



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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June 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 18th Jun - "French Street Burial Ground" by
Christina BARNETT & Karina JACKSON

16th Jul - "The Somme" by Graham BANDY.

20th Aug - "How to research your house history"
Un covering the secrets behind your front door
by Melanie BACKE-HANSEN

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.

2nd Jul - "RAF Bomber Command" by
Rupert MATTHEWS

6th Aug - "Records of vagrants, gypsies, travellers & strangers in Kent" by Gillian RICKARD

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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.

14th 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 20th 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 17th 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.

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. Then with luck this can be completed this year.

St Marys Cray Baptism Register 1755 -1812

This has now been completed and passed to Barbara PHILLIPS for publication.

Cudham Parish Registers

Transcribers and checkers, please note, we copied the registers on Thursday, and hope to be giving out packs for transcription in the next two weeks.

DROP INS

On the 4th June 2016 we held another drop in at Penge Library in Green Lane. Our five volunteers ably assisted three people. Lack of advertising!



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Photographic Competition 2016

Time is running out, your entries are needed please, for the NWKFHS 2017 calendar competition.

Full details are given in the June journal, see page 51, subjects loosely connected with Family History and the area covered by the NWKFHS.

Winners will get a free copy of the calendar and **may** be featured in the Journal.

Closing date for entries will be 30th June 2016.

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

The bookstall gets new books each month. So it's always worth having a look each month. You never know what little gems you might find.

On the bookstall we have this year's price list for the Societies F.H. data CD's. Have a look, if there are ones that you want, place an order, and publications will endeavour to deliver by the next meeting.

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 NWKFHS Publicity Officer Mike WEEKS, publicity@nwkfhs.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 1½ to 2 hrs, some of it will be up and down hills. Please bring your own packed lunch with you. If you are interested, please contact David at workshops@nwkfhs.org.uk.

Interested in Welling?

In the June edition of Family Tree Magazine, there is an interesting article on the effects that the 1st World War had on the residents of Springfield Road, Welling, Kent. Well worth a read.

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.

"Your family history goes back a long way?" asked a casual acquaintance of a noble lord.

"Yes," replied his lordship, swelling with pride.

"We came over with the Conqueror."

"Ah," said the questioner. "My family greeted him when he landed."

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.
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