



# 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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September 2017

### Forthcoming Meetings

**Bromley Branch** meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month, at Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley, BR1 3NS. (\*See Sept meeting)

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.

23 Sep 2017 – 'Heir Hunters – taking part in a TV series' by Lady Teviot (\* **special note - this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat in Sept**)

21 Oct 2017 – 'The future of the internet for family historians' by Peter Christian

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

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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.

**7 Oct 2017** – 'Sir Cloudsley Shovell & Longitude The story of Crayford's famous admiral' by Peter Daniel

**4 Nov 2017** – 'The Masons & 300 years of the Grand Lodge of England' by Peter Jones

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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.

12 Oct 2017 – 'Battleships and blockade. Jutland & the Royal Navy in the Great War' by Nick Fothergill

9 Nov 2017 – 'Spooky Tales. The history of Halloween' by Geoff Hutchinson

### Society A.G.M 2018 – Call for Volunteers

Our 2018 AGM on 21st April will be held at Farrington's 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. Barbara Attwaters who leads the Events Group will advise us soon of the list of the many tasks to be allocated. Barbara will be attending our November meeting to meet with us to discuss further the jobs required to be done to meet the timetable leading up to the day and for the day itself. Please register with Caroline if you can help with this event which will be special this year as we celebrate our 40 years anniversary.

### Diary Date: 25 Nov at Orpington Tesco Extra Store (Volunteers wanted)

The NWKFHS Society has been given free use of the foyer in the **Tesco Extra** store at the war memorial in **Orpington**. We shall set up a stall whereby we hope to raise the profile of NWKFHS by engaging with passing shoppers about family history, take email addresses to send further info, give out flyers and maybe sell some calendars. As this will be an all day event a rota of volunteers will be required. If you are able to help for an hour or two can you please add your name and details on the list provided at the reception desk or contact Stella Eames, the organiser, direct at

[interstellae@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:interstellae@hotmail.co.uk)

Helpers will have free parking for the duration of their attendance at the stall, alternatively there Orpington Station is nearby and the area is served by a number of local buses.

### The Family History Show, London

This commercial fair is to take place on Sunday the 24th September 2017 - 10:00 to 4:30, at

Sandown Park Racecourse,  
Portsmouth Road,  
Esher, KT10 9AJ

For details see

<http://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/london/>



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### PROJECTS Cudham Parish Registers

As reported last month, the images within the Cudham Marriage Register 1837-1900 have now been downloaded and processed ready for transcription. The register entries have been sorted into manageable packages for distribution to individual volunteers to transcribe the hand written register entries on to a standard spreadsheet.

The tools to do this work together with full instructions can all be delivered to you by email. If you have an hour or so to spare, please talk to Caroline Blackett and/or Barbara Phillips.

### The NWKFHS Emailinfoservice

This NWKFHS fortnightly information service is delivered by email and brings together the latest information about the Society and its events together with a wide range of other items of interest for family historians. You can subscribe to this service by contacting

Stella Eames, at  
[emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto: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.

### House Groups

Our March Journal printed an article by Maureen Griffiths our House Group Co-ordinator. These are small informal groups of members meeting monthly, usually in the leader's home, to discuss family history problems and developments. Since this article two more groups have been set up in Sidcup and Tunbridge Wells. An opportunity has arisen to form a new House Group in the Beckenham area. If you would be interested in joining such group please complete the attached short questionnaire and return to the signing in desk today or at the October meeting.

### Society Library & Resource Centre

Members are reminded that the NWKFHS **Library & Resource Centre** at Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, DA5 2EE is open each Wednesdays from 10am-4pm has much to offer – expert advice to discuss your problems, a vast collection of books and records together with free on line computer access to genealogy sites. Also Workshops are run at the library on Wednesdays from 10:30 – 12:30 a £5 donation is kindly requested for each workshop.

The workshop sessions have proved to be very successful and when demand is too high for a single session then the organisers will try to schedule a re-run at a later date. **So Members are therefore encouraged to indicate their interest even if a session is fully booked.** A waiting list is also created so that cancellations can be offered to interested members.

A brochure detailing the Library Workshop Programme together with details enrolling on these sessions is available at the signing in desk.

### 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.

3 Oct 2017 – 'Exploring Archives' by Pam Temple

7 Nov 2017 – 'Richmal Crompton and Bromley' by Ruth Bennett

5 Dec 2017 – 'Digitising the History of Beckenham' by Ian Muir

#### 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
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