



# 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 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.

17 Aug 2019 – ‘The Brushmakers Society’ by Ken Doughty

28 Sep 2019 – ‘London’s Sailortown in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century’ by Derek Morris (**note - this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat in Sept**)

19 Oct 2019 – ‘An Enumerator’s Tale’ by Meryl Catty & Maureen Binks

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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.

7 Sep 2019 – ‘Cadbury, Fry & Rowentree: the chocolate Quakers’ by Fred Lemont

5 Sep 2019 – ‘Gondolas & Growlers: how the hansom cab affected the lives of every Londoner’ by Ian Waller

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

The meeting will still start at 20.00. End by 9.30 pm.  
**Parking at the hall is free after 6.30pm**

12 Sep 2019 – ‘The Special Operations Executive, or Churchill’s Secret Army’ by Ian Porter (**Note this is a change to printed programme**)

10 Oct 2019 – ‘Dickens in Kent’ by Christoph Bull

### 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 of arranging the speakers for Bromley Branch.

If you think you would enjoy communicating with potential speakers, doing research, following up recommendations and 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 work until about May 2020 to arrange the speakers from April 2021 - March 2022. You would also need to react and find a replacement if a speaker drops out, which occasionally happens due to illness.

Lynne will offer support to the new person if they wish. Please contact Lynne to register your interest, either at a Bromley meeting, or by e-mail:

[programme.nwkfhsbromley@virginmedia.com](mailto:programme.nwkfhsbromley@virginmedia.com)

### Shortlands House Group

The next meetings of the Shortlands House Group is on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019, **note this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in September**. The meeting is 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.

### **Our Field trip in August!**

For our August meeting the members decided to venture out of the house for a change, and use their August meeting to visit the London Metropolitan Archives. The group ranged from regular visitors to “never set foot there”. Organising the travel arrangements was straightforward, as we were all on the same Thameslink train, albeit joining at different stations. After registering for our History Cards, we took the opportunity to investigate what was on offer, and after a snack lunch in the Visitors Lounge, we visited the Conservation Department, where we were

shown a number of items, dating back to the 1500's, requiring repair and looked at the techniques used for preserving such unique items. All of us agreed that we had had a very enjoyable day.



## **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, Frelands 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 the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

'Orchards Past and Present at Scadbury Park, Chislehurst' by Ann Russell

Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> November

'The Names, the People and the Stories on a Beckenham War Memorial' by Bob Digby

## **Genealogists Courses/Events to be held in September**

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 September 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.

A selection of these courses follows.

### **Wednesday, 4 September 14:00 – 15:00** **Westward Ho! Emigration from the British Isles to North America**

This fascinating story starts in the 16th century by highlighting migrant groups who made their way to America. After 1783 groups are replaced by families and individuals continuing the ties across the pond

A one-hour talk with Sharon Hintze, FSG.  
Cost 8.00/6.40 SoG Members

### **Saturday, 7 September 10:30 - 13:00** **Researching World War II Servicemen and Women**

Mark the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of WWII, and find out more about the men and women who served around the world between 1939 and 1945.

Simon Fowler discusses the records you might use to research your parents' and grandparents' war service, whether they were in the ATS or in the Burmese jungle. You might be surprised by what you find. Simon wants to encourage you to bring details of the servicemen and women you are researching. He will use them as examples during the morning.

A half-day course with Simon Fowler. Cost 20.00/16.00 SoG Members

### **Wednesday, 25 September 14:00 – 15:00** **My Ancestor Worked in the Theatre**

Do you have ancestors who worked in the theatre? Find out how to learn more about their lives and the skills and talents they had. Based on his book of the same name, published by the Society of Genealogists, Alan Ruston covers a survey of British theatre history to enable you historians to explore the field. Alan includes two case studies to show how to go about research.

A one-hour talk with Alan Ruston. Cost 8.00/6.40 SoG Members

### 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
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