

Journal of the East Surrey Family History Society

www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk

Volume 34 number 1 March 2011

ISSN 0141-7312



In this issue . . .

Regular features

Annual General Meeting	6
Can you help?	26
From the Chairman	2
Group meetings	4
New logo for the Society	8
News from Surrey Heritage	20
Projects Report	3
Super index list	10
Surrey Heritage events	23
Tech topic	22
Update your members' interests	23
Website round-up	17

Members' articles

Bread from Sutton	18
Council cuts	11
Why Carshalton?	16
Yoghurt, Muller and family history	13

The deadline for the June Journal is 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 1st May
All contributions should be sent to the Editor, whose contact details appear opposite

From the Chairman

Joanna Grant [9080]

Since November 2010 members with a special interest in the future of Croydon Local Studies and Archives have been active in making representations to Croydon Council's Cabinet as the Archives were threatened with closure to the public due to savings that all councils are having to make. Writing this at the end of January it is still unclear what the actual outcome will be. It would appear that it will not close to the public, but there are to be cuts, including staff, in the whole Arts and Heritage budget, which also includes the museum and other areas. So it is still "wait and see" for the final outcome of the Croydon Local Studies and Archives' future and how it will affect users. One presumes that opening hours will be cut. For further background to this, see the article on pages 11-12.

In February I will be attending a meeting about another archive and local studies centre in our area, the Kingston History Room, that plans to move in July 2011. Let's hope they are assured of a new home and no cutbacks.

I would like to welcome Paula Burger as the new Chairman of the Southwark Group; she has been a member of the Society for over five years and has been researching her family history for about twenty-five years. Paula will work alongside the Secretary, Sheila Gallagher. This Group meets six times a year on Mondays at midday – see the Group's page on the website for details (go to the Society website at www.esfhs.org.uk, and from the list in the left-hand column select 'Meetings'; on that page scroll down to the details of Southwark Group). So if you are planning a visit to do some research in London, why not include a visit to one of the Southwark meetings?

The Projects Committee is still looking for more ideas for a new logo – see pages 8-9 – so put your thinking caps on and/or if you happen to know someone who has graphic skills, please contact Rita Russell.

On pages 6-7 in this issue of the Journal you will see details of the AGM on Saturday 9th April at Croydon. The AGM itself is preceded by three talks on the census by well-known speakers in the family history world, which are free for members and non-members, so why not make a day of it and bring family and friends? The hall is five minutes walk from East Croydon Station and parking at the hall is free.

New blood on the Committee bringing new ideas and views to keep the society alive is always welcome, so please consider becoming a member. Further information about nominations will be found on page 8.

Can anyone cast back their minds to the early days of the Society when a record was kept of the outings and events? These were recorded in two photo albums but they cannot be traced. If anyone has any idea where they might be, please contact a member of the Committee. It would be a shame to lose this record of the Society's early days.

Society Annual General Meeting

on Saturday 9th April in Croydon

See further details on page 6

Projects Report

Rita Russell [7123]

We have been progressing with various pieces of Poor Law and Monumental Inscriptions so that we can add the data to the Super Name Index, free to view on the website and some onto CD. Dormansland MIs and Wimbledon MIs will be on CDs in March and April.

Work on Lingfield churchyard and Caterham Cemetery will proceed according to the weather conditions throughout the spring and summer. I also obtained permission from the Rector to transcribe and photograph the memorials inside St. Mary, Caterham, and this will have been done during February.

My best-laid plans for continuing the work on Carshalton Parish registers were scuppered by the weather so I am now attempting to move on during February.

We have completed various transcriptions in Croydon Local Studies library for the Parish Church burials and the Workhouse Infirmary Baptisms. We are now transcribing the Cane Hill Asylum burial registers. There is a question mark hanging over the future of the library but we have made our views known to Croydon Council and, hopefully by the time you read this report, the matter is settled favourably.

The Super Index has just been updated and will be again during the spring. The updated list is on the website and in this Journal – see page 10.

Group meetings

March

- | | | | |
|----|---|--------------------|-----------|
| 3 | Tracing Living Relatives and Missing People
<i>Geoff is a professional genealogist and family history researcher</i> | Dr Geoff Swinfield | Sutton |
| 12 | Marshalsea Prison | Stephen Humphrey | Richmond |
| 15 | Newspapers for Family Historians:
How to get the most from them | Celia Heritage | Croydon |
| 23 | A Soldier on Campaign | Ken Divall | Lingfield |

April

- | | | | |
|----|--|----------------|-----------|
| 9 | East Surrey Family History Society
AGM at East Croydon United Reform Church | | |
| 25 | tba | | Southwark |
| 27 | Churches, Gravestones
and Symbolism | Celia Heritage | Lingfield |

May

- | | | | |
|----|--|-----------------|-----------|
| 5 | It's where you sleep that counts
<i>Care of the poor in the 19th century; Ron is a family historian and a local historian specialising in Croydon</i> | Ron Cox | Sutton |
| 14 | Members' Meeting
<i>Share successes and failures; ask for assistance or help others; or just have a chat over a cup of tea! (Non-members very welcome)</i> | | Richmond |
| 17 | Bread, gruel & dumplings:
Life in the workhouse
<i>Ian Waller is a professional genealogist and archive researcher, a member of AGRA, with 30 years experience in English research. He has taught family history at both beginner and advanced levels at several adult education centres in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire and has lectured widely to many family and local history societies. He is the author of "My Ancestor was an Agricultural Labourer" published by the Society of Genealogists and has written many articles for the family history press.</i> | Ian Waller | Croydon |
| 25 | Photograph dating session
<i>Members are invited to bring 2 or 3 photos for Jayne to date for them</i> | Jayne Shrimpton | Lingfield |

June

- | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|
| 2 | Problems in London Ancestry | Michael Gandy | Sutton |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|

Michael is a professional genealogist, author and family history researcher

21 The Hearth Tax Peter Seaman Croydon
Peter read history at St Catherine's College Oxford. From 1982 to April 2010, when he retired he worked for TNA as an archivist. He has published three volumes on the Norfolk Hearth Tax and is still a volunteer at TNA. He was recently made an Honorary Research Fellow of Roehampton University.

