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The deadline for the September Journal is 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 1st August  
*All contributions should be sent to the Editor, whose contact details appear opposite*

# Group meetings

## June

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|----|--|---------------|-----------|
| 5  | Organising your research material<br><i>John is a lecturer specialising in IT and Family History</i>   | John Hanson   | Sutton    |
| 9  | Death & Resurrection: Lost London Burial Grounds<br><i>together with information on "Body Snatchers" – some 'Resurrectionists' have been found in local parishes. Alec's longstanding interest in researching &amp; teaching family history has led to his current Chairmanship of the Halstead Trust &amp; past Chairmanship of the Federation of Family History Societies &amp; the Guild of One-name Studies.</i> | Alec Tritton  | Southwark |
| 17 | Parish Records   | Ian Waller    | Croydon   |
| 25 | The East India Company - the foundation of Empire  | Janet Bateson | Lingfield |

## July

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|----|---|-----------------|----------|
| 3  | Tracing living relatives and missing people<br><i>Geoff is a professional genealogist. He is a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists</i>  | Geoff Swinfield | Sutton   |
| 12 | European upheaval and the timetable to war<br><i>There can be few of our families that haven't been touched by the effects of the Great War. 100 years on, we take a look at the sequence of events that took place during that glorious summer of 1914</i> | David Carter    | Richmond |
| 15 | Shopkeeper ancestors<br><i>Sue was formerly the Librarian at the Society of Genealogists</i>  | Sue Gibbons     | Croydon  |

## August

- |    |  |              |           |
|----|--|--------------|-----------|
| 7  | Grandma's Tales: learning from our ancestors<br><i>Chris is Secretary of the Sutton Group of ESFHS and helps to run a family history drop-in group in Sutton</i> | Chris Pocock | Sutton    |
| 11 | Southwark Local History on film, 1929 – 1970<br><i>An opportunity to view selections from Southwark Local History Library's extensive Collection.</i>            |              | Southwark |

## September

- |    |   |             |         |
|----|---|-------------|---------|
| 4  | The evolution of the printing and newspaper trade<br><i>Judy is an author and family historian specialising in social history</i> | Judy Davies | Sutton  |
| 16 | Child labour in Kingston  | Helen Gopel | Croydon |

## October

- 2 A tour through the East Surrey FHS website Brian Hudson Sutton  
*Plus some hints and tips on websites and computers: Brian is the Webmaster of the ESFHS website*
- 13 Disease & Public Health in industrialising Victorian cities Paul Carter Southwark  
*Paul will tailor his talk to London. He is on the staff at the National Archives & specializes in the history and records of the poor, especially poor law unions & workhouses.*
- 21 Sin, sex and probate Colin Chapman Croydon

## November

- 6 Online resources for London family history Peter Christian Sutton  
*Peter is an author and family historian who specialises in IT and family history*

## December

- 4 The unwrapping of Christmas Paul Blake Sutton  
*The origins of Christmas and its traditions. Paul is a professional Genealogist and President of the ESFHS*  
Christmas Social.  
Contributions of food and drink are invited.

Croydon: United Reformed Church (small hall), Addiscombe Grove, Croydon CR0 5LP  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday (except August and December); 8.00 p.m.  
Secretary: Liz Moss 020 8686 8962 [croydon@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk](mailto:croydon@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk)

Lingfield: Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield RH7 6AB  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (except August and December); 2.30 p.m.  
Secretary: Rita Russell 01342 834648 [lingfield@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk](mailto:lingfield@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk)

Richmond: Vestry House, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond TW9 1SA  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of alternate months; 2.30 p.m.  
Secretary: David Carter 020 8642 6437 [richmond@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk](mailto:richmond@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk)

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: Hilary Blanford 01346 85219 [southwark@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk](mailto:southwark@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk)

Sutton: St Nicholas's Church Hall, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton SM1 2RG  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday; 8.00 p.m.  
Secretary: Chris Pocock 020 8642 6789 [sutton@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk](mailto:sutton@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk)

*Doors usually open 30 minutes before the start of the meeting. Please check the Society website [www.esfhs.org.uk](http://www.esfhs.org.uk) for future meetings and last-minute alterations.*

# Chairman's Speech at the ESFHS AGM

*Anne Ramon*



Good afternoon. I hope you've enjoyed the lectures and displays today.

This has been our 38th year and we are faithfully tending the legacy research material we hold at the Research Centre in Lingfield. Rita, Peter and the volunteer team have finished 'dematerialising' the paper records and are now indexing. Your help with this will be very welcome.

I hope you enjoy reading the quarterly Journal, and the new typeface that was introduced in the face of increasing postal costs,

particularly the overseas rates. The Committee has had to make the difficult decision to recommend an additional levy on those Overseas members who take a physical copy of the Journal (see separate article).

In the June Journal we will be making a call for '1914-19' related articles for publication from September 2014 onwards, and in the coming months I will be working with our webmaster, Brian, and a kind supporter, John Morley, to upload some new images of churches and memorials.

The Society has maintained a busy lecture programmes at all five Group meeting venues and I'd like to thank the Group Chairs and Secretaries and their helpers for all their hard work. Particular thanks to Judith and Joanna for organising this Open Day and AGM.

A big thank you too to all those who have helped with our Society bookstall, including at this year's 'Who Do You Think You Are' show at Olympia, and to the Society's Help Desk team who attend many of the fairs as an extension of our Lingfield based Research Centre. We have a large collection of local material about Surrey people and places that is NOT on any commercial database!

You may have noticed our new Society polo shirts and fleeces, and the attractive banners and bunting on our stall. We're trying to be noticed! Thanks to all who helped with these.

So what's New this year? The e-newsletter is delivered monthly to about 2/3 of our membership and paper copies are available at meetings for those without email. Please let us know if you are not receiving this as we may have an error in our records. Our Facebook has over 120 Likes, including many from non-members, and we have published 'The Essential Guide'. This booklet lists the research resources of the Society and has hints and tips on researching your family history. £5 – see the website for order details [www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk](http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk).

And our Future Plans? Following a brainstorm earlier this year I've opened discussions with our neighbouring family history societies to forge closer links. We are also investigating training sessions for the online search engines like Family Search, Ancestry and FindMy Past.

Don't forget that East Surrey is hosting the annual Family History Conference in Windsor in August next year. It's a wonderful event which you hope you will attend, and, as ever, we'd welcome your Help. We're planning three days of talks and events on the theme of 'Sources'. See [www.2015genealogyconference.org.uk](http://www.2015genealogyconference.org.uk).

Lastly, and as usual in Chairman's addresses, I'd like to recognise the huge contribution to the Society made by the Committee members, the Group meeting Chairs and Secretaries, the Research Centre team and volunteers, our Overseas



representatives, the Membership Secretary and everyone who has helped East Surrey Family History Society in any way over the last year. Thank you all!

We have had two sad losses this year. Marion Brackpool, one of our Vice Presidents and latterly Chair of our Lingfield Group, who passed away in October, and Ted Scott, regularly a Committee Member and past Chairman at Sutton, who sadly died last month. Contributions to our collection in Ted's memory for the St Raphael's Hospice may be sent to our Treasurer.

We have two other people to thank in particular. Firstly I'd like to honour the incredible contribution made to this Society by Sheila Gallagher, an early member of the Society and long-time Secretary at the Southwark Meeting group, where she has been a major force in arranging informative and entertaining talks. She has produced many well-researched articles for the Journal and always raises challenging questions for our speakers. She's stepping down after a magnificent 25 years plus of supporting ESFHS so she can concentrate on her own research! Thank you Sheila, we owe you so much.

I am pleased to advise you that Hilary Blanford has kindly agreed to become Group Secretary for Southwark. Welcome, Hilary.

Secondly, our Hon Secretary, Sue Adams, has completed her five years in role. She has skilfully kept the Committee meetings on track, issued Minutes, booked Fairs and arranged meetings as well as regularly delivering the bookstall and manning it. We'll miss you, Sue, and 'don't be a stranger', as they say!

