



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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May 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, 20 May 2017 – 'What Happened to Lucy? Adoption & what happened before 1927' by Ian WALLER.

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

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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.

3 June 2017 – 'Battle of Waterloo' by Rupert MATTHEWS.

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

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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.

8 Jun 2017 – The Inns of Court – 'The history & characters who have frequented the courts & alley ways' by Ian BEVAN

13 Jul 2017 – 'The Rise & Fall of Lullingstone Roman Villa' 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 24th May 2017

Reading Court Hand for Probate Records - Have you ever struggled to read a will and a grant of probate written in court hand, typically found in the records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC)? If so this workshop should help. Come and learn the basic letter shapes and the typical phrases used. Bring your own document along for individual help. – led by Mari ALDERMAN.

Followed by 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.

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

THE BOOKSTALL

Have a browse. Our bookstall team are restocking with up to date books, covering both Family History and Local History.



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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. However, we still need some more volunteers to check other transcriptions. This does not involve using a computer. If you have an hour or so to spare, please talk to Caroline and/or Barbara P. to volunteer.

On the Thursday 4th May, Barbara PHILLIPS and Pete CRAWLEY downloaded further images of the Cudham Parish Registers onto memory sticks. The next project for the Bromley team, will be the Cudham Marriage Register 1837 -1900. Watch this space.

Webmaster and Website Assistants

As you know we've been working on updating our website for over a year and it is reaching fruition. But it's been hampered by lack of a Webmaster with in-depth knowledge of how to operate and maintain a website. The new website uses Joomla. If you have these skills and could advise the Trustees about the website use and development, please contact Tony CODLING on Chairman@NWKFHS.org.uk.

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.

How to enter: by e-mail to emailinfoservice: by post, marked 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

BRANCH TASK-HOLDERS

It has been said, that many hands, make light work. This is a truism; and it is also true, that many task holders make a Branch or a Society work. So, if you think you can contribute, in any way, no matter how small, please speak to the committee.

We do need your help!!

Bromley Branch Summer Lunch

This enjoyable event, is planned to take place on Friday the 28th Jul 2017 at the Bromley Court Hotel. A 2-course meal will cost £15.95, and a 3-course meal will cost £20.95. The choice of menu will be available at the Branch meetings. Please put your name on the list that Caroline has on the projects table, and a deposit of £5.00 is required.

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.

6 Jun 2017 – 'Recent Work at Knowle House, by Nathalie COHEN.

4 July 2017 – 'Mr Guy's hospital and the Caribbean' by Jane BOWDEN-DAN

5 Sep 2017 - Members' Evening - your chance to contribute a talk, a display or anything else, big or small, with a local historical connection. And to be in the audience to listen, question, inform, watch and enjoy!

For further details, contact Mike WEEKS.

Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

Clare Muscat* – Chairman
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* - Programme Secretary.
Carol Clayton*

*Committee members - Contact us on Bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk