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Open Day & AGM

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**Croydon Park Hotel
7 Altyre Road, Croydon, CR9 5AA**

10:00 Doors open

Talks

Caring for your photos

with Jacqueline Moon

**The times they are a'changing
40 years of genealogical research**

with Ian Waller

**Food for Thought
the Joe Lyons Story**

with Neville Lyons

3:30 Annual General Meeting

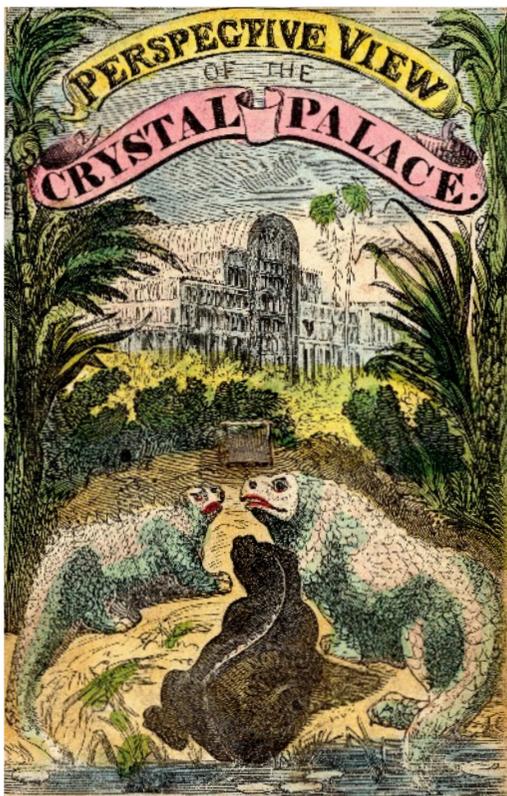
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40th Anniversary Open Day and AGM

Saturday 22 April 2017

Croydon Park Hotel, 7 Altyre Rd, Croydon CR9 5AA

10.00 Doors open

10.30 Welcome, followed by . . .

Caring for Your Photographs

Jacqueline Moon is the photograph conservator at The National Archives. She has an MA in the Conservation of Works of Art on Paper and was recently sponsored to study a Master of Research (MRes) in Heritage Science at University College London to better understand the yellowing and fading of black and white photographs. In her talk Jacqueline will explain how you can identify different types of photographs, their main deterioration processes and how best to care for your own collections.

11.10 Volunteering at The National Archives

Anne Ramon, past Chairman of ESFHS

11.30 Break – with free tea, coffee and cookies

12.00 The Times They Are A' Changing – 40 Years of Genealogical Research

*Ian Waller, retired professional genealogist,
Fellow of the Society of Genealogists*

13.00 Break for Lunch (not provided)

Visit the Help Desk and look at the displays

14.00 Food for Thought: The Joe Lyons Story

The Lyons Teashops, the Corner Houses and, of course, the Nippy waitresses have become part of social history. But this is only part of the story... Neville Lyons' presentation, with archival photos, stretches from 1887 to the 1990s, from the time when Joseph Lyons, a born entrepreneur, but with no previous experience of the catering industry, co-founded a company to sort out the indifferent catering at national exhibition halls of the late Victorian era. From small beginnings, the company progressed into catering for the general public and was to become the first 'food empire' in the world.

40th Anniversary Open Day and AGM

The Open Day will be followed by the 40th Annual General Meeting of East Surrey Family History Society

15.00 Free refreshments (including cake!) for ESFHS members attending the AGM

15.30 AGM of East Surrey Family History Society

16.15 Doors close

Croydon Park Hotel is a 3 minute walk from East Croydon railway station with fast rail services to London Bridge, London Victoria and Gatwick Airport. East Croydon Station is located in Zone 5.

Please note that attendees are not permitted to bring their own food to eat in the hotel. Bar snacks, including sandwiches, can be purchased at Whistlers Bar in the hotel.

East Croydon George Street has bus stop E7, which serves bus routes 119, 197, 312 and 466, and bus stop E6, which serves bus routes 64, 194, 198, 367, 410, 433, 689 and X26. These buses stop a 3 minute walk from the hotel.

Altyre Road runs parallel to Addiscombe Grove and is just off Barclay Road (A232). Croydon Park Hotel offers 90 on-site car parking spaces. (Car park charges apply.) Please note that the maximum car park height is 2.1 metres. Car park spaces cannot be reserved by guests in advance. All car park spaces are subject to availability on a first come first served basis.



Latest news from the committee

Full details of our 40th Anniversary Open Day and Annual General Meeting, taking place at Croydon Park Hotel on Saturday 22nd April, are given elsewhere in this journal. As notified in our December journal, the Committee will be asking the membership to approve the adoption of the new Constitution at the AGM. Copies of the current and proposed new Constitution are available in the Members' Area of the website. If you don't have home access to the internet and would like printed copies of both versions, please contact the Secretary, Judith Mitchell (details on the inside front cover).

Following our appeal for volunteers to join the Committee, we are pleased to announce that Carolyn Barclay, who attended our November Committee meeting as an observer, has agreed not only to be co-opted onto the Committee but also to put her name forward to stand as Treasurer at the AGM. In addition, Mark Hughes has kindly offered to stand for election as Chairman. We would also like to thank Peter Heather, Liz Moss and Monica Polley, who have agreed to stand as Committee members. The maximum size of the Committee is 12 so there is room for three more people to get

involved in the running of the Society: in particular, we still need someone to take over the crucial role of Secretary.

Most members will have heard the sad news in December of the sudden and unexpected death of Stephen Humphrey, long-time archivist of Southwark. He was a great friend to the Society; and many members, including Paula Burger, Hilary Blanford, Geoff Fairbairn, Judith Mitchell, Anne Ramon, Joanna Reynolds and Rosemary Turner, attended his funeral at the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George in Southwark on 19th January, while Rita Russell attended the burial in Tillington. One of the eulogies at the funeral was given by Len Reilly, Lambeth Archivist, who has kindly given us permission to publish his tribute in this journal.

On a happier note, the Committee would like to remind members (particularly those who pay their subscriptions by Standing Order) that the Society's monthly e-newsletter is packed with useful genealogical advice and the latest family history news. So if you don't currently subscribe and would like to, please email newseditor@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk with your email address.



We look forward to seeing as many members as possible at our 40th anniversary celebration in Croydon on Saturday 22nd April.

Unwanted certificates

If you think that any of the certificates in the table below might belong to your family, please contact Ann Turnor, Membership Secretary.

Birth

Goodyear	Robert	WOR Upton upon Severn	1846
Goodyear	Thomas Alfred	SRV Wandsworth	1871
Neal	Mary Ann	Carshalton	1848
Woolger	Fanny Jemima	Esher	1874
Whitehead	George Frederick	Carshalton	1875
Whitehead	Desmond Frederick	Spalding	1925

Marriage

Whitehead / Neal	George / Mary Ann	Carshalton	1874
Whitehead / Woolger	George Frederick / Fanny	Esher	1893

Death

Hill	Caroline	LND Wandsworth	1925
Hill	Caroline	LND St Sepulchre	1911
Turner	William	MDX St Geo. Hanover Sq	1858

Similarly, for any of the certificates below please contact Sylvia Dibbs, whose address is on the inside back cover of the Journal; her email address is sylviadibbs@hotmail.com.

Birth

Lucy, dau of Robt Spencer and Lucy (formerly Overstall)	1853
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Marriage

Robert Algers & Mary Chilver	1896
Charles Spencer & Carrie James	1897
Henry Spencer & Clara Slumbers	1913

Death

Sarah Spencer, age 82	1872
Charles Spencer, age 57	1877
Henry Spencer, age 42	1902
Henry Spencer, age 61	1913



Who's the lady?

Please reply to the Editor

Mrs Christine Chiles, member 9658, has sent me a photograph that she found in a collection belonging to her parents.

The rear of the photograph bears the hand-written name 'Sarah **Harling** (née **Tribe**) my grandmother', so this is – presumably – the name of the subject. My own research, via FreeBMD, has shown just one marriage of a Sarah Tribe to a Mr Harling. This was registered at St Saviour (Southwark) in Q2/1899 – Sarah Tribe and Charles Robert Harling.

The photo is sepia and mounted on to a thick card that bears the name and address of "H Bown, Artist and Photographer" of 31 & 33 Jamaica Road and 43 New Kent Road.

Christine says that the photograph had been taken at the same studio as photographs she has of her grandmother, and perhaps at around the same time. As her grandmother died in 1932 this would date the photograph to between 1899 and 1932. Christine can find no connection between Sarah

Harling and her own family, and so is willing to pass the photograph on to anyone who does have such a connection.

If anyone can shed any further light on this – or perhaps can even claim Sarah as a member of their own family – please contact me.





News from Sutton Archives

Kath Shawcross

Sadly, I have to report that following a restructure in Sutton Libraries & Heritage Service I have taken redundancy. I will be leaving sometime in March so this will be the last issue to which I contribute news about Sutton Local Studies & Archives.

For the foreseeable future the Council will no longer be employing an archivist. Instead there will be two Heritage Development Officers overseeing the running of the Local Studies & Archives Centre and the Borough's museums.

I'd like to thank the Society's Executive Committee and individual members who have written to the Council arguing for the retention of the archivist's post. Both The National Archives and the Diocese of Southwark have also written to voice their concern regarding the Public and Diocesan records in our care. Only time will tell if we continue to retain our status.

