



NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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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. Tea and Coffee is available before and after the meeting. Visitors are very welcome.

18th Jul – Peter Boyden “Researching WW1 Ancestors”

15th Aug – Toni Mount “Mrs Beeton’s Summer Picnic”

19th Sept - Ian Porter “The Titanic - what happened after the ship sank

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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 Aug– John Neal “The ever changing story of the East End - Whitechapel: Religion, immigration, crime, street markets, wealth & poverty

5th Sept – Gordon Dennington “Britain’s air-raid warning system in WW2”

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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

10th Sept – Cathy Chater “Coroner’s inquests”

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 19th Aug 2015

Barry Landridge - Researching your WW1 Ancestor and his/her part in the Conflict

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 direct at library@nwkfhs.org.uk .

ROY LYNCH

We are sorry to have to pass on the news that ROY LYNCH. a long-standing member and regular at Bromley meetings passed away on 28th June 2015. Our sympathy to his wife, Eleanor

Your Branch Needs you!

We Need your help in order to continue running the Branch. Can you use a computer? Why not help us by producing this newsletter. Expenses will be paid.

Taskholders and committee members are also wanted. Why not come along to a committee meeting and see what we are all about. We meet about every 6 weeks. Why not help us make a difference?

August Picnic

Members are invited to stay for our own “summer picnic” buffet immediately after the August meeting, which sees Toni Mount, in full costume, talking about Mrs Beeton.

If you wish to take part, we would like you to bring in a small, plate size, portion of finger food. If people with surnames starting A-L bring in something savory (eg pork pies, Scotch eggs, quiches, cheese and biscuits) and those with surnames starting M-Z bring in something sweet (eg cakes, pastries, fruit) there should be a good selection for all. Do come along and use the opportunity to chat to others and have a great time!



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Projects:

Commonwealth War Grave Photographic Project

Wednesday 29th July at 10.30am: Members of the Bromley branch will be meeting on Wednesday 29th July at 10.30am at the main entrance of Beckenham cemetery/crematorium to photograph Commonwealth war graves.

If you would be interested in either photographing, or just helping locate graves, please see Caroline or one of the committee and register your interest. Maps and rough locations of the graves will be provided. Some of the cemetery is quite overgrown so please remember to wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather and location.

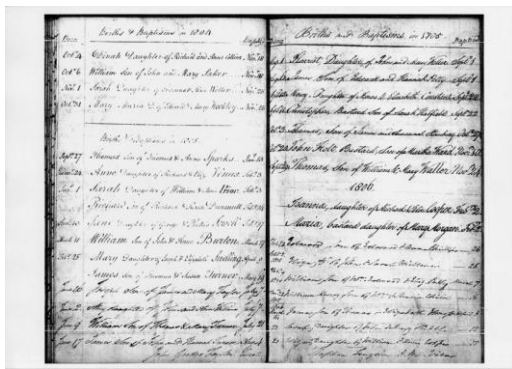
If you can't make 29th June but are interested in helping, please see Caroline at the Project table as you can take a short list of graves to photograph yourself.

New Project:

We are looking for volunteers to help transcribe the St Marys Cray Baptism register from 1755 -1812.

Each volunteer will be emailed 5 pages plus the spreadsheet and instructions on how to fill them in.

To lodge your interest, please see Caroline at the projects table.



Drop-in's and events:

Volunteers needed

Saturday 29th August- Sidcup Library 10am -1pm
Please see Barbara Phillips

Saturday 26th September- Southborough Lane Library 10am - 1pm

Saturday 10th October - Bromley Central Library 10am - 1pm

Please see Caroline at the Project table to register your interest.

Members interests:

Please do not forget to add names you are researching to our members' interest box, which can be found on our notices table

Speakers

The society are looking for people who can give talks on Family History to other organizations such as the WI, Retirement fellowships, clubs etc. If you think you can help please see a committee member.

WW1 Research

Peter Boyden will undoubtedly give us lots of useful ideas for research but don't forget that the society has published two useful information sheets for tracing WW1 ancestors.

A two page basic introduction is available at <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/ww1-research.pdf>

Barbara Phillips has produced a lengthy guide to useful websites which is available at <http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/ww1-websites.pdf>

Copies of both are available for you to look at on the notice table.

Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

Clare Muscat* – Chair

Helen Daniels* – Refreshments

David Carter* – Genealogy Advice/Problems

Jennifer Peel* - Sign-in Desk

Lynn Overton et al - Exchange Journals.

*Committee members Contact us on Bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk

Clare Muscat* – Programme Organiser

Pete Crawley* – Finance Officer

Caroline Blackett* – Minutes/Projects

Janet Akehurst – Bookstall