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The deadline for the December Journal is 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 1st November

All contributions should be sent to the Editor, whose contact details appear opposite

Group meetings

September

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| 5 | Prince Albert and the Crystal Palace
<i>John is a Family Historian</i> | John Neal | Sutton |
| 14 | From hops to hats
<i>Not just the Southwark and Bermondsey hop and hat industries, but many of the other old industries once found along the riverside from Blackfriars to Rotherhithe</i> | Stephen Humphrey | Richmond |
| 17 | The East India Company:
Foundation Stone of Empire | Janet Bateson | Croydon |

October

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| 3 | Local Railways. How, why and their effects
<i>Ron is a family and local historian who specialises in Surrey</i> | Ron Cox | Sutton |
| 14 | Interesting and scandalous things
we've found in Southwark archives | Peter Shilham and
Sheila Gallagher | Southwark |
| 15 | Black ancestry | Kathy Chater | Croydon |
| 23 | Agricultural Unrest and
the Swing Riots in Surrey | Judy Hill | Lingfield |

November

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| 7 | History of the River Wandle
<i>John is a local historian and archaeologist. He was Borough Heritage Manager for the London Borough of Sutton</i> | John Phillips | Sutton |
| 9 | Who do you think they were?
<i>Looking at the amazing variety of sources that can help us discover the lives and experiences of our ancestors</i> | Julian Pooley | Richmond |
| 19 | Jessie's Journal – A story of migration
in the 19th Century
<i>Many hardships were suffered during migration to the Dominions & Colonies in the late 19th Century. A recently discovered diary of one such journey was kept by a Sussex ancestor (my great grandmother) and provides a fascinating insight into the conditions prevailing at the time. Entitled 'Jessie's Journal', it details the twenty-one day journey by sea and overland to a tiny island off the west coast of Canada. The talk, which lasts approximately 1¼ hours, is narrated and profusely illustrated with contemporary and modern pictures</i> | Geoff & Anna Bridger | Croydon |

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| 27 | Weavers, Higglers & Moze Makers –
Occupations of 18th & 19th centuries | Michael Holland | Lingfield |
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December

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| 5 | Sharing your family Christmas photograph | Members' meeting | Sutton |
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- This will be followed by a Christmas Social; contributions of food and drink are invited*

Open Day on 17th August at Southwark

Joint Local / Family History Open Day: Southwark Local History Library & East Surrey FHS

We regret that this event had to be cancelled early in July due to circumstances beyond our control and apologise for any inconvenience caused to members.

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| Croydon: | United Reformed Church (small hall), Addiscombe Grove, Croydon CR0 5LP
3 rd Tuesday (except August and December); 8.00 p.m.
Secretary: Liz Moss (020 8686 8962) |
| Lingfield: | Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield RH7 6AB
4 th Wednesday (except August and December); 2.30 p.m.
Secretary: Rita Russell (01342 834648) |
| Richmond: | Vestry House, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond TW9 1SA
2 nd 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 1JA
Second Monday of alternate months; 12 noon (except August when the meeting dates will vary – see the Journal and the Society website). There will be no meeting in December.
Secretary: Sheila Gallagher (020 8337 8580) |
| Sutton: | St Nicholas's Church Hall, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton SM1 2RG
1 st 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.

From the Chairman

It's the hottest day of the year and Kate and William have a baby boy. I can't add the Royal Prince to my family tree as I don't have any Windsor or Middleton ancestry (yet?!), can you?

Other deliveries of interest to Society members will be the images of Surrey parish registers uploaded to *Ancestry.co.uk* as part of their ongoing filming and digitisation of Surrey History Centre's records. You can already access up to two million new entries for Surrey events on the Ancestry website with more to follow later this year. If you don't have a personal subscription to Ancestry check with your local library to see if you can access it there, for free.

Our bookstall has been at a number of events recently and I hope you came to say hello. Don't forget to check our website for information about fairs and events, as we really enjoy meeting our members in person.

Please also check out the monthly e-newsletter that is being published on the ESFHS website, pending the set-up of an email distribution mechanism, and we are trialling a Facebook page. These are new ventures and unfamiliar territory so please forgive any mistakes. Indeed, we are keen for offers of assistance, technical or otherwise, and we do still have one vacancy on the Committee. Please volunteer if you can help!

We have had an excellent suggestion from a member for a future feature in our Journal for the period September 2014 to December 2018. We will be inviting members to submit articles about a family member who was involved in WW1, in whatever capacity, and will publish at least one in each Journal. Something to keep in mind over the following months. More details to follow.

I hope you enjoy reading the Journal!



Croydon Heritage Festival – Saturday 8th June

Anne Ramon

Your Society bookstall, suitably stocked and flavoured for the outing, stood outside the historic almshouses in North End, Croydon.

It was a bright day with blue skies but we felt the chill wind until the sun shone down the road in the afternoon. We spoke to loads of people, with a variety of heritages, handed out about 90 copies of the Society Starter Guide, ran out of and had to do an emergency reprint of the Relationships Chart and sold about £80 of books and maps with the Croydon Alan Godfrey maps in particular demand. The Mayoress visited the stall and thanked us for attending.

Thanks to Geoff Fairbairn and Janet Watts for manning the stall.



Licensed Victuallers in my Family

C. R Fry [6600], 7, Thornbury Close, Crowthorne, Berks RG45 6PE [crfry@jee.org]

Finding my maternal line of ancestors has been difficult as sadly my mother only knew of her immediate relations and had no knowledge of cousins and very few surnames. She only had her own birth certificate and two photos of her mother.

However, she used to tell me of the various public houses^[1] the relations ran as publicans or licensed victuallers, although she knew nothing of the occupations of boiler makers, brass moulders, engine fitters and fishmonger that I later found. As a chartered engineer it was nice to find out about the publicans and engineering occupations, as my paternal side were all 'ag. labs' and wheelwrights from Dorset! In Victorian times the parishes of Newington, Lambeth, Southwark, etc. had a lot of factories and industries requiring steam power and, therefore, boiler makers and engine fitters. The surnames that I have found in my direct maternal blood line are **Blackburn, Cass, Durham, Fox, Gardner, Gibson, Hill** and **Milson/Millson/Milsom**. This last surname has variants in the transcriptions for obvious reasons. All this new information came about in the last ten years or so by careful assessment, via the internet, of primary evidence from the census returns and certificates, plus a few contacts on "Ancestry.com" providing leads to marriages.

My maternal grandmother was Clara Elizabeth Gardner, (b. 8 Nov 1886, 98 Union Street, Lambeth Walk, from her birth certificate) and she died after the WW2 in 1946 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. I can just remember a few scenes as she lived with us during the War as the Army had requisitioned her 1930s home, the *Clarehaven Hotel*, in Aldwick next to



Bognor Regis. The building still stands, but as a block of flats close to the seafront. I remember my mother, her only child Peggy Clara Emily née Durham (1914-2006), telling me of her mother's death as she walked back from primary school with me.

Clara was a good needlewoman and dressmaker, who married three times. From her marriage certificate she married her first husband in Oct 1912 in Lambeth. He was an only child, Walter William Albert John Durham, listed on the certificate as manager, although on my mother's birth certificate he was now a publican in 1914; later on his death certificate he is given as licensed victualler. They were living at 165, Kennington Rd. He was born Dec 1882 at 12, Surrey Lodge Buildings, now demolished, in Lambeth Church 1st District, and died Aug 1916, at *The Mortlake Hotel*, Mortlake.

This hotel is now part of the brewery on the corner of the premises. Together they ran the Hotel and on his death she continued as the licensed victualler. Witnesses to the marriage were the parents William and Clara and his mother Emily Amelia Durham. One other witness on the marriage certificate is a Victoria **Green**. A Mr A. Green ^[1] ran *The Hope*



dining rooms in Mortlake High St, so could she have been his wife or daughter?

Clara E's second husband in 1918 was a publican, Richard Davis **Foster**, perhaps to enable her to continue holding a licence, living at *The Jolly Milkman*, Mortlake - nearby along the road from *The Mortlake Hotel*. This was his second



marriage and he had two daughters, Roma Dorothy, b. ca Dec 1909 and Eileen L., b. ca Mar 1912 with his first wife Edith Jane **Kisby**. According to the *Daily Telegraph* 'Weekend Review', 28 Oct 1995, this was the only pub with this name and was re-christened '*The Pickled Newt*', but I believe this upset the locals and it now has its original name back again.

My mother attended Burwood College? (not identified) in Upper Richmond Road until about the age of 7 or 8 years when she and her mother moved to the *Gladstone Pub*, 64, Plough Road, Clapham Junction, on the corner with Tritton Street. After that my mother went to the nearby Marist School, Richmond until about 14 and then went to another school on Battersea Rise for about a year before falling ill with pleurisy. She said the headmistress was a Miss Croft. A chocolate shop, Fuller's, existed in Richmond my mother remembered visiting with her mother. I wonder if other members recall this shop, or can identify the schools? A school friend, Joan **Gocher**, from Lavender Hill, Clapham, came to mother's wedding in 1936.

The *Gladstone* had been run by mother's grandfather William Gardner (b. abt 1861, Dover - d. 1935) and his wife Clara née Gibson (b. Jun 1862 Southwark - d. ca 1929 Portsmouth). My mother thought that this couple ran a pub in the Farringdon Road of name unknown (possibly the *Metropolitan*, at No 95?), presumably before the move to the *Gladstone*. However, this is speculative and I have not been able to confirm this yet. In the 1911 Census the couple and my grandmother were living at 165, Kennington Rd with William listed as a "contractor cartage". William and Clara were married in St Mary's, Newington, on 31 Jan 1886 at Falmouth Rd; witnesses were Frank **Chappel** and Eliza **Lansdale**. The couple moved to Petersfield to hold the licence for the *Railway Hotel*, now replaced by modern buildings. My mother stayed there many times in the school holidays and said that Clara was a thrifty woman who provided money for the *Clarehaven Hotel* after whom it was named. William retired to the *Clarehaven*,

where he died in 1935, with licensed victualler on his death certificate. My mother went to live at the *Clarehaven* when it was built ca 1930 with a maid-servant from the *Mortlake*, Stella Lambert, of whom she was fond. In the 1911 Census there is a Stella



Beatrice **Lambert**, 11y old, with her parents at 88, South Worple Way, Mortlake; she could be a likely candidate?

Clara Gibson was a child of George William Gibson, but I have not yet confirmed his marriage, or wife's name. There are possible marriages for the 3Q 1861, in Newington and Kensington. He may be the Geo Wm in the Liverpool 1851 Census, age 11 yrs, born at Woolwich, Kent, listed with his mother Isabella and siblings. In the 1871 census there is a Clara Gibson, age 8y, niece, living with Charles and Eliza **Murray** and Thomas and Caroline Murray and their daughter Margaret at 3, Prices Court, Southwark. It is most likely to be correct as the 1901 census shows an Elizabeth Murray an aunt, widow, age 74y, b. Southwark living at 165 Kennington Rd with the Gardners plus two Americans, the **Aborns**, as lodgers?

William Gardner, Clara's husband, had at least seven siblings Emma (b. ca 1856), Ellen (ca 1858), Charles (ca 1860), Minnie (ca 1863 - 1945/6?), Alice (ca 1868), Ada (ca 1871) and Florence (ca 1873). They appear to be the family of Charles and Ellen Gardner from the 1881 census, but I have not made any further confirmation, although the census entry indicates Ellen came from West Winch, Norfolk. Minnie was my mother's godmother living in Trinity Road, Tooting in the 1930s and 40s. My mother never implied she was ever married.

[1] Bushell, AW *"The Pubs - Barnes, East Sheen & Mortlake"*, Barnes & Mortlake Hist. Soc., 2002

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Burial and cremation registers on microfiche

Anne Ramon [4730]

Do you remember microfiche? Slippery, black and grey, rows of tiny records on a piece of filmy material that you inserted into the jaws of a clunky fiche reader machine that hummed mysteriously when you turned the light on? There was always the struggle to insert the fiche the right way up and then manoeuvre the carriage right/left/up/down to find the page you wanted and then the task of trying to sweep back to find the start of the next line down and missing it! Yes, tricky and slow to use but a boon at the time and, even these days, some archive material is still locked into this old technology.

And there are some treasures in the ESFHS Research Collection, including fiches containing images of the original burial and cremation registers for several cemeteries in East Surrey. Whilst you can readily find death registration entries using the regular search engines the Register entries themselves often hold additional information of genealogical value, such as last address and occupation of the deceased, the name, address and occupation of the informant and their relationship to the deceased and the marital status of the deceased.

I have listed the Society's holdings below. Please note that these registers are not yet available on the Deceased Online website. Members may consult the fiche themselves at the Research Centre in Lingfield; just check your Journal or the Society website www.eastsurreyfhs.org for open days and hours and contact details. Searches can also be performed by our Research team for a small fee. Any such request should be limited to a short range of years, especially if an Index is not available, so try to identify an approximate date of death first, and then contact the Research Centre for an estimate.

The fiche relate to the following cemeteries and crematoria:

- West Norwood Cemetery Common Graves 1838-1968 - not indexed - 70,000 names*
- West Norwood Register of Burials 1945-1995 - alpha indexed - 17,000 names*
- West Norwood Crematorium - 1915-1984 - alpha indexed - 40,000 names*
- Lambeth Cemetery 1854 -1978 - 65,000 names - alpha indexed by groups of years
- Camberwell Old Cemetery (St Giles) - 1856 -1985 - NOT Indexed - 206,000 names
- Camberwell New Cemetery (Honor Oak Crematorium) - 1939 -1951 - NOT Indexed - 13,000 names
- Camberwell New Cemetery (Honor Oak Crematorium) - 1951-1978 - Indexed by Volume (a series of years) - 104,000 names
- Nunhead All Saints Cemetery 1840 - 1996 - alpha indexed by a series of years - 320,000 names

*Please note that all the original registers for West Norwood are held by the Friends of Norwood Cemetery who will conduct searches and can navigate you to the actual plot or chamber in the Cemetery. See their website for further details: www.fownc.org.

December theme: My Ancestors' Christmas

Where were your ancestors on Christmas Day? How did they celebrate? Perhaps Christmas was no different from any other day or perhaps it was very special in some way. Send us your seasonal stories for publication in the Journal!

Please send any contributions to the Editor, whose contact details are inside the front cover. The deadline for the next issue is shown at the foot of page 1.

Crown Hotel, Battersea

Chris Pocock

I was very interested in the article written by Ian Bowker in the June 2013 journal, about the Crown Hotel based at 102 Lavender Hill, Battersea. The hotel is still in existence and I have visited there several times.

My gt-grandfather Thomas **Jones** had a Grocer's shop at 98/100 Lavender Hill. Later he became a sub-postmaster. He was at the shop from 1887 to 1919. Thomas was born in Maesmynis a small village outside the town of Builth Wells in the county of Breconshire; the son of David and Mary Jones. Thomas married a Rebecca **Evans**, the sixth child of 14 children of Edward and Jane Evans of Trefeglwys, a town in Montgomeryshire.

Thomas and Rebecca had five children: Stanley (1888), Raymond (1889), Violet (1890), Thomas Harold, my grandfather (1892) and Arthur Leslie born 1904.

Raymond died in 1911, just after the census, of cancer aged just 21. Leslie went to live in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). I am going to concentrate on the other three children and their heroic service in the world wars.

Stanley emigrated to New South Wales Australia in 1906 where he worked in farming. In 1915 he joined the Australian army and ended up in Gallipoli. He managed to survive that - and must have felt things couldn't get worse. However, they did, and he ended up in the Battle of the Somme where he was shot in August 1916. He was brought back to a hospital in London.

My grandfather Thomas Harold joined the British Army with the 26th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, and also found himself in the battle of the Somme. He was also shot and brought back to England. There is a story that has come down the family line that both ended up in the same ward of the same hospital: whether or not that is true we don't know.

Uncle Stanley recovered from his wounds and returned to Australia and farming. He got married, had children and grandchildren, and lived until 1975. I am in touch with one of his grandchildren, sharing information.

My aunt's full name was Violet Maud Evelyn Jones (she was known as Evelyn). She was educated at a local girl's school and in the 1911 census she is described as working in her father's post office. In 1918 she joined the Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service. She started as a staff nurse and rose up the ranks working in Britain, Egypt, China and India. In 1939 she had reached the rank of Principal Matron. The photograph shows her with her brother Thomas.

In 1940 she was sent to lead the QAIMNS nurses at the Queen Alexandra Hospital in Singapore. Early the following year she was awarded the Royal Red Cross (a top honour). In February 1942 the Japanese invaded the island, and on 13 February. Evelyn was evacuated aboard a ship called the SS Kuala together with about 500 adults and children. The next day the Japanese air force bombed the ship and Evelyn and many others were killed. When the Japanese soldiers entered the hospital they murdered over 200 staff and patients.



My grandfather Thomas married a Phyllis **Cryer** and had four children, the eldest of who was my mother Anita. In 1932 the family moved to Sutton, and then in 1955 to Carshalton. Gt-granddad Thomas died there and Rebecca died in North Wales. In World War Two Granddad was a member of the Home Guard based at the Oaks Park in Carshalton, He worked as a bank clerk. I was only 12 (1969) when he died but I remember him as a kind gentle man.

His house in Sutton was in St James Road, very close to St Nicholas Church Hall where the Sutton Group of the ESFHS meets and of which I am the Secretary. My mother once said to me 'you don't have to keep up with the Jones's - you are already one'. I am proud of my family and what they have achieved.

Offered – free of charge

Peter Fifield [8347] anc3stry@gmail.com

A selection of Family History magazines, all from the same 'stable':

- *Family Tree* magazine: March 1990 - April 2010
- *Yesterday* magazine: January 1996 - June 1997 (these were all that were published)
- *Practical Family History* magazine: June 1997 - March 2009

I live in West Wickham and all you need to do is contact me and collect them.