I am glad to report that the *Past on Glass* digitisation project continues apace. All plates (except those for conservation) have been cleaned and rehoused. Our volunteers are now scanning and cataloguing the last 3-4000 Half Plates and new 'remote' volunteers have come forward to research the women photographed by Knights-Whittome.

The first batch of glass plate negatives were sent off for conservation in December. By the time you read this they will have returned and a further batch dispatched. These are mainly 10x12 inch plates, which suffered the most damage, but these are also the plates that show Knights-Whittome's work photographing stately homes around the country and in Europe.

I am very pleased to announce that we are teaming up with the *Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers* project, as so many of those photographed by David Knights-Whittome lived in Surrey during the war or were soldiers billeted locally in Sutton and at the Woodcote Camp in Epsom. We are currently testing data transfer between ourselves and Surrey in the Great War. This will be a great way to disseminate our images even further and an opportunity for even more people to get involved researching their histories.

You can read our Past on Glass blog at www.pastonglass.wordpress.com and view the thousands of images already scanned on our Flickr pages: www.flickr.com/photos/pastonglass. I leave knowing the project is safe in the very capable hands of Abby Matthews, our Project Officer.

Our opening hours have changed: they are now: (Thu) 9.30-7.30, (Fri) 9.30-4.30 and alternate Sats 9.30-4.30. Details of which Saturday we are open can be found on our website at www.sutton.gov.uk. Please telephone 020 8770 4747 in advance if you wish to book archives or equipment.

Lastly, a further personal thank you to the Society for all the support and friendship you have provided in the years I've been at Sutton. It all started back in 1994 with ESFHS volunteers making your FH journals available in the searchroom while at the same time providing advice to those starting out in family history.



Tech Topic – Open an Access database in Excel

Brian Hudson

A recent enquiry from a member prompted this topic.

They had been sent a database of important information but did not have Microsoft Access. An Access file can be recognised by the file extension mdb (Microsoft DataBase) but Access itself is not required; it can be opened with Excel.

With the help of the following instructions the information was thus 'unlocked' from its database file.

Open Excel and from File menu select Open and select the database file you want to open. The location of the file will depend on your setup.

At the very bottom of the dialogue box is Files of type with a drop down menu.

One of the items in the menu is Access Databases, select that and then click Open.

(At this point an Excel security warning may come up possibly because the database was created by a much more recent version of Access, but it can be ignored by clicking Enable.)

Another dialogue box, Select Table, now opens. The format of the database will vary according to how it was created but I suggest that if there is more than one you select the first table in the list which will probably contain the data you need.

Click OK and the Excel grid should have all the data in it.

You can then save it as a normal Excel workbook.



Pioneers of Esperanto in East Surrey

Bill Chapman {patbillchapman@gmail.com}

The international auxiliary language Esperanto was first published in 1887 by an idealistic Jew living in Poland, Dr Zamenhof (1859-1917), and its first adepts lived in the then Russian Empire, but it began to gain adherents in Great Britain from about 1900 onwards. 1917 will see the 130th anniversary of the language and a century since the death of its founder.

The names and addresses of over fifty early speakers of Esperanto in East Surrey, with their registration numbers,

are found scattered throughout the *Adresaro de Esperantistoj* (directory of Esperantists) between January 1902 and January 1909. All of the following are listed in Anglujo (England). Each individual is ascribed a unique number, which I do not reproduce here. Indeed, early users of the language frequently signed articles with that number alone, knowing that anyone wanting to contact them could easily find their address in the published *Adresaro*.

These listings contain occasional spelling errors because each individual filled in a pre-printed form in their own handwriting.

I reproduce the addresses exactly as they appear.

(Edition XXIV, 1903-01-14 to 1904-01-01)

E. J. **Jackson**, 88, Albert road, Addiscombe, Croydon Surrey

F. E. **Freelove**, 71, Park road, Kingston-on-Thames, Middlesex

Charles F. **Hayes**, 48, Swanage road, Wandsworth, S. W, Surrey

Mrs S. H. **Hayes**, 48, Swanage road, Wandsworth, S. W. Surrey

Geo. J. **Cot**, 41 a. Geraldino road, Wandsworth, London

Ernest W. **Dunton**, 222, Trinity road, Wandsworth, Common, London, S. W.

(Edition XXV 1904-01-01 to 1905-01-01)

Herbert **Curtis**, Temple House, Anglesca road, Kingston on Thames, Middlesex

Miss Maggie **Hammond**, 15, Hill str., Richmond, Surrey

Miss M. **Smith**, Earlsfield, 93, Strathville road, Wandsworth, S. W London

(Edition XXVI, 1905-01-01 to 1906-01-01)

E. J. **Jackson**, 88. Albert road, Croydon, Surrey

E. B. **Pye-Smith**, Willersley, Croydon

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S-ino (=Mrs) F. M. **Shrive**, 54, Westover rd, Wandsworth Common, London, S. W.
J. H. **Cross**, 2, Acris st., Wandsworth S. W., London
James Wellard **Hoe**, 60, Cromford road, Wandsworth, London S. W.
Wm. **Phillimore**, 66, Earlsfield road, Wandsworth, London S. W.

(Edition XXVII, 1906-01-01 to 1907-01-01)

Arthur **Honeysett**, Hill Mount Thicket Road, Sutton, Surrey
F. M. **Sexton**, Park Lodge, Kingston on Thames
H. F. **Low**, 6, Manorgate Road, Kingston on Thames
Gr. E. J. **Forst**, R. M. A. (sur ŝipo) 4, Banstead Road, Sutton, Surrey
Edmund F. **Perrott**, Carxref-Sutton, Surrey (really a house called Cartref in Sutton)

(Edition XXVIII, 1907-01-01 to 1908-01-01)

F-ino (=Miss) N. **Apedaile**, 41, Dingwall Road, Croydon, London
W. E. **Shepherd**, 28 Meadow Road, South Lambeth, London SW.
T. J. **Morgan**, 21, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, London
James A. **Kyle**, 29, The Vineyard, Richmond, Surrey
S-ino (=Mrs) **Penney**, 5. Allfarthing Lane, Wandsworth, London
Leonard H. **Jones**, 4, Bassingham Rd., Earlsfield Road, Wandsworth. London

(Edition XXIX, 1908-01-01 to 1909-01-01)

L. P. L. **Edwards**, 26, Vincent Rd., East Croydon, Surrey

Men outnumber the women in this list, perhaps unsurprisingly in the society of that time. After about 1908, there was no longer any need to 'sign up' to Esperanto, and text books about Esperanto in a variety of languages,

including English, were becoming more common. An increasingly large number of magazines catered for users of the language seeking contacts in other countries.

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A few of those listed can be traced.

Edmund Thomas Perrott (1846-1914) was an architect who had travelled in France, Germany and Italy in his youth.

Florence Mary Shrive (1873-1950) was a schoolmistress born in Rangoon, Burma.

Charles Frederic Hayes (1857-1942) was joint compiler of an English-Esperanto Dictionary. In 1901 and 1911 he was a brewery clerk. Clearly Esperanto was a noble hobby for him. His wife Sarah Hayes was a London County Council teacher in 1911.

James Archibald Kyle (1879-1929) was a secretary of the Boy Scout Association in 1911.

Daniel Henry Lambert (1852-1930) was a solicitor and linguist. He served as a government censor during the Great War. He translated Shakespeare's *Macbeth* (published in 1908) and *Julius Caesar* (published in 1906) into Esperanto. He also wrote an original Christian hymn in the language.

Clearly those interested in the language, although spread over a wide area, came together from time to time. According to an inside cover of *The British Esperantist* magazine for 1908 an Esperanto Society was formed in Croydon in March 1908. Its secretary was H.E. Sach of 87 Whitehorse Road. Its president was D.H. Lambert. By 1913 the secretary was LL.S. Louis. The group met every Tuesday evening at Ruskin House, Station Road, Croydon. A similar body was set up in Kingston-on-

Thames in November 1905 with F.M. Sexton as secretary and J. Booth as president. In 1913 there was an Esperanto Society in Sutton, with L.C. Andrews as secretary. It met every week at "The Beeches", Brighton Road, Sutton.

Are there early minute books of these societies' activities in existence? Did any of these enthusiasts pass on letters or postcards in the language to later generations?



*I am grateful to my wife Patricia for her help
in tracing some of the individuals involved.*

Heath family DNA research

Chris Heath {chrisheath@shaw.ca}

I have recently completed a family tree for Sir Robert **Heath** that extends from the fifteenth century in England to the present-day in America. About a dozen male Heath donors in America have similar DNA and all believe that they are descended from Sir Robert Heath, whose immediate family was essentially exiled to Virginia in 1650. Other family members and relatives came over earlier, before the Civil War started.

So while I have plenty of DNA data from the US diaspora, I really need a sample from a descendant of Sir Robert who remained in the UK, so the tree structure can be cross-checked. Clearly it must be a male who is a Heath and it a descendant of Sir Robert. I will pay for a 37-marker DNA test administered by www.familytreedna.com.

My interest in all this is because, while the American Heaths know their American genealogical history quite well, most know very little about their British forebears. I got involved in this project in an effort to join one to the other as I am British-born, have lived there many times, got one degree there and know the culture well and

have some idea of data sources. As to the Family Tree, I got the job of 'Administrator of the Heath DNA project' because I happen to have been the first Heath to have asked for their DNA to be evaluated back in 2002/3. Being a scientist, DNA interested me as a genealogical tool.

