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

Group meetings

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December

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Apply to the Southwark Secretary

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Sharing family events of winters past

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11 Trying to Keep Up with Family Search Sharon Hintze Southwark
Sharon will talk about all the new bells and whistles on the re-vamped Family Search website. This is a free resource and one that is well worth exploring fully

19 tba Croydon

27 Newspapers for Family History Ian Waller Lingfield

March

9 tba Richmond

19 London Labyrinth Kathy Chater Croydon

27 Gun founding in the Weald Jeremy Hodgkinson Lingfield

Group meetings

April

- 8 The Story of Borough High Street Lionel Wright Southwark
Lionel is a local historian and his talk will include bridges, battles and bailiffs
- 24 I never thought of that Lady Teviot Lingfield
A second look at problems

May

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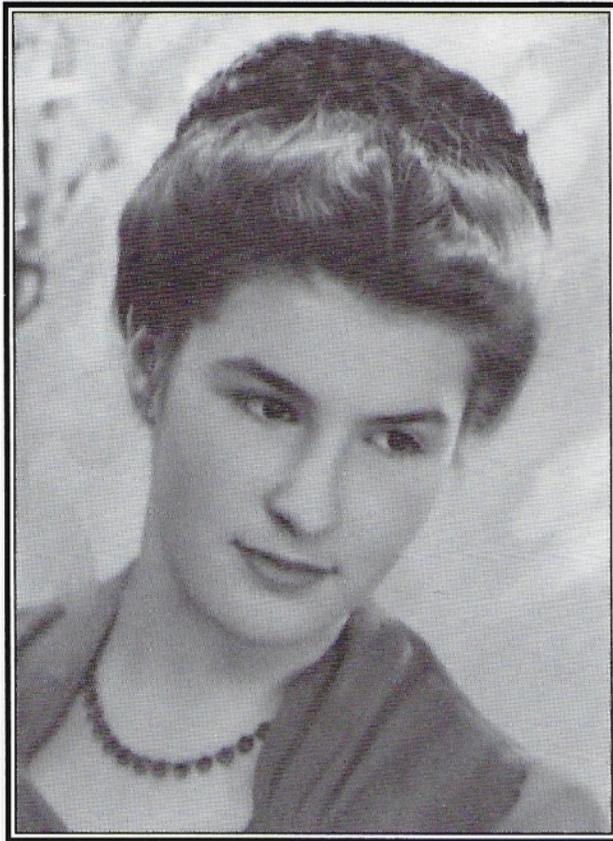
Group meetings

- Croydon: United Reformed Church (small hall), Addiscombe Grove, Croydon CR0 5LP
3rd Tuesday (except April, August and December); 8.00 p.m.
Secretary: Mary Gill croydon@eastssurreyfhs.org.uk
- Lingfield: Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield RH7 6AB
4th Wednesday (except August and December); 2.30 p.m.
Secretary: Rita Russell lingfield@eastssurreyfhs.org.uk
- Richmond: Vestry House, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond TW9 1SA
2nd Saturday of alternate months; 2.30 p.m.
Secretary: Veronica McConnell richmond@eastssurreyfhs.org.uk
- Southwark: Southwark Local History Library, behind John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1JA
2nd Monday of alternate months; 12 noon. There will be no meeting in December.
Secretary: Hilary Blanford southwark@eastssurreyfhs.org.uk 01346 685219
- Sutton: St Nicholas's Church Hall, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton SM1 2RG
1st Thursday; 8.00 p.m.
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Doors usually open 30 minutes before the start of the meeting. Please check the Society website www.esfhs.org.uk for future meetings and last-minute alterations.

Sheila Ann Rosemary Gallagher

17 November 1932 – 28 March 2018



Sheila was a very valuable and long-standing member, as well as one of our Vice Presidents; she contributed a fantastic amount to the growth of our society.

