



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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January 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 – “Eltham Palace & the Courtauld family” by David SLEEP.

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

(The 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.

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

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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 Feb 2017 – “Dirty Dartford” by Chris BULL.

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

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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 Feb 2017 – “Soldiers of the West Kent Regiment” by Ian WALKER.

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

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 25 January 2017
Society Quarterly Discussion Group – What happens to my research when I’m gone.

Followed by Wednesday 15 February 2017
NEW Beginners session - with Fran ROGERS guiding you through the early stages of your research.

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

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.

The Society Website

As we have not had a volunteer come forward to be the webmaster for the new website the project has been severely delayed. In an endeavour to get the website live the society committee have decided to employ W.A. Design on a temporary basis as our webmaster.

NWKFHS Calendar 2017

It’s not too late! The Calendars are still on sale at branch meetings and Society events, for £4.50 each. For orders by post contact chair@nwkfhs.org.uk.



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And a Happy New Year to you all!

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 Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday, the 6th December 2016 eighteen of us assembled at "The Crown" on Bromley Common for the branch Christmas lunch. A good time was had by all. Let's do it again in 2017, was the general feeling. It has been suggested that a Summer lunch in say June, July or August might be fun. Let us know if this would interest you.

THE BOOKSTALL

The Bookstall will now be back, attending **all** Branch meeting every month. The bookstall team are stocking up with new books. Look out for our book of the month recommendations.

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.

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.

Membership Renewals

This month, as usual, Maureen GRIFFITHS is here to collect your renewal subscriptions. Please take advantage of this once a year opportunity.

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 22 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@nwkfhs.org.uk

DNA Knocks Down Brickwalls

I had my DNA tested with Ancestry, and to my joy successfully broke down two brick walls. The first was my 3x great grandmother who I had long suspected was my ancestor but could not prove it, and I was matched with lady who had the same person in her tree with the necessary proof. The second match proved which of two William's born in 1775 was mine. Luck was on my side as the match was with William's sister, and when her child was baptised in a Baptist church the names of her parents and grandparents were recorded, which provided the connection. I was also matched with another person whose family I had been able to prove. There were several matches Ancestry considered good, but to date I am not sure where they fit in. So, if you have a long-standing brick wall, mine were over 20 years, consider a DNA test. Mine cost £65. Today's price is £75 but if you wait for an offer it is often cheaper. I thought it was money well spent. Janet AKEHURST.

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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