I am not a geneticist but my skills are research, my UK knowledge and the fact that I have lived in the US as well, got a couple of degrees there and understand their culture and history. However, I am a specialist in that I am interested in any family called Heath and some of their relatives. And in that capacity I try to help other Heath families whenever I can. To date, I have 'identified' about 30 Heath families, or what I call clans, in England by combining DNA data with Heath family trees I have collected from other Heath families. Some of the trees I have go back to the 1600s. This is how I got involved in the Sir Robert Heath Clan.

I should be interested in hearing from any male Heath who might be descended from Sir Robert.



Surrey in the Great War: a county remembers

Paul Howard Lang

The 'Surrey in the Great War' event was held on the 30th November 2016 in the Mayo Hall of the United Reformed Church in Eden Street, Kingston. Four excellent speakers talked on different aspects of the First World War linked to Surrey and to Kingston upon Thames in particular. The website for the project is www.surreyinthegreatwar.co.uk.

The first talk was by Kirsty Bennett, the Senior Project Officer. She gave an overview of the 'Surrey in the Great War' project'. This is a four-year project showcasing Surrey's involvement in the First World War. She informed us that 384 Kingstonians had been killed in the war, 279 of them at the Somme.

160 hospitals were set up in the county, together with many convalescent homes. Kirsty reminded us of some of the unusual memorials, such as the Horsell Muslim burial ground near Woking and the Woking Post Office war memorial. She also told us about the training trenches at Deepcut that were used to familiarise the troops with trench layouts, in preparation for those found in France and Belgium. Details were given as to the dangerous work carried out by the munitions workers at Chilworth and the German POWs in the Frith Hill camp and how some of the latter escaped.

George Kenner, one of the POWs, was an artist and painted some fine pictures of the camp. Apparently lots of the Belgium refugees came to come to Weybridge, and some of the local newspapers printed the news in French for their benefit.

Film footage on the website includes a film clip showing the 1913 Epsom Derby. There are news items from Surrey newspapers, such as the *Surrey Comet*, and details regarding an oral history project. They are trying to photograph all the war memorials relating to the First World War in Surrey, to have a complete record of these, so that names on these can be accessed.

Mr David Hussard then gave a detailed talk on the 'Sopwith Aviation Company'. A good overview was given of the development in Kingston of the evolution of the Sopwith aeroplanes and of the factory, which started in a former ice skating rink in Kingston. Details of the Canbury Park works and the large government building in Ham were given. David also told us about the involvement in the war of Brooklands and the Whitehead Aircraft Company in Richmond. Also covered were the aircraft factories in Croydon and the Vickers factory in Weybridge.

Surrey in the Great War

Viv Bennett then gave a talk on the 'Voluntary Aid Detachment in Kingston'. Agatha Christie was a V.A.D. in Torquay in Devon, where she worked as a nurse in a dispensary, acquiring much knowledge about poisons!

The first Surrey V.A.D. branch was in Wimbledon. There were male units as well as female ones. Many auxiliary hospitals were located in Surrey, as the air was deemed to be of good quality. Overall there were 12,000 volunteers in Surrey. A database of all the V.A.D. volunteers who worked in Surrey has been started, and more information is regularly added to this. Much more

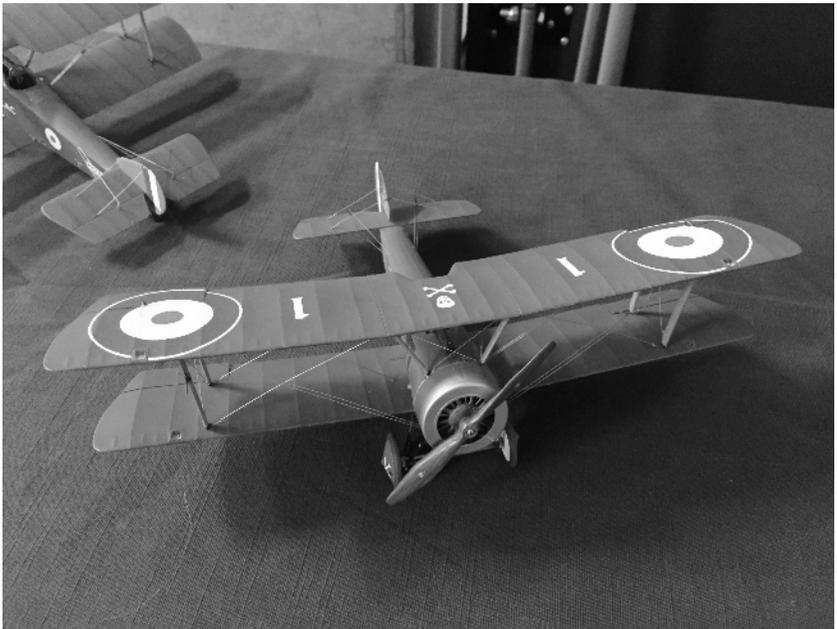
research could be done from this source. The website is www.scarletfinders.co.uk.

The last talk was given by Nicholas Howgill, RBK, WMA, on 'Kingston's Boy Sailors'. This talk dealt with the naval aspects of the First World War, and how the age limit was much lower than in the army. One had to be 19 to enlist in the army, but at 16 years old you could enlist to go to sea.

These four talks gave a fascinating insight into Surrey's involvement in the First World War. More information is available on the website.



Model of the Sopwith Pup



News from Surrey Heritage

Julian Pooley

One of the highlights of our end-of-year festivities at Surrey History Centre is the annual 'Christmas Mingle' for our wonderful volunteers. It is impossible to overstate the debt that we owe to the many people from across the county (and beyond) who regularly give up their time to help us in our work to preserve the county's records and make them more easily accessible.

Each year Sally Jenkinson, our Volunteers' Coordinator, prepares a summary of the amazing achievements of the past year. It is too long to quote in full, but here are some of the highlights that will be of great interest to family and local historians in Surrey:

- Bridget has transcribed 18 oral history interviews about farming in Surrey and memories of Hindhead residents.
- Lewis has continued to research Ethel Smyth, focussing on her life in Woking.
- Jeannette has edited a further 14 regimental photograph albums, which have been added to the catalogue database.
- Barry and Linda have typed up a further 500 catalogue descriptions for the Quarter Sessions deposited plans from the old handwritten lists, completing this task. The data has been added to the catalogue database.
- Barry and Linda have also typed up catalogue descriptions of nearly 1400 Historic buildings photographs of properties in south London boroughs that were part of the county of Surrey up to 1965. The data has been added to the catalogue database.
- Barry has started transcribing the name and address details in the wholesale customer ledgers of John Broadwood and Sons, the piano manufacturers. So far wholesale ledgers for 1902-1971 have been completed, comprising nearly 12000 entries.
- Andrew has patiently continued to work on a very valuable index to the East Surrey Regiment's news cuttings collection from the First World War.
- Mike, Naomi, Liz and Jenny have continued indexing the minutes of the Board of Guardians, part of an overall project to index all our collection of Poor Law records. The indexes to the Farnham Minute Books have gone online this year and have attracted an enormous amount of interest. These records are invaluable for family and social historians and encourage

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researchers to use resources they might have otherwise overlooked.

- This year an index to the 1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment daily orders, listing among other pieces of information punishments and courts martial during the war, was made available online due to the hard work of Phil and Bridget. An index of children who were sent to the London Orphan Asylum, later Reed's School in Cobham, indexed by Phil, also went online this year. As well as names, this index includes details of family circumstances on admission including father's occupation.
- Mike also tackled a very large collection of photographic slides of Surrey houses and gardens taken in the 1970s. These feature a number of Surrey houses and gardens, many not usually open to the public. Of particular significance in the collection are a number of views of Pyrford Court exterior and gardens, and also interior views of Clandon Park.
- Guy continues to make excellent progress indexing the medical casebooks of the Holloway Sanatorium at Virginia Water. So far he has completed 34 large volumes, listing the details of over 3,500 patients. With the recent transfer of

the casebooks to the Wellcome Library, where they will be photographed, the indexing project is on hold, but Guy will continue his work in January when the digitisation has been completed and the casebooks are returned. Once the indexing is complete we will then be able to prepare a unified name index to the patients, which will be of enormous help to the many people who wish to trace ancestors who were at Holloway. This information, alongside the digital images of the volumes themselves, will prove a valuable resource for many years to come.

- Guy also continues working on data created as part of the Finance Act 'Domesday' of 1910 relating to the Guildford area, which provides information of ownership, tenancy and valuation of property around the period 1911-1915. He has already ploughed through 24 boxes of papers, which means that he has already retrieved selected information from over half this large collection.
- Alan has spent many, many hours this year refining and adding to the various databases identifying potential Gypsies and Travellers from the Surrey censuses, parish

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records and local newspapers. His main focus, however, has been on completing a detailed study drawing together his research of this historic community and reactions to them in the county during the Edwardian and Victorian periods. Alan's research on Surrey Travellers in the First World War was also used for the Surrey in the Great War website

<http://www.surreyinthewar.org.uk/subjects/communities/grt/> along with a case study on Gypsy soldier, Sidney Harris, <http://www.surreyinthewar.org.uk/story/lance-corporal-sidney-harris-the-search-for-a-gypsy-warrior/>

- Marion has produced detailed descriptions of the World War I letter books of Thomas Lord Farrer of Abinger. Farrer was a Liberal Peer, a supporter of women's suffrage, a countryside campaigner and a critic of the conduct of the war. Marion's marvellous summaries have unlocked the wide-ranging content of the letters and identified the individuals discussed.
- Penny has been continuing with the enormous task of cleaning, flattening, packaging and cataloguing the sale particulars accumulated by the Dorking firm of White and Sons, estate agents and auctioneers. Penny is also helping with the Surrey in the Great War project.
- Early this year Sheila completed her Loseley correspondence project: this is a wonderful achievement which greatly enriches our knowledge of the More Molyneux family from the 18th to the mid-19th century. After further cataloguing of the records of Surrey's greatest historian William Bray, Sheila has now moved on to the Gentleman's Magazine project.
- Anne, continuing her run as our longest serving volunteer, is still working to transcribe the pick of the letters identified during Sheila's cataloguing, and is currently documenting James More Molyneux's hard times during the 1820s.

