



NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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BROMLEY BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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June 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.

21st Jun - Ian Porter 'The Suffragettes'
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

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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

9th Jul – Ken McGoverin 'The history of Northfleet Shipbuilding'
2nd Aug – Graham Bandy 'Your Country Needs You! From Kitchener's volunteers to conscription in the Great War.

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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.

10th Jul – Kathy Chater 'Turning Your Tree into a Tale: Writing Up Your Family History'
Aug – **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.

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. 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** for more 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;

- Mottingham
- 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.

The July 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 (and we will need to know before the meeting that you would like one).

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

Journals

Do you have ancestors in other parts of the country (or abroad) but you don't belong to the family history society covering that area? We have a large selection of journals from other Family History societies, which you are welcome to borrow. Please see Lynn at the exchange journals table next to the notices table at the back of the room.

Taskholders Wanted

We are currently looking for people who can help out at branch meetings and we are still looking for an editor to produce our monthly newsletter.

If you are interested in producing this newsletter or if you can help in any way, please speak to any committee member

We are also looking for someone to store and run the branch library.

Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

Clare Muscat* – Chair
Lynn Woodward* – Programme Organiser
Helen Daniels* – Refreshments
Pete Crawley* – Finance Officer
David Carter* – Genealogy Advice/Problems
Caroline Blackett* – Minutes/Projects
Jennifer Peel* - Sign-in Desk



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