[I am researching: Barnard, Braggington, Brooker, Brown, Corbitt(son), Eames, Fifield, Frogley, Hardy, Hobbs, Hubble, Jefferys, Lewer, Manning, Mephram, Moore, Newport, Pearce/Pierce, Phipps/Philips, Scott, Stringer/Springer, Sumner, Turtill/Turtle]

The History of Pubs and Publicans

Sylvia Dibbs

While researching my own family history I came across a website listing pubs and publicans, which was free at the time. It has photos, census returns, trade directory listings and short history, as available. Sometimes the name of the pub has changed and this is noted. The database is searchable by surname, street address or public house name. It covers much of southern England, but is work in progress. People are invited to send photos and information to help build up the database. Surrey is far from complete, but you might be lucky to find an entry of use to you. The address (for Surrey entries) is

<http://www.pubshistory.com/SurreyPubs/index.shtml>

[Note from Editor: this site is (still) free to use. Names of publicans or landlords have been taken from census returns and from Trade Directories and cover a limited timespan – there is little, if any, information later than 1918. Nevertheless this site contains much of interest.]

Genealogical Record Research Services covering Surrey, Sussex and London

Do you live too far away to justify the expense of locating your genealogical records in S. E. England repositories?

Let me do the legwork extracting the records for you.

Prices from £6 per hour + expenses (see website for details)

Andy Spooner, Old Scaynes Hill House, Clearwater Lane,
Scaynes Hill, West Sussex, RH17 7NF, England

Web: <http://www.grrs.co.uk> Tel: +44 (0) 1444 831602 Email: grrs@btinternet.com

British Newspaper Library

Peter Thompson [3642]

I have recently discovered this amazing resource. What an “eye opener”! Some of the records have been digitised and put on the web. These can be searched and viewed at www.findmypast.co.uk; or www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk. To search is free but payment must be made to view the record, although viewing is free at the British Newspaper Library at Colindale in north London.

The search facility is easy to use, just insert a persons name or use a keyword into the search box. You can narrow your search by using filters e.g. **Filter** by Date, Newspaper, Region, County, Place, or Type. Be careful when using Filters; if you narrow the search too much you may miss finding a record, it could have been reported elsewhere in the country, as seen in my the first example! The examples shown are taken straight from the newspaper articles, with no editing.

Florence Elizabeth Thompson

fraudently claimed money from the Military sources whilst her husband was serving in France during WW1. The couple had four young children at the time of the offence. I just put her name into the search box, the details of the trial were reported in Coventry not London:-

Coventry Evening Telegraph, West Midlands, 8 February 1915
on sentencing her to four months in prison, the defendant's husband who was serving with the Scots Guards and was on leave having been wounded in France and was due back at the end of the week cried out “Oh Florrie, what am I to do, what about the little ones”? As the defendant was being taken down to the cells she attempted to touch her husband's hand. The husband was helped out of the court by two policemen. The husband and the children were heard sobbing outside the court.

My relative in New Zealand was so upset when I sent her the article, Florence was her grandmother and her dad was one of the crying children.

Samuel Bow

By searching using his name and County = Dorset, his trial details were revealed:-

Dorset County Chronicle Thursday 12 December 1867

Samuel Bow aged 19 living as a servant with Mr Christopher of Broadmayne, was charged with stealing one pint of gin on the 5th inst. Defendant was found drunk in the back premises by artilleryman named Heylett about 5am. Mr Christopher came to the stable where Bow was senseless. PC Martin was sent for who arrested Bow as soon as he had recovered consciousness; he said "I am very sorry for taking the gin, I hope Mr Christopher will forgive me, and I will never do it again." Mr Christopher discovered that the prisoner had tried to get into a barn, but as he could not get in, he dropped a candle very near the thatch, endangering the whole premises, he therefore decided to prosecute. The prisoner pleaded guilty. The Bench decided on a lenient sentence of 14 days Hard Labour.

He actually was in prison for one year as seen in on the www.ancestry.co.uk/dorset from Dorchester Prison Records

No = 27 Samuel Bow 19 years old

Admission = 7 December 1867 Discharged = 7 December 1868

Samuel was back in prison again, *sentenced to seven days for drunkenness in Mill St. Fordington*, entering the prison on the 20 April 1874.

This is just a short sample of what I have managed to "dig out" from the newspapers. It has given me a glimpse into the lives of my ancestors; they are not just names now. So, if you haven't ventured into this area yet, have a go, and see what comes up.

Prep School needs your help!

Sean Smart (Head of History)

Shrewsbury House School, 107 Ditton Road, Surbiton, KT6 6RL: Tel : 020 8399 3066

At Shrewsbury House School in Surbiton, outside by the Fives Court, stands a proud memorial to forty former pupils who died in the First World War. As the 100th Anniversary of the start of the First World War approaches in 2014, the School History Department along with the Scholarship class have commenced a research project to find out more about the former students listed on this memorial – where they came from, who they served with, where and what happened to them.

Even with all the modern tools at our disposal – the internet, a well resourced library and our experienced History staff – this is still quite a challenge.

Many of the names have been traced on the Commonwealth Graves Commission website, but with only the most basic of facts. For example, John Callender of Maple Road, Surbiton went on from SHS to Magadalen School, Oxford in 1905. He was killed with his regiment (the 4th Bn. the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry) on the 21st August 1917 aged only 21. James Gilkison from Wimbledon was killed in the first weeks of the war in 1914 fighting with the 2nd Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, along with an older brother, aged 30. The majority of the names, however, have not been traced at all.

At the bottom of the memorial is another name “ S B Cooke”. This is one name we have not been able to trace at all and opinion is divided whether he was a former student, staff member or more simply the artist/sculptor who created the memorial.

This is where the East Surrey FHS may be able to help. Do you or your family or friends know of anyone who went to Shrewsbury House School and served in the First World War? Do you know, for example, if any descendants of the Callenders or Gilkisons are still living?

We would ideally like to gather information on all forty names, find pictures of them, their families, regiments and battlefields or ships and be able to provide details of their Senior Schools, families, careers and where they served. We all feel that these former boys deserve to be remembered and honoured especially as the Anniversary of the beginning of the First World War approaches.

If you think you can help or know of someone who can, please contact Mr Smart, the Head of History care of Shrewsbury House School.

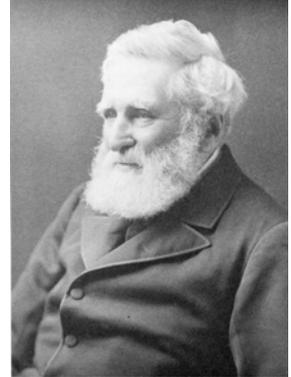


The White Hart, Reigate and the Relfs

Joanna Grant [9080]

My first memory of the White Hart, as a child in the 1950s, was that it was in Church Street. It closed in 2007 and is now a Strada restaurant (www.closedpubs.co.uk)

At that time I had no idea that I had any link with it or that the premises had covered such a large area. The main building was in Bell Street, nos.3 & 5, facing Market Square. Some of the land attached stretched as far as Church Street and behind some of the other properties in Bell Street. This is shown on the 1841 tithe map plot 728. Owner: Earl of Somers. Occupier: Samuel **Relf**. It is referred to as White Hart Inn Premises, Yard and Garden.



Samuel Relf

Samuel's sister, Mary Anne, married my gt-gt-grandfather, Thomas **Clarke**. Through Mary's father, James, he became involved in the Post House / Coach Inns / Hotel business at the White Hart, Windsor (in which Borough he was mayor twice), the Christopher, Eton and the White Horse in Fetter Lane, London.

The White Hart was known as the Hart in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. It was pulled down and rebuilt in the mid 1700s and between 1756 and the coming of the railways to Reigate in the 1840s it was a well-known Posting House, patronised by Royalty, including George IV and Victoria (*Reigate: Its story though the Ages* by Wilfrid Hooper).

James Relf, born Nov 1763, Merstham, died 16th April 1832 in Reigate.

Samuel Relf advertised in *The Morning Post* June 4th 1832 that he had taken over the White Hart from his father who had liberal support for 39 years and was looking to continue the business. This was the only information I found that gave the number of

years James had kept the White Hart meaning he had been there since about 1793.

A guide to Dorking and Neighbourhood written in 1823 says “The most interesting route of the road to Brighton – the Daphne of the Metropolis – lies through Reigate: and by superiority of its accommodation, it enjoys the patronage and decided preference of Royalty. In truth Relf’s may be styled the Clarendon of the Brighton road.” (The Clarendon was a renowned London hotel at that time.) High praise for James indeed.

James’ will, dated 13th April 1832, refers to “Relf James Victualler of the Swan Inn, Reigate”. (To date I have not been able to find if James just lived at the Swan or ran it.) Samuel was the main legatee, inheriting shares of over £30,000 (the modern day equivalent of over two million pounds) plus freehold and leasehold properties. Seems unbelievable!

Samuel Relf. Born 1802, died 1890, he had been involved with running the White Hart before his father died in 1832 as in the Quarter sessions for 1825 he is the licensee with his father as the assuree. In 1826 his Assurees are Catherine and James Holiday.

The Surrey History Centre holds two documents about refreshments provided at the White Hart in July and December 1831. The latter names Samuel. As a matter of interest, besides Sherry, Madeira and Wine on the list of refreshments, Fish (Turbot and Cod) seems to be one of the most expensive items.

