

A DAY AT CHISLEHURST
You are invited to
The NWKFHS 40th Annual General Meeting and Family History Day
ON SATURDAY 14th APRIL 2018
To be held at
Farringtons School,
Perry Street,
Chislehurst Kent. BR7 6LR

We are delighted that we have been able to obtain another prestigious venue for our Special 40th Anniversary year.

The Story of the School begins in 1908. The land which Farringtons now occupies in Chislehurst had formerly been the site of a small mansion dating back to the 17th Century. Before it fell into disrepair, the house had been home to several families, including three generations of the Farrington family who lived there during the late 17th and early 18th centuries, it is from this connection that the school took its original name- Farringtons. Miss Alice Hollindrake Davies was appointed as the first Headmistress and the School opened on 21st September 1911 with 14 pupils and over the years Farringtons began to flourish

At the start of World War II, the School site was commandeered by the Government for military use. Farringtons took up a new home in Devon but in late 1940 with falling numbers the School had to close until the war ended. It eventually opened its doors again on 3rd May 1946 with 42 pupils and six staff. Presently it caters for 750 plus pupils including the Sixth Form College.

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

- 09.30am** **Registration, Coffee and Raffle Tickets**
- 10.00am** **Welcome - notices etc.**
- 10.15am** **Talk by Ian Waller:**
The times they are a' changing
- 11.30am** **Comfort break and last chance to buy Raffle Tickets**
- 12.00pm** **Annual General Meeting**
- 1.00pm** **Lunch**
Browse Stalls and Raffle draw
- 2.30pm** **Talk by Delia Taylor**
The Story of ENSA -"Every Night something Awful"
- 4.30pm** **40th Celebration Tea**
If you are staying for tea help us celebrate in style with our beautiful cake made especially for the occasion.
- 5.30pm** **Close**

If you are joining us for Lunch and / or Tea it is essential that you book in advance and return the booking form- **showing your choice of main meal-** by the **28th of February 2018** with your payment. You are welcome, of course, to bring your own lunch.

Guests of members are welcome and may use the booking form but they will not be entitled to speak or vote during the AGM.

Please return the form **even if you are only attending for the AGM**, as this will enable us to provide the correct amount of seating for the day.

Getting There

The School is situated between Sidcup and Chislehurst. From Sidcup (A20) take the A222 and shortly after passing the Vauxhall garage on the Right turn Left into Old Perry Street. Follow this nearly to the end and enter car park on the left.

From Bromley direction go straight across the war Memorial crossroads and after approx. 0.5 miles turn Right into Shepherds Green. Follow road left, -School is on the Right.

*Ample parking is available as well as facilities for the disabled.
The nearest Railway Station is Chislehurst off Summer Hill (A222).*

Our first speaker of the day will be

Ian Waller:

The times they are a' changing

40 Years of genealogical research

A lighthearted look at the changes in

The way did our research then and now.

Prior to retirement Ian was a professional genealogist for over thirty years. He is a fellow of the Society of Genealogists and has published several books in the Society's "My Ancestor" Series. He has taught Family History at both basic and advanced levels at various education centers in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire and currently lectures and runs workshops at many family history societies. Ian is no stranger to us as he has spoken at several of our AGM's and branch meetings in the past and usually has a job to get away as he is usually inundated with questions.

Our second speaker of the day will be

Delia Taylor.

The Story of ENSA or "Every Night Something Awful."

When World War II was declared, the government felt entertainment was important to keep up peoples moral. The Entertainments National Service Association was set up and entertainers were encouraged to join; over 50.000 answered the call.

So join Delia and enjoy trip down memory lane learning about the artists who would become household names and loved by millions of troops fighting around the world.

Delia has been a speaker for over 15 years she is an approved speaker for both the West Kent and East Sussex Federation of WIs. She has also spoken at other AGMs private clubs and numerous other organizations. We first met Delia last year at a Dartford branch meeting when she gave us an amazing talk on Victorian Street life.