Post – meeting note: Judith Mitchell was voted Honorary Secretary for the Society. Welcome, Judith.

Please note that we still have vacancies for two Committee Members. There are six meetings a year on Thursday evenings in Croydon and we'd welcome your help at Group Meetings and Society events like Fairs. This is your chance to influence the direction and ambitions of the Society – please step forward and help us!

# Group Meeting Notes

A member enquired at the AGM if the Meeting talks could be written up in the Journal for the benefit of those unable to attend.

We currently provide summary notes including useful web links and the names of important sources for many of the talks (see 'Useful tips from Group Meetings' page 41 in the June 2013 Journal, and on page 32 of the September 2013 Journal). Exceptionally a talk inspires further research and the whole topic is discussed in the Journal, for example the 'LCC Garden Estates' article in the March 2014 Journal.

It would be good if we could provide detailed summaries, however, and I'd like to invite a member or members to help us write up the talks, going forward. As well as taking the notes and writing them up you will also need to check with each speaker if you may share their material in our Journal.

If you are interested in helping the Society with this task please speak to the Chairman or Secretary at the Meeting Group concerned.

## Tech Topic

*Brian Hudson*

### Windows 8.1 Update 1

Not happy with Windows 8? Microsoft has listened to the complaints and last year a free upgrade to Windows 8.1 was introduced. For many people one of the most welcome improvements was the return of the familiar **Start** button.

Then in April this year a free update for Windows 8.1 (imaginatively? called Update 1) was released which brought with it 'improved functionality for keyboard and mouse users'. The changes recognise that a lot of people do not have touch screen devices; they want the system to be easier to use and more like the familiar Windows 7, Vista and XP. If you have not yet updated (for free) from Windows 8 to 8.1 then it might be time to consider it.

# My Way with Family Records

*Caroline Wimble [9829]*

My primary family records are set out in a loose-leaf book file. Each main family has its own file and within the file I keep a page for each person.

Many people have a system of numbering and that's fine but I prefer to use various coloured sheets of paper. Parents have one colour and their children another, possibly dark blue for the parents & a lighter blue for their children. This distinguishes the whole brood. The parents have a tag attached to their page & a divider with the father's name & birth year; (important where you have two or three Henrys or Johns in successive generations) this enables me to turn to a particular family with ease. If I decide that someone is of particular interest or is likely to be referred to often, I put a white tag with the surname on it to help any subsequent search – this would probably be a daughter's husband's name.

The member of each family that runs from generation to generation (i.e. the direct line) is marked with a star in the margin.

Census return forms are filed behind the family concerned along with copies of birth, marriage & death certificates as they arise.

At the bottom of each page I keep a space for detailing where the family lived at certain times and occupations, as and when I discover such information, from census sheets, marriage certificates and often baptismal entries. This gives a clear picture of the movements & working life of each group.

When I come across anything of interest, for example a family story or anecdote, I note it down on a typed sheet and file it behind the census forms, along with any relevant pictures.

The next step is to make a map of the family; this often entails the need for a large sheet of paper. I find the easiest & cheapest way to achieve this is by printing A4 sheets of graph paper & trimming and gluing them together; in this way additional sheets can be added as & when they are required. Some of the larger families of children require a little organisation and very often I am grateful to have a family without children, or a bachelor or spinster sibling in between to make the positioning easier. I do find it clearer to get the whole picture when it is mapped out on a separate sheet.

The graph paper can easily be printed from several sites on the Net: just enter 'graph paper' & make your choice. The squares help to get entries in line and tidy.

In addition to files and maps, I use an online tree builder; Ancestry or Genes for example. These programmes are very useful in finding branches of a family that sometimes elude discovery. This, I believe, is because it is easier to trace backwards than sideways & very often a 'twig' will pop up that has escaped any amount of research, often in far more detail than can be found on the records.

If, as I do, you like to illustrate your tree, the online approach may often turn up photos of family members that you may not otherwise have access to. I have been able to identify my great grandfather, whose picture was in my collection, by comparing it with an almost identical photo on another member's tree.

Thanks must go to my Dad for the original 'record sheet', which I find an invaluable tool for easy reference. The colour coding was my idea, and between the two it all works very well.

BORN		
DIED		
FATHER	MOTHER	

MARRIED		
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SPOUSE		
BORN		
DIED		
FATHER	MOTHER	

CHILDREN	born	place	died	married
<i>(extend as necessary)</i>				

## Increase in overseas subs for Paper Journals

One of the major deliverables for Society members is the quarterly Journal, which we hope you enjoy and find informative. As you can imagine, it also accounts for a high proportion of our outgoings through printing and delivery. We undertook an analysis about a year ago (Sep 2012) and it identified that the unit cost of producing a Journal (print, collate, envelope and address), with a packed weight limit of 100gms, and discounted for volume, was £1.11 (so four Journals in a year cost £ 4.44) and this price has remained steady since. The cost of posting the Journals has altered, however, and the only way is up, of course, and we've been keeping an eye on the changes.

Our current costs are:

Annual costs in £	production	postage	total
UK	4.44	1.78	5.08
Europe	4.44	9.40	13.96
Worldwide	4.44	13.92	18.88

Our printers can obtain a discounted rate for postage in the UK because of volume, but there are too few sent overseas to earn a discount there.

You can see that our current subscription rate of £12 does not cover the costs of sending out the paper Journal to Europe or Worldwide, and this has informed the Committee's recommendation to raise the subscription for receipt of a paper Journal outside the UK to £18 or local currency equivalent from 2015. There is no change to the subscription rate for UK members.

We understand that this is a considerable increase but hope you understand the reason. If you would like to keep your subscription at the £12 rate we can offer you your Journal in electronic format. A number of our overseas members have opted for this delivery method already and so will not need to pay the increased amount. If you would like to receive your Journal by email please contact the Membership Secretary at [membership01@east Surrey fhs.org.uk](mailto:membership01@east Surrey fhs.org.uk) or contact your local representative.

# Memories from the First World War

Mary Timmins

My mother was born in April 1914.

Her earliest memory was when she was about two years old. It was night time and she was holding on tightly to her mother's hand (my grandmother) in a large ferry boat crowded with men in khaki uniforms singing "*It's a long way to Tipperary*". They were crossing the river at Dartmouth in Devon and had travelled there from South London to say goodbye to her father who was leaving for France and the trenches in 1916.

Her next memory was of her mother holding a card embroidered with purple violets which had come from her father all the way from France.

My grandfather, Edward Ernest Owens, enlisted in the army on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1915. He was a Private in the 7<sup>th</sup> London Regiment from 5<sup>th</sup> January 1917 to 14<sup>th</sup> December 1917. The 7<sup>th</sup> was raised in September 1914 and landed in France in January 1917. He was with the 174<sup>th</sup> Brigade 58<sup>th</sup> (London) Division. It fought its first major battle at Bullecourt in May and then took part in the Third Ypres offensive (September – October 1917).

One night my grandmother had a dream that my grandfather had been injured in the fighting. Later news came that he had been injured on this actual night, 4<sup>th</sup> May 1918. He had been shot in the leg. One of the ambulance party was a man that my grandfather had helped in some way. This man heard my grandfather cry out, recognised his voice and immediately went to his rescue. They wanted to amputate his leg but he refused. After that one of his legs was shorter than the other and he was crippled.

My grandmother had money so she paid for him to be transferred to a hospital in England. My grandmother and my uncle went to visit him in Salford Infirmary. My grandfather did not thank my grandmother for getting him transported back to England; he complained that it was not as nice as the chateau he had been in in France! Later he was transferred to a local hospital in south London where my mother went to visit him.

My great-grandmother was Mary Louisa Varcoe and during the First World War she was in charge of the Peckham Ladies' War Effort.

# My unsung hero

*Lesley Chaney [6549]*

My grandfather, Ernest Titler, was born on the 12 August 1878 in Camberwell as the first born of James Benjamin Titler, a carpenter, and his second wife, Mary Rebecca née Straker. That much is in public records, as is my grandfather's marriage on 31 July 1898 in Camberwell to my grandmother, Louisa Catherine née Masters. By coincidence she was also born on the 12 August, but two years earlier. That too is in public records but so much more is not.