Back to the Morning Post of June 4th 1832. One learns of Samuel’s former employment “Samuel Relf, Post Master at Reigate to their Majesties, begs to inform the Nobility, Gentry, his Friends, and the Public, that he has succeeded his late Father, Mr James Relf in the business at the White Hart Hotel and Posting House”

Other information I found to estimate how long Samuel remained at the White Hart as there is a big gap in the Quarter Sessions as follows:

1839 Pigots Directory and 1851 Post Office Directory have entries for Samuel

1841 Census he is living with his family in London Lane, Reigate Foreign

1851 Census refers to him as a Hotel Keeper living with his family at Lingfield Street, The Foreign of Reigate

I had hoped to find a census return for the White Hart but despite going through all of Bell Street and the Market Place did not find one. Must have another go but no time now! I did find one for the White Hart in Windsor with my gt-gt-grandfather there, but noting his family living in Datchet, it seems that families of the grander posting houses did not live in them.

An advertisement, date not know, but probably about the 1840s or later, refers to The White Hart as Relfe's Hotel "This celebrated Establishment situated only One Mile from Reigate and Red Hill Stations.-----One Hour's Journey of The Metropolis". It goes on to describe the hotel and the surrounding places of interest. This I found on www.grace'sguide.co.uk plus one for the Swan Inn as well.

By 1855 the Post Office Directory has an entry for a Charles Goldsmith for the White Hart Hotel and Posting House. So after about sixty-three years the Relfs have left the White Hart, Reigate.

The 1861 Census finds him plus family in Norfolk as a Farmer of 453 Acres employing 11 men 3 boys.

1871 He is retired at Marine Parade, Worthing with his wife and one son, Charles B

1881 He had returned to Reigate as a widower. Charles B still single with him, living in Wray Park Road. All the roads in Reigate that he lived in are still there today. I have not checked if the houses still exist.

Samuel died 8th February 1890 aged 88. The Surrey Mirror and County Advertiser of 22nd February has a long report on his funeral which starts "Amid many tokens high respect and esteem in which he was held by his relatives and friends, and by the inhabitants of his native town, in which he was one of the oldest residents, the mortal remains of Mr Samuel Relf were interred in

the family vault in the Cemetery, on Friday afternoon last. --In which reposed the remains of Mrs Relf and nine other members of the family.” There is a long list of the Town Council and Corporation officials who “assembled to show respect to a former member of their body”.

On July 26th July 1890 there is a report in the same newspaper of “the first day’s sale of this large and important estate” of the late Samuel Relf which amounted to £21,044 for 41 lots fetching from £7 to £1,800 each. Before the sale “the Recreation Ground at Reigate Hill had been sold privately to a committee for the sum of £2,500, with a provision that the land was not to be built upon for a period of 15 years, but to be kept as an open space”.

I need to find a will to see why his properties were sold and who the proceeds were left to. More research still to be done. Never did I think my ancestors owned so much property and run such a renowned establishment!

Other resources not mentioned above that I have used are my grandmother’s Pedigree Book started in 1913, and two local websites www.oldreigate.com and www.redhill-reigate-history.co.uk

which I have enjoyed reviving memories of my younger years. Thank you to Alan Moore of Redhill-Reigate-History website for the pictures.



The White Hart

Forthcoming events at Surrey History Centre

We are particularly busy throughout the autumn this year so for further details of the events briefly listed below, please see our events page at <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents> or join our mailing list at www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyheritagemailinglist.

Reading Old Handwriting: Palaeography Workshop

Wednesday 4 September 10.30-12.30. An introductory session with archivists from Surrey Heritage to help you read 16th and 17th century handwriting. You will have the chance to practice reading from copies of items held in the archive. Aimed at beginners and those wishing to brush up their skills. Tickets £10.00. There are a limited number of places. To book telephone 01483 518737.

Gertrude Jekyll and Sources for Surrey Garden History

A talk by Julian Pooley at Denbies Wine Estate on Thursday 12 September 11.00 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. Tickets £9.95 per person. For further details see www.denbies.co.uk

Who Do You Think They Were?

Discovering the Lives and Experiences of Our Ancestors

A talk by Julian Pooley for Heritage Open Day weekend at Leatherhead Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead, KT22 8AH. Friday 13 September at 2pm. Free, no booking required.

Relative Connections: Sources for Surrey Family History

A display for Heritage Open Day weekend at Leatherhead Institute. Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September 10am to 6pm. Free.

This display draws up the rich archive and local studies collections at Surrey History Centre to explore parish registers, census returns, poor law and workhouse records as well as family papers to show how we can uncover our family's past.

History of Art Schools from the 19th century

A display by the University of the Creative Arts in the foyer during normal opening times: 20 August - 21 September 2013. Free.

This exhibition will explore aspects of Art School and Technical School history, in Surrey, from 1889-1969, specifically through the case study of Epsom and Ewell Technical Institute and School of Art, but also in relation to Guildford School of Art, and Farnham School of Art.

There will be a talk by Stephen Knott of the Surrey Schools of Art at Surrey History Centre on Saturday 14 September at 2pm. This is a free event but seats must be booked in advance as places are limited. To book, please call Surrey History Centre on 01483 518737 or email shs@surreycc.gov.uk

Beginning Your Family History

A talk by our professional genealogist, Jane Lewis, on Wednesday 25 September 10.30 - 12.00. Tickets £5.00. There are a limited number of places. o book telephone 01483 518737.

This talk aims to take you step by step through the basics of family history, where to start, what to do and most important, how you can get help and advice on what is bound to prove an exciting project. It will also include lots of time (and money) saving tips and ideas, and outline some of the ways to store and present your research. This is *Who Do You Think You Are* for all!

Heritage Showcase at Farnham

Saturday 19 October at Farnham Adult Learning Centre, 25 West Street, Farnham.

Following the huge success of our showcase event in Warlingham last year, we will be holding a similar event this year in Farnham, inviting a range of family and local history societies to join us for an afternoon of talks, displays and advice from both our staff and local experts. Please see our website for further details.

Private Minds, Public Collections

A talk by Julian Pooley about the work of rescuing the records of Surrey's former mental hospitals, and making them accessible to family historians and using them in oral history projects with former patients and staff. Thursday evening, 10 October 2013, St Barnabas church, Temple Road, Epsom. For further details see the website <http://www.lovemelovemymind.org.uk/emhw.html>

Flavours of Surrey

From Tudor recipes and Georgian political dinners to the weekly menus of the county's workhouses and mental asylums, Surrey History Centre holds a rich feast of resources for historians of Surrey's gastronomic past. Family papers, military records and scrapbooks of the Womens' Institute all provide a fascinating insight into how food has been produced, prepared and consumed in the county over more than six centuries.

This is a free display in the foyer of Surrey History Centre during normal opening times in October and November.

A garden for all

The success of the early garden estates for working-class Londoners: a talk by Martin Stilwell MA to accompany our autumn foyer display, Flavours of Surrey.

This talk explores the London County Council's pre-WW1 housing and the dream of giving every London the chance of living in a house with a garden. The early LCC garden estates were the benchmark that other developers followed. The gardens gave Londoners an opportunity to grow their own flowers and vegetables and this coincided with the development of allotments in London. Did the LCC succeed in its aims of improving the lives of the honest worker?

Appearing to Advantage: the art of dining in Georgian England

The Surrey Heritage Annual Lecture, by Dr Annie Gray

Saturday 2 November 2.30. Tickets £10.00 including refreshments.

This talk is dedicated to the food and etiquette of the Georgian dinner party. From below stairs grime, to above stairs glamour, you'll share in agony of the housewife, and the delight of the honoured guest. Ranging from the King's own dinners, through those of his subjects, and back to his most lowly servants, the beauty and elegance of dining in a era obsessed with 'taste' will be explored.

The talk will unpack the hidden meanings in the laying out of the table, and show how servants were expected to behave. It will also showcase some of the food, including how to cook it, illustrating how the tastes and textures of Georgian food contributed to the experience of dinner. Annie will finish by demonstrating a Georgian classic - whipt syllabub - for you to have a literal taste of Georgian glory.

Dr Annie Gray is a food historian, writer and presenter, specialising in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. She has advised on BBC4's *Calf's Head and Coffee*, winner of a 2013 Guild of Food Writer's Award, and has appeared on the *The Great British Bake Off*, *The Hairy Bikers' Best of British* and *The One Show*, among others. She is also a regular panellist on BBC Radio 4's *The Kitchen Cabinet*. Annie also acts as a food history consultant for English Heritage, The National Trust and Historic Royal Palaces.

'Early Surrey Recipe Books'

A provisional title for a talk to be given on Saturday 16 November by Dr Sara Pennell, Senior Lecturer in early modern British History at Roehampton University. Timings and final details to be confirmed, so please see our website for further details. This will also see the launch of our participation in the national 'Explore Your Archive' campaign.

Antiquaries, Artists and Collectors

Illustrations of Surrey collected by Robert Barclay of Bury Hill, Dorking, c.1820.

A talk by Julian Pooley following the AGM of Redhill Local History Centre on Tuesday 5 November. Please see our website for further details.

Richard III in Surrey: A Drama in Four Acts

A talk by Mike Page, Head of Stewardship and Preservation at Surrey History Centre on Saturday 30 November, 2.30 - 3.30 p.m. Tickets £5.00. To book telephone 01483 518737.

