



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 2017

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, 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, 17 Jun 2017 – 'Poppy fields & Ebay' – researching WW1 with memorabilia bought on Ebay by Geraldine CHARLES.

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
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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.

1 Jul 2017 – 'Sutton at Hone – A Parish at War' by Stephen de WINTON & Sarah LEWIS

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

13 Jul 2017 – 'The Rise & Fall of Lullingstone Roman Villa' by Rod SHELTON

August 2017 – 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 21st June 2017 *

Your Society Needs YOU:- Transcribing, Checking and Editing of Society Publications - A workshop for volunteers interested in becoming transcribers, checkers and editors. Additional volunteers are needed to help with the production of new publications from original documents. Join this workshop to find out how you can help. Led by Barbara PHILLIPS.

Followed by Wednesday 28th June 2017

Further Exploration into Family Historian, the Genealogy and Family Tree Computer Program – This workshop will benefit existing users who wish to further their knowledge and understanding of this computer program. Topics to be covered include:- More about sources and citations; reports – improving readability (fact sentence modification); timelines; witnesses; introduction to queries; diagrams and charts – exploring options and preparation for printing; introduction to icons. led by Brian KIRK.

Followed by Wednesday 19th July 2017 *

The 1939 Register The Register can be used as a census substitute but, unlike other census, it is not a snapshot in time but an evolving document which continued to be updated for some years after WW2. We will examine what it contains and discuss any problems you may have encountered when using it. - Christine Hills

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 to workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

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

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.



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PROJECTS

Cudham Parish Registers

The transcription and the checking of the Cudham Baptism register for 1813-1847 is completed. All the sections are now being consolidated.

The next project for the Bromley team, will be the Cudham Marriage Register 1837 -1900 and as reported last month these images have now been downloaded for processing. We still need some more volunteers to check these and other transcriptions. This does not always involve using a computer. If you have an hour or so to spare, please talk to Caroline and/or Barbara Phillips to volunteer or better still enrol on the Workshop on the 21st of Jun to get an insight into how the process works.

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@nwkfhs.org

The 2018 NWKFHS Calendar Competition

Please take some photos, and enter your images for the 2018 calendar competition. Your entry should be:

Your own work.

Digital image (preferred) minimum 300 dpi.

Colour or black and white prints should be 8 by 5 inches (landscape preferred).

Labelled on the rear with your name, membership number and the title including where and when the photo was taken.

Creative and loosely connected with Family History and the areas covered by the NWKFHS

Entry is limited to members ONLY.

Enter by e-mail to emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org.uk

or by post to

Calendar Competition

NWKFHS library c/o KCC library,

80 Summerhouse Drive,

Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE.

Closing date for entries will be 30th June 2017

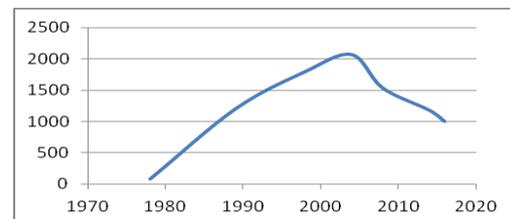
Bromley Branch Summer Lunch

Fri 28th Jul at the Bromley Court Hotel

You can still 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.

NWKFH Society's 40th Anniversary

The Society Timeline tells us that the NKFHS was formed in Jul 1978 at a meeting held in Stockwell College, Bromley. At the time of the first AGM in Apr 1979 there were 80 members, this had grown to about 700 members by 1985. In 1986 the Sevenoaks Branch was formed and by 1989 a year after the Dartford Branch was formed membership stood at around 1200. Membership peaked in 2002 at over 2119 which coincides somewhat with the increasing availability of on line genealogical data.



We can be proud of our contribution to the Family History scene over the years and we are asking members old and new to contribute to a special July 2018 meeting 'Why Family History continues to be important to me'. We would especially like to hear anecdotes from early members together with their photographs and memorabilia. If you have a story to tell about NWKFHS then please let it be known to the committee.

Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

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@nwkfhs.org.uk