Sheila was the chairman and secretary of the Southwark group for many years with a phenomenal knowledge of the area, its history and its records. She would quite often

Sheila Ann Rosemary Gallagher

interrupt speakers several times to enlarge on various points pertinent to Southwark but this was done in such a way to expand everyone's knowledge. None of the speakers appeared to mind. Stephen Humphrey related that the reason he never charged the Southwark branch for his talks and walks was because Sheila had marshalled the members to transcribe so many documents for the library. He described how he used to close the library on a Saturday afternoon and the members would go on a walk somewhere. This of course was long before Sheila was so incapacitated.

Sheila's greatest contribution to the society was the amount of transcribing and checking which she did with Maureen O'Sullivan, her right hand lady. Without this work we would not have a fraction of the Poor Law records that we have on file. She checked most of Maureen's transcribing and then typed it into a format we could make available to members and the wider world as paper copies, microfiche and then, finally, onto CDs. Nowadays we

can send these records electronically to anyone anywhere.

Sheila was very interested in the social effects of the Poor Law. On top of the work she did for the Society she was particularly interested in places like the Westminster Lying-in Hospital. She wanted to know more about the running of the places and their support and effects on the women and children. She wanted to know how the children who were sent from our area to the mills in the Midlands were treated. There was far more to know than just transcribing the bare facts from registers for Sheila.

We are still typing the transcriptions that Sheila gave us and we have more to come via her daughter Marie-Clare, papers that she was working on until a few days before her death, so she will be with us for many years yet.

She had a lovely sense of humour and was always so positive, in spite of her various disabilities and she is still missed at Southwark - one weak coffee with milk please.

*one weak coffee
with milk, please*

A Tale of Two Charlies – or from Riches to Rags

Marda Dixon

My first Charles **Feldon** was born into a professional family who owned property in the St Clement's area of the city of Oxford in 1796. His grandfather Daniel had been a tailor and, as such, had freedom of the city of Oxford granted in 1763, the rights of which passed in turn to his son, also Daniel, in 1806, and then to his grandson Charles in 1818.

At the age of 13, Charles had been apprenticed to one John **Cooper**, tailor, to serve seven years. Two years after his apprenticeship finished, on 18 June 1818 he was admitted 'to the Liberties of the city and paid the Officers' Fees and was sworn' (Hannisters 1780-1924). He was living in St Mary Hall Lane (now Oriel Street) and running his own business. Pigot's Directory of 1822 lists him as 'tailor and draper'. This was the first of many entries in various trade directories over the next 50 years, which also grew to include 'robe-maker' and 'cassock-maker'. In 1869 Cassey's Directory he is described as 'Gentry'.

In 1821, aged 25, he married Elizabeth **Couling** of Burford, a minor at 18 years old, with permission of her guardian and uncle Thomas **Widbin**, a baker who also had the Freedom of the City (both her parents had died a few years earlier).

Despite being declared bankrupt in 1829 – a fact reported in many national and local newspapers across England – Charles picked himself (and his family) up, moved round the corner to 97 High Street and continued trading (listed as a 'tailor' in Pigot's Directory of 1830). He stayed there until 1850 when he crossed a little further down the road to number 33, where he stayed until his death. This shop building still exists today. (See photo below.)



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In a historical survey of Oxford commenting on this building, which had been there since the seventeenth century, it was noted that in 1851 “this was Charles Feldon’s tailor’s shop and he lived upstairs with his wife and seven children, and a female servant”.

But he must have been doing good business as this was not the only property Charles owned. The Tithe Maps of 1846 showed that he owned five properties in Cowley, occupied by others. Three years later, the Tithe Maps also showed he owned and occupied two plots of land in St Clement’s – one of them, in Caroline Street, being the house where his parents had lived. Poll books of North Hinksey in Berkshire in 1850, 1855 and 1874 also gave him the right to vote because he owned property there.

On 9 January 1869 the *Oxford Journal* reported that Charles was summoned by the Waywardens of Cowley for non-payment of 7s 6d “being three highway rates due to that parish”. It also states that “he paid 5s as a compromise”. If only we could compromise over our rates today!