We shall also have stands at the West Surrey Family History Society AGM in Woking on Saturday 21 September, the Birtley Wood Fair on 5 and 6 October, the Hampshire Family History Fair on Sunday 29 September at Horndean Collage of Technology and at the WSFHS Family History Fair at Woking Leisure Centre on Saturday 26 October.

Members' Interests 2013

There are now more surname interests available on the website. These cover names that have been received since the end of March cut-off date for the 2013 Directory of Members' Interests and which have already been published in the current and June Journal. If you have not yet supplied your interests then please do so and Peter Grant, our DMI co-ordinator, will gladly add them. Send them to Peter at the address shown at the front of the Journal or look on our website.



From a Pub to the Trenches

Peter Moulin [6101]

I had it in mind to write to the editor to suggest that each edition of the journal from September 2014 to December 2018 should carry a brief article in remembrance of an East Surrey person who had served in some way and died during the First World War. I thought I would accompany this suggestion with such an article. Then I read that the theme for this September's Journal was to be Pubs and Publicans, so I thought I had better start from there.

My inspiration for this research was an unusual name on the Rutlish School First World War Memorial, which lists the names of nearly 100 Old Boys of the school who gave their lives. It was Clarence Tapscott **Cockle**, and the school records showed only that he had attended between 1909 and 1912. Now that they are so easily accessible over the Internet, first port of call is always the census. The 1911 census shows Clarence, aged 13 as the third son (in fact he was the fourth) of Henry George Cockle and Bessie. They had been married for 20 years with seven children surviving out of eight. The first three sons had been born in Merton, and the other two sons and two daughters born in Wimbledon. Bessie was born in Devon whilst Henry George, who was born in Blackwall, Poplar was shown as a "Licensed Victualler Unemployed". I did wonder whether the "Unemployed" should have read "living off own means" as they were in a large (11 rooms) house with two servants, and Clarence's education involved fees to be paid. They were still living in the same house after the war, when Henry was nearly 70 - but I must not race ahead.

I went straight to the 1901 census, and there was the family, all 10 years younger, so only 5 children, but still 2 servants and at the same address, 159 Merton Road, Wimbledon. Arthur, the son who died is one of the children listed. Henry is shown as "Licensed Victualler own account", with the word "Pub" being noted above in pencil. I deduced that the Pub in question could not have been

where they were living, as he was there, unemployed, 10 years later. The 1891 census showed Henry G Cockle as head of the household in Kingston Road, Merton at “The Grove Hotel”. He was 37, a widower and Licensed Victualler. Also in the household was his niece, the 17 year old Ellen Cockle and 3 servants, one of whom was Bessie **Tapscott**, aged 27. I found an old postcard of the hotel and it appears a substantial building with its own livery stables. I presumed that this was where Clarence had been born.



The Grove Hotel, Merton

Tapscott being Clarence’s middle name, I next checked the marriage registers, and found that Henry George Cockle had married Bessie Tapscott in the September quarter 1891. Further trawling through the registers and censuses revealed that Henry and Bessie’s first child, Henry Lewis, was born before they were married, registered in the September quarter 1890 and at the time of the 1891 census was 8 months old, a “nurse child” of a couple living in Morden Road Merton. It is possible that this was the child of Henry’s first wife, but that does not tie in with the number of children on the 1911 census. I cannot find Henry George Cockle in the 1881 census (not a new experience as I think it was poorly

transcribed), but in 1871 he was living with his parents in Poplar. His father and brother were shipwrights, but Henry was “unemployed”. Next door was “The Prince of Wales” pub. Is this where Henry learned the art of being a licensed victualler? In 1881 Bessie Tapscott was living in The Spread Eagle Hotel, High Street, Epsom, 16 years old and a nursemaid. It would appear she was a sister-in-law to the hotel proprietor. Even the “Boots (Hotel)” was born in the same place as Bessie, Culmstock, Devon.

Searching the Newspaper Archive in Findmypast showed that Henry had become a pillar of the establishment. The *Surrey Mirror* records 2 occasions in 1894 when he was a Grand Jury member at Surrey Quarter Sessions, and again on 4th January 1895 he is listed as one of the councillors for Merton, and a “licensed victualler”.

It was now time to turn my attention to Henry and Bessie’s children. It is likely that at least their first four sons had an education which was paid for because Henry Lewis attended Rutlish School between 1901 and 1906, going on to become a clerk in Life Insurance. Harold Lawrence was a clerk for a wholesale warehouse in 1911, and Clarence Tapscott was at Rutlish from the age of 12 to 15 (Arthur George had died, possibly aged 17). Rutlish was a Science School, and some pupils there had been awarded Surrey County Council Scholarships. There was also the Rutlish Foundation which awarded grants to able poor pupils. The only record of Clarence’s attendance at Rutlish is on The Roll of Honour, and the list of those invited to attend the inauguration of the War Memorial.

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Members’ Interests

Please see the important notice on page 28.

Useful tips from the Group Meetings

Liz Moss

The Groups have had a variety of speakers in the past few months.

Lingfield members were entertained by Elizabeth Owen's talk on memorabilia and family history. The audience participated talking about items from their collections, with suggestions on how to display and record the items. It became apparent that family history memorabilia is very varied and what was valuable to one family had no value to another. Photographs and labelling the items were suggested as well as inventories of the origins of items that were kept, but everyone agreed it was too easy to fill all available space with memorabilia.

There was also great interest in a talk about The Foundling Hospital "Coram's Children" by Jane King. There are extensive records of the children with an archive of the textiles and tokens that mothers left when the children were admitted to the hospital, to identify them in the future. The children were given new identities using Coram names so the tokens were the only way to identify them should they be claimed by their families. The children were often fostered in their early years sometimes outside London including Surrey. For information on the museum collections <http://www.foundlingmuseum.org.uk/collections/the-foundling-hospital-collection/>

For information on the research records <http://www.foundlingmuseum.org.uk/collections/the-foundling-collection/research-resources/>

Sharon Hinze talked to **Croydon** about the new Familysearch website and the hope that teenagers belonging to Mormon Church would participate to build extensive family records. She reported that they were preparing to add Italian civil registration records. To view the collection held at the London FHC see

<http://www.londonfhc.org>

Ian Waller's talk "In and Out of London" emphasised the need to be clear about the various types of administrative areas when looking for records in London. Although London is a collection of former villages the family history researcher needs to be aware of the parish, the county in which the area was situated before the metropolitan boroughs, the name of the hundred (this can be found in the Victorian County History), registration district, which can have changed several times, metropolitan borough, modern London borough and probate jurisdiction. For anyone researching London ancestors he recommended visiting the London Metropolitan Archive <http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/visiting-the-city/archives-and-city-history/london-metropolitan-archives/Pages/default.aspx> and the Bishopgate Institute Library, which has extensive collections of directories and institution records. <http://www.bishopsgate.org.uk/Library> . He also mentioned the Charles Booth Archive held at the LSE <http://booth.lse.ac.uk>. If you are trying to identify alleys and yards which cannot be seen on modern maps use

<http://www.gyford.com/archive/2009/04/28/www.geocities.com/TheTropics/Cabana/9424/>

Sutton had a talk by Peter Christian on Irish genealogy and useful information can be found at www.spub.co.uk/lectures/ireland.pdf

Richmond's meeting in July was a talk called "Corsets & Cameras" by Jane Lewis, An introduction to the history of late 19th and early 20th century fashion giving tips and techniques for dating or identifying old photographs. She recommended the following websites

www.rogerco.freeserve.co.uk

www.victorian-society.org.uk

News from Surrey Heritage

Julian Pooley, Surrey History Centre

A splendid new resource for family historians tracing ancestors in Surrey was launched earlier this year, when the family history website *Ancestry* published some 2.6 million Surrey parish records online. This first batch of records features baptisms, marriages and burials contained in Anglican parish registers held by Surrey History Centre dating from 1538 to 1987.

More parish registers from 1900 onwards will be added later, along with Land tax records 1780-1832, electoral registers 1832-1945, Brookwood Hospital admission registers 1867-1900, Holloway Sanatorium, Registers, 1885-1899, Calendars of prisoners of Surrey quarter sessions and Assizes 1848-1902, freeholders lists 1696-1824, licensed victuallers registers 1785-1903, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment enlistment registers 1920-1946, transfers in registers 1939-1947, and World War II Honours Indexes [1939]-1946, East Surrey Regiment enlistment registers 1920-1946, and transfers in registers 1924-1946, as well as Nominal Rolls of Officers 1914-1919 of the 21st - 24th Battalions the London Regiment.

Analysis of these records is already revealing fascinating historical trends. For example, the number of marriages increased by almost 1,000 between 1914 and 1915, from 2,727 to 3,710, as couples rushed to the altar following the declaration of the First World War.

There are also references to a number of famous Surrey residents, including Lewis Carroll, whose burial in Guildford took place 19th January 1898, P. G. Wodehouse, who was baptised in Guildford on 17 November 1881 and John Derrick, who is probably the first named person known to have played cricket, while a pupil at the Royal Grammar School in Guildford in the mid 16th century. Derrick's burial took place in Holy Trinity Guildford on 27th October 1613.

