



East Surrey Family History Society

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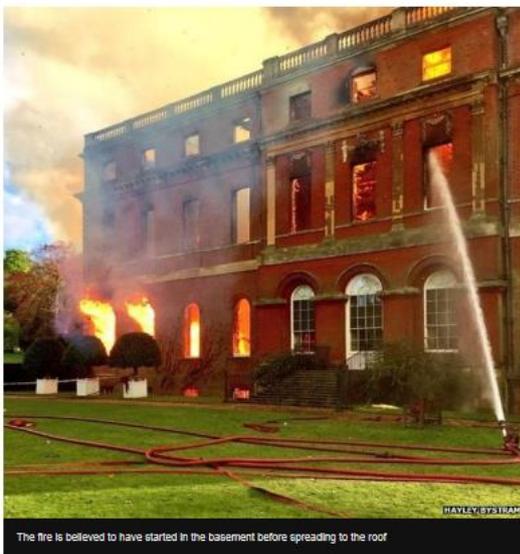


BREAKING NEWS ***** BREAKING NEWS *****

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Clandon Park House in Surrey hit by major fire

37 minutes ago | Surrey



The fire is believed to have started in the basement before spreading to the roof

It's Wednesday 29th April, 11pm, and I'm watching the news reports. Clandon House, a Grade 1 listed, 18th century stately home in Surrey is burning down.

A special tragedy for family and military historians as the Surrey Infantry Museum (Regimental Museum for the East Surrey Regiment and Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)) is housed in the basement. Artefacts have been rescued from the house but I fear the worst for the Museum as the roof has now collapsed.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-surrey-32524445>

http://www.queensroyalsurreys.org.uk/new_museum/new_museum.shtml

Thursday 30th – the fire is out but the house is just a shell. No-one hurt. Some treasures 'snatched' to safety.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-surrey-32528435>

Surrey Infantry Museum at Clandon Park
formerly the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Museum

Clandon House

- Home
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- Short History
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Following the amalgamation of The Queen's Royal Regiment and the East Surrey Regiment in 1959, the ownership and management of museum artefacts and archives was vested in The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Museum Trust. Following the closure of Regimental Headquarters and Museum in the Keep at Kingston-upon-Thames the artefacts had to be put in store. Thanks to the efforts of Colonel JW Sewell agreement was reached with the National Trust for use of rooms in the basement at Clondon Park. The museum opened in 1981. Major upgrades took place in 2001 and 2011; the later with half funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. In the same year, the Museum Trustees concluded that it was in the best long term interests to merge with the Trustees of the museum of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment and Queen's Regiment. This took place on 1st July 2011. The museum was renamed: **The Surrey Infantry Museum.**

WELCOME to the May 2015 edition of the e-newsletter.

We had a successful visit to the NEC for *WDYTYA? Live* last month and enjoyed meeting local members. Thanks to everyone who helped. If you'd like to see what Hall2 at NEC looks like during Set Up on the Wednesday before the Show, check out our video at Facebook page post of 20th April. It's already had over 400 hits. Otherwise these are a few snaps I took with my phone during the three days.



Our Society Open Day (and AGM) on Saturday 25th April 2015 was also well attended. We had a difficult hour or two when the heating had to be turned off because of a gas leak elsewhere in the complex but fortunately all was restored in time for lunch time cups of tea and coffee. Thank you to our speakers, all who organised and those who brought along displays about their ancestor's occupations.

The AGM followed the Open Day. A full report will be published in a future Journal but there were three key announcements:

- We are launching a new Society website. See the Sources section below for more details.
- Our WW1 stream of Journal articles will be shared on Surrey History Centre's new WW1 'Surrey Remembers' website.
- Our Society is one of four sponsors putting on a **Day Conference at TNA on 25th September 2015**. Tickets (£12 early bird) are £15 and will be on sale soon via Eventbrite (web site) or by post. Details will follow at meetings and on the new website. See the Poster below.



In the **Fieldwork** section this month I visit the ancient parish church of CHALDON.

The **Sources** section looks at:

- The East Surrey Family History Society New Website.