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New Accessions

New material continues to come in to the office on a daily basis. Highlights over the past few months include:

9677/- Trinity Methodist Church, Woking: marriage registers 1899-2006

9678/- Hall Place Estate, Shackleford: map 1752

9681/- Leatherhead Branch of the British Red Cross Society: records, including parade rolls, record sheets, scrapbooks, photographs, newspaper cuttings and certificates 1924-2001

7481add5 Broadwood and Bray families: additional correspondence, papers and photographs 20th century

8969add Spence Collection of photographs and illustrations, chiefly of Staines 19th cent-1960s

9567add1 Christ Church, Lower Nutfield: additional parish registers 1994-2015

9682/- Dickmore Lake, Streets Heath, West End, Woking: deeds, 1704-1908, with related papers, notes and photographs, 1930-2013; with papers, photographs and notes relating to the history of West End and Bagshot, c.1900-2004

9228/add1 More-Molyneux family of Loseley Park: addl papers including relating to Brigadier General Francis Cecil More-Molyneux-Longbourne 1943-1992

QRWS/30ad68 1/6th Battalion, The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment: photocopy of war diary 1-30 Jun 1944

9684/- Archdeaconry of Croydon: maps of parish boundary changes, 1979-1981; Archdeaconry of Kingston: book of maps of parish boundaries, nd [?1970s] 1970s-1981

9685/- All Saints, West Ewell: baptism register, 1971-1993; marriage register, 1990-2007; service register, 1989-2001; PCC minutes and APCM minutes and papers, 1994-2001 1971-2007

QRWS/30ad69 Private Archibald Victor Capon, 1st Battalion Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment: copy photograph and item from Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser 1916

CC1261 Send C of E Primary School: records, including admission registers and log books 1922-2007

9686/- All Saints, Headley (Hants), addl parish records: poor rate book 1848-1849

9687 Woking County School for Boys magazines, nos. 8, 22-24, 1922 and 1927; photos of Old Wokingians cricket and football teams, 1935-1951 1922-1951

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- 8485add1 Christ Church, Guildford: additional records including APCM minutes and related papers, 1987-2010; parish magazines, Dec 1997-Feb 2007; and newsletter, Mar 2007; ¶SS Peter and Paul, Albury; St Michael's, Farley Green and St Martha's, Chilworth: parish magazines, May-Jun 2006 1987-2010
- 9587add Stopes-Roe and Wallis families of Norbury Park and Effingham: additional family papers including cuttings and legal correspondence and papers relating to acquisition and ownership of Norbury Park by Dr Marie Stopes, 1931-1951; photograph album and loose photographs of Norbury Park, 1930s-40s; diaries of Lady Mary Wallis, 1960-1979; letters of Lady Mary Wallis to her friend Mary Morris, 1922-1979; photographs and cuttings relating to Wallis family life at Effingham and of The Spinney School, Great Bookham, 1930s-1975;
- 9688/- The Byfleet United Charity: records including minutes, 1906-1943, ledger, 1906-1929, and cash book, 1921-1935 1906-1943
- 9649add1 Arthur James Chant, haulier of Normandy: yearly diaries 1956-1967
- ESR/25add52 2nd Lieutenant Reginald Thomas Neale, formerly Private and Lance Corporal in the 2/5th battalion, and Private in the 12th battalion, East Surrey Regiment: photographs 1917-1918
- 9690/- St Peter's, Hersham: The Vaux Scrapbook 1870s-1930s
- 9691/- Guildford Golf Club: records including minutes, financial records, records of membership including candidates' books, handicap returns, visitors' books, photographs, records of the club site including deeds and maps 1886-2000
- 9694/- Mortlake Charity Schools, later Church of England Schools: reports, accounts, subscription lists, correspondence, legal papers and insurance policies c.1800-1920
- 9696/- All Saints, Banstead, additional parish records, including Parochial Church Council minutes, 1937-2005; Parochial Church Council Standing Committee minutes, 1956-1994; parish magazines, 1905-1907 1905-2005
- 9699/- Christ Church, Guildford: additional records, including marriage register, 2010-2013, burial register, 1995-1998, churchwardens' log, 1966-1990, parish magazines, 1986-2015, and photographs of church plate, 2010s
- 9705/- St Mary's church, Merton: additional records, including PCC minutes, 1937-1997; guides, leaflets and service sheets, 1920s-1960s; newspaper cuttings, 19th-20th cents; postcards and other items relating to Old Merton; Merton Priory photographs and papers 19th-20th cent

New members and members' interests

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Death of members

We are sorry to report that we have recently been made aware of the death of the following members. We extend our sympathies to their families.

- 0585 Mr Arthur Brown
- 4919 Mr Michael Bailey
- 10162 Ms Christine McCree

New members and members' interests

Surname interests in Surrey

ARIES	Southwark	19c	10488
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ARIES	Newington	19c	10488
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AYRES	Lambeth	19c	10488
AYRES	Newington	19c	10488
BERRY	Southwark	19-20c	10485
BRENTON	Camberwell	19-20c	10484
BRIAN	Southwark	L19c	10479
BRYAN	Southwark	L19c	10479
CHAMBERS	Croydon	17c	10484
CLARK	Southwark	19-20c	10485
CLARK	Newington	19-20c	10485
FIELD	Southwark	19-20c	10485
FIELD	Newington	19-20c	10485
FIELD	Bermondsey	19-20c	10485
GIBBONS	Bermondsey	L19c	10479
GODFREY	Southwark	L19c	10479
HARROW	Southwark	19c	10484
HARROW	Carshalton	16-19c	10484
HARROW	Banstead	18c	10484
HARROW	Croydon	17c	10484
HARROW	Lambeth	19c	10484
HARROW	Wandsworth	17c	10484
HEATH	Southwark	L19c	10479
HEATON	Surbiton	19-20c	10484
HEATON	Bermondsey	19c	10484
HODSON	Carshalton	19c	10484
LAWRENCE	Carshalton	18c	10484
LEACH	Camberwell	19-20c	10484
LOVER	Coulsdon	18c	10480
OLIVER	Croydon	19-20c	10484
POATE	Southwark	19-20c	10485
SMITH	Southwark	19-20c	10485
WATTS	Camberwell	20c	10484
WHITMORE	Southwark	19-20c	10485

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Forthcoming events

Surrey Local History Committee Annual Symposium

'Feeding the County – Agriculture in Surrey'

Saturday 25th March 2017 at Surrey History Centre, 9.30am -3.30pm

Speakers will include:

- Professor Peter Edwards, University of Roehampton
Agriculture and Rural Society in Surrey in the Early Modern Period
- Dr. Judie English, Surrey Archaeological Society
Agricultural lime burning in South-West Surrey and the Low Weald
- Janet Balchin, Surrey Archaeological Society
Our Agricultural Past - Clues from Tithe Maps and Other Sources
- Dr. Judith Hill
Agricultural poverty and unrest in the early 19th Century
- Jane Lewis, Professional Genealogist, Surrey History Centre
Life and Labour in a Country Village
- Professor Brian Short, University of Sussex
The Battle of the Fields in Surrey: the county 'War Ag' in the Second World War

The cost of the day is £12.00 and it is advisable to book early as places are limited. Please book online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents, in person at Surrey History Centre, or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737.

Morning and afternoon refreshments are included. It is recommended to bring a packed lunch as there are no cafes near the Surrey History Centre.

Family History Course – Research Made Easy!

Spring 2017 (10am–1pm): 10 March, 17 March, 24 March, 31 March, 7 April, 21 April (2 week break for Easter)

Autumn 2017 (10am–1pm): 22 September, 29 September, 6 October, 13 October, 20 October, 27 October

Run by professional genealogists and archivists this 6 week course will cover all you need to know to enhance your research as well as providing many tips of the trade. Cost is £60 – booked as a complete 6 week course, at Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND.

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Beginning Your Family History, Saturday 6 May 2017, 10am - 12.30pm

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 everyone!

Please note this talk is similar to week 1 on the 6 week Family History Course.

£12.50 includes refreshments. At Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND. Please book a place online, in person at Surrey History Centre or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737.

Researching Your Irish Family History, Saturday 20 May 2017, 10am - 12.30pm

A talk devoted to exploring sources and resources for Irish family history. During the morning we will cover most aspects of Irish genealogical research, including the recent publication of online Irish records, and there will be a Q&A session along with plenty of opportunities for discussion. There will also be a bibliography and list of useful websites to take away.

Please note this is expanded from a talk given in the Celtic Family History day from March 2016. Cost of £12.50 includes refreshments. At Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND. Please book a place online, in person at Surrey History Centre or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737.