My grandmother must have been a strong willed woman. She was a Salvation Army girl and supported the Suffragette movement, delivering leaflets for them and going on some of their marches, taking my father with her as a babe in arms. I have little doubt that her social conscience influenced my grandfather.

Granddad was a painter and decorator who joined his union, probably the Workers Union, in the days of Keir Hardie. Family history teaches us a great deal of social history and so we know that in Granddad's day men worked desperately long hours over a 6 day week in what we would now call sweat shop conditions to earn a pittance, and then go home to live in what we would now call Third World conditions. In becoming a Union man, Granddad had my grandmother's full support. As a child, she had sold frozen greens in the street to earn her share of the housekeeping money.

Granddad suffered for his beliefs. In those days, people didn't want painters and decorators in the winter. The old linseed oil paints took hours to dry so they didn't want their doors and windows flung open at that time of the year. As a Union man, my grandfather didn't get work in the summer either, being branded a hothead and a trouble-maker. So he and my grandmother starved, with what little food they had going to the children. Dinner would often be just a plate of boiled potatoes. My father could remember them having a square meal for the first time in a long while and their stomachs couldn't hold it. My father also remembered my grandfather coming home one day and saying to my grandmother, "Look what I've got!" He held up a pair of boots. "I can pawn these."

Then the First World War started. Having done his bit for his fellow workers, Granddad then did his bit for King and country, enlisting in 1915 in REME. His service records have not survived but from a postcard he sent home I know he

was at Salonika. From what I have read, Salonika had periods of relative peace, punctuated by periods of intense fighting. He seems to have claimed only one of the medals to which he was entitled. My younger aunt, born about a year after de-mob, once asked him what he got it for. "For being silly." He was, after all, an enlisted man and would probably have been too old for conscription.

Granddad came home badly shell-shocked but I expect he did what they all did then: squared his shoulders and got on with life. After all, he hadn't time to nurse himself as he had a family to support. Then the Second World War started.

My mother was at Waterloo station during the Blitz, trying to get a train home. The Germans had bombed the line again so the place was in utter chaos with crowds all trying to get home. In that throng, she heard her name, turned round and saw my grandfather with his head on one side and shaking from head to toe. The bombing had triggered his shell shock again. My mother managed to get him home but that was the beginning of the end. Granddad developed cancer of the bladder and died about 18 months later on 1 April 1942, before I was born. Bladder and fear are synonymous and I regard him as a belated casualty of the First World War.

Everyone who knew my grandfather loved him. He seems to have been a very gentle man, and I have always felt that he and I would have been close. I am enormously proud of his contribution to the improvement in working conditions and his war service, as well as being proud of my grandmother's support. His name won't go down in history but he is my unsung hero and I treasure his cap badge and Soldier's Small book.

## **Buckinghamshire Family History Society**

### **Open Day**

Saturday 26th July 2014, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury, HP21 7NH. Further information, including a full list of organisations attending, can be found at [www.bucksfhs.org.uk](http://www.bucksfhs.org.uk).

Admission is free, with free parking at the venue.

# News from Surrey Heritage

*Julian Pooley, Surrey History Centre*

Sources for family history can turn up in some surprising places. I have recently prepared a new talk to add to those we offer to outside groups. This talk explores the history of gardening in Surrey through the amazing range of sources held by Surrey History Centre. Tithe surveys, Ordnance Survey maps, estate records, deeds, illustrations and family papers are some of the materials we can use to build up the history of a garden or the lives and achievements of individual gardeners or nurserymen over a period of time. I was keen to show how sale particulars can tell us a great deal about a property, especially those prepared in the early twentieth century, which often include detailed plans and even photographs of the house and garden. Searching our indexes I found that we hold sale particulars of a property called Abbots, midway between Betchworth and Leigh. My maternal grandparents, Bert and Ethel Botting, lived in Little Abbots Farm Cottage on this small estate when they were first married in the late 1920s. Imagine my surprise when I found not only that these sale particulars describe that small, timber framed cottage in detail but that they even include a photograph of it, with my grandmother – a young lady in her twenties – filling a can at the water butt. The cottage garden shows rows of potatoes, hazel twigs for the peas and longer sticks set up for the runner beans. For me, this is just as important a source for family history as it is for researching the history of a house or garden.

This discovery brought home to me the very personal nature of family history research. No wonder that some 70% of those who visit us or contact us by email or letter are studying the history of their families and are as passionate about it as the thousands who turned up at London's Olympia in February for *Who Do You Think You Are? Live*. This year we were joined by our colleagues in the Surrey Registration Service and by the team from Visit Surrey to promote sources for family history across the county but also to highlight the value of visiting the county to explore the places where our ancestors lived and worked. The Registration Service brought along two original death registers showing the handwritten entries for the death of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, (Lewis Carroll) in Guildford on 14 January 1889 and the politically charged death of suffragette Emily Davison, who threw herself in the path of the King's horse in the Epsom

Derby on 4 June 1913. These are rarely seen documents and they attracted a lot of interest and questions for all three stands throughout the weekend.

Our postbag (nowadays, email-inbox) is always fuller than usual after Olympia. Those of you who wrote to us in October and November 2013 may remember that we took part in a national survey of 'remote users' to assess the quality of the service we provide. We are very grateful to everyone who kindly took part because the results really will help us to improve the service we provide. Interestingly, more than half of our remote users hear of us via the web, most of them are doing family history and although just over half of them live too far away to visit, 17% are planning to visit us soon. The pleasing news is that 100% of the respondents rated our enquiries service as 'Good' or 'Very good' and 98% rated the quality of our letters and the clarity of our response at the same high level. 77% of those who wrote to us were first time users, suggesting that interest in family history is continuing to attract a new audience.

Audiences and new users can be attracted in different ways. Our 100% strike rate with funding bids continues - Arts Council England (ACE) has recently awarded us a grant of £166,700 from its Renaissance Strategic Support Fund for our project "Learning on My Doorstep (LOMD)". This will ensure that the education sector in the county develops closer working relationships with our many local museums, heritage and cultural organisations to make best use of what's on their doorstep as they respond to the demands of the new national curriculum. The funding will enable us to employ a full-time Project Manager and a Schools Officer to deliver an intense programme of work over the next year, drawing on the richness of Surrey's cultural resources to develop excellent cultural learning opportunities for its children and young people including, more tailored and creative learning activities being developed with schools, both in the classroom and on web, through our Exploring Surrey's Past website <http://www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk/>

## **Richmond Poor Relief Records go online**

Over 103,000 names of people applying for poor relief in Richmond Poor Law Union between 1870 and 1912 are now searchable, free of charge, on our website, <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistorycentre>.

The indexes were created by a team of four volunteers who gave over 800 hours of their time to plough through the first 91 volumes of the Richmond Board of Guardians Application and Report Books, part of an on-going project to index all surviving Surrey Boards of Guardian Poor Law record. The results will be invaluable to family, local and social historians.

Richmond Union encompassed the parishes of Richmond, Kew, Petersham, North Sheen, Barnes and Mortlake. These fascinating books are a rich resource for the lives and experiences of people who had fallen on hard times in the area in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. They provide information on their immediate family, their occupations, addresses, ages and the reasons why they need to apply for help. Sometimes there is even information about family members who are not applying for relief, for example, references to desertion by spouses or individuals in gaol. The indexes can be searched either by name or parish and the indexes include the date of application and the age of applicant.

