



NORTH WEST KENT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
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BROMLEY BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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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.

15th Mar – Lee Ault 'The undercover story – A look at the history of underclothes & **Branch Annual Meeting**

19th Apr – Paul Carter 'Disease and Public Health in Victorian Britain; the Evidence from Bromley'

17th May – Eric Probert 'Using Electoral Registers'

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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
5th Apr – Dr Frank Andrews 'The Father of Nobody's Children - the life and work of Dr Barnardo'.
& **Branch Annual Meeting**

3rd May – Ken Chamberlain 'HMS Worcester (The early days of the Merchant Navy Officers' Training ship)'

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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 Apr – John Owen 'Shepherd Neame Brewery'

8th May - Mari Alderman 'Illegitimacy'

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 subject list on 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.

National Army Museum

On the first Monday of every month the NAM run an Identification and advice session. If you have a photo, document or piece of memorabilia, why not take it along and ask the experts. Sessions run from 2pm – 4pm. No appointments necessary. Free of charge but please check before you go on <http://www.nam.ac.uk/research/identification-advice-sessions>

Bromley Branch Absent Voters Project

There was a General Election in 1918 and all those away from their place of residence, including all men in the army, Navy and Air Force, were listed on the Absent Voters Lists. These entries are recorded at the relevant street address and usually show the person's regiment, number and rank at the time

The Bromley Branch project to transcribe and publish the Absent Voters List for the Parliamentary Borough of Bromley is nearly complete. Additional members able to take on some checking would be helpful.

Please visit the **Projects Table** if you would like to

- volunteer to assist with the checking process
- **OR** learn about the techniques used in preparing genealogical records for publication

The Commonwealth War Grave Photographic Project

We are still looking for people who can photograph War graves, especially at Beckenham Cemetery. The Graves will be split into sections and you will be given a section to photograph. If you feel you can spare some time please visit the **projects table** for more information



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Bromley Branch Annual Report:

Bromley branch continued to welcome members and visitors to our Saturday meetings, with each meeting averaging 50 members.

My thanks go to the committee for their tireless efforts in assuring all meetings run smoothly and efficiently. I would also like to thank the many taskholders from, not only our branch, but those who help from other branches. Bookstall, exchange journals, genealogy help, projects, refreshments and all who help put away the chairs at the end of the meeting.

A project that the branch has undertaken this year was to transcribe the 1914-18 absentee voters register for Bromley. We had a number of volunteers who transcribed and more who are helping with the checking. Members have also been keen to get involved with the TCWGPP project co-ordinated by Barbara Philips.

We have had a diverse mix of speakers this year from Fostering and Adoption to Smuggling in Kent.

We have taken over £200.00 in the sale of books. Over £100.00 in the sale of refreshments and over £40.00 received in donations for old magazines.

Clare Muscat (Branch Chair)

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
Isabel Leslie* – Newsletter
Caroline Blackett* – Minutes
Janet Akehurst – Bookstall
Paul Dyer et al Exchange Journals.

*Committee members

Contact us on Bromley@nwkhfs.org.uk

Agenda

Bromley Branch Annual Meeting
Agenda Bromley Branch Meeting
15th March 2014

Annual Branch Meeting

- I. Welcome
- II. Apologies
- III. Matters arising from previous minutes, adoption of minutes
- IV. Annual report 2013
- V. Election of Chair
- VI. Election of committee
- VII. A.O.B

Branch Annual Meeting Minutes 2013

Minutes of the Annual Branch Meeting, 16th March 2013, Bromley Methodist Church at 10.30am

51 members present

1. **Welcome:** Lynn Woodward welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Apologies:** none received
3. **Minutes of the 2012 annual meeting:** these were printed in the branch newsletter which was given to each member. There were no matters arising. Adoption proposed by S Valentine and seconded by Ken Lee: - agreed
Annual Report: 2012-13: The report was also printed in the branch newsletter. Adoption proposed by Joyce Hoad and seconded by Janet Akehurst: agreed
Lynn thanked June Vaisey who was retiring from the bookstall after more than 30 years. She also thanked other stall holders: Dave with the computer and genealogical problems; the various people who have helped with exchange journals; Isabel, Helen and Mavis on refreshments; Janet on the bookstall; and the other committee members for all their work. Finally, she thanked the members without whom there would be no branch.
4. **Election of chair:** There was one nomination, Clare Muscat, who was proposed by Richard Holden and seconded by Joyce Hoad. Agreed by all members present.
5. **Election of Committee:** All existing committee members were willing to stand again. Proposed en bloc by Angela Verralls and seconded by Janet Akehurst. Agreed by all members present.
6. **A.O.B.:** Stuart Valentine thanked Lynn Woodward for the varied and interesting programme that she had put together.

Meeting closed at 10.40am



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