A trip to Crystal Palace in 1859

Sylvia Dibbs [9486]

In 1859 families were not so different from those of today. Parents took their families on outings and bought

souvenirs. I have a souvenir belonging to my great grandmother, Annie, a 'Perspective View of Crystal Palace', the great glass structure from the Great

Exhibition of 1851. It is paper and card, measuring 5 inches by 3 ¼ inches, and it is in full colour. It folds out to make a 'perspective' or peep-show view of the interior of the glass exhibition hall. The cover shows the park with

some fierce looking dinosaurs roaming around. In the picture you can see the small square viewing hole, with a little flap still intact, in the centre of the card.

This little treasure fascinated me as a child, though I did not appreciate the significance of it. Amazingly this fragile object has now survived six generations of viewings! I now know what the dinosaurs are and that these specimens still live on happily in the Crystal Palace Park, though the glass palace sadly burnt down in 1936. A road called

Palace View in Shirley, Croydon, is a memorial to the building.

So what about the trip? This must

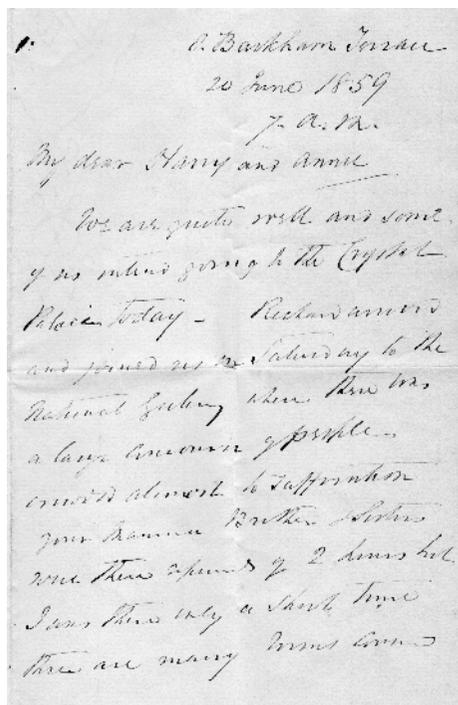
have been a huge adventure as the family lived in south Devon and probably made the journey to Sydenham (north of Croydon) by train. The train lines involved were, I think, the South Devon Railway and the Great Western Railway, still broad gauge then and opened only during the previous ten years. The family

consisted of five children and it is apparent from the letter that the two youngest children were left at home and it was the middle two, Bessie aged 28 and Richard aged 20, who came with their parents. The younger children were Henry (18) and Annie (15). Richard, I know now, was in the army and the letter described him as joining the family. Bessie did not marry until she was 36.

From the letter we can see that the tourists stayed in 8 Barkham Terrace, which is alongside Lambeth Road



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directly opposite Bethlehem Hospital, then known colloquially as 'Bedlam Lunatic Asylum'. There is a link here as the terrace is named after Edward Barkham (1673-1733) of the East India Company, which had its Military Academy in Addiscombe, Croydon, two houses of which are still standing. He was a benefactor of the Bethlehem Hospital and his estates went to it after his death. This is now the London Imperial War Museum.

Using 'Google Streetview' I found that this house is still standing: it's

always exciting to see where ancestors were. Further research online reveals that this terrace was built in 1842 by the architects Henry Heard of Castle Street and Ann Hewett of the New Kent Road. The houses look now as they would have done then, Gothic in style, faced in stucco, with shallow bays to the ground and first floor, topped by a balcony. The window and door frames have chamfered edges, increasing the light that gets in. There are gardens to the rear of the terraces. Today many of the houses are divided into flats, though some are still sold as four or five bedroom houses. I do not know if the house was let then as a 'holiday home', or was a Victorian equivalent of a bed-and-breakfast establishment.

The letter was written on 20th June 1859 at 7.00 a.m., no doubt hoping to catch the early morning post.

Addressed to Harry and Annie, it told them that '... some of us intend going to the Crystal Palace today ...' They certainly did that, though who 'some of us' are we shall never be sure of, perhaps a group of friends from the Devonshire town. The second page of the letter casts some doubt on the viability of this excursion '... for it is raining here very much ...'. On Saturday they had been to the National Gallery (Trafalgar Square, London), but

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there were 'crowds almost to suffocation'. What's changed! Mamma, brother and sister stayed 'upwards of two hours' but poor old Papa stayed 'only a short time'. The parents were both in their late fifties by then.

The second page told of trips to see the Great Eastern (the innovative Brunel ironclad ship moored on the Thames), Westminster Abbey and St Margaret's Church next door.

The letter is signed off: 'With our united best love to you and John (the eldest surviving child). We remain your own affectionate parents, John and Susan **Beachey**.' In the picture Susan is 'of mature years', I do not have a date, but it is certainly in the 1850s.

Victorians seem very formal, but from what I know from my grandmother this was a loving family and researches I have done suggest

that too. Aunt Bessie was spoken of with great affection by my grandmother. Young Annie was obviously quite delighted with her little gift, passed to her daughter, my grandmother, and so on down to me to show to my children and grandchildren, who have also enjoyed seeing the same giant model dinosaurs that their ancestors came all the way up from Devon to see over 250 years ago.



Former Military huts in Caterham

The Editor

I have recently been sent a detailed article about the complex of wooden huts between Hawarden Road and The Grove, in Caterham on the Hill.

The article examines the reasons these huts were built and the uses to which they put, together with many verbatim accounts from men who were stationed in the huts. It contains diagrams showing the layout of the huts and several photographs both of

the huts themselves and of some of the former occupants.

Clearly a great deal of research has gone into its production. It occupies 18 A4 pages and, were it to be 'serialised' in the Journal, it would extend over more than a year, which isn't practical.

If anyone would be interested in seeing the original article in its entirety I should be happy to send them a copy via email. Please contact me at the email address on the inside front cover.



2017 Renewal Subscriptions

Ann Turnor (Membership Secretary)

This is a note of thanks to all members who have been very prompt in paying their 2017 renewals. It is much appreciated as it enables me to make sure our database is correct and up to date as early in the year as possible.

It is also appreciated when members let me know of any changes to their address and email.

I offer another thank you to members who very kindly send a donation, for which we are extremely grateful, and for all the signed Gift Aid contributions. These really do help the

Society and the committee would like to add their thanks to mine. In addition, if any member who has previously signed for Gift Aid is now no longer able to gift would they please let me know.

If any member has so far not paid this year's subscription, this will be the last journal they receive.

Finally, thank you to all members who have elected to receive their journals via email. This will help greatly in reducing our postal charges.



Whatever happened to Thomas and Emma?

Enid Locke [8931]

Thomas Dowsett **Briders**' birth was registered 1845/DEC in Lambeth, his parents being Thomas (born 1815) and Mary Ann née **Dowsett**.

Thomas was with his family in Lambeth at the time of the 1851 census but, as far as I can tell, he's missing from the 1861, 1871 and 1881 returns.

The birth of Thomas and his wife Emma's first known child, Rebecca Annie, known as Annie, was registered 1882/SEP in York when her surname was given as **Bryder**.

Thomas and Emma went on to have six more children, who were all registered in Newcastle upon Tyne apart from one who was registered in Gateshead. The surnames of the two who immediately followed Annie were, like hers, recorded as Bryder. At the time of the 1891 census the family were living in Gateshead, and Thomas was described as 'excavator'; and in 1901 Thomas, described as 'watchman', was with his family in Elswick, Newcastle, but without Emma who had died in 1900. By 1911 Thomas was living in 'an institution' in Elswick.

Despite my very best efforts I've not been able to find the marriage of Thomas and Emma, the search being made even more difficult by confusion over Emma's maiden name. The new GRO index which gives mothers'

maiden names has five versions of Emma's surname: McDonall (3 times), Macdowall, McDougal, McDonald and McDool. I have searched marriage indexes using all five variants of Emma's surname coupled with Brida/Brider/Bryder, but to no avail.

The only clues I have is that Thomas and Emma's grandson has told me that, as a child, he was given to understand that his grandfather came from Ireland and was a Roman Catholic. Coming from Ireland doesn't necessarily mean that someone was born there so possibly Thomas had gone there to find work and had met and married Emma, which might well explain the R.C. idea. Annie's baptism was delayed until 1886 when it took place in the Anglican church in Wetherby. On the 1891 census Emma's birthplace is recorded as London but there's no sign of her birth circa 1858 being registered there under any of the surnames so I wonder if it should read Londonderry, the more so as Thomas' Lambeth birthplace is wrongly transcribed as Lincoln.

I've done my best with Irish records that are available on-line but I am out of my depth with them, so I am seeking a better way of finding out exactly what happened with Thomas and Emma, bearing in mind that extreme elusiveness is a Briders speciality!



Researching Relatives who served in WW1

Peter Moulin [6101]

In November I was fortunate to attend a CWGC event at Brookwood Military Cemetery to mark the end of the 141 days of the Battle of the Somme. There was a host of community groups who took part in the Commission's Living Memory Project, which encouraged the people of the UK to rediscover their war heritage and remember those who gave their lives. Community group leaders spoke about the war graves they discovered in their neighbourhoods and how they are encouraging local people to commemorate those who died. We do not need to travel to the Western Front to pay our respects, as there are over 300,000 war graves and memorials in the UK.

This encouraged me to research a soldier buried in Brookwood.