## **New Accessions**

New material continues to arrive. Highlights for family historians include the following:

### **7452 additional**

St James' Church, Shere: marriage register, 2008-2010

### **8063 additional**

Trinity Methodist Church, Woking: additional records, including 'Trinity News and Views' and 'Flight Path', 2013; Cradle Roll, 1972-1995; preaching plans, 2012-2013; album of photographs of new church, 1965; statement of appreciation of the Rev Arthur H Bestall, 1920; and various publications

### **8870 additional**

St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Woking: additional records, including certificates for worship and solemnisation of marriage, 1952-1953; minutes of Church Meeting, 1988; commemorative items for 50th anniversary, 1991; and orders of service, 1995

### **9284/-**

St Bartholomew, Horley: additional parish records, including registers of baptism, 1991-2010, marriage, 1984-1989, banns, 1994-2003, burial, 1979-2004, confirmation, 1986-2006

**9285/-**

St Paul's, Woking: additional parish records, including PCC minutes and correspondence, 1992-2006; service registers, 1969-2004; parish magazines, 1973-1994

**9288/-**

St Michael and All Angels, Pirbright: additional parish records, including marriage registers, 1947-2008; banns book, 1960-1976; burial registers, 1942-1992; confirmation register, 1890-1958; service registers 1925-1938 and 1967-2005; material relating to Poulton's and Smith's Charities, 1880-1935; church log book, 1976

**9292/-**

St John the Evangelist Church, Merrow: additional records including baptism registers, 1965-2001; marriage registers, 1979-2000; burial registers, 1965-2001; banns registers, 1972-2006; service registers, 1962-2007;

**9294/-**

King George V Sanatorium, Godalming: volume of record cards of treatment of male tuberculosis patients, 1933-1935

**9297/-**

St Catherine's School, Bramley: records including prospectuses, brochure, events programmes, school photographs, photograph of new building, postcards and vinyl recording of centenary music

ESR/QRWSadd2

East Surrey Regiment and Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment: additional photographs, including of 22nd Battalion London Regiment

**QRWS/30ad36**

Private Maurice Matcham (1895-1918), Queens West Surrey Regiment: photographs and biography, 1903-c.2000

**QRWS/30ad38**

Sergeant Albert Edwin Rice, Queens Royal West Surrey Regiment: 'All for a shilling a day', typescript account of service in World War I, chiefly in Mesopotamia, compiled 1970, with photographs, 1914-1970

## **QRWS/30ad39**

A/RQMS Herbert William Bowen, 4th battalion, Queens Royal West Surrey Regiment: photographs and papers, 1916-1966

## **Z/617**

St John's School, Woking: photographs; Brookwood Station: staff photograph; Home Guard: photograph, 1910s-1940s

## **Talks and Events**

At the time of writing we are about to launch a six week family history course in May and June run by professional genealogists and archivists at Surrey History Centre. Topics will include an introduction to family history, trades and professions, schools and workhouses, military records, hospital, asylum court and prison records and immigration, emigration and transportation. This is a new venture for us and we are delighted that it has attracted so much interest. Most places are already booked up and we look forward to repeating some of the sessions later in the year. Please keep an eye on our events page, [www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents) for further information.

## **Surrey History Trust AGM**

**The AGM of the Surrey History Trust** will be held at Leigh Hill Place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 6.30pm to 9.00pm by kind permission of the National Trust. After a brief AGM there will be an illustrated presentation on the history of Leigh Hill Place, a remarkable building which dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century and has connections with the Wedgwoods, Charles Darwin and Ralph Vaughan Williams. This will be followed by an update on future plans for the building.

This event is open to non-members but numbers are restricted and places must be reserved in advance through the Surrey History Centre (01483 5187737).

Access is from the Trust's Rhododendron Wood car park, Tan Hurst Lane (RH5 6LY). Arrival should be from 6pm to allow time for a walk of 400m to the house through a field.

Restricted parking by the house is available for those unable to walk from the car park and, if required, this should be mentioned when making a reservation.

**The Game of Kings:** A rich history of Real Tennis – its origins, equipment, courts and colourful exponents through to the present day.

A talk by Lesley Ronaldson, Hampton Court Palace Lecturer and Real Tennis Professional.

Saturday 14 Jun 2014, 2.30 p.m. at Surrey History Centre

Tickets are £5.00 each. To book a place please phone 01483 518737 and ask for Rebecca Doorbar or email [education.scau@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:education.scau@surreycc.gov.uk)

**Polish Refugees in post-war Surrey:** A story of a displaced wartime community by Wies Rogalski

Thursday 26 June 2014, 7.30-8.30 p.m. Tickets: £5.00. Please book online at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents) or at Surrey History Centre.

Wies Rogalski was born in Guildford to Polish parents who were displaced to Britain in 1947. For the first six years of his life he lived in a disused Canadian army base called Tweedsmuir Camp which stood near Thursley Village in Surrey. The camp, rather than being demolished after the war, was used to house Polish ex-service men and women who had been demobilised in Britain. This talk is an illustrated presentation about Wies' life at Tweedsmuir and his family's integration into British society.

### **The Last Summer: Surrey on the Eve of the Great War**

On 4 August 1914 Britain declared war on Germany. The First World War had begun and life would never be the same again. Using archives and local studies materials from Surrey History Centre, this exhibition will provide a snapshot of Surrey in the last summer before the outbreak of war. It will explore family and school life, news reported in the county's press, sport and leisure. It will assess how Surrey responded to the demand for women's suffrage and also look at the county's changing landscape and economy at the opening of the twentieth century.

This free display will be in our foyer from June to August 2014 during normal opening times.

### **We Will Remember Them** – First World War Family History Workshops.

These workshops will help you to find resources for searching ancestors in the Great War, discover what information and records are held by Ancestry and Find My Past and understand how The National Archives and Commonwealth War Graves Commission provide a wealth of material for family historians. There will

also be an opportunity to explore your own family history with a support of experts.

Godalming Library 22 Sep 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Epsom Library 24 Sep 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Staines Library 26 Sep 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Tickets cost £8.00 Please book online at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents) or telephone debit/credit card bookings on 01483 543599. A small handling charge may apply. Bookings can also be made in person in any Surrey library.

## **Surrey Heritage Annual Lecture**

**The Quick and the Dead:** a talk by Richard van Emden

The Quick and the Dead is the story not only of the soldiers who went to war and did not return, but of the wives and children they left behind to mourn. This talk will look at how a whole nation came to terms with the devastating news of casualties at the front, and how a few unscrupulous individuals sought to profit from other people's misery. It also examines the sometimes controversial subject of where the dead were to be interred, as well as how the fallen would be commemorated at the end of the Great War

Surrey History Centre, Saturday 8 November 2014, 2.30 p.m.

Tickets cost £10.00 and will include refreshments. Please book online at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents) or at Surrey History Centre.

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## **Essex FHS Conference**

2014 sees the 40th Anniversary of the Essex Society for Family History and also of the Federation of Family History Societies, and to mark these occasions the Society is holding a Conference entitled "Dig for the Past, Look to the Future" from the 29th to 31st August 2014. Further details can be found on our website [www.esfh.org.uk](http://www.esfh.org.uk).

# Southwark Group January Meeting

*Hilary Blanford*

This friendly group sat down to hear its pre-lunch talk from Kathy Chater on 'Delinquents, especially juveniles, and those who tried to reform them'. Kathy started her talk by discussing the age at which children were recognised as being able to understand the difference between wrong and right, which has never been less than seven years of age. It is therefore very unlikely that any records of misdemeanours of children younger than seven will exist, although there may be a few records in Petty Sessions as children who stole were more likely to take small items. Major crimes were judged at the Assizes, or in the case of London at the Old Bailey. The records for the latter are available online but Kathy emphasised the need to follow through the records as many prisoners had their sentences commuted.

She went on to explain that by the 1860s the analysis of crime statistics showed that there was a strong correlation between drink and crime. This recognition led to the formation of the many temperance societies who began to appoint 'missionaries' to the courts. The service still continues in a few courts, but in 1925 the Criminal Justice Act made the appointment of probation officers mandatory.

Kathy continued by outlining some of the surviving records and then described the processes of sentencing juveniles, from being out on their own recognisances, in today's terminology being bound over, or for more serious crimes birching, fines, reformatories, industrial schools, approved schools, training ships and eventually Borstals. She explained that some records are held in local record offices, with charities, or at the National Archives. Some specialist collections are held by the Universities of Warwick and Nottingham.

