



North West Kent Family History Society

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BROMLEY BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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May 2019

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.

18 May 2019 – 'Gretna Green: Romance or Remorse'
by Melanie Winterbotham

15 Jun 2019 – 'The History of Borough Market'
by Julie Carver-Pierce

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 Jun 2019 – 'The Secret Intelligence Services & Espionage' By Dr Helen Fry

6 Jul 2019 – 'Dragons Blood & Willow Bark –
Mysteries of Medieval & Tudor Medicine'
by Mrs Toni Mount

**** Sevenoaks Branch Change of Venue ** commencing June meeting**

From June meetings will be held at the Otford Village Memorial Hall, 28a High St, Otford, TN14 5PQ. Doors open at 7.15pm, the meeting starts at 8pm, End by 9.30 pm. **Parking at the hall free after 6.30pm**

13 Jun 2019 – 'What the Battle of Jutland did for the Navy' by Nick Fothergill (Part 2)

11 Jul 2019 – 'Lost Empires. Last days of Music Hall & Variety' by Wilf Lower

Bromley Branch Summer Lunch

The 2019 Bromley Branch summer lunch will be held at the **Bromley Court Hotel on Tuesday the 2nd of July**. The cost of lunch is £17.95 for 2 courses and £21.95 for three. The choice of Menus will be available at our June meeting.

Last year's event was a resounding success, at this very pleasant venue, so if you are free on the 2nd of July and wish to join us please see Janet Akehurst on the book stall to reserve your place. A £5 deposit is required when booking and as places are limited they will be allotted on first come first served basis.

Shortlands House Group

The next meetings of the Shortlands House Group will be held on

- Thursday the 13th June 2019 (2pm-4pm)

The meetings are 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.

New members are very welcome to attend on a permanent basis or on a one off basis when the subject matter is of particular interest; all we ask is that you advise us on

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

For our June meeting we have all been charged with bringing along one of our treasured family artefacts and to explain its significance in our family.

However if you would like to come along and continue to look into your 'Brick walls' you are welcome to come along and we shall have a separate help desk available to you.

Monthly Help Desk Features

- **NWKFHS Workshop syllabus for 2019**

All workshops are held on a Wednesday between 10.30 and 12.30 at the Society Library & Resource Centre, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood Estate, Bexley, Kent DA5 2EE.

A full schedule of Society Workshops for 2019, to be held at the Society Library, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood has been prepared. A copy of this

schedule is available for inspection at this meeting on the 'Help Desk' table together with copies which Members may wish to take home to familiarize themselves with the contents of the various workshops.

Members are reminded that complete details of the workshops can also be viewed on the NWKFHS web site. Members can reserve a place on a workshop direct by email via the Website.

• **Society of Genealogists Events in June**

The Society of Genealogists in London hosts a number of lectures/workshops and visits each month and organises visits to archives and the like. Two examples of over a dozen courses they are offering in June are:-

Saturday, 8 June 10:15-17:15 - Reading and Understanding Italian Genealogical Records

In this half-day workshop with Lynn Serafinn, you will learn how to interpret and translate information found in Italian genealogical records. A practical, hands-on session, you will work from print-outs of a wide variety of records spanning nearly four centuries, from the mid-1500s to the early 20th century.

cost 20.00/16.00 SoG Members

Saturday, 8 June 14:00-17:00 - Don't Believe everything you're Told and Documenting your Family History

This course will consist of two talks:

Don't believe everything you're told! (Problem solving and how we can get over the Brick Walls)

What type of problems can occur, why they may occur and how we can get over them?

The lecturer will discuss the many false leads we can be given from the common documents relating to vital events in our ancestor's lives. She will show researchers how errors come to be made and how we can get over some of those 'brick walls'.

Documenting your family history Or 'How to get all your stuff organised!'

Jane will discuss the basic principles and importance of good record keeping. Looking at the different ways of documenting, organising and presenting your findings, she will discuss sources types, primary, secondary, questionable! Why should we record our sources, what is a reference, citation etc?

A half-day course with Jane Fox, cost 20.00/16.00 SoG members

Findmypast to Introduce Tree-to-Tree Hinting

In common with other Commercial Genealogy sites, from July 1, the deceased ancestors in family trees posted on Findmypast will be considered as 'shareable' hints unless the owner of the tree opts out.

Findmypast advise that they will send the deceased ancestors in members' trees to other Findmypast members who might share common ancestry.

Findmypast advise that they assume any relatives born more than 110 years ago are deceased, and regard them as shareable ancestors, however they won't share any information on anyone who's still alive.

Findmypast further advise that information on your deceased ancestors will include:

- Timelines
- Facts and events, together with sources and attached records
- Notes

The full details of this change can be viewed at:

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/tree-change-faqs>

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, Freeland 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.

Tuesday 4th June 2019 7.45

'The History of Langley Park and Kelsey Park'
Speaker Hazelle Jackson

Tuesday 2 July 2019 7.45

'Crimes on the river Thames – The River Police and the Criminals'
Speaker David Ferguson

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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Contact us on bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk

A copy of the **full list** of events offered in June 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.