Also included are a number of interesting entries, such as a baptism record revealing one John William Hoakes' job as the 'Inspector of a Royal Lavatory', and records of the marriages of the humorously named George East and Ellen West in 1895, and of Luke Sex and Sarah Eager in 1743.

We are delighted that *Ancestry* is helping us to make Surrey's records so widely accessible for research. Thousands of people contact us each year seeking Surrey ancestors because they feel a need to understand their history, their family heritage, their place in their community. I strongly believe that the discovery of these roots is more than simple genealogical number-crunching; it teaches us new research skills, it brings scattered families together and makes new friends and it increases knowledge and awareness of the communities we live in.

The letters and phone calls we receive show that the accessibility of these records online is already proving very popular, with some 115,452 text pages viewed on just the first two days of the launch.

There are, of course, some glitches with online publication and we have had very useful discussions with Ancestry regarding indexing errors. If you are a subscriber at home, and notice any errors, you can help us by clicking on a name in an index and adding "alternate information". This is then indexed and searchable, and appears in square brackets in search results. You can also send us a list of amendments, which we will forward to Ancestry in batches every couple of months for them to add. Please email them to shs@surreycc.gov.uk marked for my attention.

Alongside our partnership with Ancestry, we are continuing to prepare indexes to other significant parts of our collections for publication on our website. We are nearly ready to publish the index to the first fifty volumes of the Richmond Application and Report books, covering the years 1870-1898.

Surrey's Sporting Heritage

Surrey's contribution to sporting 'firsts' continues with the discovery of another very early reference to baseball. You may remember that the discovery of a diary kept by William Bray of Shere in 1754-5 included the earliest manuscript reference to the game when he recorded playing it in Guildford on Easter Monday 1755 (*Root and Branch* Dec 2008). David Block, an American baseball historian who was involved in that exciting discovery, has recently found a reference to baseball being played in Walton on Thames as early as 1749. Combing through *The Whitehall Evening Post* newspaper, Block spotted the following news item in the edition for 19 Sep 1749:

"On Tuesday last, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and Lord Middlesex, played at Bass-Ball (sic), at Walton in Surry (sic); notwithstanding the Weather was extreme (sic) bad, they continued playing several Hours."

Though Block and other baseball historians have long been aware that the game originated in Britain before migrating to the North American colonies, this discovery overturns their assumption that it was played only by children and young adults. Frederick, the Prince of Wales, and his playing partner Charles Sackville, (1711-1769), Earl of Middlesex were not only members of the aristocracy, but also men entering their early middle age.

We were able to identify the area where the game was played in Walton on Thames as Ashley Park. Sackville's wife, Grace Boyle, had inherited the property from her parents in 1740 and the park, described by Owen Manning and William Bray in their *History and Antiquities of Surrey* as 'a capital mansion with a park of 136 acres' is shown in some detail on a John Rocque's 1762 map of Surrey, held at Surrey History Centre. You can see a video of this news story by clicking on <http://news.surreycc.gov.uk/> and scrolling down the page to the posting made on 7 June.

Recent Accessions

- St Peter's, Frimley: additional parish records including baptism registers, 1964-1999; marriage register, 1989-2000; and burial registers, 1952-2005 (9179/-)
- Dame Ethel Smyth (1858-1944), composer, writer and suffragette, of Woking: exhibition material and collected research papers of Lewis Orchard (9180/-)
- Buckland Parochial Charity: minute books, 1889-1999, and account books, 1889-1994 (9181/-)
- Holy Trinity, Westcott: additional parish records, including registers of marriage, 1948-1995, and service, 1982-2009 (9183/-)
- St Olave's, Mitcham: additional parish records, including registers of banns, 1973-1999, and services, 1970-1994 (9182/-)
- St Peter's Wrecclesham: additional parish records, including registers of baptisms, 1960-2008, and marriages, 1995-2011, and meeting minutes, 2000-2010 (9185/-)
- Lance Corporal Albert Samuel Button, 1st and 2nd Battalion, East Surrey Regiment: certificate of service and other certificates; newscuttings and photographs of Regimental sports teams; photographs of members of the Regiment in Gibraltar and India, 1927-1944 (ESR/25ad32)
- The Maclagan family of Camberley: family papers and diaries, 1875-1993 (9184/-). These are currently being catalogued and include the diaries of Myrtle Ethel Maclagan, one of the first women cricketers. She was a member of the first England touring team to Australia in 1934-35, when she wrote her name firmly in the history books by recording the first century in women's Test cricket. She died in Farnham in 1993.

Tech Topic

Brian Hudson

A browser address bar, also called the URL bar or location bar, displays the current website's address. It also remembers those websites you've visited before, and guesses where you're trying to go based on your browsing history. The more you use it, the better it gets. Use this feature to find a previous website quickly by typing in a few letters of the website name. For example if you have previously visited FindMyPast then type in some letters from the name e.g. f i n d until the site address appears in a dropdown list. Then select from the list.

Website round up

Brian Hudson

<https://familysearch.org/paf> - Family Search has announced the retirement of its Personal Ancestral File (PAF) genealogy software and it will no longer be available for download or support. Details of alternative products that will work with Family Search and the Family Tree are available on the website.

www.gravestonephotos.com - I reviewed this website in the December 2012 Journal. Henry Burley [8888] contacted us and mentioned that the organisers of the site are seeking more volunteers to help out. The main requirement is a digital camera. Click on the Volunteer link to find out more details.

www.genealogy-specialists.com - this is a new free Family History Forum called Genealogy Specialists - Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes, also known as TOP DOG. Based in the UK, its aim is to offer mutual help to others in tracing their ancestors, and "*putting flesh on the skeleton*" according to the press release. There are moderators around the globe who will help out, and they claim that, if they do not know an answer, they will certainly be able to point members in the right direction to find one.

News from Sutton Local Studies Centre

Kath Shawcross, Borough Archivist & Local Studies Manager, London Borough of Sutton

The most important piece of news is that our opening hours will be reduced from September. This is part of the overall savings that Sutton Library Service must make over the next year and it is an unfortunate but necessary step. Good news is that the Local Studies & Archives Centre staff will still be in post and we will still have late night and weekend opening. At the time of going to press we don't have a firm commencement date - probably the middle of September. So please keep an eye on our web pages for details. I will post a message to the ESFHS website so you may have seen this piece of news already.

Coming up this autumn are the usual Open House events in Sutton (21 & 22 September) - check out the Open House website or brochures in Sutton Libraries for more details. Additionally Carew Manor and its Dovecote will be open twice more this autumn: Sunday 29 Sept and Sunday 20 October at 2pm and 3.30pm. Tickets £5, advance booking on 020 8770 4781. Finally there will be a Cheam Village local history walk on the 17 October at 2.30pm, starting at Whitehall in Cheam, Tickets £3.50 (£3 Friends of Whitehall). Telephone Whitehall 020 8643 1236 to book a place.

The Future of Genealogy

On Friday 27th September 2013 at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Hall, Park Road, Banstead, Dr Nick Barrett, of *Who Do You Think You Are* fame, will be giving a talk entitled 'The Future of Genealogy in the Digital Age'.

Tickets (£7 including light refreshments) are obtainable by post from Banstead History Centre, 27 Shawley Way, Epsom KT18 5PB (please enclose SAE), or for personal callers from the Ibis Bookshop, 109 High Street, Banstead (opposite Waitrose), and from Banstead Library.

Pubs et al

Peter Plumridge [9516]

I suppose I owe my being to my gt-grandfather's involvement in the licensed trade.

The story starts with my father saying that he thought his maternal grandfather, with surname **Nicholas** (so a gt-grandfather of mine) had once kept 'a big pub' in the Notting Hill Gate area of London, and later an off-licence somewhere in south-east London; beyond that he had no knowledge on the subject, nor did he know his grandfather's first name.

However, having worked back in the time-honoured way I discovered that my Nicholas gt-grandfather was George and that he was born 25th December 1839, being the fourth of nine children, the offspring of Charles Nicholas and Jemima née **Penny**, the family living in the Chessington / Rushett area of Surrey (not far from the now Chessington World of Adventure).

George's first occupations were ag. lab./labourer but in 1861/1862 he moved away, living briefly in Camden Town where he worked as a labourer; whilst there he married Sarah Nicholas, his first cousin, who had also moved from her native Surrey. The marriage was at St Pancras Church.

George and Sarah soon moved to 'railway town' in the Old Oak Common area of West London where George began a railway career - railway labourer, pointsman, and signalman - but in 1890 came a change of direction with George entering the licensed trade.

George's first venture into the pub trade was at 'The Yorkshire Stingo', licensed to sell beer and wine; this was at 8 Silver Street, (later High Row and eventually part of Church Street, Kensington, Notting Hill - now all redeveloped); the premises were owned by Woodbridge & Co. Stingo Brewery, Marylebone Road. Interestingly, one of the lodgers at the pub was a young cabinet maker **Thomas Plumridge**.

