



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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February 2017

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, 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.

Today, 18th Feb 2017 – “Bromley Archives – What’s Available”. An opportunity to see what records are available and to talk with the archivist.

(This meeting will be held at Bromley Central Library in the Large Hall).

The nearest parking, is either at The Glades or The Civic Centre car parks.

18th Mar 2017 – The Branch Annual Meeting, and “London Maps” by Alan RUSTON.

8 April 2017 – **(Please note change of date)**
Joint meeting with Bromley Borough Local History Society.

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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.

4th Mar 2017 – “Ration Book Britain: How we lived in the 40s and 50s” by Toni MOUNT.

1 Apr 2017 – Annual Meeting and Old Swanley (or up the junction) by Keith WHITMORE.

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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.

9th Mar 2017 – “Ightham Mote – Life upstairs & downstairs” by Heather WOODWARD.

13 Apr 2017 Commonwealth War Graves-visits & much more by Don DONCASTER.

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 22nd February 2017
Society Quarterly Writing Group – with Pauline HEATHCOATE.

Followed by Wednesday 15th March 2017
“Finding the Missing” – with Jean STIRK. Searching for Ancestors in unexpected places, such as, hospitals, prisons, workhouses, alms houses, asylums, industrial schools, apprenticeships, poor law and settlement records.

Followed by Wednesday 22nd March 2017
“An Introduction to Family Historian – a Genealogy A Family Tree software computer Programme”. This workshop will provide an overview of this UK programme, covering. Preferences. data entry. importing data from other programmes. Introducing diagrams, reports, adding photos and citations.
Aimed at beginners.

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

PROJECTS

Cudham Parish Registers

Transcription of the Cudham Baptism register for 1813-1847 is nearly complete, and checking is under way. We still need some more volunteers to check the transcriptions. This does not involve using a computer. If you have an hour or so to spare, please talk to Caroline and volunteer.

NWKFHS Calendar 2017

It’s not too late! The Calendars **are still on sale** at branch meetings and Society events, for **£2.00 each**. For orders by post contact chair@nwkfhs.org.uk.

Take some photos. Enter your images for the 2018 calendar. Full details will be in the March journal.



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BRANCH TASK-HOLDERS

You may not believe this, but Branch Meetings do not run themselves. Over the last year your committee has struggled to organise and run interesting and entertaining monthly meetings. In order to be able to continue to run your Branch meetings smoothly in the future, **we do need some more volunteers** to help out as task holders. Please speak to the committee.

Bromley Branch Summer Lunch

Following the success of the recent Christmas Lunch, we are planning to hold a Summer lunch. This will take place in say June, July or August and might be fun. Which month would you prefer? Let your committee know if this would interest you.

THE BOOKSTALL

Have you had a look at the New Book Stall recently? There is an exceptional collection of local interest books for sale many not always available at other local bookstores.

Look out for our book of the month recommendations.

HISTORY FAIR AT HALL PLACE, BEXLEY

The NWKFHS will be at the Local and Family History Fair at Hall Place, Bexley, on Sunday 5 March 2017. Go along and support our team and find out what's happening and available locally. It's also a good opportunity to look over the Tudor house and the gardens.

Bromley Borough Local History Society

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

For further details, contact Mike WEEKS.

7th Mar 2017 – 'A Hundred years of Biggin Hill Airfield'
by Alan PIPER.

NWKFHS Annual Family History Day

Details of the NWKFHS Annual Family History day were published in the December issue of the Journal. It is on Saturday 22nd April, at West Heath School, Sevenoaks. Guest speakers include Melanie Gibson-Barton talking about the Somme and Imogen Corrigan talking about the 93rd Searchlight Brigade, Royal Artillery. Please return your booking forms as soon as possible. Contact events@nwkhfs.org.uk

The Society Website

As we have **not** had any volunteers for the role of web master we have employed a temporary webmaster and hope to go live very shortly.

Volunteers to act as webmaster would still be welcome. If you are interested, please speak to Tony CODLING.

NWKFHS Facebook Page

Family history news, old photographs, NWKFHS events, interesting websites and enquiries from out of town researchers wanting local knowledge. All these and more are on the NWKFHS Facebook page. Several hundred people regularly look at our page and, if you are a Facebook user yourself, you can like, comment on and share any of our posts which will increase our audience further. Visitors to the site anyone can contribute messages, photos and interesting topical info for the benefit of other readers. Stella EAMES is keeping the NWKFHS Facebook page as up to date as possible, particularly with events. So please join in if you can. Thank you to all the contributors.

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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