



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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February 2019

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 meeting. Visitors are welcome, but if they wish to attend further meetings, we request that they apply for membership.

16 Feb 2019 – 'Spitalfields through the ages' - by John Halligan

City of London Guide, John Halligan, will take us on a fascinating journey through the ever-changing culture of Spitalfields from Roman times to the present day; with emphasis on the Huguenots who were French Protestants who fled persecution in France and many joined the Silk Weaving industry in Spitalfields.

17 Mar 2019 – + **Annual Meeting**

'Powers behind the throne' by Imogen Corrigan

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 Mar 2019 – 'The Siren Sea – Nations depend on it' by Imogen Corrigan

Sevenoaks Branch 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 March 2019 – + **Annual Meeting**

'Underground Britain – from factories to Military transport' by Geoffrey Beer

Bromley Branch Annual Meeting

Members are advised that the Bromley Branch Annual Meeting, at which we elect the Committee, will be held during our **March** Branch meeting.

If you wish to be considered for election to the Bromley Branch Committee you can discuss this with a committee member at the February meeting or email us at bromley@nwkhfs.org.uk. Nominations must be submitted by the 12th March 2019.

Society A.G.M 11 April 2019

The 2019 AGM on 11th April will be held this year at

Cobham Hall,
Cobham near Gravesend
Kent DA12 3BL

Full details of the AGM Programme were published in the NWKFHS December Journal. Members are reminded that the Booking form should be completed and returned with payment by the 28th February 2019.

Important Note

The Booking form for the AGM on the 11th of April published in the December Magazine was incorrect. A copy of the correct form is available today at the signing in Desk.

Shortlands House Group

The next meeting of the Shortlands House Group will be held on Thursday the 14th March 2019 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.

New members would also be very welcome to attend on a permanent basis or on a one off basis when the subject matter is of particular interest; all we ask is that you advise us on

shortlandshg@nwkhfs.org.uk or call 020 8650 7941

At our February meeting we looked into the modern forms of learning made available via the internet such as Webinars, Podcasts and You Tube

At our March meeting we intend to try our hand at group Transcribing using the Cudham Marriage Register records (see below)

However, if you would like to come along and continue to look into your 'Brick walls' you are welcome to come along and we shall have a separate help desk available to you.

PROJECTS - Cudham Marriage Register 1837-1900

Cudham is a village in the London Borough of Bromley and we are **still seeking volunteers** to transcribe the hand written register entries for these marriages on to a standard spreadsheet. The next stage in this process is to check the work of the transcribers so the record details can be processed for publication so **volunteer checkers** would also be welcome.

There is also an educational reward for the volunteer translators as it gives an insight into the background of BMD records and how they are formed. This helps to make better informed choices when you are faced with a choice of commercial records for your ancestors.

If you would like to know more about helping this Bromley Branch Project please talk to Caroline Blackett who is here today or email us for more information on bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk

Monthly Help Desk Features

NWKFHS Workshop syllabus for 2019

A schedule of Society Workshops for 2019, to be held at the Society Library, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood has been prepared. A copy of this schedule is available for inspection at this meeting on the 'Help Desk' table together with copies which Members may wish to take home to familiarize themselves with the contents of the various workshops.

Members are reminded that complete details of the workshops can also be viewed on the NWKFHS web site.

Society of Genealogists Events

The Society of Genealogists in London hosts a number of lectures/workshops and visits each month and organises visits to archives and the like. A copy of the March 2019 events is available for inspection on the Help Desk together with a few copies for Members who may have an interest in attending these events. The events are available to members and non-members

DARTFORD WALK 2April 2019

Hilary Waters has kindly arranged a members walk around Dartford on Tuesday the 2nd April, lead by Chris Bull. The walk will commence at about 11am he will point out places of interest that are easily overlooked as we rush through the historic town centre.

After a break for lunch we will be able to go behind the scenes in the Library which was built with the aid of a grant from the philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie and has served the town since 1916.

If you are interested in joining the walk please email Hilary at dartford@nwkfhs.org.uk and enter **Dartford Walk 2019** in the subject box.

Hilary will then log your details and send you more details on meeting places etc.

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.

Before most meetings you can visit the book stall and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. Non members are very welcome and are invited to make a contribution of £1 towards the cost of the meeting.

Tuesday 5th of March

Talk: 'Early and Quirky Brixton' by Chris Burton

Chris is a qualified Camden & Islington Walking Tour Guide who leads walks and talks based on the theme 'first and quirky'. On this occasion she has turned her attention south of the River.

Bromley NWKFHS Branch Committee and Task holders

Isabel Leslie*	– Chairman/Newsletter/EC rep
Helen Daniels	– Refreshments
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Pete Crawley*	– Finance Officer
David Carter*	– Genealogy Advice/Problems
Caroline Blackett*	– Minutes/Projects
Janet Akehurst*	– Secretary/Bookstall
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