



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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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’

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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 Feb – John Meakins ‘Kent Fire Brigade’s’ *note

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

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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 Feb – Ian Walker ‘Old Sevenoaks – The pavement plaque people’

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

*Note this item has been corrected

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 at the sign-in desk 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 15 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 the affairs of your Branch please put your name forward by advising one of the current committee at the January or 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.

Task-Holders Meeting Report

At the Society Task Holders meeting in October 2013 two main questions were addressed

- How should we mark the Centenary of WW1
- How can we maximise the benefits of the limited resources available to us



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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.nwkfhs.org.uk/task-holders-meeting-report-2013.pdf

Annual Record Updates to Some Genealogy Sites

Members are reminded that the New Year brings with it a release of an additional year of BMD images on sites which have time limitations on showing the full details of BMD certificates.

For example when you go to the ScotlandPeople genealogy you can now view the full images of birth certificates up to 1913, marriages in 1938 and deaths in 1963. Certification commenced in Scotland in 1855.

These restrictions also apply to some Australian sites too so it is worth revisiting them just in case your ancestor now appears.

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

Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

Clare Muscat* – Chair
Lynn Woodward* – Programme Organiser
Mike Weeks* – Publicity Officer
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.

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