. Talks start at 7.45pm. Visitors welcome.

5 Sep 2017 - Members' Evening - your chance to contribute a talk, a display or anything else, big or small, with a local historical connection. And to be in the audience to listen, question, inform, watch and enjoy!

3 Oct 2017 – 'Exploring Archives' by Pam Temple

7 Nov 2017 – 'Richmal Crompton and Bromley' by Ruth Bennett

5 Dec 2017 – 'Digitising the History of Beckenham' by Ian Muir

Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

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

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