Don't forget to 'Like' our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/ESFHS and if you don't know how to, please see the help document on the Home Page of our FHS website or click this link: <http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk/members/enews/ESFHS%20guide%20to%20Facebook.pdf>

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ESFHS UPDATE

GROUP MEETINGS. These always have interesting speakers and are a good opportunity to meet your fellow family historians. The venue details are on the website www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk and in the Journal.

HELP PLEASE!!

Following the untimely death of Chris Pocock **we need a new Group Secretary for the Sutton Group.** Please think hard to see if you can help here. We are fortunate that the 2015 talks programme for Sutton is complete, thanks to Chris's enthusiasm and hard work last year, so the new Secretary will have plenty of time to find their feet. You can find out more about the role from Joanna, Chairman of the Sutton Group, at any meeting there, or from any Committee Member.

SUTTON – Thursday 7nd May at 7.45pm. John Neal will speak on ‘**Docklands of London**’. John is a family historian.

SOUTHWARK** - There is no May meeting (there is a walk, though, which Hilary will advise on, separately). The next meeting is on Monday June 8th at 12 noon when we will hear ‘**Had you thought of looking at?**’ by Group Secretary Hilary Blanford.

*** Please check your journey to Southwark. There may be transport changes arising out of the rebuilding of London Bridge station which will continue until at least 2018.*

www.tfl.gov.uk says: ‘Network Rail is rebuilding London Bridge mainline rail station. London Bridge National Rail station will remain open and London Bridge Tube station will operate as normal throughout the rebuild. However London Overground, Southern, Thameslink and Southeastern passengers will be affected by the improvement plans at certain times up to **2018.**’

RICHMOND – Saturday 9th May 2015 at 2,30pm. This will be a “**Members’ Meeting**” (Non-members very welcome). Share successes and failures; ask for assistance or help others. (Also an update and consideration of the future of the Richmond Group).

Group Chairman David Carter says,

’ A reminder that our next Richmond meeting is on Saturday 9 May and of course is at the usual time and place - Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, TW9 1SA at 2:30 (doors open at 2:00).

‘Being the month of May, this will be our "members' meeting" (which of course, perversely, is open to everyone whether a member or not, so please feel free to bring a friend or three!). This is our chance to not only get through lots of tea, coffee and biscuits (of which there will be a plentiful supply) but also gives us a chance to have decent conversations with each other.

‘Your "committee" (Yes, you do have one now!) has suggested that the theme on this occasion will be “Mementos & Keepsakes”. It would be nice if we each bring along an item relating to one of our ancestors and said how it fits into the family's history.

'On the same day the annual Richmond May Fair will be held on The Green and this year East Surrey FHS will be manning a stall and selling all sorts of goodies and advertising our Society. Why not visit the Fair in the morning and support our hard working members there, before coming along to the Vestry Hall for 2:30?

Look forward to seeing you on Saturday the 9th."

CROYDON – Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7.45pm. Celia Heritage will give a talk on 'An introduction to land records'.

LINGFIELD – Wednesday 27th May 2015 at 2.30pm – 'Online Maps' with Peter Christian.

It's that time of year! Here are the Fairs and Shows the Society will be attending and news of a Society Visit

Saturday 2nd May 10am to 4pm. The BIG Family History Fair Burgess Hall, One Leisure St Ives, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambs. PE27 6WU. Hosted by Huntingdonshire FHS. Free admission. <http://www.huntsfhs.org.uk/fair.html>

Sunday 3rd May 10am to 5pm Weald of Kent Craft Show is hosted by International Craft and Hobby Fair Limited at Penshurst Place & Gardens, Tonbridge, TN11 8DG. £6 entry, £5 seniors. This is a 3 days long international trade fair & conference for the Handicrafts, Handmades, Gifts & Decoratives Industry. We will be there for publicity and advice but no Bookstall. <http://10times.com/weald-kent-craftshow> .

Saturday 9th May 10am to 5pm. The 45th consecutive **Richmond May Fair**. In the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene and 'Outdoors' on The Green, Richmond, Surrey. <http://richmondmayfair.org/> There will be free entertainment all day including Maypole dancing and the ESFHS bookstall will be there (weather permitting!).

Don't forget the Richmond Group will be meeting in the Vestry Hall in Richmond the same day at 2.30pm!

Saturday 16 May 11am to 5pm. Open Day @ Nunhead Cemetery organised by the Friends of the Cemetery. They will run tours of the cemetery, visits to the chapel and crypt which is not usually open, provide guidance on family history, plus delicious home-made food and drinks at the café. ESFHS Bookstall will be there, as will many other stalls run by local groups and other cemetery friends. <http://www.fonc.org.uk/2015-open-day.html>

VISIT. Please note that the Southwark Group will be having a private tour of **Nunhead Cemetery** with the Friends on **Mon July 13 at 12.30pm**. The Friends will,

if safe, take us to known graves if we give them enough notice. If you would like to join this VISIT please book via this Southwark Group Doodle link:

<http://doodle.com/gcnpawxuzn683dkx>

And advance notice of:

Saturday 20th June Croydon Heritage Day (part of the week-long Festival)

www.croydonheritagefestival.co.uk.

This year's festival starts on Saturday 20th June with Croydon Heritage Day where there will be fun events with a heritage theme all over Croydon's town centre.

Taking place from 11am - 4pm in North End, there'll be live music, dance, performances, stalls, walking tours, open buildings and tours of historic Croydon to celebrate Croydon's past, present and future. There'll also be numerous stalls representing many of the Borough's historic societies and community groups – like ours!

Visit report - London Fire Brigade Museum www.london-fire.gov.uk/london-fire-brigade-museum.asp

Members of the Southwark Group had a splendid visit to the London Fire Brigade Museum which is housed within the original station, built in 1820 at Winchester House on Southwark Bridge Road. It was the home and workplace of London's chief fire officers between 1878 and 1937 and it now houses one of the most comprehensive collections of firefighting equipment and memorabilia in the country.



We were given a thorough and very interesting guided tour by a Museum guide and quickly understood the motivation for our ancestors to join the Brigade, what a fireman's working life would be like and how the local area would rely on their help.



Guided tours are available Monday to Friday, starting at 10.30am or 2pm, and last for approximately one hour (though we were lucky and ours was more like 2 hours). Check details on their web site or call 020 8555 1200 (extension 39894) to arrange a time and day suitable for you.

Admission is priced at £5 per adult; £3 for children and Groups/concessions.

This is payable on the day of your visit. Please note that booking is essential for all visits to the museum.



The museum is located in Southwark, close to [Borough Tube Station](#). Winchester House, 94a Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 0EG

ANNOUNCING! A Joint One Day Conference at the National Archives, Kew.

26th September 2015

MODERN TIMES: THE INFLUENCE OF TECHNOLOGY ON THE HISTORY OF FAMILY AND PLACE

The National Archives, Kew
26 September 2015 10am – 4pm

co-hosted by

East Surrey Family History Society • Friends of The
National Archives • London Historians • Richmond Local History Society

speakers

- David Hassard, Kingston Aviation Project - The 20th century history of airplane construction in Kingston and Richmond
- Julie Halls, TNA records specialist for the Board of Trade Registers
- David Thomas (recently retired TNA director) - Stage Coaches
- Professor Tim Hitchcock (University of Sussex) - Digital Resources including Old Bailey Online, Locating London's Past, London Lives and Connected Histories

Afternoon tea and coffee provided.

Bring your own lunch or eat at TNA restaurant

£12 early bird, then £15

Detailed planning for the conference is yet to be finalised.

Booking online at Eventbrite (opens soon) or by post (details soon)

A date for your diary!

The details are being finalised but booking will open soon. Only 90 places, priority to members of the four Societies co-hosting the event (includes East Surrey FHS).

Directory of Members' Names Interests

<http://www.eastsurreyfh.org.uk/members/DMI2014/home.html>

Have you looked at the Members' Interests pages on the website? Our fellow Members may have the very information we need to help us over a brickwall. Brian tells me the latest entries for 2015 will be uploaded at end April so it will be worth checking it out now!

Here's (part of) page 1 of 162 pages of Interests.

Click to Search

Name	Parish	County	Country	Period	MemNo
A(S)GATE	Burstow	SRY	ENG	c1750	3096
ABBERLEY	Chelsea	MDX	ENG	All	4895
ABBERLY	Battersea	SRY	ENG	All	4895
ABBOTT	Poplar	MDX	ENG	pre 1915	5868
ABBOTT	Kingston upon Thames	SRY	ENG	c1799	5992
ABBOTT	Wandsworth	SRY	ENG	M19c	6589
ABBOTT	Hounslow	MDX	ENG	1820-1850	7527
ABBOTT	Kingston	SRY	ENG	1850-1900	7527
ABBOTT	Barnsley	YKS	ENG	pre 1860	8547
ABBOTT	All	COR	IRL	19c	10000
ABBOTT	Camberwell	SRY	ENG	1821-1900	10000
ABEL	Godstone	SRY	ENG	1820+	3800
ABEL	Lambeth	SRY	ENG	1879+	4902
ABELL	Highgate	MDX	ENG	pre 1820	2016
ABRAHAM	Camberwell	SRY	ENG	L19c	5593
ABRAHAM	Bermondsey	SRY	ENG	E19-M19c	5594
ABRAHAM	Camberwell	SRY	ENG	L19-20c	5594
ABRAHAM	Northfleet	SRY	ENG	L19c	5594

And here's the first part of the latest 'Supplement'

NAME	PARISH	COUNTY	COUNTRY	PERIOD	Mem No
ASH	Westminster	MDX	ENG	All	10356
AVIET	Madras		INDIA	19c	10354
AVIET	Calcutta		INDIA	19c	10354
BROOKER	Camberwell	SRY	ENG	1800-1900	10286
CALLAWAY	Westbury	WIL	ENG	1750-1850	10286
CANNON	All	LON	ENG	1800+	10317
CATCHPOLE	Caister	NFK	ENG	18-19c	10350
CRANDLEY	Putney	SRY	ENG	19c	10350
DOWNS	Richmond	SRY	ENG	17-19c	10350
DOWNS	Battersea	SRY	ENG	18-19c	10350
DOWNS	Grays	ESS	ENG	19c	10350
EATON	Hammersmith	MDX	ENG	19c	10350
EATON	Woodford	NTH	ENG	18-19c	10350
EHLERT	ALL	ALL	DEU	1800-1925	10317
EHLERT	ALL	ALL	AUS	1850+	10317
ESMOND	Poplar	MDX	ENG	c18-20c	10354

Peter Grant and Brian Hudson will be delighted to add new details. Please use the forms provided on the current web page at

<http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk/members/DMI2014/home.html#1explain>

And if you are using the new website it's all under the 'Members' tab then 'Directory of Members Interests' in the left hand panel.



Local News Items

*****Please note you can still Vote for ESFHS at Nationwide Building Society *****

We have received notification from the Nationwide Building Society that ESFHS has been nominated to feature in their Community Match Scheme. This is their in-branch local charity voting scheme and means we will receive at least £100 for being shortlisted.

From 1 April a poster will be displayed in their Community Match stand in the **Nationwide branches at Addlestone, Epsom, Kingston, Leatherhead, New Malden, Surbiton, Walton on Thames and Worcester Park** including information about ESFHS taken from our website. Between 1 April and 30 June Nationwide customers vote for one of the charities on the poster and whoever gains the most votes wins £600. You can vote in-branch – I will find out if you can also vote on-line.

We'd like to thank whoever put us forward for this opportunity! And can we urge all Nationwide customers to Vote for ESFHS!! Many thanks!!!

Lambeth Local History Forum – Walks Programm

A number of local history groups run walks and talks in the summer months. The full programme and meeting details are available in participating libraries and at www.lambethlocalhistoryforum.org.uk Free unless a price is shown.

Here's a selection for May:

Saturday 2nd May – Surrey Archaeology. Society. 'Death Disease and Damnation' Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall.

Weds 6th May at 12.30pm South Lambeth Road Stories. A Walk.

Saturday 9th May 9.45am to 9pm – Docklands History Group. Sixth Thames Shipbuilding Symposium. Museum of London £35/concs.

Tuesday 12th May 6.30pm LAMAS. The Official London Blue Plaques Scheme 1866-Present. £2/concs

Wednesday 27th May 6.30pm Clapham Society. Nightingale Lane. Walk. Free

Saturday 30th May 1-4pm Streatham Society. Risen from the Ashes: St Leonard's Parish Church . Open Day, tours, exhibition. At the Church on Streatham High Road SW16.

Also:

Lambeth Palace Gardens

On the first Wednesday of each month from March to October between 12 noon and 3pm, garden volunteers will be on hand to talk about the oldest continuously cultivated garden in London. Palace guides will also be on hand and tea/coffee will be available.

BBC TV Programme on Tues 28th April, then 3 more episodes – '24 hours in the Past' .

This new series takes 6 celebrities back to Live in the Past.

In the first episode they are working in a Victorian city dump (!) and in the second (being aired on 5th May 9pm except Northern Ireland) they are working in a Victorian coaching inn.

If you missed the first episode you may be able to find a repeat or look at it on i-Player or similar service.

BBC Sign in News Sport Weather iPlayer TV Radi

one 24 Hours in the Past

Home Episodes



This programme will be available shortly after broadcast

Episode 1

Episode 1 of 4

Six celebrities travel back in time to the relentless graft of Victorian Britain, spending four days in four different 19th-century workplaces. Their first 24 hours lands them in the filth and grime of the city dump - the dustyard. Here, they must sift through mountains of dirt, rotting vegetables and old bones. With thousands of people flooding into cities to find work in the new factories, there is a whole lot of horse manure and human effluent to clean up.

The new recruits are actress Zoe Lucker, former home office minister Anne Widdecombe, impressionist Alistair McGowan, world champion hurdler Colin Jackson, Outnumbered's Tyger Drew-Honey and presenter Miquita Oliver.

Who will conquer the 19th century and discover their inner Victorian? Presenter Fi Glover and historian Ruth Goodman help drive them through the age that laid the foundation for modern Britain.

Show less

1 hour

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Lambeth's Borough Libraries – forward planning to 2020

www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/cultural-services-by-2020.pdf

You may have seen the consultation document or provided comments on particular proposals. The consultation period has just closed.

Lambeth Borough has a projected population increase of 25% by 2040 with a higher proportion of older and vulnerable people, and at the same time is having to cut costs.

Service Area	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Libraries and Archives	£3.796m	£3.796m	£2.996m	£2.996m
Heritage (Black Cultural Archives)	£220k	£200K	£180k	-
Parks and Open Spaces	£4.459m	£3.559m	£2.259m	£2.259m
Sports and Physical Activity	£1.953m	£1.953m	£1.253m	£1.253m
The Arts	£65k	£65k	£65k	£65k
Budget	£10.493m	£9.573m	£6.753m	£6.573m

The report says:

‘Because of the cuts to our funding and the savings we have to make, the traditional library service across ten libraries is no longer financially viable. Through the cooperative libraries programme we’ve come up with proposals for a comprehensive and efficient library service for Lambeth, which will mean some changes and some exciting new ideas by 2018.

For Lambeth libraries we propose a mixed market of not-for-profit enterprises designed to meet residents’ needs, offering new technologies and free at the point of access. This will include the creation of innovative funding streams that support literacy and the love of reading for future generations.’

As Family Historians we should be particularly concerned for the fate of the Minet Library that houses Lambeth Archives.

The report says:

‘We are proposing to decommission Waterloo Library and Minet Library services during 2015 and sell them by 2016 on the open market. This means the revenue budgets for library services currently provided by the council at Waterloo Library and Minet Library sites will stop but the money raised from the sale of these sites will help facilitate investment into the endowment for the Lambeth Community.’

I recommend you visit the Minet sooner rather than later.

Gallipoli Remembered

We remembered the Gallipoli anniversary during our AGM on 25th April 2015. This is the most significant anniversary of WW1 for Australia and New Zealand as so many of their countrymen lost their lives in this campaign. The Queen laid a wreath at the Cenotaph in London and there was a two minute silence; other ceremonies took place on ANZAC beach in Turkey, and in Australia and New Zealand. I put this photo of the knitted Poppies tribute in Melbourne on our Facebook page where it has been seen by over 400 people.

Anzac Day 2015: Federation Square taken over by a sea of red handmade poppies

774 ABC Melbourne | By Clare Rawlinson

Updated Fri at 7:21am



Please note that the June edition of our Society Journal includes articles about Gallipoli WW1 ancestors.

Royal Borough of Kingston War Memorials Association <http://www.local-hero.org.uk/Home.php> (thanks to Nick for this)

Royal Borough of Kingston-Upon-Thames War Memorials Association is a voluntary association helping local people and communities to learn more about the Borough's victims of conflict, many of whom are listed on the local war memorials. The Association has a local mission of remembrance, learning and reconciliation and a vision for a more peaceful world.

Their website contains a Roll of Honour for over 2000 local residents listed on War Memorials in the following areas: Kingston; Surbiton, Tolworth and Hook; Maldens and Coombe, Chessington

Here is (part of) the first page for Maldens and Coombe.

ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON
REMEMBRANCE LEARNING RECONCILIATION

URBAN DISTRICT OF SURBITON
WAR MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MALDEN & COOMBE

We Will Remember Them...

date died	name and rank	rank	serving with	how, where	age +/-	public memorials	other memorials
23/08/1914	DAWES, Frank Walter	Private	East Surrey Regiment; 1st Bn.	Died, France and Flanders	20	New Malden	Christ Church (New Malden)
02/09/1914	HASTINGS, Percy	Major	Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment); 1st Bn.	Wounds, France and Flanders	41	New Malden	St. John the Baptist, Kingston Vale
10/09/1914	CLEARE, William	Regimental Serjeant Major	Royal Sussex Regiment; 2nd Bn.	Killed, France and Flanders	40	New Malden	Christ Church (New Malden)
14/09/1914	POCOCK, Leonard R.	Corporal	East Surrey Regiment; 1st Bn.	Killed, France and Flanders	0	New Malden	Christ Church (New Malden)
14/09/1914	CROCKER, Otto	Private	East Surrey Regiment; 1st Bn.	, France and Flanders	30		0

Other News

Tobacco Smoke enemas <http://www.bcmj.org/special-feature/special-feature-tobacco-smoke-enemas> (Thanks to Sylvia for this)

I'm sure we are all glad we have a modern medical service. Our ancestors were less fortunate. Sylvia found this article about the healing power of tobacco smoke which was even promoted by the Humane Society for the Recovery of Persons Apparently Drowned.

Other uses included treatment for headaches, respiratory failure, colds, hernias, and abdominal cramps (if administered concurrently with feeding chicken broth by mouth). Tobacco smoke enemas were also used for treating typhoid fever and even cholera outbreaks.

Token Books for St Saviour (Thanks to Peter for this.)

<http://tokenbookslma.cityoflondon.gov.uk/search/search.php>

The Token Books for St Saviour, Southwark have been placed on-line.

The surviving token books of St Saviour Southwark recorded the purchase of communion tokens and cover most of the period 1571-1643, and whilst they are not exactly a census for the area they are not a bad substitute. Everyone who had reached the age of 16 should have taken communion three times a year.

You can view the token books for St Saviour on-line, and search them by name. There are about 130,000 entries, many of which will refer to the same people, but it is the most complete record for any parish anywhere with such an early starting date.

The site can be searched free of charge at:

<http://tokenbooksma.cityoflondon.gov.uk/search/search.php>

FIELDWORK - Chaldon Parish Church

Chaldon is a small rural parish and it lies just south of the centre of East Surrey. You'll find it between Caterham and Merstham on the Ancient Parishes map that often appears on the back of our magazines.

St Peter and St Paul's, Chaldon was probably built in the 700's AD and was already old when it was recorded in the Domesday Book in 1086. It is internationally renowned for the very large twelfth-century **doom mural** on the west wall of the church. The church is Grade 1 listed and retains the original west and east walls of its nave and chancel/chantry. The mural is 17 feet 2 inches (5.23 metres) long and probably 10 feet (3 metres) high.



Church of SS Peter and Paul

The mural is divided in two by a cloudy band, with the lower half decorated with torments and punishments of the wicked; the upper half is devoted to the judgement and salvation of souls. In the centre is a ladder with figures climbing up or down. The main images include the Tree of Knowledge with the Serpent (bottom right), the Seven Deadly Sins and a cauldron for boiling murderers. Across the top are depicted the three Marys and the Ascent of Elijah and Enoch to heaven, Jesus defeating the Devil, and Jesus preaching to the spirits in prison. (Thanks to Wikipedia for this description.)



Did you ancestors live in this very beautiful part of Surrey and were they instructed at Church by this image?

The 1851 Census for the Registration District of Chelsham and Farleigh, which included Chaldon, records about 160 residents in 31 houses, among who were:

John and Mary ALING, their son George and daughters Hannah and Jane,
John and Sarah BELTON and their children Joseph and Daniel,
James and Susan BLACKMAN and their children Jane, James and Robert,
John and Olive E BLAKER

There are a couple of farmers otherwise they are all agricultural labourers.

Sources

East Surrey Family History Society Website www.eastsurreyfh.org.uk

This month I am focussing on our new website, and to draw attention to the change, I will write about it in a separate document, a simple User Guide, so I will be emailing two documents this month.

Basically, the website has been rebuilt and the new version will replace the old one soon.

A big thank you to Brian Hudson who built and then maintained the old site for 15 years and a big welcome to Rob Cambridge who has built the new. Please note that, as with all new websites there will be a period of 'bedding down' and new developments will be added from time to time.

The old website – a fond goodbye!



The new website – well, Hello!!



Website Update

I am indebted to the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies (IHGS) for these updates www.ihgs.ac.uk

News

A new website, www.GenGophers.com enables genealogists to search for family history books. More than 40,000 Digital Genealogy Books are fully searchable and downloadable. Useful for finding family in the USA.

Origins.net has now closed. All of the records formerly available on Origins can now be found on **Findmypast**.

Hopefully good news on English Civil Registration certificates. The following has been recorded in the official record, Hansard (www.parliament.uk/business/publications/hansard/):

*"Very nearly finally, Lords amendments 47 and 48 will allow records to be available other than in the form of a certificate. Many family historians and genealogists do not need a certificate, but merely the information contained within it. Providing alternative formats will make it cheaper and quicker to obtain that information. The amendments would provide the power to lay regulations to define how a person may access **birth, death, marriage and civil partnership records**, the type of product that can be issued, and the fee payable. The regulations could also introduce a legal distinction regarding the age of birth, death, marriage and civil partnership records. That will follow the precedent set in Scotland and Northern Ireland where records are considered historical at 100, 75 and 50 years for births, marriages and deaths respectively. "*

Website Updates

Please be careful! You have to subscribe, and pay, to use some of these web sites. If you need any help or advice please speak to a Committee member at any of the Society meetings. To open a site, click on the blue address then press both the CTRL key and Click on your keyboard simultaneously.

FamilySearch <https://familysearch.org/> has added:

- Derbyshire Parish Register Transcripts 1538-1910
- WWI Service Records 1914-1920
- New York, New York City Births, 1846-1909
- New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1866-1938
- New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949

FindMyPast - www.findmypast.co.uk/ has added:

- Royal Artillery Officer Deaths 1850-2011
- Royal Artillery War Commemoration Book, 1914-1918
- British Army, Royal Artillery Officers 1716-1899
- Royal Artillery, 80th Field
- Clacton Roll of Honour, 1914-1918
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