22 London maps Alan Rushton Lingfield

July

7 Nonsuch Jeremy Harte Sutton
Jeremy is the Curator of the Bourne Hall Museum, Ewell

9 English Occupational Records Chris Watts Richmond

19 Members' evening Croydon

27 Land tax assessments Eric Probert Lingfield

August

4 My Ancestors Abroad Chris Pocock Sutton
Looking at emigration: Chris is a family historian and Secretary of the Sutton Group of the East Surrey FHS

Croydon: United Reformed Church (small hall), Addiscombe Grove, Croydon
3rd Tuesday (except August and December); 8.00 p.m.
Secretary: Mary Gill (020 8405 0598)

Lingfield: Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield
4th Wednesday (except August and December); 2.30 p.m.
Secretary: Rita Russell (01342 834648)

Richmond: Vestry House, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond
2nd Saturday of alternate months; 2.30 p.m.
Secretary: David Carter (020 8642 6437)

Southwark: Southwark Local History Library, behind John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High Street, London, SE1
Last Monday of alternate months; 12 noon
Secretary: Sheila Gallagher (020 8337 8580)

Sutton: St Nicholas's Church Hall, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton
1st Thursday; 8.00 p.m.
Secretary: Chris Pocock (020 8642 6789)

Doors usually open 30 minutes before the start of the meeting. Please check the Society website www.esfhs.org.uk for future meetings and last-minute alterations.

Please check the date carefully as the Groups meet at different times of the week.

East Surrey Family History Society Annual General Meeting

Counting the people and the Law of Unintended Consequences

Saturday 9th April 2011

United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon, CR0 5LP

SPEAKERS, HELP DESK, DISPLAYS

Timetable of events

10.00 Doors open

10.30 Welcome

10.35 Else Churchill:
Census Records and Census Substitutes before 1841
The first official census was taken in 1801 and some records may be found. However, there are earlier records that resemble censuses that can also be of help to family historians. Else is the Genealogy Officer of the Society of Genealogists

11.30 Break

11.45 Audrey Collins:
1911 Census
Despite having no English ancestry of her own Audrey has been researching English genealogy for more than 20 years. She is currently part of the TNA Expertise Online team and has written books on English genealogy

12.45 Lunch and help desk

- 2.00 David Annal:
Counting the people: census returns online
A census of England and Wales has been taken every ten years since 1801. The schedules for 1841 to 1911 are now available online. This talk will introduce some essential techniques for searching online databases and provide some clues to help you track down your elusive ancestors. David Annal became a professional family historian in 1990 and, from 1998 was employed by TNA, working at the FRC and Kew. He has written a number of books and was a regular magazine columnist.
- 3.00 Break
- 3.30 AGM of East Surrey Family History Society
- 4.00 Doors close
-
-

The display this year will be

Census Surprises!

Did the enumerator or the transcriber mangle the entry beyond recognition? Were they somewhere very different from expected? Or were they in a small, local census before the 1800s?

Bring us your stories!

Display size should be no larger than A3 (297mm x 420mm).

Entries may be brought along on the day or delivered to a Committee Member prior to the meeting.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available throughout the day.

New logo for the Society

Rita Russell [7123]

In the December Journal I asked for ideas for a new logo. So far the designs on the next page have been received and these will be on display at the AGM on 9th April.

It is not too late to send your design or any comments you have either to me or to our Chairman, Joanna Grant (contact details are inside the front cover). The only thing I would say about keeping the existing version is that the display material we have is getting to the end of its life and the committee thought it would be a chance to update our image.

Learning for life

The Workers' Educational Association (WEA), in association with East Surrey College, is running a course on Family History.

This is an opportunity to explore different methods of researching your family using various resources, including some of those available online and in libraries, and to create a basic family tree.

The course runs for four weekly sessions and starts on Thursday 10th March, 10.00 – 12.00 noon. It will take place at Tandridge Community Learning Centre, de Stafford, Burntwood Lane, Caterham, CR3 5YX. The cost of the course (reference C3730058) is £40 or £20 for those entitled to fee remission.

To book a place, or to find further details, telephone 0800 328 1060 or look at www.southern.wea.org.uk.

Nominations for Committee Members

Nominations for members of the Executive Committee are invited from any member of the Society. No qualifications are required, just an interest in family history and the Society. The Committee meets six times per year on the third Thursday of alternate months, starting with January. For convenience the meetings are held at the URC, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon, which is a central location with good bus, train and tram links as well as parking.

If you need any more information then please get in contact with me, Sue Adams, at secretary01@eastsurreyfh.org.uk or speak to any Committee member at meetings.