In 1894 George and family moved to 'The Reform' at 127 Portland Road (nr. Notting Hill) again licensed to sell beer and wine; the owners were Harris of High Street, Hampstead, brewer thence Campbell, Johnstone & Co. Ltd. Phoenix Brewery, Latimer Road, W. Thomas Plumridge had also moved, to an adjacent street, Heathfield Street, (no longer existing) and I suspect that 'The Reform' was his local, where no doubt he got to know the young Nicholas ladies, marrying one of them, Ellen, at St. John's, Notting Hill, on 11th September 1897; and so Thomas and Ellen became my grandparents. 'The Reform' is now a residential property.

After 'The Reform' George was, from 1899 to 1909, the licensee of 'The Duke of Sussex' at 44 Uxbridge Street, Notting Hill, a pub with a full licence; this pub was owned by Campbell Johnstone, as above, and from 1906 it appears Charrington & Co. had an interest in the property. When I last saw the old pub in the late 1900s it had become the Duke of Sussex Studios / Dreamland Gallery.

George's last involvement in the licensed trade was as a licensed victualler where being shown as retired he died in 1915 aged 75 at Sydenham Hill Road, Lewisham; his widow Sarah lived on, in N. W. London, to reach the grand old age of 101.

All in all George and Sarah had a very different life to their early years in rural Surrey.



Have you come up against a

Brick Wall?

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The Pawsons Arms and Bridge residents

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Reading in the June 2013 edition that the theme for September is “Pubs and Publicans”, I decided it was timely to submit my first article to the East Surrey Family History Society. I began researching my family history in January 2012 (a New Year resolution) and two months later, after visiting the society’s stall at “WDYT YA? Live”, joined the ESFHS. Both my parents were born in South Norwood and so much of the family history is based in East Surrey.

One of my early discoveries was that my gt-gt-grandfather, Augustus Frederick **Bridge**, was the licensed victualler of the Pawsons Arms at 69 Pawsons Road, Croydon. Also listed in the 1891 census are his wife, Eliza Harriet, and their three young children: Augustus, Caroline and Maud. The family were not Croydonians by birth; they had moved into the area in 1889/90 from Somers Town, Camden. Perhaps they saw Croydon, then a pleasant leafy residential suburb, as a good place to bring up their young family. A fourth addition, a daughter called Edith, was born in Oct 1891. Unfortunately, over the next couple of years things took a turn for the worse. In March 1892, Maud died of tuberculosis, aged 3. Her father, Augustus Frederick, died 16 months later, aged 30. The death certificate shows that he had been suffering from TB for a year. Both passed away at 69 Pawsons Road.

Queen’s Road Cemetery runs along the eastern side of Pawsons Road. An enquiry to Croydon Cemeteries & Cremation office (bereavement@croydon.gov.uk) confirmed that Maud and Augustus were buried at this cemetery. It also revealed that Eliza Harriet **Dallman** and Frederick Arthur Bridge were buried in the same grave as Augustus Frederick Bridge. Eliza was the widow of Augustus. She remarried in 1894 and died 10 years later. Frederick was the youngest son of Augustus and he died, aged 3 months, in

August 1893, just 6 weeks after his father. The cause of death was *Tabes Mesenterica*, an illness of children caused by drinking milk from cows infected with tuberculosis. This terrible disease, which was very common in the 19th century, led to the loss of three members of the Bridge family over a short period of time (March 1892 - August 1893). Times at the Pawsons Arms must have been difficult and sad.

The Pawsons Arms still exists. I visited the pub in March of last year with my father, Edward Bridge, and uncle, Kenneth Bridge. Inside we were delighted to find a list of all the publicans from 1869 including our ancestors: Augustus F Bridge 1891-1893, Mrs Eliza H Bridge 1894 and, as Mrs Dallman, 1895. This list was compiled by a regular customer of the pub called Steve. He was not present on the day of our visit so my uncle Ken, who lives in Croydon, returned to the pub a few days later to meet him and request a copy of the list. Steve was happy to oblige and also revealed that he was in contact with another descendant of Augustus Frederick Bridge, Sally **Campling** (née **Kingham**) the daughter of Edith Bridge. Sally had known of the family connection to the Pawsons Arms, her mother was born there, and had written to the pub making enquires about her ancestors. She and I have since spoken on the phone and exchanged letters. All thanks to the Pawsons Arms and one of its regulars!

Postscript: In September 2012 Brenda Hawkins gave a lecture on "Croydon families - Researching a typical Croydon Road in 1911". I couldn't believe it when the "typical road" turned out to be Pawsons Road. One interesting remark made by Brenda was that few people living in the road left a will. Augustus Frederick Bridge was one of the exceptions. He wrote his last will and testament when he was ill with tuberculosis in December 1892. He left his gold watch and chain to his son Augustus Isaac James Bridge (my great grandfather). Like his father, Augustus died in his 30s and left a widow with 3 young children. He was killed in action during WWI.

“There is a Tavern in the Town”

Sheila Gallagher

The Alehouse Act of 1552 required alehouse keepers or victuallers to be licensed annually by Justices of the Peace at Quarter Sessions, having another person who gave recognizance of their ‘good fame’. Lists of these licences (certificates / recognisances) are in Quarter &/or Petty Sessions [1]. It was also enacted any person was permitted to sell ale in Booths at Fairs “for the relief of the King’s subjects that shall repair to the same” [2]. Samuel ALGAR is mentioned as landlord of the Crown & Anchor booth at Camberwell Fair in 1819.

From 1393 alehouse-keepers were compelled to erect signs outside their premises. Aleconners were appointed yearly at Manorial Court Leets to taste ale to ensure it was good, check measures and ensure that the price was fair; for names see petty/quarter sessions minutes.

Coaching inns were mentioned in the suggested theme for this Journal but I suspect that most of our ancestors were more likely to frequent the local alehouses or beerhouses. Yet again, our primary historical evidence comes from valuable Surrey sources illustrating how everyday life was lived and misdemeanours punished – Petty Sessions Minutes from E. Brixton Half Hundred, 1782-1830 [the final date of our transcript] [Wandsworth Archives] & Camberwell Magistrates Minutes [LMA P73/GIS/123] 1819-22 volume.

Maintaining an ‘orderly house’ was not easy for landlords/victuallers. Reformers campaigned from the 17th century to establish what was not allowed in pubs [3]. In 1787 King George III issued his *‘Proclamation of the Encouragement of Piety & Virtue & Punishing of Vice, Profaneness & Immorality’* against: “drunkenness, gaming, profane swearing & cursing, lewdness, profanation of the Sabbath & other dissolute, immoral

or disorderly practices” – which included music, dancing and gambling with cards, dice or dominoes.

On 7th July 1787 the Justices sitting at the ‘*French Horn*’ at Wandsworth ordered the Proclamation against Vice “to be hung up in all public houses”. More instances follow of local parish officers bringing evidence of bad conduct, often described as “*tippling*”, definable as drinking intoxicating liquor moderately but regularly, as opposed to outright drunkenness. It was more reprehensible if it occurred “during the time of Divine Service”.

Alehouse keepers and their customers were prosecuted and fined – usually 10s. + costs. Subsequent prosecutions until c1800 are sporadic [4], occasionally being brought by private individuals, but public opinion was against them. They increase later: seven Wandsworth houses allowed tippling in 1805 and 12 in 1806. On 5th September 1807 Wandsworth Magistrates ordered all [public] houses to be closed during Divine Service from 10 to 1 and 3 to 5, when “only travellers may have liquor”; offenders would be prosecuted and on repetition of the offence lose their licence. In 1825 parish officers observed the time limits very strictly. John **Wain**, constable of Tooting, said that: “about 20 minutes to 1 p.m. he went into the *Angel* – Hilton’s house – and saw 4 or 5 persons in the taproom with pots of beer before them and that Divine Service was not finished”.

John **Woolgar**, beadle of Wimbledon reported: “on Sunday last about 10 minutes before noon he saw 5 men drinking at the *Dog & Fox*, Ann **Cumber**’s house, during Divine Service”.

Another surprising summons for keeping a disorderly house was issued at Wandsworth in October 1819 to the *Bulls Head*, Barnes, the charge being bull-baiting. Many more interesting cases may be found: gambling with cards and skittles and a violent response in April 1828 from drinkers in Wimbledon who objected to Constables clearing the public houses around midnight and attacked them. **Allen, Binks & Humphreys** went to unroof the

Watch House to get out William **Hayter**, lighterman of Putney, but they too were apprehended.

Only a few of the interesting references and the hundreds of names contained in these records – from the aristocracy to the poorest vagrant – have been mentioned. However, many years ago Maureen Ridout created an index for ESFHS including all Victuallers' names minuted and listed in the annual 'Brewster' Sessions records of Alehouse Licences in the E. Brixton PS minutes from 1786-1830 – the Victuallers, the signs of their houses and names of their Sureties. Also, Surrey History Centre, Documents Online will include Surrey Victuallers' Licences 1785- 1905 via *Ancestry* later this year [6]. We have name indexes to Camberwell Magistrates Minutes, both those at LMA, 1818-27 [7] and Southwark Local History Library [8] 1828-57, and they will be available at Lingfield Research Centre soon.

Finally, I believe that taverns, as in the traditional song, sold wine (according to Google) but think it made a good title!

* Does anyone know how Oddfellows were dressed?

