



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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July 2013

Forthcoming Meetings

Bromley Branch meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month, at Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley BR 1 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.

20th Jul - Geoff Hutchinson 'A history of smuggling in Kent & Sussex'

17th Aug - Rob Cottrel 'Watermen & Lightermen'

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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

3rd Aug - Stephen Humphrey 'The burial grounds of Southwark'

7th Sep - TBA 'The London Fire Brigade –its history & records of its workers'

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Sevenoaks Branch meetings are held at Sevenoaks Community Centre, located in Cramptons Road, off Otford Road, Sevenoaks, TN14 5DN (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.

Aug – NO Meeting

12th Sep – Brian Boyden 'Pipe makers'

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

Society Information Services

In addition to our quarterly journal the Society now provides easy access to the Society and Branch monthly newsletters whereby members can look up these items via the Society web site at www.nwkhfs.org.uk/newsletters.htm.

In order to improve the service to our members and ensure you receive early notice of items of interest, workshops, events and fairs etc members are encouraged to join the Society e-mailing list. Joining details can be viewed at www.nwkhfs.org.uk/nwindex10.htm

The War Graves Photographic Project (TWGPP)

As part of this project NWKFHS are still looking for volunteers to work in pairs at Beckenham Cemetery to photograph the commonwealth war graves. We will be organising a work party on 18th and 25th Aug or 22nd Sep. If you can spare a few hours, to help, please see Clare Muscat or one of the committee members.

Ancestry Search Feature Changes

Many people use Ancestry and in particular the old search function if they access Ancestry.co.uk. Ancestry appears to prefer users to use the newer 'world search' feature and want to encourage all users on to the new search. If you are a member of Ancestry and prefer your existing settings here is a survey you can take in order to keep the old search.

http://ancestry.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8ubNXU8liQcxqVD

**** Did You Know ****

A new website from Cambridgeshire Community Archives Network is now online with 32 volunteer groups from local Towns and Villages, displaying local history in the form of photos.

So if you have any ancestors from Cambridgeshire, why not visit

www.ccan.co.uk



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People of the Great War

In our May 2013 branch newsletter we introduced the subject of how we can contribute to the memory of the many millions whose lives were affected by WW1. 2014 will mark the centenary of the outbreak of WW1, and it is envisaged that throughout the four year period we shall remember them from time to time in our scheduled programme. It is proposed that we commence these remembrances by dedicating an Autumn 2014 meeting to your family or neighbours' stories.

We would especially be interested to hear and collect your stories about relatives or 'heros' from Bromley and the surrounding areas.

Please can we have all stories, photos and items of interest for a possible exhibition and publication in 2014 submitted to the Committee no later than the 16th Nov our last meeting of 2013. Please do not be put off if you have story to tell and need help with editing, or preparing photos, or presentation material speak to Mike Weeks our Publicity Officer about it as we have many technical experts available to help you.

Bromley Absentee Voters Project

There has been good progress on the Branch project to transcribe this portion of the 1918/19 electoral register. The register comprises mainly of local service personnel not at their home addresses at the time the electoral register was published. The information given includes details of their regiment, ship, rank and number and is associated with their home address.

Most of the register has now been distributed to transcribers and the checking of the data has begun. If you can help with this checking then please contact Clare Muscat at a branch meeting or contact the Bromley Committee by e-mail on bromley@nwkhfs.org.uk

Members' Satisfaction Survey

A members' Satisfaction Survey was conducted in April 2013 and a breakdown of the results is shown in the table below. We are grateful to those members who took part and the helpful comments/advice they shared with us.

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Total positive responses	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I was welcomed politely	20	15	35/40	3	1
There is a good range of speaker	23	14	7/40	0	1
There is a good range of stalls	17	19	36/40	2	1
Help & guidance is available	18	21	39/40	0	1
I am satisfied with the meetings	21	17	38/40	0	1

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.

*Committee members