



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. Visitors are very welcome.

15th Feb – Peter Christian ‘Maps on-line for the family historian’

15th Mar – Lee Ault ‘The undercover story – A look at the history of underclothes & **Branch Annual Meeting**

19th Apr – Paul Carter ‘Disease and Public Health in Victorian Britain; the Evidence from Bromley’

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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

1st Mar – Scott Belcher ‘The Historic Dockyard, Chatham’

5th Apr – Dr Frank Andrews ‘The Father of Nobody's Children - the life and work of Dr Barnardo’.
& **Branch Annual Meeting**

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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.

13th Mar – Denise Baldwin & Kathy Hardy ‘The life of Douglas Macmillan’

10th Apr – John Owen ‘Shepherd Neame Brewery’

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 on notice board or speak to a committee member. Bookings can be made from the Branch meeting or you can email direct at library@nwkhfs.org.uk.

Bromley Branch Annual Meeting

The Bromley Branch Annual Meeting will be held promptly at 10.30am on Saturday the 15th of March. This is your opportunity to comment on the future of the Branch and perhaps even join some of us on the Branch Committee. If you feel you would like to have a more ‘hands on’ role in the running of the affairs of your Branch please put your name forward by advising one of the current committee at the February meeting or e-mail us at bromley@nwkhfs.org.uk.

The Society's Constitution requires that each Branch Committee shall consist of a Chair and not more than eight other members. The Branch committee then nominates from among its members a Representative to the Society Committee, Branch Finance Officer and Programme Secretary.

The Bromley Branch Committee meets about every 6 weeks to review the Branch finances, programme and projects and the overall management of the Branch.

The Branch Representative to the Society Committee will put forward the views of the Branch at Society Committee meetings and reports back to the Branch regarding the overall management of the Society.

Bromley Branch is in need of taskholders

Roles include:

Running the sign-in desk

Helping out with books stall etc when people are away

Task-Holders Meeting 26th Oct 2013

A report summarising the lively debate of the 40 task holders who were able to attend has been prepared. Copies are available at the **Leaflet Table** for members who do not have access to the internet. Alternatively it can be viewed on the Society web site at www.nwkhfs.org.uk/task-holders-meeting-report-2013.pdf



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Annual Record Updates to Some Genealogy Sites

Findmypast has just published over 2.5 million records detailing the lives of the British in India from 1698 to 1947. The collection, released in partnership with the British Library, offers an unrivalled opportunity to explore family history on the subcontinent.

19th Century Children's Hospital Records

The Historical Hospital Admission Records Project has online records of children admitted to *GOSH, Evelina Hospital, Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease* and the recently added Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow. From the period 1852 – 1914 please visit www.hharp.org

Bromley Branch Absent Voters Project

There was a General Election in 1918 and all those away from their place of residence, including all men in the army, were listed on the Absent Voters Lists. These entries are recorded at the relevant street address and usually show the person's regiment, number and rank at the time

The Bromley Branch project to transcribe and publish the Absent Voters List for the Parliamentary Borough of Bromley is nearly complete. Additional members able to take on some checking would be helpful.

Please visit the **Projects Table** if you would like to

- volunteer to assist with the checking process
- **OR** learn about the techniques used in preparing genealogical records for publication

The Commonwealth War Grave Photographic Project

We are still looking for people who can photograph War graves, especially at Beckenham Cemetery. The Graves will be split into sections and you will be given a section to photograph. If you feel you can spare some time please visit the **projects table** for more information

SOCIETY WORKSHOPS

The Society runs workshops to help members with their research. They have already proved popular but we are aware many members who might be interested cannot get to the society's library or find Wednesdays inconvenient.

We are investigating the feasibility of running some of the workshops in the Bromley/Beckenham area, possibly at Beckenham library. To help us gauge whether there will be a demand you will find a survey form on your chair/the signing-in desk. Please answer the questions on both sides of the page to let us know whether you would be interested and, if so, what subjects you would like.

Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

Clare Muscat* – Chair
Lynn Woodward* – Programme Organiser
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.

*Committee members

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