Albert William Wilson

Albert lies in plot 6, row I, grave 5 in Brookwood Military Cemetery. This caters for deaths in the London area, usually in the local hospitals. I assumed he had died of wounds, but was to be surprised by further research. The first thing I did was check the 1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment War Diary, only to find that they were in Murmansk in 1919. They were a Regular Army Battalion sent by the British to fight

against the Bolsheviks in the civil war in Russia. Was Albert one of their casualties sent back to England where he died?

Fortunately Albert's record is one of the surviving 'Burnt Documents'. Albert was born in July 1890 in Lambeth and enlisted in June 1910, when he was just under 20 years old. His previous employer, Pickford, where he had been a Carman, reported him as 'sober' and 'honest'.

Being a trained regular Albert was posted to the 1st Battalion East Surreys on the Western Front in November 1914. They were fighting at Dranoutre, in Belgium. By February 1915 the Battalion was in Messines, and in April they moved to Ypres. On 19th April they moved to Hill 60 and had to defend against a German attack. By the time they were relieved on 21st April they had suffered losses of seven officers killed with nine wounded, while 42 ORs were killed with 158 wounded and 64 missing believed killed. Albert may have been one of those wounded as he is shown posted back to the battalion on 4th July 1915. In August they moved to what would become the Somme battlefield, where they spent time preparing both themselves and the ground before moving to Amiens in January 1916 to

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spend further time training. At the end of March Albert was with 3rd Battalion East Surreys in Dover before rejoining 1st Battalion on 6th April 1916, then 9th Battalion East Surreys on 16th May, later being granted his Good Conduct badge.

Just before the war ended, on 5th November 1918, Albert was discharged from 9th Battalion as 'No longer physically fit for war service'. His record states that he was 'Discharged in consequence of Disability : Gastric Ulcer'. His address given on discharge was 18 Tradescant Road, Clapham, SW4, which is the same address as that given for his sister on his CWGC record, except it is spelled Tradescant.

So Albert did not go with the 1st Battalion to fight the Bolsheviks in Russia, but must have succumbed to his illness over a year later. There is no way of being certain, but it may be that Albert's ulcer was the result of a

wound, as he did receive a pension on discharge –why else would he have a war grave?



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Further to Peter Moulin's article in the recent Journal, I thought he might be interested to know that Robert Cairns, whom he wrote about, is commemorated on no fewer than

three local memorials: Carshalton civic memorial, Sutton civic memorial, and in the memorial chapel of St Barnabas church, Sutton.



The Hinton Brothers of Croydon (part 3)

Darleen Wolfe [3256]

In 1915 the effect of the War became personal for those still living within Croydon and nearby. With such things as the increased cost of living, shortages, recruiting drives enlisting able-bodied workers, women taking on men's jobs, an 'era of darkness' due to reduced street lighting and black-out blinds, it would have been a struggle for most. But on October 13th 1915 the terror-struck population realized the War had come directly to them with the first Zeppelin raid on Croydon. It was believed the railway lines at East Croydon, or those travelling towards London, were what the crew of the Zeppelin followed, ultimately dropping their bombs over the community. In October 1915, an 18-year-old Herbert Richard **Hinton** was employed with the Brighton and South Coast Company railway, stationed at West Croydon.

Herbert always retained his love of the ocean, spending his childhood growing up in Portslade. Perhaps this was why, of the four brothers, he was the only one to enlist with the Royal Navy. I have not found his actual enlistment date: however, the Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services indicate Ordinary Seaman Herbert R. Hinton, J.61323, served from October 25th to December 5th 1916 under Pembroke I, assigned to HMS Superb

for period December 6th 1916 to March 31st 1918, back to Pembroke I for April 1st to May 16th 1918, then re-assigned to Blake (HMS Sarpenden) from May 17th 1918 to May 2nd 1919. The register indicated he experienced 'Hostilities' during his service, also confirmed by his daughter. Herbert was not on board HMS Superb when it served as the flagship of the fourth battle squadron in the Battle of Jutland in May of 1916, nor did the Bellerophone Class Dreadnought battleship engage in any further action during his time on board. Pembroke was a naval training centre with barracks at Chatham during WW1, and luckily for Herbert, he was not on base when the bombing of September 3rd, 1917 took place. His time on HMS Sarpenden, an R Class Destroyer, may have been where he encountered hostilities, although I have not found mention of any specific action.

The last day of military life for Herbert was May 2nd 1919. On August 16th, he married his sweetheart, Marian Sophia Martha **Hendy**, at the Croydon Register Office. Herbert gave his home address as Homehurst, Ross Road, Wallington, which was the address of his grandmother, Caroline **Howarth**. Herbert returned to work for the Brighton & South Coast Railway,

The Hinton Brothers of Croydon

working as a coalman in the yard at Croydon.

After the War, life was not easy or always kind to Herbert. Whether it was everyday stress with post-War economy, family conditions, possible post-traumatic stress disorder (then called 'shell shock'), effects of possible

lead poisoning from his hobby of creating and painting lead soldiers, or, a combination of some or all, in December 1937 Herbert was admitted as a patient to Netherne Hospital in Coulsdon, Surrey. He died there on December 3rd 1943.



Volunteers needed for GB1900 project

An online project is asking for volunteers to help transcribe names from 6" OS maps dating from around 1900. Volunteers add pins giving the name as written on the map with the opportunity to add alternate names, memories and comments relevant to that point. The pins also need to have the name from the map confirmed by a second volunteer.

This is a great opportunity to get a sense of the areas where your ancestors lived a hundred years ago.

The final list of place names will be the world's largest ever historical gazetteer. It will be released under a Creative Commons licence, making it usable by everyone without charge, and will be of great value for family and local historians.

To volunteer just visit the website, go to the 'Login' page, click the 'Sign up' button and join the hundreds of other who have already started transcribing. Note that the password you choose must have at least eight characters.



The GB1900 website is at <http://www.gb1900.org/>

Surrey Slave Owners

Jim Brown [10476]

When slavery was abolished in 1834 compensation was awarded by the Government – not to the unfortunate slaves, but to their wealthy ‘owners’. It beggars belief that those inflicting the often inhumane treatment to the innocent victims were rewarded. Often they were absent plantation owners living in the UK who gave no thought as to how it was run.

The total of 238 individuals in Surrey who ‘owned’ slaves are recorded in *Legacies of British Slave-ownership*, accessed on the website

www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/search. To search it leave all boxes blank but enter ‘Surrey’ in the County box and ‘England’ in the Country box. You can then scroll through the list. When clicking on an individual’s name it will reveal information about them, plus details of the plantations and number of slaves they ‘owned’ and the amounts awarded. Many individuals became multi-millionaires by today’s standards.

Two simple examples follow, but others received many thousands in compensation.

Eliza Grant **Shaw** of 42 South End, Croydon, Surrey, England

Awardee [Owner-in-Fee]

Jamaica Kingston 1755 £19-10-10[1 Enslaved]

Awarded the compensation for one enslaved person in Kingston Jamaica

In 1851 Eliza Grant Shaw (who had been born in Jamaica, was 38, and unmarried) was living at The Bower, Havering, Essex as governess to the family of Henry Heyman **Toulmin**.

In 1861 an Eliza Shaw, aged 40 and born in Jamaica, was living at Tormoham (Devon) as a ‘companion’ with the family of Ada **Lane**. The 1871 census shows Eliza Shaw with the **Pearce** family at Westbury (Wiltshire). She was a ‘boarder’ aged 53 [sic] and unmarried, born in Jamaica; her

occupation was ‘governess’. In 1881, aged 70 and an annuitant, she was a ‘visitor’ at the house of Emma Pearce in Westbury (Wiltshire).

Eliza Grant Shaw spinster of 42 South End Croydon died 24 Dec 1893; her will was proved on 13/ Jan 1894 and showed effects £328 19s 2d. Her death registration showed her to be 92 [sic] years old.

Wealth at death: £328-19-2:
occupation Governess.

Surrey Slave Owners

Elizabeth Frances **Spencer** (née **Newton**) of Banstead Park, Banstead, Surrey,
South-east England, England
Awardee [Owner-in-Fee]
Antigua 69 (Fryes) £3,251-0-10[208 Enslaved]
Awarded the compensation for the enslaved people on Fryes in Antigua

Elizabeth was the widow of Henry Leigh Spencer (the marriage of Elizabeth Frances Newton and Henry Leigh Spencer took place on 21 May 1812 at St George's Hanover Square). Henry, of Banstead Park, died aged 57 and was buried at Banstead 4 September 1829; his will was proved 26 Nov 1829.

Elizabeth Frances Spencer died aged 74 at Banstead Park on 30 Apr 1848. She was the sister of William Morris Newton **Frye** (d 1820), from whom she inherited Banstead Park and with whom she had interests in the Frye's estate in Antigua. William had taken the name of Frye in 1801 on succeeding his uncle Rowland Frye.

Sarah Mary Spencer, the 'youngest daughter and co-heiress' of Henry Leigh Spencer [and Elizabeth Frances Spencer], married Sir Frederick Thomas **Fowke** 2nd Bart.

According to H. W. Pointer, *Coats of Arms in Surrey Churches* (fully sourced but not verified), "H[enry] N[ewton] Spencer was the only son of the late Henry Leigh Spencer, late Captain in the Royal Fusiliers, by Elizabeth Frances, who died after her husband and became lady of the manor, and who had the monument erected [to her son Henry Newton who died in 1836 aged 23].