Charles died at the age of 77 on 9 January 1874 due to ‘decay of nature’ (old age!) and was buried three days later at St Peter in the East, his wife having died the previous year. Charles

and Elizabeth had had 13 children together, only two of whom had died as infants. The remaining eleven all had an equal share of his estate, sorted out by his widowed daughter Eliza as executrix. (Interestingly, he specifically states that “the shares of such as they may be married women to be paid into their own proper hands”. Did the rights of women begin then?)

So we come to Charles Number Two. He was born in St Mary Hall Lane Oxford on 11 March 1829, the fifth child of Charles and Elizabeth and the second son to take that name. By 1851 he had moved to London where the census showed him living at 313 Oxford Street and working as a porter. Three years later, at St Mary’s Lambeth, he married Catherine Isabella **Henry** who had been born in India where her father was serving as a soldier.

They soon moved, briefly to Islington, and then to St Pancras, where he worked as a shoemaker – a journeyman in 1857. They had 12 children: but circumstances ended up being very different for him. His eldest daughter was born out of wedlock away in Nottingham, though brought back to live with the family once they had married 15 months later. Unfortunately, she was classed as an

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imbecile in the census and was twice admitted to St Pancras Workhouse due to her insanity; she died at the age of twenty. Two other children died aged six and seven years. A son, Arthur, also had mental health problems and spent time at various asylums and the Workhouse and, finally, at Cane Hill Hospital in Croydon where he died aged 48.

The other children survived to adulthood and appear to have led reasonably normal lives. But they did not have a good beginning, because on several occasions in 1869 Charles, Catherine and up to eight children at a time were admitted under the Poor Law to St Pancras Workhouse. The reason is not clear. Did he not work as hard as his father? Or was there little work to be had, despite having a trade? Or could he just not manage his

money? It is hard for us to imagine in our comfortable twenty-first century lives. He and Catherine also had admissions to this Workhouse in 1895, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902.

The census of 1901 records them in the Workhouse and they were last admitted in August 1902. It is not clear whether Charles actually died in the Workhouse as I have only the Civil Registration record, which states that he died in the last quarter of that year. Catherine was discharged on 17 December 1902, possibly on Charles' death. She then went to live with a daughter and died herself the following year.

So what happens to a man who was born into comparative luxury, and then goes on to have a dozen children of his own, for him to end the last years of his life in the Workhouse?

Have you come up against a

Brick Wall?

Send your request for help to the Editor for publication

Website round-up

Brian Hudson

Details on the organisation and commanders of wartime armies can be found at **www.unithistories.com** under the heading 'World War II units and officers'.

To look for officers use the simple menu at the top of the page. The 'officers' link leads to another page with seven national flags; there you can click the British link for a list of units in the Army, Navy and Air Force. Alongside each unit are links to alphabetically arranged lists from which you can select an individual for possible further information. This could be a photograph, personal details, rank and medal(s) and their service history. In addition, some entries have links to supplementary information such as a newspaper obituary and/or National Archives record.

The website search box did not work at the time of writing but, on a page of names, a browser search can be used e.g. Ctrl F or Command F (⌘ F) depending on the operating system. The Tech Topic article in the September 2017 Journal describes a powerful technique for searching the whole website for a name.

Although the website has 'officers' in its title each of the services also has a link for '. personnel below officer level'.

Finally, a particularly interesting entry for a famous fighter pilot will be found at www.unithistories.com/officers/raf_officers_b01.html (clue: He was played by Kenneth More in the biographical 1956 film).

The Historic Hospitals Records Admission Project (HHARP) at <http://hharp.org> has access to over 140,000 admission records to four children's hospitals. Three are London-based: Great Ormond Street, the Evelina and the Alexandra Hip Hospital (for Children); the fourth is the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow. Between them the databases cover a period from 1852 to 1921.

HHARP was formed as a partnership between Kingston University's Centre for the Historical Record (CHR) and various hospital archives in London and Glasgow. The standard search can be just be the surname but first name, sex and year of birth can all be added if known. By registering on the site, more advanced searches are available using home address, admission date, period of stay and nature of illness.

