



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 2017

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.

18 Nov 2017 – ‘The goose is getting fat! The history of Christmas tradition’ by Imogen Corrigan

December 2017 – ‘No Meeting’

20 Jan 2018 – ‘A Gallop through the History of Carriage Driving’ by Antonia Gallop

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.

2 Dec 2017 – ‘Medieval Christmas’ by Toni Mount

6 Jan 2018 – ‘Our Thames: Dartford to the Grain’ by Christoph Bull

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.

14 Dec 2017 – ‘A Celebration of Christmas’ by Anne Carter

January 2018 – ‘No Meeting’

Bromley Branch Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch on **Tuesday the 5th December** will be held at “The Crown” on Bromley Common at 12.30 pm. You can still book a place to attend this lunch at today’s meeting – see Janet Akehurst at the main bookstall. A deposit of £5.00 is required and the meal will cost, for two courses £10.99 or three courses £14.99. Please make your choice from the menu at this meeting. We will need to know any special needs or diets. Parking is available and costs £1.00 for 3 Hours.

Society Event on Saturday 25 November between 10am and 3pm at Tesco Orpington

This is a reminder that the Tesco Extra store in Orpington near the War Memorial Roundabout has given NWKFHS free use of its foyer whereby we hope to raise the profile of our NWK Family History Society and engage with passing shoppers about their interest in their family history.

Stella Eames has organised the event and is planning to be present at Tesco’s from 10am till 3pm and she has had a good response from local Bromley and Orpington members to staff the stall. However if you are interested in finding out what being an events volunteer entails or simply in the vicinity of Tesco’s on that day why not drop in and lend a hand.

Beckenham House Group Proposed Meeting 18 Jan 2018

The idea of a Beckenham meeting was floated in the September newsletter and feedback from interested members suggested that an afternoon meeting on the third Thursday of the month from 2pm – 4pm suited most people. The meetings will be 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.

This is an open invitation for any member to attend this inaugural meeting as a taster session. 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

Members who have already declared an interest will be contacted but we would be happy to hear from them as shown above.



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Society A.G.M 2018 – Call for Volunteers (repeat request!)

Our 2018 AGM on 14th April will be held at Farringtons School, Chislehurst, which is a **Bromley venue**. Whilst it may seem early days yet this is one of the major events in our calendar which requires much planning by the Events Group and many willing volunteers leading up to the day and for the day itself. The following list gives a flavour of the tasks volunteers will have to undertake:-

- meet and greet at hall
- Car Calls to & from Local Station
- Distribute Lunch & Tea Tickets
- Serving Mid-Morning Refreshments
- Raffle: Set Up Table, Provide/Sell Tickets, monitor Draw
- Monitor/Collect Lunch Ticket
- Minding Society Bookstall
- Minding Excess Library stock Bookstall

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.

The NWKFHS Emailinfoservice

As we do not have a meeting until the 20th of January this might be a good time for Bromley members to join this service.

This NWKFHS **fortnightly information service** is delivered by email and brings together the latest information about the Society together with a wide

range of other items of interest to family historians.

To subscribe simply send an email advising that you wish to subscribe to this service together with your name and membership number to

Stella Eames, at

emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org.uk

Also please mention it to others and encourage them to subscribe so that we can keep society members and anyone interested in family history informed of NWKFHS activities.

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.

There has been a change in speaker for the December meeting.

5 Dec 2017 – ‘London Dockers go to war’ by Chris Everett

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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