



# 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. Tea and Coffee is available before and after the meeting. Visitors are very welcome.

**Today** - 21<sup>th</sup> May - Guy GRANNUM

"Caribbean Ancestors - An overview into occupations in the region, Family history techniques and migration."

16<sup>th</sup> Jun - Christina BARNETT & Karina JACKSON

"French Street Burial Ground".

16<sup>th</sup> Jul – "The Somme" by Graham BANDY.

**Unfortunately**, there will be a change of speaker for the October meeting, details will be announced when re-arranged.

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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.

4<sup>th</sup> Jun – Melanie GIBSON-BARTON

"Walking in Flanders Fields".

2<sup>nd</sup> Jul – "RAF Bomber Command"

by Rupert MATTHEWS

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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.

9<sup>th</sup> Jun – Trevor SAPEY

"Life on board Henry VIII's warship Mary Rose"

14<sup>th</sup> Jul – "Well I never knew that", A light hearted tour through the villages of the Darenth by Rod SHELTON

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Your Society Needs YOU! – transcribing, checking and editing of Society publications. A guide to how it is done, and how you can help, led by Barbara PHILLIPS.

Followed by: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016

The Poor Are Always With Us – how to find and interpret the relevant records, led by Jean STIRK.

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](mailto: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. 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.

Transcribers and checkers, please note, we are planning to transcribe the Cudham baptism registers from 1764 -1847 next, as this will fit in nicely with the deeds that the Society obtained. We will give out further details soon.

#### **DROP INS**

On Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016 we ran a Drop in advise session at West Wickham Library, and we had six visitors, all who had heard of it at the 'Wot's on in West Wickham' event last month, and all possible new members.

On the 4th June 2016 we are doing another drop in at Penge Library in Green Lane. Volunteers are required, who can spare a couple of hours. Please offer Caroline your services.



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### Photographic Competition 2016

Entries are needed please from you, for the NWKFHS 2017 calendar competition.

Full details are in the March journal, see page 11 for full details, subjects loosely connected with Family History and the area covered by the NWKFHS.

Winners will get a free copy of the calendar and 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'. Your committee thought that as some of you may already know a lot about the history of your own house, or the house of an ancestor, then perhaps before then, you could 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. The interest shown last month was promising. 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**

We have been approached by libraries and other local groups to give short introductory talks on Family History. If any of you feel that you could do this, please speak to any members of the committee.

### Bromley Absent Voters List

The news arrived just too late for last month's newsletter, that the Bromley Absent Voters List, transcribed by this branch, is now available to search on Findmypast as: -

#### Kent, Bromley Absent Voters List 1918

"Delve through a First World War absent voter list containing more than 9,000 names to find out if your ancestor was serving in 1918. These records reveal their service number, rank, regiment and home address."

Well done, to all those who were involved.

### Historical Greenwich Park

In June or July David CUFLEY is planning 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@nwkhfs.org.uk](mailto:workshops@nwkhfs.org.uk).

### The Society Website

Many of you will have noticed the statement on the Society's website, that the website is no longer being up-dated! All is not lost! The Society is currently working with a website building company, to produce a new website, and we hope to have it up and running in the near future.

#### 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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