Arthur Edwin Pickering

Roger Sutton [6586]

It is now 100 years since the end of the First World War. On 19 November 1918 my grandfather Arthur Edwin **Pickering** died of Spanish influenza and pneumonia whilst serving in France. This is his story, and that of his family.

Arthur was born on 2 June 1875 in New Cross, South London. He was one of seven children of John Turney Pickering and Annette **Rolls**, who married on 1 May 1866 at St George's, Camberwell. On leaving school, Arthur worked as a draughtsman for a Jewish firm of architects in Broad Street, City of London; the firm specialised in designing synagogues for London's growing Jewish population. He married Florence Any **Gerrett** on 27 June 1908 at St Mark's, South Norwood. She had been born on 3 December 1877 at 7 Old Cavendish Street, where her father ran a warehouse doing business with drapers and dealers in textiles and fabrics. Today the whole of Old Cavendish Street has been taken over by the House of Fraser and John Lewis of Oxford Street.

Arthur and Florence's daughter Eileen (my mother) was born on 18 March 1913 at South Norwood, and their son Arthur was born after the war on 5 June 1919.

Arthur (senior) enlisted on 29 May 1915, just four days before his 40th

birthday. His father John was a Captain of Reserves. Until 2 July 1916 Arthur was based in England, and then he was sent to join the British Expeditionary Force in France. His wife and daughter moved to Worthing, in West Sussex, to escape the German bombing of south London.

Florence was informed that Arthur had been wounded on 23 April 1917, but by June he had presumably recovered because he was in Boulogne-sur-mer, an important base for the British Army. He belonged to a Canadian Unit of the Royal Engineers. This war relied on the technically skilled Royal Engineers. Arthur belonged to the 5th Railway Survey and Reconstruction section, which had an office in an old railway carriage.

On 1 January 1918 he sat examinations and was found to be 'superior'. The subjects tested were Profiles ('very superior'), Plans ('very superior'), Points, Crossings and Yards ('superior'), Structure ('skilled'), Earthwork Quality ('skilled') and Mathematics ('skilled').

In the closing days of the War Arthur contracted Spanish influenza and pneumonia, and died a few days after the Armistice, on 19 November. He is buried in Auberchicourt British Cemetery, Nord, in France. Florence

Arthur Edwin Pickering

recalled that his employers were very good to her.

It might be useful if I say something about Arthur's siblings. John Pickering was educated at West Kent Grammar School in Brockley. He joined the London Joint Stock Bank on 17 October 1895 aged 18, on a £50 salary; by 1913 his salary was £210. He retired on 1 April 1927, by which time his salary was £525. He was very musical and ran a small orchestra in his spare time.

Brother Percy also became a bank clerk and, later on, an actor. His stage name was Percy Ballard. He appeared in *The Silver Chord* in London's West End. He toured South Africa, and in January 1921 he appeared in the comedy *French Leave* at the Tivoli in Cape Town and 'carried honours', according to a newspaper review. It ran for a fortnight. His uncle William Baugh Pickering had emigrated to the Transvaal in 1889 and had 12 children. There are still numerous Pickerings in South Africa.

Sister Mabel went to South Africa with Percy. She married late in life, becoming Mabel **Ingram**. She lived at 374 Baring Road, Grove Park. London SE12. When her mother Annette died in September 1933 (aged 90) Mabel was the informant.

Brother Henry Rolls Pickering became a printer's roller. Later on he was a buyer of German wines. In 1895 he married Flora **Stumer**, whose father was German.

Sister Elsie married George **Hale** (who was related to the Gerrett family) on 2 August 1899. He farmed at Timperley (Manchester). Their children Stephen, Annette and Dudley all attended boarding schools. My mother Eileen recalled having a holiday at the farm, which specialised in growing fruit.

