



# North West Kent Family History Society

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## [BROMLEY BRANCH NEWSLETTER](http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk)

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### 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

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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.

2 Feb 2019 – 'The Inns of Court' by Ian Bevan

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 Feb 2019 – 'Underground Britain – from factories to Military transport' - by Delia Taylor

14 Mar 2019 – + Annual Meeting  
'Met Police Officer who worked Royal Protection' - by Richard Griffin

### GRO Increase charges for Certificates & Digitised (PDF) Copies of birth and death records

Increased charges for this service, which will come into force on 16 February 2019 :-

- The cost of print certificates will increase from £9.25 to £11
- The cost of digitised PDF copies will increase from £6 to £7

In addition to these increased charges, two new non-refundable fees will be brought in at the same time.

- In exchange for GRO staff carrying out a search of the index the researcher will be charged £3
- where the GRO cannot fulfil an order because the staff cannot locate the record with the information provided the researcher will be charged £3.50

The increased fees are the first pricing changes at the GRO since 2010.

**Members are reminded** that the provision of PDF copies via the internet, which was originally introduced as a pilot scheme in October 2017 has now been extended indefinitely.

The GRO site offers free searchable online indexes for birth and death records in England and Wales as follows:-

Births: 1837–1916      Deaths: 1837–1957

Wherever possible the birth index includes the mother's maiden name even from the very earliest records in 1837. The death records include the age at death even from the very earliest records in 1837.

### Shortlands House Group

The next meeting of the Shortlands House Group will be held on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> February 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@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:shortlandshg@nwkfhs.org.uk) or call 020 8650 7941

At our January meeting we proved that DNA is the 'hot topic' these days in Genealogy – four new potential group members turned up and we were twelve in all. A wide ranging and animated discussion ensued and we also managed to look at one or two 'brick walls' brought along by the members.

At our February meeting we wish to introduce **New Ways of Learning - podcasts, webinars and YouTube**. There are many such educational videos which deal with family history subjects supported by the institutions such as the BBC, TNA and LMA. Members are invited to bring along their own laptops and/or tablets to participate or alternatively hands-on practice will be made available on the PC's at 97 Hayes Lane.

**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 **urgently seeking volunteers** to transcribe the hand written register entries for these marriages on to a standard spreadsheet.

*David Cufley is running an EXCEL workshop at the Library on 30 January for those who are interested in learning the techniques required to assist with the backlog of work in the production of CDs and FMP material. This is a very important part of the Society's work and income, and requires as many people as possible to get involved. After David's workshop it will not require attendance at the library, everything is done on computer from home.*

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](mailto:bromley@nwkfhs.org.uk)

### **Workshop syllabus for 2019**

A full schedule of Society Workshops has been published for 2019. Copies of this are on the web site and available at our monthly meetings on the 'help Desk'

The new **computer group** announced in last months Newsletter has had its date altered so that the library committee can participate. It is now on the **second Wednesday** of every month. The first meeting was a very lively affair and it looks as though it will be very popular.

The new quarterly Friday writing group has also started well. Nigel is a natural leader and we all wish him well. There are still a couple of places available, if anyone wants to join him..

Also A new DNA Group – self help - will be starting on the third FRIDAY AFTERNOON (2-4pm) at the Society Library, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood.

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#### **Important Note**

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

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### **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 5<sup>th</sup> of February**

'Homes for Heroes' – The building of the first Council Estate post the Great War, on Bromley Common – *Bromley Garden City*

Talk by Pam Preedy

#### Bromley NWKFHS Branch Committee and Task holders

Isabel Leslie*	– Chairman/Newsletter/EC rep
Helen Daniels	– Refreshments
Mavis Braithwaite	– Refreshments
Pete Crawley*	– Finance Officer
David Carter*	– Genealogy Advice/Problems
Caroline Blackett*	– Minutes/Projects
Janet Akehurst*	– Secretary/Bookstall
Lynn Overton*	– Programme Secretary
Carol Clayton*	– Signing in Desk

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