"It seems probable that H.N. Spencer's father Henry was the same individual as the Henry who was son of Wolley Leigh Spencer (d. 1797), but this has not yet been proved. If he were the same, we can trace the line back to the Leighs of Addington, Surrey, and also, by way of Sir Thos. Leigh and Hannah Rolfe, back to Pocahontas (d. 1617), daughter of the North American Indian chief Powhatan."



From the archives

First committee meeting held at 1 Woodside Close, Caterham, on Tuesday 5 July 1977. Those present were:

Mr Don Steel	
Mr Stanbridge	chairman
Miss Hutchings	secretary
Mrs Tooke	treasurer
Mrs Cook	journal editor
Mr Yelland	member
Mr Tooke	member
Mr Anstis	rep. of West Surrey Society

Apologies were received from Mr Reed.

The committee had been brought together after the AGM of the Genealogy Society held at Baden-Powell House on 25th July [*sic. It was actually 25th June*] 1977 as it had become necessary to form a branch society in the East Surrey area.

Mr Steel opened the discussion by stating the needs of a society being for fellowship and genealogical work. He gave examples of other areas which had divided. These include Hampshire, Cheshire and Sussex.

The chairman then questioned whether the eastern half of Surrey should become autonomous or should remain as part of the County of Surrey. He wondered too if West Surrey was oversubscribed with members.

Mrs Cook suggested that if either division was followed, there should be an *ex officio* member who would sit on both East and West committees to coordinate effort and to assist in boundary decisions.

A suitable title for the branch was considered. 'East Surrey Family History Society' was favoured being a similar name used by other areas.

The aims of the society should be:

- To keep members in touch by regular meetings
- To produce a quarterly magazine ? in conjunction with the West Surrey publication 'Roots'.
- To keep records i.e. 'The Surrey Marriage Index'.

Publication of a magazine gave much debate. Mr Steel stated the advantages of contributing to 'Roots' as – lower cost and less confusion to those not familiar with the County of Surrey. With a larger membership there would be more

From the archives

contributions. However, there would be less direct contact and it therefore could become impersonal. If smaller groups i.e. within towns, were eventually formed, their contributions would have to be considered.

The committee agreed that to have a journal prepared in time for distribution at the first branch meeting, would be most favourable. Mrs Cook gave some idea of cost and stated that at £5 per page would require a distribution of 200 copies to be viable. She would acquire various quotations and report back to the committee.

Boundaries of the East and West areas were discussed. Mr Steel suggested that the eastern half should include Molesey, Esher, Cobham, Effingham and Abinger. The division would need to be verified by West Surrey members.

Miss Hutchings reported on her enquiries for a suitable venue in which to hold meetings. Croydon and Kingston, though interested in the formation of a society, did not offer much encouragement. Unlike Sutton Library where the staff were keen to accept the group onto their premises. Mr Cluett, the Librarian, stated that genealogy and heraldry are both specialized subjects of the Library and that the archives hold much material. He also suggested that membership of the London Borough of Sutton's Art Council would subsidize the society. A hall for approximately 80 would cost £4.50 with a grant, and that light refreshments could be provided.

The committee was unanimous in agreeing that the meetings should be held in the Central Library, St Nicholas Way, Sutton.

Mr Steel proposed that Mr Cluett should be asked to become President of the Society and that if he agreed, should be asked to write an address, a profile and an article i.e. 'Records available in Sutton Library' for the first edition of the journal.

The date of the inaugural meeting for members was fixed for Monday 26th September 1977 at 7.30 pm if suitable with the library staff, and thereafter every fourth Monday as far as possible. The programme for the first evening should be a talk by Don Steel and a discussion period.

Mr Steel suggested that the group should seek membership of the Federation of Family History Societies. Meetings of this are held twice each year the next one being in Hampshire. He also mentioned that if a magazine was produced by the East Surrey group it should *[be]* registered at the British Museum. This then led the committee to discuss the possible contents of the proposed journal. Heraldry as part of the Society was next considered. The members present felt that though it

From the archives

has connections with genealogy, it is not really on a par with it. Therefore it was decided not to include in the title of the Society.

Finances were briefly referred to but held over till the details of other membership fees were known. Mr Tooke would be able to arrange a bank loan if necessary. Finally, it was agreed that the present caretaker committee should remain in office until January 1978 when an extraordinary meeting should be called to elect members of a full committee.

Another committee was arranged for Wednesday 13th July at 8 pm at the Sutton Library if possible, at which it was hoped that Mr Cluett would be present, also Mr Webb of the West Surrey Society.



Was she married?

Albert Barnhurst [5610]

In the last journal (December 2016) I submitted an article on a marriage in 1806 asking, based on the evidence of the certificate, 'was the bride married or not?' Only one member attempted to take up the challenge: so what was the answer, if there was one?

This marriage was after the introduction of the Hardwicke Act of 1753, which tightened the rules around marriage ceremonies so as to avoid clandestine marriages. The effect of this was that for a marriage to be considered valid, it had to take place at

a certain time and place, by banns or licence, and with witnesses. As far as we can tell these requirements were met. This Act led to priests and couples becoming more careful to record the events in registers, so as to prove the marriage ceremony had been lawful.

However, the Hardwicke Marriage Act did not offer thorough guidance for priests on what information was considered valid when filling out the register; they just received the printed volumes with blank spaces to be filled in, much as our readers must have seen

Was she married?

many times, like the example in the December Journal. The law does not state the actual moment a marriage commences, but it does say that the register is signed *after* the ceremony.

In the case in question it is possible that, at the time of signing, the bride already considered herself married and therefore used her new name, even if it was incomplete and in an incorrect place on the page. Unfortunately she had no guidance from the three previous marriages on the page as all had just made their mark, albeit in the *correct* place. Signing on behalf of the bride or groom was common at this time with a clerk or other scribe writing their name for them, as with this Parish Register.

It was therefore very much *open to interpretation* and the marriage probably was **not** *invalid* because the bride signed her married name, and on this basis she would have been married. For the same reason, I should think that it is *open to interpretation* about whether the entry is valid due to it being *signed below the line* – it was probably not explicitly stated in the Marriage Act. One really does have to play the ‘what if’ game to get to an answer. As my dear old Dad used to say, you may be none the wiser at the end but at least you will be better

informed! It is interesting that sloppy recording appears to have no impact on the validity of a marriage (see Probert, page 83).

On balance they must be married because the validity was never questioned, as far as we know, and the onus rests with the individual claiming invalidity to prove their point rather than the couple justifying the marriage. The couple would have accepted that they are married, as far as we know; so the outcome is that *the knot has been tied!*

I know that I said , somewhat facetiously, that I might have to seek advice from the Archbishop of Canterbury: well, in a manner of speaking I did, as much of the detail contained in this follow-up came via the archive department of Lambeth Palace.

If you are interested in researching more about marriage laws and customs, you might wish to read Colin R Chapman, *Marriage laws, rites, records & customs: was your ancestor really married?* (Dursley : Lochin Publishing, 1996) or *Marriage Law for Genealogists: the definitive guide* by Rebecca Probert, (Takeaway Publishing 2012), a copy of which is on the shelf in Bourne Hall Library under LOC 346.4101.



Catholic Family History Society

The Society is planning the launch of a major new electronic database with a paper delivered by Br. Rory G Higgins FSC of Australia at a seminar on Saturday 7 October 2017 in the Conference Rooms, 24 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3RB from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

An Index to the Names and Details of over 250,000 Catholics and their Friends in England, 1680 – 1840

Rory Higgins has spent many years compiling this work, with support from the Catholic Family History Society, his Superiors and others. The database will be a hugely valuable resource for church, social, political, local and family historians, both in England and around the world. On it are men, women, and children from all walks of life, including priests and foreigners living in England. Where available there are details of age, of occupation and of location. References guide the user to the many sources, both original and printed,

which he has trawled in order to collect the information together into this database. His earlier successful database is the Australian Nuns Index. Individuals and representatives of organisations involved in records and archives, as well as historians of all interests, will find his latest database to be the research tool everyone has been waiting for.

To express your interest and reserve a place contact
cfsrecords@gmail.com.

The period 1680-1840 covers the centuries when Catholicism was effectively outlawed. Records of Catholics are scattered in civil record offices, in Catholic and in Anglican Church archives throughout the country. We are pleased to have William D. Shannon, PhD, to speak on his research in in this era under the title:

Using the Records of the Forfeited Estates Commission (1715-1724) at TNA to reconstruct Catholic Lancashire

Dr Shannon has delved into the fate of the Catholics involved in the 1715 Battle of Preston, not just those executed, imprisoned or exiled, but also those less directly involved.



Tribute to Stephen Humphrey

*read at his Requiem Mass at St George's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Southwark
(Thursday 19 January 2017)*

We have heard something already [from Fr Mark in his homily, and the mayor] about Stephen's character and his work at Southwark Local Studies Library. I'd like to talk about the contribution he made to Southwark more widely, to its societies and to history generally.

I have known Stephen since 1997, initially when I worked as the local studies librarian and then as a friend. At work he was an exceptional colleague, sharing his immense knowledge of the collection and always putting the readers first. I am hugely grateful for this help; a gratitude I know I share with both my predecessors and successors.

Stephen was foremost a very fine historian. Endlessly curious, hugely widely read with virtuosic powers of retention and recall, an incisive critical mind and an ability to arrange his argument, his range of interest was extraordinary, but focused in particular on Southwark, of course, and on the history of churches and their architecture.