Their father, John Turney Pickering, was born on 23 October 1839 at Newington. He was a boarder at Fairfield House in Addiscombe Road (Croydon). He spent the whole of his career working for the London Joint Stock Bank, where his son John also worked. The bank was founded in 1836 at 4 Princes Street in the City of London. He retired in May 1895 on a salary of £400 and with a life policy of £500. He lived at Fern Bank, 44 London Road, Bromley. He was remembered by my grandmother Florence as a very generous man: if you said you liked something, he would buy it for you. My mother Eileen remembered the Pickerings as a jolly family who liked the good things in life. They entertained quite a lot, with musical evenings and small whist drives.

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John's wife was Annette Rolls. Her grandfather was William Rolls (1772 – 1845), a property speculator of Marlborough Place in the Old Kent Road, Camberwell. His bequests totalled £24,885, and he also left 116 properties. Annette's gt-grandfather was Joseph **Ray** (1753 – 1837), a builder, of 6 St Dunstan's Hill in the City of London. He left an estate worth about £20,000. His wife was Mary **Adams**. As a widow, Annette lived at Rose Cottage, Penketh, Warrington. Although this is speculation on my part, she may have moved there to be near her daughter Elsie at Timperley.

Both Ray and Adams are Sephardic Jewish surnames. Gerrett is also Sephardic Jewish in origin. Both my grandparents, therefore, had Jewish ancestry, although there is no indication that they knew about this.

John Turney Pickering's father was also John (1808 – 1852) and he was born in Bermondsey. A notice in *The Times* of 20 May 1834 showed that he was educated at Whitford's Academy and that he was Secretary of the Old Boys' Association. Together with his brother Samuel (1802 – 1857) he was a drug and spice broker, specialising in mercury, which is highly toxic. This probably explained why it was that members of the Pickering family

engaged in this business often died young.

The father of John was Samuel (1767 – 1823). He was born in Arclid, Sandbach (Cheshire). I discovered this simply because a Pickering cousin in South Africa read an earlier article of mine on a website and contacted me to tell me that the Pickerings came from Cheshire. Samuel moved to London in the late 18th century. He lived at Pump Court, Long Lane, in Bermondsey.

Samuel's father was Thomas (1745-1777). He was the Diocese surgeon of Arclid, in Sandbach. He died when his son Samuel was only nine years old, and this presumably explains why Samuel decided to move to London to make a living.

Cheshire is associated with dairy farming and making Cheshire cheese, which is what my Pickering ancestors did for a living. My ancestor John (died 1688) made Cheshire cheese. In his will, dated 19 March 1688, there is a reference to a cheese press. His son Thomas left a will dated 18 September 1690, attached to which was an inventory of £84 18s, including dairy cows valued at £23 and Cheshire cheese in the cheese chamber worth £15. His brothers John, Samuel,

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Bernard, William and Joseph were all listed as yeomen.

Thomas's son John (1688 – 1723) was a grocer. His son Charles (1712 – 1761) appears to have gone up in the world, as he is described as a 'gentleman of Over'. It was his son

Thomas (1745 – 1777) who was the diocese surgeon.

I am grateful for help from the Mobberley Research Centre and from my distant cousin Celia Cotton of Leicester.

Microfiche Readers

If anyone is interested in acquiring a microfiche reader, we have been informed that two are available, at no cost.

They would have to be collected from Warlingham. If you are interested, please call Robert Poate on 020 8657 8423 to make arrangements.

Important Notice from the Committee

Owing to concerns over the running costs of our Society, the Executive Committee has made the decision that from 2019 the frequency of the Journal will be reduced to three each year. They will be issued in April, August and December. If you wish to help with even more cost-cutting, members can ask for their copies to be delivered by email rather than by post.

The Committee have also decided that, like most other societies, there will be a small entrance fee to our annual Open Day, which next year will be on 30 March 2019 at Lingfield.

If you have any ideas how we can make or save more money then please get in touch with any Committee member.

A Day in the Life of Annie Stapleton

Barbara Beaumont

Annie **Stapleton** née **Davey** was my great-grandmother. The following is a creative non-fiction account, based on what I know of her life from family lore, family history research and written information by two of her children, Nan and Art. The 'day' is set in 1902, shortly after the birth of Annie's seventh child, when they lived in Borough Road, Southwark.