Notes

1. *Victuallers' Licences* GIBSON, J. & HUNTER, J. Federation of Family History Societies publication

2. Samuel ALGAR is mentioned as landlord of the Crown & Anchor booth at Camberwell Fair in 1819.[St. Giles Camberwell Magistrates Minutes, LMA P73/GIS/123].

3. Disorderly houses included in 'Reformation of Manners' campaign, 1730.

4. 4 Aug 1787 Convicted - John KIRBY of the *Anchor* Wandsworth, allowing tippling & dancing. Fine 10s. (8s. to poor). [E. Brixton ½ 100 P.S. Mins]

6. *see* Surrey History Centre website

7. LMA P73/GIS/123

8. Southwark LHL /2795 & 2796

Can you help?

Adshead / Buggs / Wortley

Caroline Wimble [9829]

I recently had a contact, via *Ancestry*, with a lady researching the same family as me.

She sent me a transcript of the details in a lost family Bible. The families concerned primarily are Adshead/Buggs/Wortley based in Bermondsey, Surrey (London)

My side of the family concerns the Buggs family who originated in East Molesey, Surrey.

Mentioned in the Bible list is Ann Elizabeth Wortley b1827 in Norwood, Surrey. She was the niece of my 2 x great grandfather George Wortley b 1807 Merstham, Surrey, & daughter of Elizabeth Buggs & Jonathan (John) Wortley.

Ann Elizabeth is listed as “Ann Wortsey .sic. (Wortley) Wife of James Chritch sic. (Critchfield).Died on her birthday (1846) at 28 Maze, Tooley Street, Borough. Buried St James’s Church Bermondsey in the same grave as her aunt Buggs.”

Previous to this entry we see, “Mr. George Buggs and Mary Pash. sic (Park/Pask), were married at St Georges Church, Borough on the 30th March 1842 ‘Age’ G.B. 40 M.P. 39.” On this certificate the witness was Samuel Adshead & maybe another Adshead, but the second is not clear. This is the only actual reference to both names together.

There are also notes for “Mr. Thomas Buggs. Died 9th June 1844 in his 85 year. Buried 14th June in the same grave as Mrs. Buggs. The ‘Rose’ Snow Fields. Mr. Perkins Undertaker.”

“Mr. William Henry Buggs. Died 4th October 1844 at East Mosely sic in his 42 year. Buried 10th October in the same grave as his wife. Mr. Perkins Undertaker.”

“Mrs. Lydia Huntley sister of W H Buggs died 4th January 1845 in her 34th year. Buried 9th January at Sydenham Church Yard.

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Taken from 10 Church Grove, Horseleydown where she died. Mr. Holmes Undertaker.”

Lydia, William Henry & George were all siblings, children of Thomas, who died 9th June 1844. Elizabeth Wortley née Buggs was their sister and mother of Ann Elizabeth b 1827 who married James Critchfield.

Apart from the Samuel Adshead, who was a witness at George and Mary's wedding we can find no family tie but as so many are mentioned in a family Bible we feel there must be a fairly strong connection. Please, can anyone help?

Alford

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I have hit a brick wall with my research and would appreciate any advice.

I am looking for information for a Josiah Alford. I have a copy of his death certificate dated 20th April 1839 aged 39 years (St George the Martyr Southwark), and I also have information of his marriage to Hannah Payne at St Mary's Lambeth 1824; but I can find no record of his birth.

Any advice on where to go next?

Brown / Allsop

Linda Dart [8574] (linda.dart@sky.com)

Caroline Brown née Allsop, my gt-gt-grandmother, lived for 35 years of her short life in the Dorking area (she died in 1908 at the age of 56). However, census records state that she was born in Borough / Walworth but there is no trace of her in censuses prior to 1871 (when she was living in Dorking). Her birth year could be anything between 1848 and 1855 as her given age varies on the four censuses she does appear on.

Can you help?

I can find no record of her birth, or any trace of her marriage to Joseph Brown. It has been suggested that she was a widow when she married Joseph! Caroline and Joseph had eight children so I am hoping there is someone who has been able to find what I have so far been unable to.

Dudley

Heather Turner (née Beauchamp) [hdjturner@ntlworld.com]

I am trying to find out more about my grandfather, William Dudley. He is my mother's father and his name appears on her birth certificate. However, I have reason to believe that he and my grandmother never married as I have never found a marriage and other records relating to my mother suggest that she was illegitimate. He was my grandmother's second 'husband' and she had three children with him, my mother, Elizabeth Louise born 14th April 1917 and twins, Alice Kathleen and Harry born 12th May 1918, 7.55pm and 13th May 1918, 0.35am respectively. Sadly the twins died within a year of being born. William died in Lambeth Infirmary age 47 on 5th July 1918 just weeks after the twins were born.

I would very much like to know more about my grandfather but as he does not appear to have a middle name, I'm having a lot of trouble pin pointing exactly who he was. As he was 47 when he died, there is a possibility that he had another family. Any advice or help you can give me will be gratefully received.

Smith

Ian Smith [smithian1939@gmail.com]

I believe that a John Smith who was baptised 6th March 1798 at St Mary's, Barnes, Surrey, is my gt-gt-grandfather. His death certificate states he had been in born Barnes, in 1800, but I believe

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that this was 'about' rather than an exact year, as notification was by my gt-grandfather who could not read or write (he signed his marriage certificate with an X). The parents of the baptised John Smith were Richard Smith and Sarah, and my gt-gt-grandfather named his first son Richard, his second son (my gt-grandfather) being named John after himself.

The siblings of John are Sarah (10/4/1785) presumed deceased as a child, Richard (4/6/1786), Anna Maria (14/11/1788), Joseph (4/4/1791), Faith (14/7/1793) and Sarah (9/11/1795).

I am unable to trace a marriage for Richard and Sarah in Barnes and the most appropriate I can locate in the near vicinity is Richard Smith to Sarah Shillito on 20/2/1785 at St Mary Le Bone. The reason I have selected this marriage is that Richard signed his name, as did my gt-gt-grandfather John and his eldest son Richard, in a good writing hand.

My gt-gt-grandfather migrated to Australia between 1817 and 1823. I can locate him travelling from Sydney to Launceston, Tasmania in 1823, but his death certificate states he first spent some time in Sydney.

Would anyone researching this family or who has any information please contact me on my email?

Quartermaine

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I would very much appreciate any help to enable me to progress my search for details of my father, whom I have never met or known. The only information I have is that my mother (Jane Ellen Jones) worked in service at a property called Ravenswood, Kingston Hill, in the 1930s. Here she associated with a male who worked in the stables whose name I have been given as Robert

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Quartermaine (spelling may not be exact). My mother was 25 at the time and is now deceased.

He was supposedly 10 years older at around 35. I was born on 14 August 1934 in Camberley, Surrey but there is no record of my father's details on the birth certificate. My mother must have left Ravenswood to have her baby and he must have either not been aware of her pregnancy or just disappeared.

It may be that I have a half-brother or -sister if he married. I would be happy to pay for any assistance such as documents or photos, etc., that are relevant to the Ravenswood property and its employees at the time.

Tipper

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James Alfred Tipper, described throughout his life as a journeyman baker, was born and lived the early part of his life in Middlesex, Holborn then Saint Pancras.

Between 1806 when he married Mary and her death in 1810 he crossed the river and presumably lived in the vicinity of St Olave's Church Southwark where Mary is buried. What might have taken James Alfred to Southwark between 1806-1810?

When he was aged 29 he married for his second time - a widow, Ann Weatherill - at Saint George The Martyr, Southwark. Ann had been married first at St Mary's Lambeth to John Weatherill (all); both Ann and John were originally from North Yorkshire. James Alfred and Ann remained south of the river as in 1815 their first child Alfred was born.

I have been unable to find details of Alfred's birth but on all subsequent census records he is listed as being born in Lambeth. Can anybody help trace his birth?

By June 1820 James Alfred his wife Ann, son Alfred had moved to Camberwell when daughter Elizabeth Ann was born and

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christened at St. Giles, Camberwell. Are there any records that might show where in Lambeth and then Camberwell where James Alfred and his family might have lived?

By 1829 James Alfred and Ann had moved to Whitby with Alfred and Elizabeth.

Does anybody have any information regarding the coal trade between Whitby and London 1800-1830, in particular where on the Surrey side of the Thames would crew from the coal ships disembark?

Wolf(e)

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I live in Leigh, Lancashire, and I am a member of Liverpool South West Lancashire Family History Society [Leigh Branch]. We are assisting Tasmania Heritage [Founders and Survivors] in a project relating to the convict women who were transported to Tasmania in the first half of the 19th century [our Project Co-Ordinator is Pat Bellas, patbellas@blueyonder.co.uk].

I am researching a convict, Samuel Wolfe, who was born in SFK Yoxford. He left a wife Charlotte and five children (Nathan, Samuel, Elizabeth, Susanna and Robert James) behind in England and married another convict in Tasmania.. In my research I have come across a Julie Wolfe who was born in 1961 [Reg. District - Surrey South East], a daughter of Roy D. Wolfe and Grace I. Holmes. Julie Wolfe is the 3xgt-granddaughter of Samuel Wolfe (the convict) and a descendant of his son Samuel.

I have lots of information relating to the family of Samuel Wolfe who he left behind in England, and if you are researching the name Wolfe/Wolf I should like to share my research with you.