

## Kent in Greater London

### BexleyWalks

We have developed the BexleyWalks app to provide guided walks around the Borough's heritage. Use it to explore the Borough and when you reach a point of interest, text and images giving you more information will appear. It's a great way for those visiting the Borough as well as local people to get out and about in the area and to find out more about it along the way.

The app is free to download from the App Store or the Google Play Store.

### Free family history drop-in session

On Saturday 20 October between 10am - 1pm the Bexley Local Studies & Archive Centre will be hosting a family history drop-in session with the North West Kent Family History Society who will be on hand to help you in tracking down your ancestors. Admission is free plus all enquiries are welcome!

### Layers of London

For the past 18 months, Bexley Local Studies & Archive Centre has been working with Amy Todd, the Public Engagement Officer for the Layers of London project at the Institute of Historical Research in London.

The Layers of London website contains many maps of London from Tudor times up to the present day. These maps are accurately overlaid, so it is possible to view in detail how an area has changed over time. The website also has the facility to "pin" location-specific items to a map; this includes such things as digitised photographs and building plans.

Over the past few years various projects have been undertaken by Bexley Local Studies and Archive Centre concerning local high streets and other aspects of local history. With the help of volunteers, we have worked with the Layers of London team to "pin" a selection of digitised photographs and building plans onto the maps. This provides a different way of viewing images and plans, setting them into a geographical context. Work will be continuing over the coming months to load more information onto the Layers of London website.

### A Lunchtime look at... WW1 in local papers

We still have some tickets left for this lunchtime session on Saturday 27th October. War Times: Western Front to Home Front 1914-1918 is a repeat of the already sold out event on Thursday 20th October. The Local Studies Librarian will look at how Bexley's local press reported the First World War using cuttings and articles.

It is being held at Bexley Local Studies & Archives Centre on Saturday 27th October 11am-12pm. Tickets cost £2.00 and are available in advance from the Centre.

### Photographs from the Kentish Times

Bexley Local Studies and Archive Centre has been awarded a grant to digitise a selection of negatives from the collection of images taken by Kentish Times photographers from the early 1960s to the late 1990s.

Digitisation will make this material much more accessible – as they are negatives it is very difficult to see what is in the image. This project will help the images to be used to their full potential.