Annie wakes early and creeps down the stairs in the dark to the kitchen. If the baby doesn't wake up, perhaps she can get in a hour of work before she has to get Ben's breakfast and get the children ready for school. She lights the gas lamp, and settles down to cutting and pasting coloured strips of paper on to the cardboard boxes that she has made up the night before. She has been doing this job since she was a girl, and works quickly and skilfully. It brings in a few extra shillings each week, so necessary to keep the brood of kids fed and decently clothed and shod. They would be hard pressed to manage on Ben's wages of £1 a week, and he only earns that much if he isn't laid off because of the weather, and doesn't go to the pub with some mates on pay day.

An hour later, a dozen boxes completed, she puts a rasher of bacon in the frying pan for Ben's breakfast, and begins slicing up the loaf. Ben comes down in his stockinged feet, trying not to wake the baby, but to no

avail. A plaintive wail announces that baby Maud is awake and wants feeding. With a sigh, Annie serves Ben his breakfast, goes and brings Maud down and settles in a chair to feed her. Maud is Annie's seventh baby and is fortunately placid, unlike her older siblings Art and Rose.

Maud is changed, washed and settled in the pram by the time Ben departs. Annie goes up to wake the older children. Nan, her eldest, will help her get the younger girls washed and dressed, and the two boys are old enough to look after themselves. The smell of bacon still lingers, but there is no such treat for the children. A slice or two of bread and a cup of tea with a little condensed milk in it is all they can expect. Breakfast over, Annie checks that Nan and Dolly have clean aprons and neatly combed hair and that the boys are clean and tidy, ready for school. Satisfied, she sends them off. Nan, young Ben, Dolly and Art set off for school, leaving Rose, toddler Amy and baby Maud at home with

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Annie. Instructing Rose and Amy to be good girls and play quietly, Annie does the dishes, then returns to her work bench and continues with her box-making.

Baby Maud needs feeding again halfway through the morning, and then it's time to get the dinner ready. It's nearly the end of the week, and money is short. Annie decides she can just afford to buy some pease pudding for the children's dinner so she dashes down Borough Road to buy a few penn'orth. She cuts up more bread and spreads each slice thickly with the pease pudding. Tomorrow she will have to take a load of boxes to the factory and collect a few shillings to get through to Ben's payday. At least she hasn't had to pawn the Sunday clothes this week, as she has to on the weeks when Ben spends half of his pay at the pub.

The children return from school, hungry as horses, and make short work of the meal. They chatter about the morning's lessons before heading off again. Annie is not surprised to hear that Art has been in trouble again – his high spirits seem to lead him into it. It seems that they're all doing well at school, although Dolly complains that because of her deafness she can't always hear what the teacher is saying.

Annie is not sure that schooling until fourteen is a good thing – it means that it will be nearly four years before Nan can leave and start earning a few shillings to contribute to the family income. And who knows how many more children I might have by then, Annie wonders.

After another feed for Maud, Annie settles her, Rose and Amy for an afternoon sleep, and gets on with some housework, dusting, scrubbing the floors and shaking out the mats. In no time a noisy throng of children are back from school. They have chores to do; Nan and Dolly have to wash the dishes from dinner and the boys have to chop wood and bring some coal in. Then, with an injunction to make sure the little ones stay away from the trams, Annie sends them all out into the street to play. Nan and Dolly have to take little Rose and Amy as well as Maud in the pram out with them and look after them. There's no break for Annie; with a sigh she sets about dealing with the day's accumulation of nappies. In a couple of years, she can expect the girls to do this, but they are a bit young at the moment. And maybe soon she will have to keep Nan home from school on Friday afternoons to help with some of the housework.

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Annie cuts more bread for the children's tea. It's going a bit stale, but they have a good supply this week as Nan and young Ben got a good haul from the charity handout place near St Paul's. This is a weekly chore for them, and it means them getting up very early in the morning, but it certainly helps keep the family fed. She feeds Maud again while the children eat.