East Surrey
Family History Society

East Surrey



Family History Society

East Surrey



Family History Society



E+S
FHS



Super index list and codes

A01/1	Addington	Marriages
A01/2	Ashtead St Giles	Monumental Inscriptions
B04/1	Battersea	Poor Law Records
B08/1	Bletchingley St Mary	Monumental Inscriptions
C01/1	Camberwell Old Cemetery	Burials
S08/6	Carriage Tax	Name Index
C02/1	Carshalton All Saints	Monumental Inscriptions
C03/1	Caterham St Mary & St Lawrence	Parish registers & some MIs
C05/2	Charwood Providence Chapel	Monumental Inscriptions
C09/1	Chessington St Mary The Virgin	Monumental Inscriptions
C12/1	Coulsdon St Andrew	Burials
C14/1	Croydon Christ Church	Burials
C14/6	Croydon Poor Law	Settlements
C14/4	Croydon St Peter	Burials
E99	Exiles To Australia	Name & place of arrival
F02/1	Felbridge St John The Devine	Burials
G01/1	Gatton St Andrew	Monumental Inscriptions
S08/5	Hants Police born In Surrey	Date of joining police & PoB
H05/1	Horne St Mary	Monumental Inscriptions
I01/1	Ifield Friends Burial Ground	Monumental Inscriptions
J01/1	Journal 1977-2002	Volume numbers/articles
K01/1	Kennington St Mark	Monumental Inscriptions
K01/2	Kennington Vauxhall Chapel	Burials
L01/5	Lambeth - Stockwell Chapel	Baptisms 1777 - 1807
L01/4	Lambeth Scot & Irish	Settlement Examinations
L01/1	Lambeth St Mary	Baptisms, Marriages & Burials
L03/1	Leigh St Bartholomew	Monumental Inscriptions
L07/1	Lowfield Heath St Michael	Monumental Inscriptions
M03/1	Merstham St Katherine	Monumental Inscriptions
M05/1	Mitcham St Peter & St Paul	Baptisms & Burials
N01/1	Newdigate St Peter	Monumental Inscriptions
N06/1	Nutfield St Peter & St Paul	Monumental Inscriptions
O01/2	Outwood Baptist Chapel	Monumental Inscriptions
O01/1	Outwood St John The Baptist	Monumental Inscriptions
R01/1	Redhill St John The Evangelist	Monumental Inscriptions
R02/3	Reigate	Poor Law Records
R02/2	Reigate Friends Meeting House	Monumental Inscriptions
R02/1	Reigate St Mary Magdelene	Monumental Inscriptions
S03/1	Sidlow Bridge Emmanuel	Monumental Inscriptions
S04/1	Smallfield Ebenezer Chapel	Monumental Inscriptions
S05/10	Southwark Chapel Long Lane	Burials
S05/12	Southwark Ebenezer Chapel	Burials
S05/9	Southwark Marriage Licences	Full transcripts from Licences
S05/11	St George's Fields Cath Chapel	Baptisms
S08/1	Surrey Strays	Names/data (other counties)
L01/3	Westminster Lying-In Hospital	Settlement Examinations

Council cuts

Brenda Hawkins [785]

After the previous journal had gone to press in mid-November, Croydon residents learned that Croydon Council proposed making cuts to Arts & Heritage in the Borough. There were five options, varying from 'do nothing' to cuts of approximately £1.5m, which would close virtually everything. The Local Studies Library & Archive Service falls within this heading.

There was an online survey (with its leading questions) and various workshops to enable the public to make representations. This coincided with the Christmas period, snow and seasonal ailments. I attended the workshop on the archive service, along with several other East Surrey members and a lot of local historians. We value and are lucky enough to visit the LSL&AS in person. It is a marvellous resource, manned by hugely knowledgeable, dedicated & friendly staff. We argued for the preservation of the service to Sara Bashford who is the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Culture & Sport. There were letters sent to councillors, newspapers and Members of Parliament.

When the results of the online survey were published, it is unsurprising that few people advocated cuts and those that did wished the cuts to be minimal. The archives were not the most valued service (others facing cuts were a museum, a cinema and a free festival). Many people skipped the question asking how services might be delivered differently.

We learnt in mid January that the cabinet proposed choosing the most drastic cuts. Sentiment and invective had no influence. All their decisions were based largely on financial argument or statutory obligation. We will still have a museum purely because an external body would otherwise require repayment of a large grant. The cinema will close, despite its popularity. As regards Local Studies and Archives: "There has been a large scale and consistent message regarding the importance of retaining the Local Studies & Borough Archive in some form, with substantial representation from service users, scholars and local history societies.

"The Borough Archive is unique. It is a designated place of deposit for the National Archive, and it contains significant loans from individuals and societies and provides an important resource for such societies, local businesses, the council (Freedom of Information Act request), and national and regional public bodies. Any hiatus in service provision would keep the existing archive but would fundamentally damage the integrity of the resource which would quickly become moribund."

I have quoted the above extract in full, so that you may see which arguments did work. The Cabinet realised that they could not close the Local Studies service and revised their proposals to retain it “with a value for money exercise conducted on its optimum operating model and opening hours, ensuring that there is no hiatus in the archive collection for future generations”

I attended the Cabinet Meeting on Monday 24th January to register physical support and see if I could glean any further details. It was the first such time I have been to the town hall. The level of discussion would have disgraced a school debating society. The Labour councillors neither made practical suggestions nor had given sufficient warning of useful questions on costs. Most of the time was taken with irrelevancies and political mudslinging on all sides. The Cabinet was all Conservative, so in the end the vote was unanimous, without amendment.

So now we wait. In total, some 32-33 staff will be made redundant. Of the four LSL&AS staff, we have no idea how many posts will remain or who will fill them. Chris Bennett, the archivist, is not a native Croydonian but he is passionate about the place and the records. If we lose him, we lose a wealth of expertise.

Croydon is not the only council looking to save costs. News has just come that Devon too will be making draconian cuts. There is a perception that the internet will allow us all to look at everything without needing to visit an archive. Commercial companies are very eager to digitise what will make them money. The National Archives recognise that they will never put their entire collection online because the exercise would not be cost-effective. This is equally true of regional archives. There is much material of unrecognised importance possibly in need of conservation, even uncatalogued. As users, we see very little of the workload of an archivist. It has not decreased over the years and is likely to become yet more onerous. Please, all of you, consider not only Croydon. We have only won the first round and have no idea what the future holds. But we must continue to demonstrate, in every way we can, how valuable our archives and archivists are. If the country loses archivists, the future of our archives is at risk.

Journal back issues

Back issues may be obtained, subject to availability, from the Treasurer, Gill Hyder. Postal and email address are listed inside the front cover of the journal. Please send £1.00 per copy to cover the cost of postage and packing.

