



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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November 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.

16 Nov 2019 – 'The History of the Royal Variety Performance' by Dean Caston

December 2020 – No Meeting

18 Jan 2020 – 'Catching up with Family Search' by Sharon Hintze

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 Dec 2019 – 'Christmas on the Home Front 1939-1945' by Mike Brown

11 Jan 2020* – 'History of Buttons' by Alison Ellman-Brown

* Please note this is a change of Date

Sevenoaks Branch meetings are now held at 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 Dec 2019 – 'Christmas. A celebratory occasion' by Andy Thomas

January 2020 – No Meeting

13 Feb 2020 – 'The Apothecary's Garden' by Toni Mount

David Johnson

Sadly we have to announce the passing of David Johnson who died on Saturday the 2nd November 2019. David was one of our earliest members joining the Society in July 1980. The funeral service will take place at 3:30pm on Wednesday the 27th November at Christchurch, Beckenham. The family have requested no flowers, but would be pleased for donations to be sent to the British Heart Foundation in memory of David.

BRANCH SUPPORT REQUIRED

The Society Constitution requires that the Branch Committee is formed of up to 9 members which include a nominated

- Chairman
- Representative to the Society Committee
- Branch Finance Officer
- Programme Secretary

In our July newsletter we first advised that Lynne our Programme Secretary would stand down at the 2020 Branch Annual Meeting in March. Since this time the post has been widely advertised throughout the whole Society – so far no one has come forward to take on these duties.

This post is pivotal to the continuity of the Branch as the annual programme is required to be complete by mid December each year for distribution with the March Journal. A programme for 2020/21 has been prepared by Lynne but it requires to be managed from April 2020 until March 2021.

In addition I shall resign as Chairman at the 2020 Branch Annual Meeting in March and for some years the Bromley Branch have not been able to supply a representative to the Society Committee.

Isabel Leslie

Shortlands House Group

The Shortlands House group meetings are generally 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. However as we have ventured into 'Away Days'; members wishing to attend for the first time are asked to advise us beforehand on email

bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk

At our November meeting we treated ourselves to an early Christmas afternoon with crackers, paper hats and mince pies. The chat was a varied menu of our experiences at Christmas and related family treasures from our research.

At our January meeting we are going to be treated to a talk entitled :-

'One Man's War Service - how a Normandy veteran won the Croix de Guerre'

This is based on recent research by Lynne and her friend Chrissie into a close relative's 2nd World War Service – just the sort of story we all love to hear.

The Bromley Branch Winter Lunch

Our winter lunch is to be held at the Bromley Court Hotel on Tuesday 4th February 2020. The menu will be available at our January meeting. If you wish to attend and/or if you wish to view the menu earlier please give your email address to Janet Akehurst today at the Bookstall – **remember we do not meet in December.**

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 3rd December 2019

'Humphrey Repton's Work in Bromley'

Our chairman, Tudor Davies, should need no introduction and as a long-time resident of the area, he has found out much about this famous landscape designer and his work at Sundridge and Holwood.

Tuesday 7th January 2020

'The tragic tale of Eric's Air Adventure!'

Patrick Hellicar

Society of Genealogists Courses/Events

The Society of Genealogists in London hosts a number of lectures/workshops and visits each month and organises visits to archives and the like. The events are available to members and non-members of the Society of Genealogists. Events can be booked through their website or by telephone (Tuesday-Thursday & Saturdays) listed below.

Unless otherwise stated, events take place at:

The Society of Genealogists
14 Charterhouse Buildings
Goswell Road
London EC1M 7BA

<http://www.sog.org.uk>
Tel: 020 7553 3290

Online Resources for London Family History : Peter Christian

Date: Wed 27 Nov/2019

Duration: 1 hour, 14:00 - 15:00

Price: £8.00 non member/£6.40member

My Ancestor was an Agricultural Labourer : Ian Waller

Date: Sat 30 Nov/2019

Duration: 2 hours, 10:30 - 13:00

Price: £20.00non member/£16.00member

Full details of the courses can be viewed at the Society's web site together with internet booking facilities at

<http://www.sog.org.uk/books-courses/events-courses/>

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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