To answer to some members' questions Kathy used the advanced search facilities at <http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/> and this stimulated a lively discussion. The ability to use the internet live during presentations is one of the great advantages of the Southwark meetings, the other being the local history library in the next room, with its late-night opening on the day of the meetings.

Do remember to bring your sandwiches for a shared lunch if you come to join us.

The next meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup> June; the talk, given by Alec Tritton, will be on ‘Death & Resurrection: Lost London Burial Grounds’ together with information on “Body Snatchers” – some ‘Resurrectionists’ have been found in local parishes.

## **The future of the Census beyond 2011 – update**

In the December 2013 Journal we wrote about the consultation being conducted by the Office of National Statistics on what format the next ‘Census’ might take. Should it be a compulsory online questionnaire or an extrapolation from a combination of administrative Government data against an actual 4% sample of the population?

The outcome from the consultation has now been published and the National Statistician, Jill Matheson, has made her recommendation on the way forward for census and population statistics.

The recommendation is for an online census of all households and communal establishments in England and Wales in 2021 as a modern successor to the traditional, paper-based decennial census. ONS recognises that special care would need to be taken to support those who are unable to complete the census online.

This would be combined with:

- Increased use of administrative data and surveys in order to enhance the statistics from the 2021 Census and improve annual statistics between censuses.
- Together these would make the best use of all available data to provide the population statistics which England and Wales require and offer a springboard to the greater use of administrative data and annual surveys in the future.
- Further research is to be carried out over the coming months and years to determine the most appropriate blend of methods and data sources.

The Government will respond in due course.

# World War One Centenary

*Peter Moulin*

In August 2014 the centenary of the First World War starts, and this continues to November 2018. There will be many events to recognise this, with a focus on the history and contribution of the individuals involved. As an event, it has shaped the following century, and no family in this country was untouched by its consequences. It is appropriate, therefore, that as a family history society we mark this important milestone in some way.

My idea is to include one short article about an East Surrey person who served (and maybe died) during the First World War in every edition of the journal from September 2014 to December 2018. A maximum of one page (A5) would suffice, and I would hope that this would not just involve soldiers. Many of our members will be aware of relatives who served in other ways, such as nurses, VADs, munitions workers, bus conductors and so on. People did not just die on the front line, either, as there were those who perished in ships sunk by U-boats, Zeppelin raids and naval attacks on coastal towns.

The collected articles could provide a resource for those studying local history and the war, such as local schoolchildren.

Please have a look in your family history collections and see if you have a story to share. Don't worry if you haven't written anything before or if you have an interesting item or document that needs photographing. We can help you. Please speak to me, Peter Moulin, or any Committee Member. My contact email address is [ww1articles@east Surrey fhs.org.uk](mailto:ww1articles@east Surrey fhs.org.uk).

## Lingfield Research Day

Please note that the Research Day in July at the Lingfield Centre will be on the first Saturday of the month – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> – and not the usual second Saturday.

# News from Sutton Local Studies & Archives Centre

*Kath Shawcross (Borough Archivist London Borough of Sutton; 020 8770 4747)*

I have wonderful news to report. Sutton Archives was awarded £95,900 by the Heritage Lottery Fund in March for our project entitled "The Past on Glass: A Local Photographer's Legacy". Our local authority is giving us a further £10,000 which means we have nearly £110,000 to spend on the project which involves the digitisation, re-housing and cataloguing of 11,000 glass plate negatives from the studio of David Knights-Whittome who I'm sure you've seen me mention before. You can see examples of some of his work on our Flickr site <http://bit.ly/1hT8BhW> It is best viewed in Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.

We will be recruiting a part-time Project Officer who in turn will recruit and manage our team of volunteers. The volunteers will be trained in the tasks mentioned above. We are also looking for volunteers to research the people and places in the collection and we hope contribute to our online blog telling the wider community what they are doing, what image they like best and why etc.

We have already recruited 20 volunteers through a local press release and my going on Radio London to talk about the project at the end of April. If you're interested please get in touch. The project will last almost two and a half years so there is plenty of time to get involved.

I attended your AGM at Bourne Hall last weekend and just want to say thank you. It was great to meet up with some familiar faces and touch base with the volunteers at Epsom & Ewell Local and Family History Centre. I think we can help each other out in commemorating WW1 as David Knights-Whittome as he opened a second shop in Epsom.

Another piece of exciting news was our success in acquiring three items at auction in April. We were alerted by TNA that the items: Carshalton Court Roll 1622-1833; Carshalton Churchwardens & Overseers Minutes 1691-1746 and a survey of the parish of Carshalton 1839 were coming up for auction in 10 days. There was competition for the minutes (which were in fact accounts) but I held out and got them. The hammer price for all three plus premium came to £1252. The Friends of National Libraries funded 80% of the purchase with the Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society making up the difference. The items had been

part of Carshalton Urban District Council's records well over 50 years ago so I was very happy for them to return to us.

Finally – a mention of a local walk on the 13 July at 2pm: Sutton New Town. Meet at the Broadway, north end of Lind Road in Sutton. The walk is approximately 2 hrs and costs £4. Advance booking from 020 8770 4781 (or show up on the day). Carew Manor will be open on Sunday 16 June at 2pm & 3.30pm; £5 from the same number. Keep an eye out for openings on the 14 Sept and 12 Oct.

Please note our weekends open from end of Jun-Dec 2014: 31 May/1 Jun, 14/15 Jun, 28/29 Jun, 12/13 Jul, 26/27 Jul, 9/10 Aug, 23/24 Aug, 6/7 Sep, 20/21 Sep, 4/5 Oct, 18/19 Oct, ½ Nov, 15/16 Nov, 29/30 Nov, 13/14 Dec. Full details are on our website.

Pte C G Lovegrove, 10/7/1916. He was killed at the front just 3 months later



# Dictionary of Medieval Latin from British Sources (DMLBS)

Anne Ramon [4730]

The bounty of early family history records on the National Archives, Ancestry, FindMyPast and may other websites offers you the chance to find your early ancestry in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. There may be parish records, wills, inventories and estate records and there is an increasing possibility that all or parts may be written in Latin, the official language of record at the time. It's often fairly straightforward, for example '*baptismatus est*' means 'was baptised', but I have had to dust off my O level Latin recently when looking at some 16<sup>th</sup> century wills for my Orgle family on the Surrey/Sussex/Kent border. The handwriting takes a while to get used to, too, but that's another topic!

Last year I saw an advertisement for a short conference on the completion of a 'new' (?) dictionary of the Latin used in medieval Europe between 800 and 1600 AD and I was sufficiently intrigued to book and attend.

It was a two-day conference celebrating the completion of the Dictionary of Medieval Latin from British Sources, or DMLBS for short. I learned that the challenge had been set in April 1913 and last year, 2013, saw the completion of this exercise after 100 years of work, with the publication of the last part, or fascicle, number XVII (17) 'Syrina – Z'.

The Dictionary of Medieval Latin originally intended to collect the Latin words used in all the Roman controlled or influenced territories in Europe so companion dictionaries from French sources, Celtic sources, Swedish sources etc. were also inaugurated in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Some of these have foundered for lack of funds; others are still struggling on (the Polish version is at letter 'S' and the German on 'H'). The British Sources volume is the first to be completed and contains 58,000 words and 30,000 spelling variations.

The Conference was attended and addressed by learned medievalists and Latin scholars from all over Europe. I enjoyed the rarefied air and the intriguing programme of talks, learning much about the context within which written records were created and preserved in this period. We touched on Anglo Norman Latin, the influence of Arabic words in English, Anglo Saxon riddles, and how the independent Welsh and Irish adopted some Latin words into their own languages.