Please note that extra copies of the current year's journals may be obtained, subject to availability, from the Membership Secretary.

Yoghurt, Muller and Family History

Maureen Harrison [6674]

Until recently I connected the name Muller only with yoghurt, but then I started researching the history of my husband's maternal grandfather. Born in 1871, Harry Pedder spoke little about his family, and it was assumed he had no siblings. The only fact passed down through the family was that he went to sea as a young man to escape from an unpopular stepmother. He certainly went to sea because we still have his old sea chest.

Tracking the family back wasn't a problem. The 1871 census showed his parents Edgar & Lucy (née Higbee), living in Islington with their two daughters Minnie (Lucy Minnie) and Marianne (Mary Anne Matilda Howe), aged 4 and 2. Edgar came from a family of booksellers who traded in and around Holywell and Wych streets. This area was a centre for second hand books in Victorian times, although also notorious for pornography. These streets of tall decrepit houses were swept away at the beginning of the 20th century, when the LCC demolished about 28 acres of slum dwellings to create Kingsway and the Aldwych. The book trade then moved to Charing Cross Road, where it can still be found today.

Lucy Holmes, Clara Higbee's father, was a dairyman in the city and Lucy was a waistcoat maker at the time of her marriage.

By 1881, however, the family had disappeared. Checking other records and obtaining death certificates it was clear that both parents had died of TB, Edgar in 1874 and Lucy in 1877, so there was no wicked stepmother but possibly an unloved foster mother. Tracing the children was harder, Minnie was soon found living with her paternal aunt, Harry had disappeared completely, and the only Mary A M Pedder of the right age and birthplace was living in an orphanage in Bristol at The New Orphan House, Ashley Down.

Searching the Internet I soon found the history of these homes. George Muller from Prussia lead a dissolute life as a young man, but when he was 20, he repented, and converted to Christianity. In 1829 he moved to London to train as a missionary. By 1834 he was living in Bristol, but seeing the number of homeless children, due to a cholera epidemic, he realised that urgent action was needed, and campaigned for the opening of children's homes. Initially three





houses were converted, but with increasing need, additional funds were raised and in 1849 the first purpose built home was built at Ashley Down, just outside the city boundary. By 1870 there were five houses accommodating 2,000 children.

Among information for family historians were details of how copies of the records of these children could

be obtained on payment of a fee, but there was no guarantee of the quality or quantity of that information. Having seen some negative comments on the Internet about the amount of information somebody had received, I didn't pursue it at that time.

I continued looking for Mary Ann, but couldn't find her in the 1891 census, although Harry was now listed as a sailor. Unable to find a marriage for her, I checked for a death and found a possible match in 1886 in the Ashley area of Bristol. I sent for the certificate assuming that that would close the records for Mary Ann. However when the certificate arrived, it was for a Mary Ann Pedder, age 17, of the Orphan House, Ashley Down, but it stated that she was the daughter of George Pedder, a labourer, not William Pedder, Bookseller. Alas, despite the healthier air and good food in the home she had also died of TB.

I mulled over it a while and eventually emailed the Muller Foundation, asking how accurate the information on the death certificate was likely to be. By return I received confirmation that not only was she my Mary Ann, but also that she had entered the home with a hitherto unknown younger sister, Louisa Kate.

This was news indeed, so a cheque for £50 was promptly sent to Bristol, and it didn't seem too long before a fat envelope arrived on the doormat. What a wealth of information that envelope contained!

Copies of birth, and marriage certificates, details of admission and dismissal to the Ashley home, vaccination certificates and reports from St Marys workhouse, Islington, where the family had obviously been living. One document recorded that the two girls had been there from February to November and that the cost of their maintenance had been about £40. Their teacher stated that Mary Ann had always been a "well conducted, good and intelligent child", while Louisa Kate was said to be "a rather sulky child". Not surprising when you consider that by the age of four she had spent long periods in the workhouse and had lost both her parents.

Among the papers were several letters from a Miss Howell from Surbiton, who had been active in petitioning the Muller homes on behalf of the children. William and Lucy had married in The Liverpool Road Methodist Chapel, so this lady was most likely connected with the church. She certainly persevered, and when informed that there was room for the two girls, but not for Harry, she continued to try other establishments in the area, so that the children would not be split up. So did Harry stay in Islington or was a home found for him in the Bristol area?

A very useful document was the declaration to accept responsibility for the girls if they had to leave the school. This was signed by all the close relatives, and gave their names, addresses, occupations and relationship, and enabled me to fill in many blanks on the family tree. Grandfather was by this time a coffee house keeper in Clapham Road, Kennington.

The final letter from Miss Howell gave details of the girls' journey from London to Bristol on December 4th accompanied, she hoped, by their grandfather. The train was due to leave London at 7.00 a.m. arriving at Bristol at 1.35 p.m. I would imagine this was possibly the longest or maybe the only train journey experienced by the sisters in their short lives.

Louisa Kate remained at Ashley Down until she was eighteen. All children seemed to have been well cared for at the home with sufficient if plain food, smart uniforms good accommodation, an education and outings, although religion was high on the agenda. It was the custom for girls to be found domestic situations at the end of their stay, and Louisa was sent as a general servant to a



family in Ramsgate. All children leaving were provided with a trunk and outfits of clothes, theirs to keep provided they stayed at least a year at the job. In exchange prospective employers were quizzed on their religious beliefs, to ensure that all the children went to good Christian homes.

By the middle of the 20th century and the introduction of the Welfare State, change was under way. The homes were sold to the local Education Authority, and the children were rehoused in smaller family units. Today most of the buildings have been, or are in the process of being, converted into smart private apartments.

Earlier this year we visited the small museum in Bristol detailing the work of George Muller. Here can be found original samples of the uniforms worn by the children, including the bonnets worn by the girls pre 1930. There are examples of the needlework produced by the girls, who were also expected to make their own clothes. Among the many photos on display were some taken in the 1890s. I wonder if Louisa Kate was among the sea of faces?

Since receiving the documents from the Muller Home, I have been to the LMA searching the workhouse archives. I have found some records, but not that elusive piece of information showing where Harry went; but with winter here I will go back and try again. I have found out that Harry and his older sister Minnie, when both married, settled close together in the Camberwell area, so they obviously maintained contact.

As for Louisa Kate, she has vanished again. Did she stay her required year in her first situation, or did she move on as soon as possible, and return her outfits to The Ashley Homes? I will keep searching!

Why Carshalton?

*T E Savage [10057]
15 Russell Avenue, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 2ED*

Could somebody with a good knowledge of late 19th century Carshalton please help solve a small family mystery?

My great-grandfather William Savage and his wife Mary Ann (née Howe) had eleven children. They were all baptised and brought up in the Southwark area – and were, apparently, all born there with the exception of James (1879) and Henry (1880) who gave Carshalton as their place of birth, unlike their father William who was somewhat unreliable in this matter (on the census returns he is a ‘box maker’ and on the baptism information a ‘boat-builder’!).

In short, what would have been the attraction of Carshalton, which I presume was a small village at the time? I am not aware of any ancestors living there – but perhaps there were some I have yet to discover.

Website round up

Brian Hudson [7324]

www.sharehistory.org – previously called HistoryPie, this site is described as ‘a place where we can build up an archive of our history’. One you have completed the free sign-up there is unlimited space to upload photos, documents and memories (what format do memories come in?), but be warned, whatever is loaded is on public view, it cannot be restricted. Currently it is possible to search or browse the content by name or description. A search for ‘Surrey’ produced no results but perhaps this will be rectified with a location browser that is on the way.

www.photodetective.co.uk – If you have photographs taken during the first half of the 20th century and you want to find out more about them, then use this website to seek out clues from items in the photograph. The site is divided up into different eras starting with the Edwardian period, 1900 – 1914 and finishing in the post WW2 period, 1945 – 1953. Depending on the period, there are different categories in which to look for clues. The 1920’s has three headings; Hair & Hats, Clothing and Other; while WW2 has Military, Civilian and Home Front. There are then subheadings for specific topics e.g. Pompadour hairstyle, ladies fob watch, military buttons, British Red Cross and pig clubs. Even if you don’t have a photograph to investigate, the various heading are worth looking at anyway, even if it is just to reminisce about the New Look, Austerity Fashion or National Service.

www.wwiifire.co.uk (best viewed with Internet Explorer) – I found this website from a link in the *National Fire Service* topic in the photodetective website. With a title of **Heroes with Grimy Faces** it is a living history group for WW2 Fire Services i.e. National Fire Service (NFS) and Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS). It includes the minutiae of the services such as the tunic and helmet rank markings as well as the fire force structure with regions, districts and HQ’s for both the NFS and AFS. There are details of their 2011 season of shows where they will be on display in their authentic uniforms. A sobering page is the memorial to the many fire fighters lost during the war years.

I had a special interest in this website since my late father served in the fire service during the war. Thankfully he survived or I would not be around to write this.

Incidentally if you are interested in WW2 fire services the Imperial War Museum have produced a DVD **Fire Service At War** (£9.99 plus P&P) which includes 3 films looking at the role of the Fire Service in wartime England. See **www.iwmshop.org.uk** for details.

Bread from Sutton

Rita Russell [7123]

This is an extract from the Sutton Vestry Minute Book 1810 –1829, giving a ‘List of Persons who received the Bread given by the Parish of Sutton, January 31st 1827’. The columns show forename, surname, abode, number of loaves received, and any notes.

Thos	ALLEN		2	
Widow	ATRIDES		1	
Jane	ATRIDES		1	
Geo	BAILEY		1	
Wid'ow	BAILEY		1	
Jos'h	BOORER		1	
Wm	BROUGHTON		1 1/2	
Eliz'h	BROUGHTON		1	
Rich'd	BUCKFIELD		2	
Sam'l	BUCKFIELD		1 1/2	
Thos	CEALE		2	
Geo	CEALE		2	
Not Shown	CHATFIELD		1	Chatfield's Child
Thos	CHILMAN		1 1/2	
James	CHILMAN		2 1/2	
Night'e	COOKOW		2 1/2	
Will'm	EADE	Mitcham	2 1/2	
James	EASTED	Mitcham	3	
John	EDMONDS		1	
[-]	FRANKS	Mitcham	3	
Wm	GARDNER		1	
Caroline	GILHAM		1	
Eliz'h	GOODYER		1	
Widow	HARRIS		1	
Wm	HASGOOD		2 1/2	
Wm	HASELL		1 1/2	
Jn	HEATH		2	
Maria	HEAVER		1	Heaver's Child
Jos'h	HILLER		3	
Geo	HOLMES		2	
Charles	HORTON	Carshalton	2	
Thos	HOSKINS		5	
Thos	ILES		2	

James	JEFFERY		2	
Jas	JOHNSON		2	
Edw'd	JOHNSON		4	
John	JOHNSON		3	
Hy	KILLICK		2 1/2	Senr
Hy	KILLICK		2 1/2	Jnr
Jn	KILLICK		2	
Wm	KILLICK		2	
J'n	KNIGHT		3	
Widow	LADD		1	
Edw'd	LADD		2	
Rich'd	LADD		3	
Widow	LADD		1	Ladd's Boy
Jas	LADD		2	
Thos	LADD		1	
James	LLOYD		3	
John	MARTEN		3	
Charles	MAY		3	
Richard	MILLS		1 1/2	
Widow	PARROTT		2	
John	PETERS		3	
Widow	PHIPPS	Epsom	2	
Geo	PRATT		2	
Mrs	PYE		3 1/2	
Thos	PYE			
Jas	RICKETTS		3	
Thos	SANDERS		3 1/2	(Brickf[iel]d)
Thos	SANDERS		3 1/2	(Wooden leg)
Widow	SHALLCROSS		1 1/2	
Dorothy	SHALLCROSS		1 1/2	
Thos	SKELTON		1 1/2	
Widow	STANLEY	Mitcham	2	
Winif'd	STANLEY	Ewell	2	
Giles	TAYLOR		2	
Jane	WALLEN		1	Wallen's Boy
Edw'd	WARLEY		3 1/2	
John	WATTS		3 1/2	
Chas	WHITE		2	
Hy	WHITE		3	
Jn	WHITE		3	
William	WOKES		2 1/2	
John	WOOD		2	

News from Surrey Heritage

Julian Pooley, Team Leader, Heritage Public Services

December was marked by our two-week closure for stocktaking and to undertake some of the major tasks that it is hard to find time for when our public searchroom is open. A huge amount of cataloguing of records, publications, photographs and illustrations took place and many recently deposited records received proper packaging for their long term preservation and were then moved to our strongrooms. Despite the best efforts of the weather to thwart our endeavours it proved an invaluable opportunity to make real progress in getting still more of our holdings properly documented and accessible to researchers. For much of the two week period, for example, our large searchroom table was hidden by piles of large loose files and stray pages of case notes of patients at St Ebba's Hospital in Epsom. This was one of the 'Epsom Cluster' of mental hospitals established by the London County Council in the early twentieth century. It generally catered for people suffering from epilepsy – which at that time was seen as a mental condition – but accepted people suffering from a wider range of mental illnesses as well. In the hectic days leading up to the hospital's closure in the 1990s we managed to rescue thousands of case files from attics, sheds and cupboards across the hospital site and although many of them were in good condition and easily cleaned and boxed up, there were many more that were strewn across dirty floors and all we could do at the time was wrap them in bundles and give brief descriptions in our catalogue. My colleague Laura Walker, has now sorted them all, rebuilt files and prepared an index to the 2078 patients they represent, covering the years 1903 - c1939.

Accessions have come in at a steady rate, for which we are grateful to all our depositors and donors. Notable among them were the papers of the artist Edward Wilkins Waite (1854-1924) (reference 8752). Waite was a highly accomplished landscape artist, born in Leatherhead, and residing for many years in Peaslake and Abinger. He painted many beautiful views of the Surrey countryside and the deposited records include sketch books and record books, allowing researchers to track the development of his compositions and the sale and subsequent journeys of his paintings. We also took in papers of one of England's finest cricketers, Sir Alec Bedser, CBE, OBE, who died in 2010 (reference 8738). Bedser and his identical twin Eric, also a cricketer, lived in Woking for many years, and the records we have taken in include many mementos of his playing days with Surrey and England and also of his stint as chairman of selectors, 1969-81, and manager of the tours of Australia and India in 1979/80. We were also delighted to receive a file of correspondence accumulated by the Chaldon parish committee, established under

the 1914 Defence of the Realm Act, as an emergency measure at the outbreak of World War I. The file chiefly comprises letters and instructions from Sir Jeremiah Colman, chairman of the South Eastern Area Local Emergency Committee, and includes parish returns of farm stock, labour and tools and letters relating to the selection of special constables and the raising of a Surrey Motor Volunteer Corps (reference 8760). Finally mention might be made of a set of First Day Covers and stamps issued by the Epsom Pirate Postal Service during the National Postal Strike of 1971, a fascinating relic of an earlier winter of discontent!

Our project, in conjunction with Surrey Wildlife Trust and Surrey Archaeological Society and a superb team of volunteers, to digitise our tithe maps and transcribe the related apportionments, is progressing well. At the time of writing 46 apportionments had been completed and almost all of the remaining 57 were being worked on. It is intended that parish CDs containing the map and transcribed apportionment will be available for purchase during the course of the spring and early summer.

We are now looking forward to a busy year of events and activities. At the time of writing (early January) we are busily preparing our stand and materials for the Bracknell Family History Fair on 30 January and for the *Who Do You Think You Are?* Live show at Olympia on 25-27 February. We also have a series of fascinating displays in our foyer throughout the early part of the year. In February we will be marking Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans-sexual (LGBT) History Month 2011, with more stories of Surrey's LGBT past and present. A new online bibliography and guide to tracing LGBT history will also be launched. This is very much work in progress, so if you would like to volunteer to carry out LGBT research with us over the coming year we would be delighted to hear from you. Similarly if you have material relating to the county's LGBT past or present, whether personal recollections or records of organisations, we would very much like to receive them. Please contact Di Stiff for further details on 01483 518740.

Taking inspiration from the BBC project 'A History of the World in 100 Objects', Surrey Museums Month 2011 will focus on objects around the county that have played an important role in shaping Surrey's history. It is hoped that the objects will bring to life key moments in Surrey's past - discoveries, inventions, people, trade and industry, arts and crafts, and contributions to society that have influenced the people and places of Surrey, and those further afield. Many of Surrey's museums will be taking part but we are also preparing a selection of particularly significant documents that we can copy and display in our foyer and online on Exploring Surrey's Past, <http://www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk>.

In May we will be hosting a display called 'Making Britain – South Asian Visions of Home and Abroad, 1870-1950. This is part of a project organised by The British Library, together with King's College London, the Open University and Oxford University, which examines the contributions made by South Asians to Britain's literary, political and cultural life. It will show how South Asians positioned themselves within British society and culture, and explore the significance of their impact on British life. We are hoping that one of the curators will be available to introduce the exhibition and give a talk about the project on Saturday 14 May, so please check the events page on our website www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistorycentre for confirmation and further details.

Finally, If you have hit a brick wall in your family research, why not come to our FREE *Who Do You Think You Are* session on 5 April, 12.00 - 14.00 at Camberley Library for advice from an expert from Surrey History Centre.

Our *Family History on the Internet Workshop*, also on 5 April, 10.30 – 12.00 at Camberley Library, will be ideal for newcomers to family history and more experienced researchers who have not yet used the Internet. The workshops will introduce you to some useful websites to assist your research as well as online catalogues, the Surrey History Centre Collections catalogue, census data and military records. Non-library members are most welcome but basic keyboard and mouse skills are needed for the workshop. Ticket price is £5. Advance booking is essential for the workshop, either by phone on 0300 200 1001 or by visiting the library.

Tech Topic – File types - Part 6

.gif The file extension for the Graphics Interchange Format

This widely used graphics file format was introduced in 1987 by CompuServe. It is known as a bitmap image format, the full description of which is rather more than this column is intended to cover. In simple terms a bitmap is one bit* per pixel#. There are up to 8 bits per pixel, which allows for 256 different colours. It is not a suitable format for colour photographs due to the colour limitations, but is suited to simple images such as drawings and logos. To keep graphics files small without losing quality the images are compressed using a special technique.

*bit (Binary digiT) is the basic information unit in computing.

#pixel (PIX [picture] ELeMent) is the smallest unit of a display screen.

Time to update your Members' Interests for 2011

Many enquiries come in to Peter Grant, our Members' Interests Co-ordinator, and they are very often of great mutual benefit to both enquirer and member. Looking through the data we hold, it is obvious that a lot of entries have not been updated for a long time. Are all those entries still relevant? Do some need to be removed or others added?

Some Societies restart their Members' Interests from time to time to ensure their lists are completely up to date, but it is a lot of time and effort that can best be spent on other things. Now is the time to check up on your entries before the 2011 Directory of Members' Interests (DMI) is produced. Please also make sure we have your current email address if you want us to contact you by email.

You may leave your entry as it is but if you want your contribution updated for the 2011 DMI the amendments must reach Peter by March 31st. You can do this by email or post; contact details are inside the cover of this journal. You can also visit the DMI section on our website which includes a list of the interests' data we hold by membership number (but not your name or home or email addresses), there are also forms to update your interests. If you do not use the internet see the September 2009 Journal for more information or write to the co-ordinator.

Peter is waiting for your emails and post right now . . .



Surrey Heritage Events

Surrey Museums Month: A History of Surrey in 50 Objects

Taking inspiration from the hugely successful British Museum and BBC project *A History of the World in 100 Objects*, this April's Surrey Museums Month will focus on objects around the county that have played an important role in shaping Surrey's fascinating history. Through these we hope to share key moments, discoveries, people, trades, arts and crafts that have influenced the people and places of Surrey, and many further afield. Keep watch for developments on www.exploringsurreyspast.org.uk from mid-February, building up to a whole month of activities, exhibitions and events throughout April.

Identification and Recording of Finds

on the second Saturday of each month, 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. at Guildford Museum (01483 444750). As part of the Portable Antiquities Scheme, come along to Guildford Museum and see David Williams, Surrey Finds Liaison Officer. For metal detectorists and other finders of objects of archaeological interest.

Private Minds, Public Collections

Thursday 3 March 2011, at The Lightbox, Woking. Doors open 6.30, event starts at 7.00 p.m. Advance booking required (£6 adults, £5 concessions: admission includes a glass of wine. www.lightbox.org.uk).

Julian Pooley, of Surrey History Centre, explores the renowned work of the Centre with Woking Mind, with former patients and staff of Brookwood Hospital, with theatre and broadcasting organisations and others, demonstrating the many possible uses of public records of mental health, both for individuals and for wider audiences.

Making Britain Exhibition

Tuesday 3 – Friday 27 May 2011 at Surrey History Centre: admission free

The 'Making Britain' team in partnership with the British Library is delighted to present the touring panel exhibition 'South Asians Making Britain, 1858-1950'. The display focuses on a wide range of South Asian-British networks and interactions including South Asian contributions to sport, the arts, domestic, cultural and intellectual life, resistance and activism, as well as national and global politics. It has been developed from the extensive research of the project, examining a wealth of new material from archives in India, Sri Lanka, the United States and Britain. The exhibition has been funded by the AHRC, The Open University and The British Library. Available during normal opening hours.

Family History on the Internet Workshops

These workshops are for newcomers to family history research who have not yet used the internet for online resources. The workshops will introduce you to some useful websites to assist your research as well as look at online catalogues, the Surrey History Centre Collections catalogue, census data and military records. Non-library members are most welcome but basic keyboard and mouse skills are needed for these workshops.

Duration: 1½ hours (10.30 a.m. until 12 noon). Ticket price £5. Advance booking is essential for these workshops, either by phone on 0300 200 1001 or by visiting the library.

Walton Library	Tuesday 29 March
Horley Library	Friday 20 May
Camberley Library	Tuesday 5 April
Godalming Library	Monday 20 June
Farnham Library	Wednesday 13 July

Ask the Expert

Ask the Expert sessions offer a one to one opportunity for you to chat through beginning your research and how to take your research further. Ask the Expert sessions will run from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. on the day between workshops. You do not need to be booked into the workshops in order to make use of the expert's knowledge: these sessions are open to all.

No need to book for this session, just drop in. Dates and venues are as in the previous section.

Family History Day

Want to know how to trace your family history? Interested in local history research? Come and ask an expert from Surrey History Centre. We are offering Who Do You Think You Are – Ask the Expert sessions at two of our libraries (Camberley on Tuesday 5th April and Epsom on Saturday 5th November) plus Family History on the internet workshops on the same day.

For content of the workshops see above for details.

The Vision – Tales from Ockenden

First the play, then the exhibition and now the book!

This limited publication, *A Suitcase Full of Recollections: The Vision*, is published in paperback, with approximately 225 pages in an A5 format and full colour images of the production and the rehearsals. Including contributions from cast and crew - from the heartfelt and to the hilarious – the book also features the script of the play and the song lyrics. It is a fantastic momento! Price is £7.99. To order copies please email Anna Molesworth of the Woking Community Play Association on a.molesworth@ntlworld.com or call her on 01483 832089.

Can you help?

Gerrett / Gerritt / Gerratt / Eldridge

Roger Sutton [6586]

My grandmother was Florence Amy Gerrett (1877 – 1967). I have traced the Gerrett line back to Thomas Gerrett, who married Ann Eldridge (who was from Bampton, Oxfordshire) on 25th August 1799 at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Westminster. He was a resident of 4 Little New Street, St Bride, City of London. He later moved to 40 Pitt Street, Southwark. He was described as a silk mercer and gentleman. He had a large family; his children were baptised at churches mainly in Lambeth, Newington and Southwark.

He died on 15th February 1839 aged 63. His Administration in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury referred to him as ‘Tom Gerrett alias Gerritt alias Gerratt’. His business address was 4 Chapel Place South, South Audley Street, Grosvenor Square, Mayfair. The Administration said he was originally from Godstone, Surrey.

Pigot’s 1839 Directory includes a reference to William Gerritt, blacksmith of Godstone; but there is no baptism entry for my Thomas Gerrett in the Godstone Parish Register. The surname is extremely rare and appears to come from Belgium, the Netherlands or France. It could be Sephendi Jewish (this community in the Netherlands dealt in silk), but this is just one possibility.

Can anyone help me, please?

Judd / Ellis

Sally Mitchell [10050]

jmit.1@tiscali.co.uk or 56, Stuart Avenue, Walton on Thames, Surrey, KT12 2AA

I am trying to find more details of a relative of mine called Joseph Judd, b1893 in Battersea. In the 1901 census he can be found living with his family: Father Joseph b1861, Mother b1859, sisters Emma b1896, Kate b1898, Ruth b1900. Ruth married George Ellis; they had two daughters and lived in Streatham.

The family also lived at 96 Grant Road and Knox Road in Clapham Junction.

58974 Bombardier Joseph Judd of 130 Battery Royal Field Artillery. 130 Battery – a regular unit – was part of 40 Brigade RFA in 2nd division and was stationed in the Salisbury Plain area in peace; it went to France in mid August 1914. It remained on the Western Front for the rest of the war. Joseph died of wounds (in France and Flanders 16th/May/1915).

Can you help?

Joseph senior's family came from Oxfordshire.

I would be very grateful for any information regarding Joseph Judd and his family and possibly his army unit.

Marshall

Rosemary Weston

44 Moorend Road, Yardley Grobion, Towcester, Northants, NN12 7UF

I am writing to ask if you have any information about John Marshall (1812 – 1899) or his son John Fitz Marshall (1859 – 1932) who both lived in George Street, Croydon, and were artists and photographers.

My reason for asking is that I have glass negatives produced by one or both men and would be keen to know more about their work and of the people and places.

I wonder if any Marshalls still live in the Croydon area?

Father Patrick Thomas Grace Savage DD

T E Savage [10057]

15 Russell Avenue, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 2ED

We are urged not to discount entirely handed-down family 'stories'. Well, mine is simply that an ancestor was an important religious figure in Winchester. The only possible 'candidate' I have managed to unearth is the above-named Father Patrick.

He was a much-respected Roman Catholic priest who bravely ran the Catholic Mission in the city from 1746 – 1766 at a time when it was still none too safe to be 'pushing' Roman Catholicism. I know little about his origins, except that 'he was an Irish priest, born in Paris, who studied in Seville where he was ordained in 1722'.

I also know that he retired in 1766 to live in London, where he died in 1778. As the two executors of his will (1774) ran the Mission in Bermondsey, I suspect that was his destination. The will leaves items 'to Mrs Grace, my beloved sister, widow of my brother Matthew, deceased, to keep for her own use or give to whom she pleases of her children'.

The problem is, was his surname Grace or Savage? I have in my possession an item mentioned which has apparently been handed down through our male Savage line, so I am keen to trace it back to one of the 'children'. The line goes back

clearly to my 3xgreat-grandfather James, born around 1783, probably son of Joseph; they were both comb-makers. Then – I hit a brick wall.

If anyone could shed light on Catholic families in the Bermondsey area around that time – especially named Grace or Savage – I should be most grateful.

Details of that might lead me back to France, to where I gather refugees from persecution in Ireland fled in the last 17th century. If a historian could shed light on this episode I should be equally grateful.

Wartnaby / Wake

*Dot Wartnaby [10059]
wartnaby1@tiscali.co.uk*

I have my husband's grandfather's birth certificate: he was named John Hugh Wartnaby, and born on 19 June 1888 at 36 Landor Road, Stockwell. The registration district was Lambeth; the sub-district was Brixton. Present at the birth was M A Pickering (although I have no idea who he – or she – was).

His father was John Hugh Wartnaby (a Law Writer); mother was Jane Wartnaby (formerly Wake).

I cannot find either the marriage of the parents, nor their deaths. I do know that John Hugh jnr was sent to a Samuel and Martha Parker (née Fisher) in Eastleigh, Hampshire, at a young age – apparently he was never given any information about his birth and why he was sent there!

My mother-in-law has tried for ten years to trace what happened to the parents, but has always come to a dead end. Where do we go from here? Can anybody help solve this? Is it possible that they were never married, or perhaps the father's name wasn't correct?

Vouchers for sale

The Society keeps vouchers for sale at £5 for
Findmypast (including 1911 census)

If you would like to purchase any, please send a cheque (payable to "East Surrey FHS") and a stamped addressed envelope to Sue Adams, 10 Cobham Close, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 9DS.