



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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March 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, 18th Mar 2017 – The Branch Annual Meeting, and “London Maps” by Alan RUSTON.

8 April 2017 – **(Please note change of date)**

A joint meeting with Bromley Borough Local History Society. Looking at researching, an individual, a family, and a community using the census.

20 May 2017 – What Happened to Lucy? Adoption & what happened before 1927.

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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 Apr 2017 – Annual Meeting & ‘Old Swanley (or up the junction)’ by Keith WHITMORE.

6 May 2017 – Victorian Street Life by Delia TAYLOR.

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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 Apr 2017 - Commonwealth War Graves-visits & much more by Don DONCASTER.

11 May 2017 – The Suffragettes – women’s right to vote’ by Ian PORTER

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 22nd March 2017

“**An Introduction to Family Historian – a Genealogy, and Family Tree software computer Programme**”. This workshop will provide an overview of this UK programme, covering, preferences, data entry, importing data from other programmes. Introducing diagrams, reports, adding photos and citations. **Aimed at beginners** – by Brian KIRK.

Followed by Wednesday 19th April 2017

“**Some Early Sources Pre1700**” – Have you tried using equity records held in The National Archives? i.e. Star Chamber, Exchequer & Court of Requests. Using TNA’s Discovery references to the documents are revealed. Explanation of the documents with their immense amount of information even for the very ‘umble’. Led by Joyce HOAD.

Followed by Wednesday 26th April 2017

Society Quarterly Discussion Group – Morals and Ethics in Genealogy 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 to workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

PROJECTS

Cudham Parish Registers

The transcription of the Cudham Baptism register for 1813-1847 is completed, and checking is in progress. We still need some more volunteers to check the transcriptions. This does not involve using a computer. If you have an hour or so to spare, please talk to Caroline and volunteer.

The Society Website

As we have **not** had any volunteers for the role of web master we have employed a temporary webmaster and hope to go live very shortly.

However, volunteers to act as Webmaster and Website Assistants are still required. If you are interested, please speak to Tony CODLING.



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NWKFHS Calendar 2017

It's not too late! The Calendars **are still on sale** at branch meetings and Society events, for **£2.00 each**. For orders by post contact chair@nwkfhs.org.uk.

The 2018 NWKFHS Calendar Competition

Please take some photos, and enter your images for the 2018 calendar competition. Full details are on page 185 of the March journal.

BRANCH TASK-HOLDERS

I know you don't believe this, but Branch Meetings **do not run themselves**. Over the last year your committee has struggled to organise and run interesting and entertaining monthly meetings. In order to be able to continue to run your Branch meetings smoothly in the future, **we do need some more volunteers** to help out as task holders. Please speak to the committee.

Bromley Branch Summer Lunch

This will take place in say June, July or August and might be fun. Which month would you prefer? Put your name and preference on the list that Caroline has on the projects table.

THE BOOKSTALL

Book of the month.

West Wickham Past into Present

This book comprises two halves. Hamlet into Village by Patricia KNOWLDEN and Village into Suburb by Joyce WALKER. This book has been thoroughly researched and exceptionally well-illustrated. It includes planning permission for a weekly market and yearly fair dated May 16th 1318 and street plans for 1484 and a map showing tenements in 1310. It shows that the estimated number of people living in West Wickham in 1086 was 110 and the counted number in 1981 was 19,344. Many families are featured and the history of some of the farms starts as early as the 14th century. Points of interest and a suggested route are given for anyone wanting to walk around the area. This is a must read for anyone with ancestors from the area and the book is very **reasonably priced at £6** from the bookstall.

Bromley Borough Local History Society

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

4 Apr 2017 – AGM followed by 'Not Forgotten: The V2 rocket attack on the Crooked Billet, Bickley', in 1944 by Jennie RANDALL

2 May 2017- 'A Golfer and an Artist: the origins of Queens Hospital in Sidcup' by Dr. Adrian THOMAS.

For further details, contact Mike WEEKS.

NWKFHS Annual Family History Day

Details of the NWKFHS Annual Family History day were published in the December issue of the Journal. It is on Saturday 22nd April, at West Heath School, Sevenoaks. Guest speakers include Melanie Gibson-Barton talking about the Somme and Imogen Corrigan talking about the 93rd Searchlight Brigade, Royal Artillery. Please return your booking forms as soon as possible. Contact events@nwkfhs.org.uk

SOCIETY TRIPS 2017

I am currently in the process of looking into the possibility of two trips this year. In December, the speaker at the Dartford Branch meeting was Patricia MORTLOCK who, as a member of the Tonbridge Historical Society, gives guided walks around the town. I have also approached Chris BULL, last month's speaker, for a tour around Gravesend as this is the 400th anniversary of Pocohontas death.

I am aiming for the Tonbridge trip to be in either April or May & the Gravesend trip to be in September or October & both will be mid-week. As both tour guides are professionals we will have to fit in with their availability. You will be expected to make your own way to the arranged meeting points. I will keep you updated as the details are finalised.

Hilary WATERS

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.
Carol Clayton*

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