The message dawned on me that our ancestors may well have spoken and read more than one language, as local officials, the Church and academia used Latin for written records, French was the courtly spoken language, while the general population spoke English, French, Cornish, Welsh, Gaelic, and bits of other languages as necessary. We heard about an interesting example at the busy markets on the Thames which were regularly visited by Norwegians and Icelanders, and where pragmatism and speed ruled. Duties were payable on imported goods so the customs officials had to speak to the traders about their fish catches and loads of timber in order to collect custom duties, and then recorded the details in Latin. The scribes had to be flexible when their Latin 'ran out' and there was no equivalent word for something, for example, three-masted sailing ships. These might be recorded as 'trieres' which means three-decked boats of oarsmen or triremes as there was no Latin word for this new type of vessel. The Baltic words 'cable' and 'upteye' were used for kinds of rope and 'righold' and 'plankys' were recorded as pieces of wood. The North Sea fish were traded and documented under their Norse or English names such as 'luscrayth', 'croppelyng' and 'lenges'.

I was particularly intrigued by the transition of the language of record from Latin through Anglo Norman to the rag-bag of words we call English. A study of the (London) Bridge House estate tax collection records from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> centuries has identified that Latin was used until about the fifteenth century, and then Anglo-Norman took over for about a hundred years, followed by English, suggesting the move from Latin to English only took about 4 generations.

The dictionary has been published since 'A-B' in 1975 and is now complete with 17 parts. The final project objective is to put it all online, due for release later this year (2014). This should be very useful for reading my wills. Wish me luck!

For more information on the dictionary see:

[www.dmlbs.ox.ac.uk/exhibition](http://www.dmlbs.ox.ac.uk/exhibition) and <http://www.dmlbs.ox.ac.uk/british-medieval-latin>

# Recording my family

*Chris Green [4030]*

My interest in tracing my ancestors started about fifty years ago. As anyone who engages in this hobby will have discovered, the task becomes progressively more difficult as the higher, or earlier, branches of the family tree are reached.

I should say from the outset that my 'research' has not proceeded in an entirely logical fashion. As others will know, it is reasonably easy to list the members of one's own generation and the next one or perhaps two above. 'Research' on this level is invariably by word of mouth and of course the older the relative from whom the information comes the further back up the tree one is able to progress. In my case I only ever knew one grandparent but I was lucky enough to be shown, and later given, a family Bible from the other side of the family.

Several research methods are possible: perhaps the most popular one is simply to trace both your parents, then their parents, and so on. This gives a nice symmetrical tree and is uncluttered by cousins or great-aunts, but purely because of this it is sometimes rather unsatisfying. Another way is to concentrate on just one branch of the family, perhaps that of one's paternal line.

What I attempted to do was to combine elements of each. I was interested (as are most people who pursue this interest) in getting as far back, chronologically, as I could. I also wanted to put a little more flesh on the bare bones of the tree by including brothers and sisters – and, where possible their spouses and families. This has the advantage that when a dead end is reached with one branch of the family there will always be some other leads to be followed.

## **Date conventions**

When dates are known to be accurate (that is, they have been taken from a certificate, register or other 'official' document) I show them in Roman text in full, in the form dd mmm yyyy – for example '06 DEC 1949'. Where dates are approximate the day of the month is omitted, thus 'DEC 1949' or even just '1949'. Note that the year is always shown as four digits to avoid confusion.

Where the dates are those of baptisms and burials (the usual dates found from parish registers), rather than births or deaths, the dates are shown in italics.

Different people have different ways of indicating the various stages of life. For some years now I have been using the following convention:

- B burial
- C about (i.e. an approximate date)
- D death
- M marriage
- N birth (from the French *né* or *née*)
- X baptism (sign of the cross)

This avoids any confusion between birth, baptism and burial, all of which have the same initial letter.

### **Individual labels**

In many families the same Christian name is passed down from generation to generation, and often the proliferation of the same name leads to much confusion. In an attempt to minimise this I have adopted a system of labelling which identifies each individual uniquely. Note that this labelling convention can only be applied when a definite relationship has been established with a direct ancestor; but when a relationship has been established a reference can be determined, however remote the relationship might be.

All family members (by which I mean all relatives, however remote, of whatever generation, whether blood-related or marriage-related) are classified as follows:

**Primary.** I have defined a primary relative as either (i) myself or (ii) the parent of a primary relative. This category also includes (as a special case) my two children

**Secondary.** A secondary relative is either (i) a sibling of a primary relative or (ii) the spouse of a secondary relative

**Tertiary.** A tertiary relative is the child of a secondary relative or, to be more precise, a child of a couple both of whom are secondary relatives.

Clearly this categorisation can be continued *ad infinitum*, with a quaternary relative being the spouse of a tertiary relative, etc.

Any **primary** ancestor will have a three-digit numerical reference. I have given myself the reference '001' and any other ancestor can be calculated as follows:

The reference number of the *father* of any primary ancestor is calculated as 2 x the reference of that individual; thus my father will be (001 x 2 =) 002, my (paternal) grandfather will be (002 x 2 =) 004, etc.

The reference number of the *mother* of any primary ancestor is calculated as 2 x the reference of that individual plus 1; thus my mother will be (001 x 2 + 1 =) 003, my (paternal) grandmother will be (002 x 2 + 1 =) 005, etc.

Thus the wife of any primary ancestor (who is, by definition, also a primary ancestor) will have a reference one greater than that of her husband; it follows that an even number will always be male and an odd number a female. I am the sole exception to this rule, having defined myself as '1'!

Any **secondary** ancestor will have a reference comprising three figures plus a letter. The three figures will be that of the primary ancestor of whom he or she is a sibling (remember that a secondary ancestor is defined as a sibling of a primary ancestor). The letter will indicate his or her position in the family relative to the primary ancestor.

- siblings older than the primary ancestor will take letters A (eldest) to M (youngest)
- siblings younger than the primary ancestor will take letters N (eldest) to Z (youngest).

Thus a family with three children, of which the primary ancestor (with reference 010) is the youngest, would be labelled '010L', '010M' and 010.

The spouse of a secondary ancestor will have the same reference, but with the letter suffix in lower case; thus the husband of a secondary ancestor with reference 034K would take a reference 034k.

A **tertiary** ancestor (who is the child of a pair of secondary ancestors) takes the reference of his parent (with a capital letter suffix) and adds a second letter. This second letter determines his position within the children. Thus if two parents, who are secondary ancestors, are 012P and 012p, then the children, in order of age, will be 012PA, 012PB, etc.

Note that the system allows only for 'natural' relatives and does not accommodate remarriages or step-parents.

It can be seen that all relatives depend for their reference on their connection to a primary ancestor. Some examples might make this clearer.

I have reference 001. My younger brother Anthony (a secondary ancestor) will have a reference of 001N; siblings younger than Anthony would be labelled 001O, 001P, etc. If I had an older brother he would be 001M. Thus the nearer the start of the alphabet, the older the individual. Note that the system does not distinguish between male and female siblings.

The spouse of such a sibling (i.e. my brother-in-law or sister-in-law) takes the same letter but in lowercase. Thus Anthony's wife Debbie is 001n.

Any children of such a relationship (my nephew or niece – a tertiary ancestor) adds a further letter, which indicates their position within that family. So Katie (Anthony and Debbie's older daughter) is 001NA, their second daughter Emily is 001NB, etc. Again no distinction is made between males and females; and note that both letters are uppercase.

Since the labelling is done according to a strict system any relationship can be discovered.

It is interesting, though perhaps no more than that, to note that a common confusion about in-laws is avoided with this system. Consider, for example, my father (002). His 'brother-in-law' could be either his wife's brother or his sister's husband – both would make him my uncle although strictly speaking the latter would be an uncle-by-marriage. With the system under discussion this ambiguity is avoided. My father's wife (i.e. my mother) is 003 (calculate by ref+1). His wife's brother is 003N (assuming a younger brother). However, my father's sister (again, assuming her to be younger) is 002N, and her husband would be 002n.

At first sight this system may seem bewilderingly complicated. But it lends itself well to keeping records on a computer system and it has worked well for me for fifty years!

