



North West Kent Family History Society

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BROMLEY BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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January 2018

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 and after the meeting. Visitors are very welcome, but if they wish to attend further meetings, then we would request that they apply for membership.

20 Jan 2018 – 'Behind The Scenes of Television's Golden Years' by Wilf Lower

17 Feb 2018 – 'Call The Midwife' by Ian Porter

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.

3 Feb 2018 – 'Early Days of The Metropolitan Police' by Ken Chamberlain

3 Mar 2018 – 'Lost Cousins' by Peter Calver

Sevenoaks Branch meetings are held at Sevenoaks Community Centre, located in Otford Road, Sevenoaks, TN14 5DN Junction with Crampton Rd (close to the A25 Bat & Ball junction) on the second Thursday of the month. Doors are open at 7.15pm, meeting starts at 8.00pm.

8 Feb 2018 – 'World War I Poets' by Bob & Fern Ogle

8 Mar 2018 – 'Queen Victorias's Dreadful Uncles' by Sheila Boyd

Bromley Branch Annual Meeting Committee Members and Taskholders

Members are advised that the Bromley Branch Annual Meeting, at which we elect the Committee, will be held during our March Branch meeting. The purpose of the Branch Annual Meeting is to adopt the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting, hear the annual report for 2017 and to elect a Chair and committee for the coming year. The Branch Committee consists of a Chair and up to eight other members. The Committee then nominates from its elected members

- a Representative to the Society Committee
- a Branch Finance Officer
- a Programme Secretary.

If you wish to be considered for election to the Bromley Committee or assist in the running of the Branch as a taskholder you can discuss this with a committee member at the January and February meeting or email the Committee at bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk

Society Event at Tesco Orpington

We had a successful and enjoyable day at the event at Tesco Extra store in Orpington.

The stall was well attended by volunteers from all three Branches. Two new members were signed up and the volunteers had meaningful discussions with about 50 shoppers. Stella Eames who worked hard and organised the day was able to add some 26 members to our emailinfocservice and sold a few calanders and notecards.

Beckenham House Group

Four members met for our initial Beckenham House Group meeting. We had a lively discussion describing our interest and background in genealogy. The next meeting of the group will be on Thursday the 15th of February. from 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.

Any member wishing to attend is very welcome; all we ask is that you email us advising that you are likely to attend by emailing us at

bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk or call 020 8650 7941



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Society A.G.M 2018 – Call for Volunteers

The 2018 AGM on 14th April will be held at Farringtons School, Chislehurst, which is a **Bromley venue**. Full details of the AGM Programme were published in the NWKFHS December Journal together with a Booking form.

The organisation of this event is well advanced, however there is still a need for additional volunteers to help on the day. The tasks still to be allocated are shown below together with the number of volunteers required :-

- Meet and Greet at hall (2)
- Car Calls to & from Local Station (2/4)
- Distributing Lunch & Tea Tickets (1)
- Direct/Marshall Mid-Morning Refreshments queue (2)
- Monitor/Collect Lunch Ticket (1)

Please register with Caroline if you can help with this event which will be special this year as we celebrate our 40 years anniversary.

PROJECTS - Cudham Marriage Register 1837-1900

We are still seeking volunteers to transcribe the hand written register entries for these marriages on to a standard spreadsheet.

The task of transcribing records, which has been carried out over many years by volunteer members, is of great importance to the Society as a revenue source raised from selling the information transcribed in disc format. Also, in conjunction with the Federation of Family History Societies, we are able to raise revenue from some of these transcribed records which are made available on Findmypast.

WORKSHOPS 2018

The Library Resource group have once again prepared an interesting and instructive schedule of workshops for 2018. For example, the list contains a re-run of the '1939 Register' and two relatively new offerings 'Beginners Guide to Researching WWI Soldiers' and 'Discovering the History of your Ancestor's House'

Bromley Members can request a copy of the 2018 schedule of workshops by contacting a member of the Committee at our monthly meetings or by emailing us at bromley@nwkhfs.org.uk

Members are reminded that the NWKFHS **Library & Resource Centre** at Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, DA5 2EE is open each Wednesday from 10am-4pm and that the Workshops are run at the library on Wednesdays from 10:30 – 12:30 a £5 donation is kindly requested for each workshop.

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. Visitors welcome.

Tuesday 6th February

Honouring The Dead - the story of the WW1 (and WW2) memorial on Martin's Hill in Bromley. At a time when people were trying to come to terms with what such a loss of life had really achieved. Across the country memorials were sprouting up and Bromley was no exception. The talk tells of the aspirations of local people for their memorial and the trials and tribulations in achieving the monument that stands there today.

Presented by Pam Preedy

Tuesday 6th March

The Lubbocks of Kent - The eminent family important in the history of Farnborough, Orpington and Chislehurst

Presented by Lyulph Lubbock, Lord Avebury

Bromley NWKFHS Branch Committee and Task holders

Clare Muscat*	– Chairman
Helen Daniels*	– Refreshments/E.C. Rep
Pete Crawley*	– Finance Officer
David Carter	– Genealogy Advice/Problems
Caroline Blackett*	– Minutes/Projects
Jennifer Peel	– Sign-in Desk
Janet Akehurst*	– Secretary/Bookstall
Lynn Overton*	– Programme Secretary.
Isabel Leslie*	– Newsletter
Carol Clayton*	

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