



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 2017

Forthcoming Meetings

Bromley Branch meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month, at Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley, BR1 3NS. (*See Sept meeting) 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, 15 Jul 2017 – 'A Shopping Trip in Downe in a Bygone Era' by Barbara Stevens

19 Aug 2017 – 'The sad & mysterious life of Amelia Dolding' by Stuart Valentine

23 Sep 2017 – 'Heir Hunters – taking part in a TV series' by Lady Teviot (* special note - this is the 4th Sat in Sept)

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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.

5 Aug 2017 – 'Stonehouse – The City of London Pauper Asylum' by Francine Payne

2 Sep 2017 – 'Call the Midwife' by Ian Porter

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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.

August 2017 – No Meeting

14 Sep 2017 – 'Victorian doctors. The story of women who struggled to survive in a man's world' by Toni Mount

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.

The workshop sessions have proved to be very successful and when demand is too high for a single session then the organisers will try to schedule a re-run. So Members are therefore encouraged to indicate their interest even if a session is fully booked. A waiting list is also created so that cancellations can be offered to interested members.

The workshop offerings have been expanded to include the following meeting groups

- 'Society Quarterly Discussion Group'
- 'Society Quarterly Writing Group'

These have also proved very popular and already here is sufficient demand to introduce a second Quarterly Writing Group.

Next Workshop Wednesday 19th July 2017 *

The 1939 Register - This Register can be used as a census substitute and much - Christine Hills

Followed by Wednesday 26th July 2017

Society Quarterly Discussion Group – Will discuss 'Our Society: the way forward' - Leader Victor Nutt.

Followed by Wednesday 16th August 2017 *

You Family in History – A time Line – a guide through history (1500-1914) briefly highlighting events and their effects on your ancestors lives. This is more in the form of a discussion group so that you can introduce events that affected YOUR ancestors – Led by Hilary Waters.

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This workshop is a repeat of a workshop first held in 2016

For further details on what is on offer and to register your interest in these groups please see the subject list on our notice table or speak to a committee member. Bookings can be made from the Branch meeting.



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THE BOOKSTALL

Our bookstall team are restocking with up-to-date books, covering both Family History and Local History. This is a valuable source of revenue for the Society.

PROJECTS

Cudham Parish Registers

The next project for the Bromley team, will be the Cudham Marriage Register 1837 -1900. These images have now been downloaded and processed ready for transcription. The register entries have been sorted into manageable packages for distribution to individual volunteers to transcribe the hand written register entries on to a standard spreadsheet. The tools to do this work together with full instructions can all be delivered to you by email. If you have an hour or so to spare, please talk to Caroline Blackett and/or Barbara Phillips.

House Groups

Our March Journal printed an article by Maureen Griffiths our House Group Co-ordinator. These are small informal groups of members meeting monthly, usually in the leader's home, to discuss family history problems and developments. If you are interested in this form of research either as a Leader or Member please talk to a committee member here or get in touch with Maureen at housegroups@nwkhfs.org

The NWKFHS emailing information service

The NWKFHS email fortnightly information service brings together the latest information about the Society and its events, and introduces a wide range of articles and information sources of interest to family historians. It gives immediate internet access to the latest Branch Newsletters for all three Branches and much more besides.

If you have not yet subscribed to this service then you can do so by requesting in writing to join the list at emailinfoservice@nwkhfs.org.uk Please include your name and membership number in your request.

Bromley Branch Summer Lunch Fri 28th Jul at the Bromley Court Hotel

*** Last chance to book a place to attend this ***
*** Branch event ***

You can view the menu choices here today and put your name on the list that Caroline has on the projects table; a deposit of £5.00 is required. A 2-course meal will cost £15.95, and a 3-course meal will cost £20.95.

Bromley Borough Local History Society

Meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month (except in August) at the United Reform Church, Freelands Road, Bromley. Talks start at 7.45pm. Visitors welcome.

5 Sep 2017 - Members' Evening - your chance to contribute a talk, a display or anything else, big or small, with a local historical connection. And to be in the audience to listen, question, inform, watch and enjoy!

3 Oct 2017 – 'Exploring Archives' by Pam Temple

7 Nov 2017 – 'Richmal Crompton and Bromley' by Ruth Bennett

5 Dec 2017 – 'Digitising the History of Beckenham' by Ian Muir

Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

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| Clare Muscat* | – Chairman |
| Helen Daniels* | – Refreshments/E.C. Rep |
| Pete Crawley* | – Finance Officer |
| David Carter | – Genealogy Advice/Problems |
| Caroline Blackett* | – Minutes/Projects |
| Jennifer Peel | – Sign-in Desk |
| Janet Akehurst* | – Secretary/Bookstall |
| Lynn Overton* | – Programme Secretary. |
| Isabel Leslie* | – Newsletter |
| Carol Clayton* | |

*Committee members - Contact us on Bromley@nwkhfs.org.uk