# East Surrey Family History Society

## Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31st December 2013

	note	2013	2012
		£	£
	£		
<b>INCOME</b>			
Subscriptions	2	12,729	13,750
Gift aid tax rebate		1,979	1,976
Bookstall & publications	3	2,706	3,533
Donations & searches		1,082	1,029
Pay per view		65	51
Journal sales & advertising		0	51
Bank interest		1,473	339
		<b>20,033</b>	<b>20,728</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Bookstall & publications	3	1,587	2,551
Journal costs	4	8,918	7,531
Meetings & events		5,818	6,064
Projects		10	37
Research centre		1,456	1,424
Website,cd-rom & software		219	77
General running costs:			
Secretarial,stationery,room hire	315	878	
Equipment repairs and renewals	0	91	
Advertising		214	20
Federation		43	16
Insurance	5	219	189
		<b>791</b>	<b>1,195</b>
Affiliation fees,royalties	5	582	619
Independent examiner's fee		430	430
Depreciation		553	449
Donation		100	90
		<b>20,464</b>	<b>20,467</b>
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>-431</b>	<b>261</b>
<b>General fund brought forward</b>		<b>66,876</b>	<b>66,615</b>
<b>General fund carried forward</b>		<b>66,445</b>	<b>66,876</b>

# East Surrey Family History Society

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2013

	Note	2013		2012	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	6		1,048		1,101
Current assets					
Publication stock	7	2,169		2,408	
Debtors	8	1,198		1,975	
Bank and cash	9	65,150		65,012	
		<b>68,517</b>		<b>69,395</b>	
Creditors:due within one year	10	3,120		3,620	
Net current assets			65,397		65,775
Net assets			<b>66,445</b>		<b>66,876</b>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund:					
Balance brought forward			66,876		66,615
Excess of income over expenditure			- 431		261
Balance carried forward			<b>66,445</b>		<b>66,876</b>

The figures shown on these four pages are not a complete representation of the accounts. A complete set of accounts may be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed C4 envelope to the Society Treasurer, whose contact details appear inside the front cover.

# East Surrey Family History Society

## Notes to the accounts

### 1 Accounting policies

#### **Basis of accounting:**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE), the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and reporting by charities (SORP2005) and the Charities Act 1993.

#### **Income recognition:**

Subscriptions, sales, fees, donations and other similar types of income are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income.

Tax claims on donations are included in the SOFA in the same accounting period as the donation.

#### **Expenditure and liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### **Tangible fixed assets:**

Tangible fixed assets costing at least £100 are capitalised at cost.

Depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Equipment, fixtures & fittings - 20% on a straight line basis.

#### **Stock:**

Publication stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items.

<b>2</b>	<b>Subscriptions</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	United Kingdom	11,809	12,575
	Overseas	920	1,174
		12,729	13,750
<b>3</b>	<b>Bookstall publications</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	Sales and on-line publications	2,626	3,384
	Vouchers	80	149
	Less: Purchases and costs	1,349	2,696
	Stock movement	238	- 145
		1,119	982

<b>4</b>	<b>Journal costs</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	Printing	4,200	5,336
	Packing & mailing	4,718	2,195
		8,918	7,531
	less:sales and advertising income	0	- 51
		8,918	7,480
<b>5</b>	<b>Affiliation fees and insurance</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	Insurance	219	189
	Subscription	582	619
		801	808
<b>6</b>	<b>Tangible fixed assets</b>		
	Equipment, fixtures & fittings	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	At 1/01/13	18,376	18,091
	Additions	500	285
	Disposals		
	At 31/12/13	18,876	18,376
	Depreciation		
	At 1/01/13	17,275	16,826
	Eliminated on disposal	-	-
	Charge for the year	553	449
	At 31/12/13	17,828	17,275
	Net book value at 31/12/13	1,048	1,101
	Net book value at 31/12/12	1,101	1,265
<b>7</b>	<b>Publication stock</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	Books,cd-roms,publications	1,892	2,075
	Vouchers	277	333
		2,169	2,408
<b>8</b>	<b>Debtors</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	Gift aid rebate	-	1,975
		-	1,975
<b>9</b>	<b>Bank and cash</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	Bank current account	16,439	18,524
	Cash floats	355	355
	Bank deposit accounts	48,356	46,133
	Charities deposit fund		-
		65,150	65,012
<b>10</b>	<b>Creditors:due within one year</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	Accruals	3,120	3,620
		3,120	3,620

# Website round up

Brian Hudson

“What’s in a name?” was the question posed in the previous Journal at the beginning of an article on members’ interests. The following are some websites that might provide the answer.

In a small unscientific test the website **www.houseofnames.com** was most successful in returning results for three names selected from the journal article, Poirot, Lazarus and Zettle. These included an impressive amount of information. The next most successful was **www.surnamedb.com** which returned a result for Lazarus with only a small amount of information about the name.

Finally, with *nil point*, was **www.behindthename.com** which returned no results for those names. Other names I tried also produced meagre results.

What I can’t check is whether the information on these websites is correct or if any or all of it has been made up – *caveat utilitor*, “let the user beware”.

**www.culturegrid.org.uk** – UK collections, connected with family and local history, from libraries, archives, galleries and museums have been gathered together on this site. Here a search can be made for images, documents, audio and video.

A search for Southwark files returned 904 results, mainly historical images, and a search for Hudson produced 891 results. Of these the first three were interviews from the Imperial War museum but none were actually Hudson’s; the name was simply mentioned in the accompanying text.

The use of filters will improve results; for example, searching for **train** produces 4420 images many of which are not what railway train enthusiasts would be seeking. They will need to use the menu on the left to eliminate unrelated results. Selecting *Transport (Rail)* will result in over 400 images of railways stations.

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## Yorkshire FHS Open Day

Yorkshire Family History Fair will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at York Racecourse, Knavesmire Exhibition Centre, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

For further information please see [www.yorkshirefamilyhistoryfair.com](http://www.yorkshirefamilyhistoryfair.com).

# Can you help?

## Baylis

*Tim Baylis [913] 95 Brighton Avenue, Wigston, Leicester, LE18 1JB*

I have been peering over, under and through chinks in the Brick Wall of my Baylis ancestors for around thirty years, and I hope that a reader may be able to bring further enlightenment.

The tree (on the adjacent page) shows well-established links back to Thomas Baylis (1778-1830) but the three previous generations, in the 18th century, are based largely on IGI baptisms and marriages.

Thomas Ballis and his exotically-named bride Catherine Maria (Harlow) were married at St Benet's, Paul's Wharf, in the City of London on 15th February 1725. Sadly, I have no knowledge of their births or any previous connections.

From this time down to Thomas (1778-1830) the links are hazy, but mostly in the Lambeth area. The marriage of his partner Harriet is likewise unknown, with several siblings baptised at St Mary's and one, during the Napoleonic Wars, in Brighton! After the war they were both busy running the 'George & Dragon' at the Marble Hall, close by the thriving Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens.

For any interested readers I have collected much information concerning the six subsequent generations in the London region, Yorkshire and Australia.

I regret my inability to master the computer but I should be happy to correspond with any reader who suspects even a vague connection.

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## Can you help?

Requests for help or information should be sent to the Editor, whose details appear on the inside cover. They will be published in the next available issue of the Journal. Members submitting requests should be sure to include their Membership Number.

Anyone offering assistance should correspond directly with the member concerned, and not via officers of the Society.

BALLIS  
 BAILLESS  
 BAYLEY  
 BAYLIS(S)

St  
 Lukes  
 CHEA SEA  
 d. Abraham HARLOW  
 9. 8. 1696 \*

**THOMAS BALLIS** = CATHERINA MARIA (HARLOW)  
 m. 15. 2. 1725 St. Benet. Poul's Wharf.

ALICE = **CHARLES BALLIS** THOMAS BAYLIS WILLIAM BAYLEY MARTHA BAYLIS MARTHA BAYLIS HUMPHREY BAYLIS ANN BAYLIS  
 d 20.5.1805? Marble Hall LAMBETH. bp 5.10.1729. bp 27.3.37. bp 15.7.39. bp 21/3/41. bp. 11. 11. 43. bp. 31.3.45. bp 26.4.1747.  
 All Saints FULHAM. St Mary Lambeth St.M.L. St.M.L. St.M.L. St.M.L.

