



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 2014

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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.

19th Jul – Helen Allinson 'The Life of a Victorian Kentish lady: as seen through her journals'

16th Aug – Chris Jupp 'The start of World War 1

20th Sept – Roger McKenna 'Surviving in Soho in the 1850s: a look at some of the Social History of the Soho area of London'

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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

2nd Aug – Graham Bandy 'Your Country Needs You! From Kitchener's volunteers to conscription in the Great War.'

6th Sept – Colin Brown 'Ordnance Survey Ancient and Modern: A History of the Ordnance Survey.'

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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.

Aug – No Meeting

11th Sept - Karina Jackson & Christina Barnett 'The French street burial ground- What we dug up!'

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 the subject list on our 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.

Members Interest

During our meetings, we often find that people are researching the same names. We now have a Members' Interests' index, where people are welcome to add their research interests or search to see if someone else is researching the same name. You may collect index cards from the notices table. Please see notice board for more information.

Bromley Branch Projects

The Commonwealth War Grave Photographic Project

We are still looking for people who can photograph War graves, especially at Beckenham Cemetery. There are over 250 graves at Beckenham so the list has been split into sections and you will be given one section to photograph. If you feel you can spare some time to help please visit the **projects table** where Caroline will give you more detailed information. An example of what you will be given and what we need is on the notice board.

If you are interested in helping but would prefer to join up with another volunteer, or if you need a lift to Beckenham, please ask and we will see what we can do.

Please also visit the **Projects Table** if you would like to lodge your interest in future projects



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Library Drop-Ins

We are currently looking for volunteers to participate in drop-in events run by NWKFHS in conjunction with Bromley Library service WW1 work; these will be taking place throughout the year. We need 6 Volunteers for each drop-in at the following libraries;

- Bromley
- Orpington
- Beckenham
- Chislehurst

Please see Caroline at the projects table for dates.

Don't Forget

We still need your stories for our WW1 exhibition at the August meeting. Please see Pete Crawley's display board on the notices table at the back of the room as an example of what can be done.

We can supply the relevant backing boards for you to display your stories and we can also email you a template of the header.

If you prefer, we can print your stories and the documents/pictures illustrating them and mount them for you.

Please see Caroline, Pete or Clare for further information.

This meeting will be your last chance to submit your information if you wish the committee to prepare your board. It will also be your last chance to take away a board to prepare yourself (if we still have some left).

However, this doesn't mean that you can't bring along your own display in August. If you have an interesting story or unusual documents, please bring along copies.

Book of the Month

Colne Springs and Henekey's:

A happily married young doctor starts his own surgery in Penge, London, supported by his faithful wife Milly. Life seems to be working well for the couple with promise of a bright future ahead, yet as routine sets in so does an intangible discontent. A chance encounter with a determined female doctor presents an unthinkable opportunity....

This book is a fascinating read for anyone, especially if you have links to Penge. Part of the book is a novel with the rest being a factual account of Dr Redman's time as a prison doctor in Colditz.

Find this book and many others on our bookstall

Other News:

Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre will be shut for stocktaking and remedial building works from Monday 4th August. The centre will re-open again on Monday 1st September.

Cudham Deeds

The society is trying to secure the purchase of historical documents that are being auctioned off on Ebay. If you would be interested in viewing these documents or contributing towards obtaining these documents please visit www.nwkhfs.org.uk for more details

Lights out

LIGHTS OUT is an invitation from the British Legion to everyone in the UK to participate in a shared moment of reflection by turning off their lights from 10pm to 11pm on 4 August, leaving on a single light or candle, to mark the 100th anniversary of when Great Britain entered the First World War. Candles can be purchased through Marks and Spencers stores for £4.00 all profits go to the British legion

Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

*Committee members

Clare Muscat* – Chair
Lynn Woodward* – Programme Organiser
David Carter* – Genealogy Advice/Problems
Caroline Blackett* - Minutes & Projects
Lynn Overton et al - Exchange Journals.

Pete Crawley* – Finance Officer
Helen Daniels* – Refreshments
Jennifer Peel* - Sign-in Desk
Janet Akehurst – Bookstall
Contact us on Bromley@nwkhfs.org.uk



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