As an author, his writing style was simple, direct, elegant and clear. He was widely in demand as a speaker and as a tour leader he had a dedicated

group of fellow church crawlers he shepherded around the country.

Stephen deployed these talents both in his paid work and in his private interests and work with societies. His achievements in his own time would eclipse most people's paid careers.

The world of church history has benefited from his involvement with the Ecclesiological Society where he was solely responsible for its revival in the late 1970s and where he was secretary and editor during the 1980s. He was also editor and contributing author of the Blue Guide to Churches and chapels of England – surely to be his most enduring work of reference.

The world of Surrey history benefited from his role as treasurer to the Surrey Record Society from 1988. In progress for them was a study of John Hassell's watercolours, which to my pleasure made him a regular and welcome visitor at Lambeth Archives.

In Southwark he was involved with the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society for a mere 45 years, most recently as acting secretary and newsletter editor, and he was involved in numerous other local and family history societies, to which he generously gave his time as a speaker and active member.

Tribute to Stephen Humphrey

But his writings on Southwark, which along with the commemoration book are to be on display at the reception, are where he found his widest and warmest audience. His four books and their reprints were popular and nostalgic looks at their areas and were hugely appreciated. But I think his finest achievement was his most recent: *Elephant & Castle – a history*. It was long in the making and his most personal book, being about the area in which he grew up and a lament for the now-gone landscape and community. We must be grateful that this book at least was completed before his untimely death.

Retirement left him freer to pursue his own interests, and at a more leisurely pace. One that gave him and others much pleasure was the music-hall entertainments put on in conjunction with the Royal Oak in Tabard Street.

These achievements are impressive enough, but they were complemented by warmth, generosity, kindness, modesty, humour, gentleness and politeness.

Stephen always put his enquirer or audience first, in this respect following in the example of Mary Boast who appointed him as archivist in 1980 and whom he greatly admired and she him.

He was extraordinarily generous with his time for other researchers and writers and was never possessive of his vast knowledge. He has influenced and improved many, many more words than he ever wrote himself, helping authors at their draft stage or before over fact, content, context, comment balance, structure, omission, style and grammar. The closest he came to a negative comment was the helpfully-elastic 'unexceptionable'. As an editor he certainly saved me from myself on numerous occasions and I know many authors, much more successful than me, who are equally grateful.

He was generous in his praise of other people working in the same field and never sought the limelight. This generosity applied equally to his friendships, where he loyally devoted time and care to those who were sick or in difficult circumstances.

He had a fine, dry sense of humour and if it incorporated an historical point, so much the better. He was delighted to find Mr Buggins, a Rotherhithe parish official who, inevitably, Stephen surmised had patiently been waiting his turn to take up office. He had a keen eye for the absurd or pompous and no pun was ever too corny.

Tribute to Stephen Humphrey

Stephen was also a very private man. He rarely alluded to his deep Roman Catholic faith and he lived quietly with mother Grace until her death in 2002. Their remains will be united later today.

He was utterly even-handed in the way he dealt with people, and despite his talent and education always retained interest and affection for the people of Southwark whatever their background or circumstances.

Stephen took great care with presentation. He was rarely seen without a tie; he wore a boater in summer; he wrote with a fountain pen, and invitations were answered in the third person; but none of these things were affectations, just Stephen's natural self.

To me the word that describes him above all is service. Service to his subjects; to his Roman Catholic faith; to the parish of Our Lady of the

Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, Westminster, where he attended Mass; to the documents in his care; to Southwark the place and its people, and to everybody he knew.

In conclusion: Stephen's family, his fellow parishioners at Warwick Street church, Southwark generally, and colleagues and friends will be poorer in scholarship and friendship by his absence. But in memory and print his achievements will endure.

I am sure Stephen would be astonished by how many people are here today and rather than hearing about himself would have been much more interested in telling us about this building, both central to his faith and where he received the Freedom of the Borough in 2012, and about the surrounding area in which he lived and worked and to which he dedicated the whole of his life.



Buckinghamshire FHS

Bucks. Family History Society Open Day will be on Saturday 29th July, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at The Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury, HP21 7NH.

Admission is free, with free parking at the venue.

Further information, including a full list of organisations attending, can be found at www.bucksfhs.org.uk.



Website round-up

Brian Hudson

<http://pubshistory.com>

If you have ancestors who were in the pub trade, lived near a local a pub or frequented such establishments then this site is the place to look for information. Before looking for a particular pub take a few moments to read about their history and how to research them (see the link at the end of the first page).

To find a pub, select the county from the menu on the right and then look through the list of towns and villages for the required location.

As an example of what is available, see the Croydon page where there are about 180 pubs. Of these only six have a photograph but all have text, much of which is about the occupants. This

information is taken from records, directories or censuses and as the specific source is given it can easily be verified.

The Croydon page also has links to three other pages: namely, the Croydon 1911 pub history census summary, the Croydon 1865 - 1866: F Warren Croydon directory, and the Croydon 1878 pub history directory, which contains an alphabetical list of names against occupation, address and pub name.

The right-hand menu of every page has a Research section with several useful links although – inexplicably – there is a link to the Anatomy Act 1832!



Memorial Inscriptions

Colin Ashworth <colinjamesashworth@gmail.com>

My website <https://findthatmi.wordpress.com/> is a collection of links to enable researchers to find memorial inscriptions. The important page for me is the list of churches (on the Places page) whose memorials have been surveyed but the results are published either only online or locally as a hard copy; they may not have been published under the auspices of an area or county society.

I am hoping that family historians, who may know of churchyard surveys up and down the country, will let me know about them, using the contact page, so that I can add details to the site. I am also keen to receive comments and feedback via the Blog or by email.



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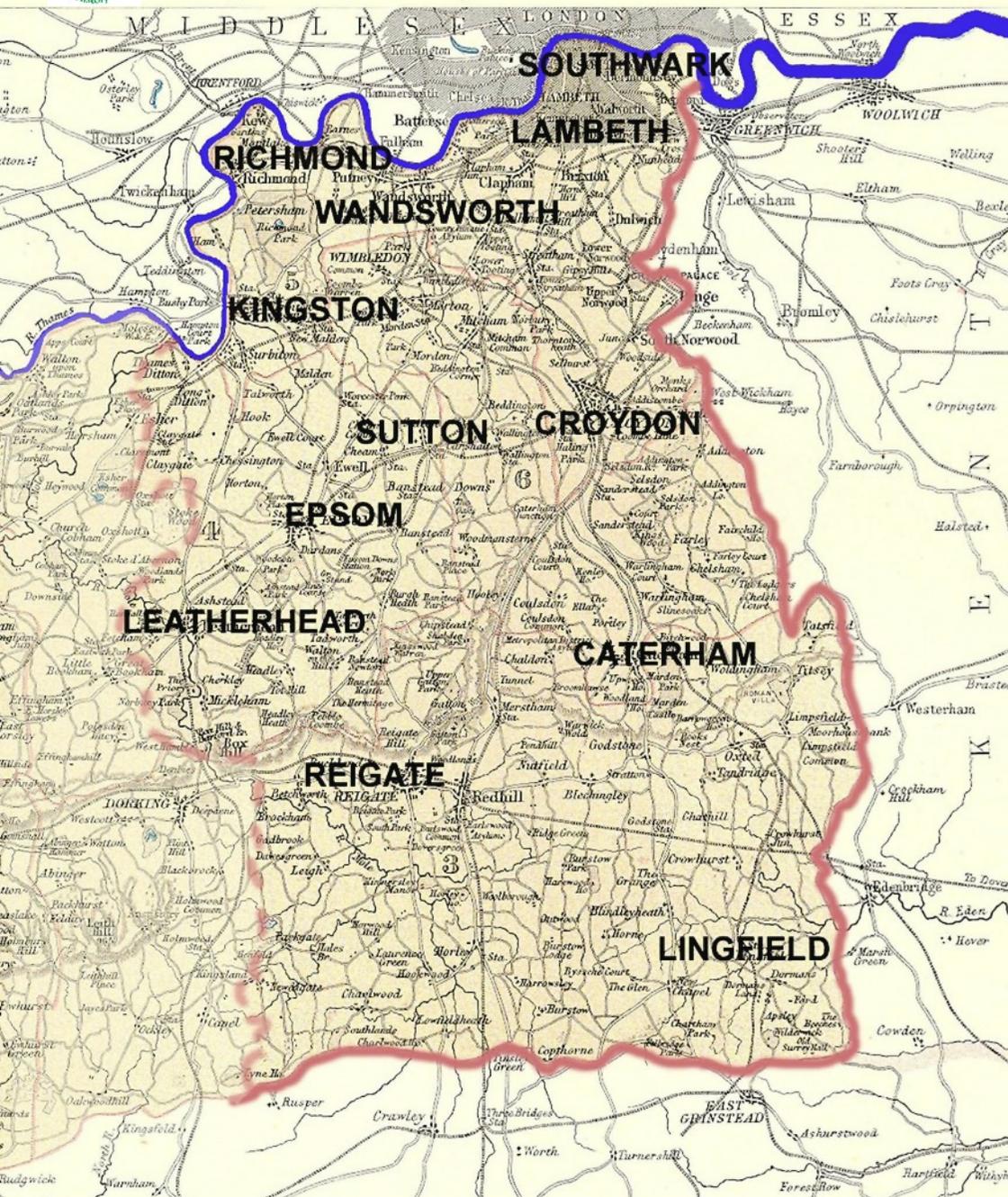
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