



# 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 2016

### 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.

**Today** – “The Somme” by Graham BANDY.

20<sup>th</sup> Aug – “How to research your house history”  
Un covering the secrets behind your front door  
by Melanie BACKE-HANSEN

24<sup>th</sup> Sep – “Shopkeeper Ancestors” Sources for finding out about a trade and the shop itself, by Sue GIBBONS.

**Unfortunately**, as we cannot get a replacement speaker for the October meeting, at short notice, a Genealogical / Family History Quiz is planned.

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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.

6<sup>th</sup> Aug – “Records of vagrants, gypsies, travellers & strangers in Kent” by Gillian RICKARD

3<sup>rd</sup> Sep “Vickers at Crayford” by Peter DANIEL

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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.

14<sup>th</sup> Jul – “Well I never knew that”, A light hearted tour through the villages of the Darenth, by Rod SHELTON

August – No meeting.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
**Lay Subsidies, Poll Tax, Hearth Tax etc, class ‘E179’ at TNA.** – These underused sources will assist in discovering where your ancestors lived and their status before 1537 when parish registers commenced. Led by Joyce HOAD.

Followed by: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016  
**Your Family in History – A Timeline** – A discussion group, guided through history (1538-1914), highlighting events and the effects on **your** ancestors. Led by Hilary WATERS.

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](mailto:library@nwkfhs.org.uk).

### PROJECTS

#### **The CWG Photo Project**

This is now nearing completion. But there are still some odds and ends that need clearing up at Beckenham Cemetery. Please talk to Caroline and/or Barbara PHILLIPS, to find how you can still help with this project.

#### **Cudham Parish Registers**

Transcription of this register has started. If anyone would like to get involved with either transcribing or checking for this project, please talk to Caroline.

### June BIGGS - Member No.7

It was with great sadness that we learnt that June had died on Tuesday 5th July. The funeral will be at Hither Green Cemetery on the 27th July at 12.15pm. Arrangements for donations can be obtained from Guy NEVILL, at [guynevill40@btinternet.com](mailto:guynevill40@btinternet.com)

If anyone has any thoughts and memories for an obituary, please feel free to send them to Dave CUFLEY.



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### Photographic Competition 2016

Time has run out. Competition winners will be chosen by NWKFHS and all decisions are final. Calendars will be sold at branch meetings and Society events from September 2016. For postal orders contact [chair@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:chair@nwkhfs.org.uk). Names of the winners will be published in the December Journal.

### **BROMLEY'S AUGUST MEETING**

Our August meeting is a talk on 'How to research your House History'. Could you put together a story board on the history of your, or of an ancestor's house? You could include censuses, plans, maps, photos of your ancestors on the doorstep, stories etc. Please talk to Caroline or Pete or any other committee member.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The Bromley Branch Christmas lunch will be on a week day in early December at the Bromley Court Hotel. The price will be £22.95 for two courses or £25.95 for three courses. If you haven't put your name down talk to Helen or Janet, and put your name on the sheet that Caroline has at the projects table. Further details will follow later.

### **THE BOOKSTALL**

Because of the cost of transporting the books between the three venues, the low level of sales, the society is looking at the viability of running a bookstall at each venue each month. Please pass your views and suggestions to the main committee or to members of the branch committee. It could become a case of, "use it or lose it."

### **Family History Talks**

The Society needs more people willing to talk to other groups about basic Family History and the NWKFHS. Presentations can be provided.

If you would like to know more chat to any trustee or contact the NWKFHS Publicity Officer Mike WEEKS, [publicity@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:publicity@nwkhfs.org.uk)

### **Historical Greenwich Park**

On Monday 18th July, David CUFLEY will be leading a historical walk, in and around Greenwich Park. It will take about 2 hrs, some of it will be up and down hills. Meet at the War memorial on Maze Hill and Charlton Way corner for a 10.30 am start. You can park for **free** off the residential roads of Vanbrugh Park and Westcombe Park Road, but **not** in the residential permit areas. Parking in the park is **expensive**. Suggest you bring a camera and notebook. Please bring your own packed lunch and cold drink with you. If it's raining, bring an umbrella.

If you are interested, or have any queries please contact David at [workshops@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:workshops@nwkhfs.org.uk).

### **Changing the Landscape**

The National Archives is hosting its first family history and archives-inspired contemporary art exhibition, 'Changing the Landscape', which runs until September 2016, in the Reading Rooms, The National Archives, Kew. Richmond, TW9 4DU.

### **The Society Website**

Last December we commissioned a website design company to provide us with an exciting new website which is now in the final stages of its development and will go live very shortly. It will include a members' only area, and a shop to allow purchase of books and CDs on line via PayPal. And members will be able to renew their subscriptions online. Unfortunately, it is taking a bit longer than anticipated, but we will keep you informed as details become available.

Clerk: "What name, please?"

Caller: "Fitz-Brown."

Clerk: "Will you spell it, please?"

Caller: F-I-T-Z B-R-O-W-N with a hyacinth in between."

#### 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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