



North West Kent Family History Society

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[BROMLEY BRANCH NEWSLETTER](http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk)

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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 and shop at the bookstall. Advice is available on problems regarding research, including computing. Tea and Coffee is available before meeting. Visitors are welcome, but if they wish to attend further meetings, we request that they apply for membership.

20 Jul 2019 – 'Old photographs, their identification and dating' by Tom Doig

17 Aug 2019 – 'The Brushmakers Society' by Ken Doughty

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 Aug 2019 – 'The history of Lloyd's of London Insurance' by Jerry Dowlen

7 Sep 2019 – 'Cadbury, Fry & Rowntree the chocolate Quakers' by Fred Lemont

Sevenoaks Branch meetings are now held at held at the Otford Village Memorial Hall, 28a High St, Otford, TN14 5PQ.

*** MEETING CHANGE OF TIME ***

It has been decided that the time the doors will open to the public will be 19.30 in future & not 19.15. The meeting will still start at 20.00. End by 9.30 pm.
Parking at the hall is free after 6.30pm

August 2019 No Meeting

12 Sep 2019 – 'The Titanic – what happened after the sinking' by Ian Porter

Bromley Branch Summer Lunch July 2019 & Proposed Winter Lunch January 2020

Nineteen members and friends attended our lunch at the Bromley Court Hotel. As in previous years the food was first class and the atmosphere was good. At our July Bromley Committee meeting we compared this meal with our two previous lack lustre Christmas celebrations. It was decided that we would seek your view on delaying our winter lunch until after the festive season when venues are less busy. We shall call for your views on this later in the year.

Society Questionnaire

The executive committee are interested in hearing your views on

- Branch meeting speakers
- Your use of the Society Website

A questionnaire has been prepared and these forms are available today at the Signing in Desk. The survey is intended to last over a number of months so may be returned at a later meeting.

Vacancy For Bromley Branch Programme Secretary

Lynne Overton has decided to step down at the Annual Meeting in April next year, so our branch is looking for a replacement to come forward and take over this responsible and enjoyable post.

If you think you would enjoy communicating with potential speakers, doing research, following up recommendations, picking up ideas from other societies magazines and newsletters, then this is the job for you.

Lynne has agreed to book and complete the 2020/2021 programme, so the new post holder would not need to start bookings until May 2021. She has also agreed to offer support to the new person if they wish.

Please contact our branch chair, Isabel Leslie, to register your interest, or speak to Lynne at one of our meetings:

Isabel's e-mail: sandyizzy97@gmail.com

Shortlands House Group

At our July meeting we continued on our journey on breaking down our 'Brick walls' by sharing research experience and our use of some less well known record sources. By the end of our session we all agreed our ancestors did not make it easy for us to untangle their stories and we had been introduced to

- The Kent Archaeology Society (monumental Inscriptions)
- Gravestone Photographic Resource
- freereg.org.uk

The next meetings of the Shortlands House Group on Thursday the 15th Aug 2019 will be an 'away day' affair; a visit to the London Metropolitan Archives (LMA).

Our meeting in September will be held at 97 Hayes Lane, Beckenham, BR3 6RN which can be reached directly via the 162 bus or with a short walk via the 358 bus.

shortlandshg@nwkfhs.org.uk or call 020 8650 7941

NWKFHS Workshops for 2019

A copy of the schedule of Society Workshops for 2019 is available for inspection on our notice board. Copies of these schedules, which Members may wish to take home to familiarize themselves with the contents of the various workshops are available today from the Help Desk.

Society of Genealogists Events in August

Wednesday, 7 August 14:00 – 15:00 Understanding and Using the 1939 Register

Learn how to best use the 1939 register online to find your family members living at this time.

The 1939 Register, provides a snapshot of the civilian population of England and Wales just after the outbreak of the Second World War. Details of around 40 million people were recorded, to facilitate the issuing of ration books. Information in the Register was also used to administer conscription and division of labour, and to monitor and control the movement of the population caused by military mobilisation and mass evacuation.

This register is incredibly a useful as a family history resource, especially as the 1931 census for England and Wales was destroyed by fire during the Second World War and no census was taken in 1941. The Register provides the most complete population survey of England and Wales between 1921 and 1951.

While the 1939 Register is not a census, it is arranged along similar lines and is now available to researchers in digital format through the Findmypast and Ancestry websites.

Note: This talk primarily covers the database at Findmypast.

A one-hour talk with Robert Parker. Cost 8.00/6.40 SoG Members

The Society of Genealogists in London hosts a number of lectures/workshops and visits each month and organises visits to archives and the like.

A copy of the full list of events offered in August 2019 is available for inspection on the Help Desk together with a few copies for Members who may have an interest in attending these events. The events are available to members and non-members of the Society of Genealogists

Crystal Palace Festival Event

We were made very welcome by the Upper Norwood Methodist Church at the Crystal Palace Festival on Saturday 15th of July. We chatted to some thirty folk who attended our stall and showed interest in Family History and our offering of second hand books and greetings cards.



Bromley Borough Local History Society

Website <http://www.bblhs.org.uk/>

Meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month (**except in August**) at the United Reform Church, Freelands Road, Bromley. Talks start at 7.45pm.

Before most meetings you can visit the book stall and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. Non members are very welcome and are invited to make a contribution of £1 towards the cost of the meeting.

The next BBLHS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 3rd of September 2019

Bromley NWKFHS Branch Committee and Task holders

Isabel Leslie*	– Chairman/Newsletter/EC rep
Helen Daniels	– Refreshments
Mavis Braithwaite	– Refreshments
Pete Crawley*	– Finance Officer
David Carter*	– Genealogy Advice/Problems
Caroline Blackett*	– Minutes/Projects
Janet Akehurst*	– Secretary/Bookstall
Lynn Overton*	– Programme Secretary
Carol Clayton*	– Signing in Desk

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