CHARLES bp 23.9.1752 All St. Mary Lambeth  
 CHARLOTTE bp 17.9.1753  
**WILLIAM** bp. 9. 2. 1755 m. RACHELL  
 MARGARET bp. 6. 3. 1757  
 GEORGE bp 28. 1. 1759

LINK?  
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**THOMAS BAYLIS** = HARRIET = WILLIAM BRAKE  
 bp St.M.L. 23. 9. 1778  
 Age 52. d. 26. 10. 1830 bust St.M.L. Will.

was she a HARLING? \*  
 bp 8 m. unknown  
 2<sup>nd</sup> m. St. Mark Kennington  
 d. London Rd. Southwark. 1841 (Age 53)  
 birth? 1780.

Vicarage "George & Dragon"  
 Marble Hall, Vauxhall.  
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HARRIET bp 22. 1. 1809 St. Nicholas BRIGHTON  
 m. JOSEPH HARLING  
 1851 widow Vicarage  
 with Nephew Wm. Harding  
 1874 death at  
 "Queens Arms" sole  
 Cannon St. executor  
 £ 400 ✓

HENRY bp 1771 St.M.L.  
 m. St. M. NEWINGTON HUNSBET  
 27.10.1855-1869 Yorks.  
 SARAH HANSFORD?  
 ? bp. YEovil  
 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage  
 ELIZ PARSONS 1874  
 Clerkenwell, St. Pancras  
 Islington Hornsey  
 Wm. died 1879 Butcher.  
 Ginger Beer Manuf.  
 Traveller.

**WILLIAM** bp. St. Mary LAMBETH 15. 1. 15  
 m. St. M. NEWINGTON HUNSBET  
 27.10.1855-1869 Yorks.  
 SARAH HANSFORD?  
 ? bp. YEovil  
 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage  
 ELIZ PARSONS 1874  
 Clerkenwell, St. Pancras  
 Islington Hornsey  
 Wm. died 1879 Butcher.  
 Ginger Beer Manuf.  
 Traveller.

THOMAS bp. Vauxhall (Census) BUTCHER  
 15. 1. 15  
 5 Grandchildren  
 traced to 1900

CHARLES bp. St. M. Mag. BERNARDSLEY 20. 8. 1820  
 ?  
 1900

EDWARD bp. St. M. L. 20. 2. 1822  
 d. Melbourne 1854 Clerk?

MARY ANN? bp. St. GEO CAMBERWELL 10. 8. 1828

WILLIAM HARLING bp. St. G. BAPTIST CLARENWELL 19. 7. 1830  
 m. MARY ANN NEWMAN Islington 20. 10. 64  
 ① ANN MARRA GRIDER Working 5. 1. 75  
 ② RUTH BROTCHS 7. 8. 1901  
 4 children  
 traced to 1900

HARRIET ELIZABETH bp. St. G. BAPTIST CLARENWELL 6. 10. 1837  
 m. GUSTAVUS HAGEN 13. 9. 59 Limehouse  
 d. GEORGE & ANNA  
 1887  
 traced

ALFRED b. 11. 12. 41 St. Pancras  
 m. EMILY BOSTALL 1864  
 Hull, Seaside (Chr. Ch.)  
 Traveller, Wool Merchant  
 d. Melbourne 1901

EDWARD b. 11. 12. 41 St. Pancras  
 m. EMILY BOSTALL 1864  
 Hull, Seaside (Chr. Ch.)  
 Traveller, Wool Merchant  
 d. Melbourne 1901

WALTER b. 1843 b. 1845  
 St. Lukes old Street.  
 ?

ALFRED b. HULL 1864  
 Wool Merchant  
 Warehouse London.  
 traced

EMILY b. HULL 1866  
 living 1901  
 Census? nothing known after 1901

EDWARD b. HULL 1867  
 living 1901  
 Census? nothing known after 1901

WALTER b. HULL 1869  
 living 1901  
 Census? nothing known after 1901

LAURA b. HULL 1875  
 traced

m. FRANCES FREEDMAN 1891  
 1840 Hull. Chr. Ch.

# Can you help?

## Pupils of Epsom College

*Sue Farmer*

A friend of mine is helping Epsom College with its research on pupils of Epsom College who served in the Great War. The information collected is being included on the Known to have Served section of the Epsom College Archive website, and the full list of pupils can be downloaded at:

[http://archive.epsomcollege.org.uk/First\\_World\\_War/Known%20to%20have%20served.pdf](http://archive.epsomcollege.org.uk/First_World_War/Known%20to%20have%20served.pdf)

If anyone has additional information about any of the pupils from Epsom College who served in the War, please contact the Archivist, Alan Scadding, via the Epsom College Archive website, at:

<http://archive.epsomcollege.org.uk/>

## John Walter Rhodes

*Lesley Mills {millsdevizes@btinternet.com}}*

John Rhodes is my grandfather, who committed suicide in Horsham in 1936. I know very little about him but I understand he had a brother living in Croydon in the 1950s.

John Rhodes was born in London in 1896; he joined the London Yeomanry and the Machine Gun Corps and was a second Lieutenant in the RFC/RAF but I believe he was wounded in Egypt. He married Hilda Foyle in about 1918 or 1919 and they had a daughter, Marjorie , who was born in Vicarage Road Tottenham in 1920. That lady is my mother who is alive and nearly 94!

Her father was a bit of a charmer; he left the family home when she was 7 and she never saw or heard of him again. He was a chauffeur, he spent some time in prison and ended up running a garage in Southampton . . . he committed suicide over guilt he was suffering from stealing money from this garage.

It's a very long shot but I am wondering whether any of your members have knowledge of this man and his family. When my father traced his brother in Croydon in the 1950s the door was shut in his face!

# Can you help?

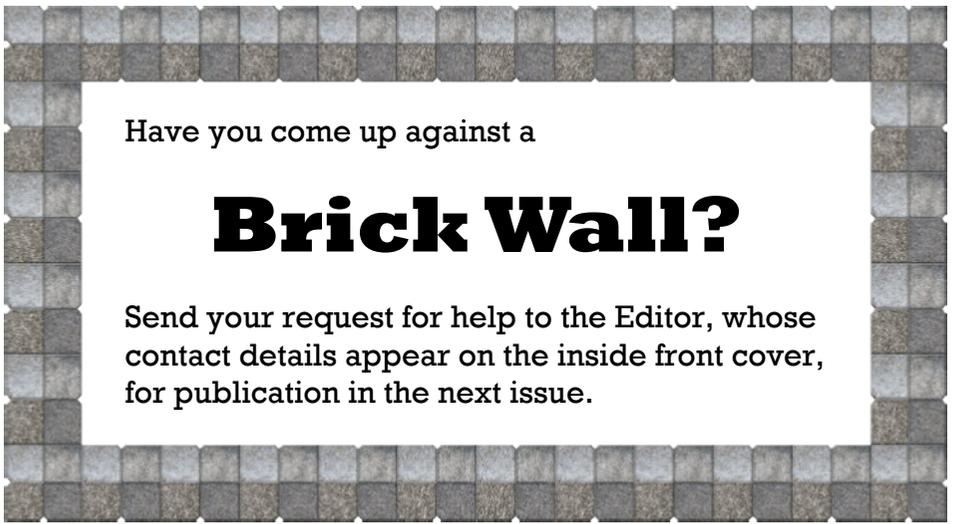
## Wood

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I am trying to contact the family of Sergeant Ronald Charles Wood RAF (POW) who took part in a raid over Germany on 4th November 1944. Ronald was from London and his service number was 1812663 RAFVR.

Five of the seven crew were killed that night. Most of them, including my cousin, were on their first mission. In 2013 I made touch with three of the other families and I should like to make contact with the Wood family as it will be the 70th anniversary of the tragic event in November.

Sergeant Wood lived at 516 Kingston Road, Raynes Park, London, when he returned from Germany in 1944 and wrote to the families of the crew who had lost their lives.



Have you come up against a

## **Brick Wall?**

Send your request for help to the Editor, whose contact details appear on the inside front cover, for publication in the next issue.