



# 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.

Please note, due to unforeseen circumstances, today's talk and speaker are not as advertised in our published annual programme. We are grateful to John for stepping in today and looking forward to his talk.

15 Jun 2019 – 'Hops, Inns and Pilgrims on the South Side of London Bridge' by John Halligan

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

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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.

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

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

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**Sevenoaks Branch** meetings are now held at 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 is free after 6.30pm**

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

August 2019 No Meeting

### Bromley Branch Summer Lunch

The 2019 Bromley Branch summer lunch will be held at the **Bromley Court Hotel on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July**. The cost of lunch (*this is a change from the costs shown in the May newsletter*) is £18.50 for 2 courses and £22.50 for three. A £5 deposit is required when booking and as places are limited they will be allotted on first come first served basis.

Copies of the choice of Menus are available today so please see Janet Akehurst on the book stall to reserve your place. After lunch coffee/tea and wine are optional and maybe ordered and paid for when you book lunch with Janet or on the day.

### Bromley NWKFHS Branch Committee: Call for Volunteer Task holders

With the holiday season upon us and attendance at Fairs and the like Bromley Branch Committee are aware that our list of volunteer Task Holders is not adequate to meet demands. Some task holders at present are relied on to fulfil a number of roles and some meeting related tasks rely on a single individual with no backup; one item of interest, the exchange journals, has been dropped completely from our branch meetings for a number of years.

In some cases the task will require the transporting of books, and equipment so the volunteers involved may require transport. The range of tasks include:-

**Meeting hall furniture set up/clearance**  
Maintain Electronic equipment at meetings  
Newsletter editor  
Prepare and Serve Refreshments  
Finance Officer  
Genealogy Advice/Problems  
Projects  
Bookstall administration and staffing  
Programme Secretary  
Signing in Desk  
Meet and Greet  
Exchange Journals  
Event cover

To reduce the pressure on task holders some of the meeting related tasks above may be shared on a rota basis or managed with nominated back up volunteers.

For members who wish to *show an interest* in becoming a Task Holder, please leave your details on the list available at the **Signing in Desk**

## **Shortlands House Group**

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

- Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> July 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@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:shortlandshg@nwkfhs.org.uk) or call 020 8650 7941

This month we are going to continue on our journey to breakdown our 'Brick walls' by sharing research experiences and knowledge of less well known records.

## **Monthly Help Desk Features**

- **NWKFHS Workshops for 2019**  
& **Introducing two new Groups**

### **Computer Group**

### **DNA Group**

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

A copy of the schedule of Society Workshops for 2019 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.

The Computer Group and the DNA Group which are a fairly new venture are run monthly on workshop lines.

Pre-booking is essential for all workshops, *including the new groups*, the email address is

[workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk)

Alternatively you can book by completing a workshop booking form available at the Help Desk today.

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.

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.

## **Hayes Fair**

Despite almost gale force winds, rain and hailstones Bromley Branch was present at the Hayes Fair on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. We were able to chat to some thirty folk who attended our stall and showed interest in Family History. We considered Three or four visitors may to be potential members and were visited by one founder member and today's speaker!



## **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.

### **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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