



# 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 2016

### 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 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.

Today – “A History of British Music Halls – How they began, rose in popularity, and declined 1850 to 1950”, by Alan BAKER.

December – No Meeting.

21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017 - Eltham Palace & the Courtauld family  
by David SLEEP.

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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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – “A Country House Christmas” by Pat MORTLOCK.

7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 - Lost Empires, the last days of Music Hall  
by Wilf LOWER.

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**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<sup>th</sup> Dec – “The Curious History of Christmas food from Yorkshire pies to 12<sup>th</sup> night cake” by Peter ROSS.

Jan 2017 - No Meeting.

### Society Library Workshops

Workshops are run on Wednesdays from 10:30 – 12:30 at the society's Library & Resource Centre, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, DA5 2EE. A£5 donation is kindly requested for each workshop.

Next Workshop Wednesday 18 January 2017  
**Record Keeping for Family Historians** - see journal and website for more details. Repeated by demand. Led by David CUFLEY.

Followed by Wednesday 25 January 2017  
**Society Quarterly Discussion Group** – What happens to my research when I'm gone.

Followed by Wednesday 15 February 2017  
**NEW Beginners session** - with Fran ROGERS guiding you through the early stages of your research.

For further details, please see the subject list on our notice table or speak to a committee member. Bookings can be made from the Branch meeting or you can email to [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk)

### PROJECTS

#### **Cudham Parish Registers**

Transcription of the Cudham Baptism register for 1813-1847 is proceeding very well, and checking has been started.

But we still need some more volunteers to check the transcriptions. This does not involve using a computer. If you have an hour or so to spare, please talk to Caroline and volunteer.

#### **The Society Website**

At present the problems are still being sorted out. Further news will be published when the problems have been resolved.

#### **NWKFHS Calendar 2017**

The Calendars **are now on sale** at branch meetings and Society events, for £4.50 each. For orders by post contact [chair@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:chair@nwkfhs.org.uk).

The names of the Competition winners will be published in the December Journal.



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### **BRANCH TASK-HOLDERS**

In order for your Branch meetings to run smoothly in the future **more volunteers are required** as task-holders.

### **BROMLEY BRANCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

We have booked at "The Crown" on Bromley Common for Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm for 20 people. Two courses £9.90. Three courses £13.49. We will need to know any special needs or diets. Please make your choice from the menu at this meeting. Contact Janet or Helen. Parking is £1.00 for 3 Hours.

### **Dartford Branch Christmas lunch**

The 2016 Dartford Branch Christmas lunch will be held after the Dartford meeting on the 3rd December at the Dartford Science & Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford. The cost will be £13.50. Tickets will be available from our Dartford Branch meetings, the Society Library and Sheila ELISAK on e-mail [dartford@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:dartford@nwkfhs.org.uk) or phone Janet Rose on 01322 384836 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

### **Sevenoaks Branch Christmas Buffet**

Sevenoaks will be holding a Christmas Buffet for members and friends on the evening of their 8th December meeting. Meeting begins at 7pm. Speak to branch committee members at meeting or e-mail [Sevenoaks@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:Sevenoaks@nwkfhs.org.uk) for more information.

### **THE BOOKSTALL**

It has been decided that at Bromley and Sevenoaks the book stall will only be available on alternate months.

**Bromley: September, November, January & March.**  
**Sevenoaks: October, December, February & April.**

### **Bookstall Xmas Sale**

All books will be half price at the October and November meetings. Great for Xmas presents or just treat yourself.

### **Bromley Borough Local History Society**

Meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the United Reform Church, Freelands Road, Bromley. Talks start at 7.45pm. Visitors welcome.

**6th December** - History of some London shops. (Susan Jenkinson)

For further details, contact Mike WEEKS.

### **General Register Office launches NEW indexes**

The General Register Office has launched **new** online indexes of births and deaths for England & Wales which not only make ordering of certificates easier, they provide additional information that will make it easier than ever before for family historians to find the right entries. The new indexes include: -

**Births** from 1837 to 1915 (ie more than 100 years old). The mother's maiden name is now shown from 1837 onwards.

**Deaths** from 1837 to 1957. The age at death is now shown from 1837 onwards.

### **Digital copies of certificates to be trialled**

From 9th November, the GRO will be trialling a new service under which uncertified PDF copies of previously digitised entries in the birth and death indexes will be available **at a reduced price of £6** (a paper certificate costs £9.25). The years of coverage for historic entries are as follows:

Births: 1837 to 1934      Deaths: 1837 to 1957

The trial will last for **only 3 weeks**, but may close earlier (only 45,000 PDFs will be made available at this price).

(Information from Lost Cousins)

#### Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

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

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