After tea, the two younger children are put to bed and the older ones told to settle down quietly. They have books from the new lending library in Borough Road, and seem to enjoy them. Nan reads out loud to Rose, who is too young to read for herself. Ben comes in smiling, and wolfs down the tea Annie serves him. She wonders if he has any idea how hard it is to manage on his wage, or that he is so much better fed than the rest of them.

'Tell us a story, Dad,' the children demand. So he starts telling the children a tale about India, where he spent seven years in the army, of maharajahs riding on jeweled elephants, and rivers flowing faster than a horse can gallop. There he goes again, Annie thinks, living in his dream

world. Annie has hardly ever been out of Southwark – once to the seaside on a Sunday School outing, and once up to London to see Buckingham Palace – so she has no idea if Ben's stories are true or if he is making half of them up.

The children go off to bed, and Annie settles to some mending while Ben reads his paper. 'They've settled on a new date for the procession,' he informs Annie. Edward VII has been king for over a year since Queen Victoria died, but he and Queen Alexandra have only recently been crowned and the procession has been delayed. 'If it comes along here, we should get a good view,' he adds. Annie hopes they can make some money renting out seats in their window overlooking the street, as they did for Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. She glances proudly at the photograph of the children she had taken on that occasion, a rare extravagance.

After a final feed for Maud, it's time for Annie and Ben too to go up to bed. Another day is over, and they need their sleep before the whole round starts again.

Richard Charles Fox, 'Wharfinger' of Kingston

Veronica McConnell

Just down the twisty road through Ham from Richmond, where East Surrey Family History Society meets at Vestry Hall, lies Kingston upon Thames. All three places lie on the banks of the great River Thames. My researches into some people my grandmother knew in her youth led me into Kingston upon Thames in 1859, to the baptism of a little girl whose father was a 'Wharfinger'.

My telling of his story, and that of his family, begins on 16 April 1845 in the Parish Church of St Mary, Lambeth, when Richard Charles **Fox** married Anne Cowan **Simmons** by licence. He was about 32, described himself as 'Gent' residing in the parish of St Mary Newington, and was the son of John Fox (deceased), also described as 'Gent'. Anne was in her mid-twenties, a spinster residing in Halcot Square, and was the daughter of James Simmons, farmer, deceased. I cannot decipher the signatures of the witnesses, but neither appears to be a Fox or a Simmons. Census entries for Richard and Anne's first child, named Richard Charles Fox, show that he was born in Lambeth. The birth was registered there in the third quarter of 1845.

By 1847 the Fox family appear to have moved their place of residence

across the Thames into Middlesex, where the first daughter, Anne Fox, was born in Pimlico (registered 1847 Q2 in the district of St George Hanover Square). She was followed by Mary in 1848 Q4, John in 1850 Q3 and Alice in 1853 Q1. I haven't yet found Richard and Anne and their children in the 1851 census.

By 1855 Richard Charles Fox had moved his growing family to the perhaps more salubrious surroundings of Kingston upon Thames. The birth of another son, Kingston Fox, was registered in Kingston in 1855 Q2, and yet another, Cholmondeley Fox, in 1857 Q1. Cholmondeley was born on 17 December 1856 and baptised on 25 January 1857 in All Saints Parish Church in Kingston. His father's profession is shown as Lime Merchant, his abode as Kingston.

In the Electoral Registers for Surrey Eastern, for the years from 1857 to 1871, I found Richard Charles Fox listed at Clattern Wharf, West by Thames, Kingston, Surrey. The property was a Leasehold House and Wharf in 'own occupation'. In the Spring of 1858 Richard Charles Fox's wife Anne died, aged 39. On 10 April 1858 Anne Cowan Fox was buried at Hook, St Paul. There were now seven motherless children to be taken care of.

Richard Charles Fox, ‘Wharfinger’ of Kingston

On 22 January 1859 Richard Charles Fox married again, to Emily **Copland**, at St Mary le Strand, Knightsbridge, Westminster. I haven't found an image of the marriage record, and so am relying on Ancestry.co.uk's 'Select Marriages'. The marriage was registered in the District of Strand.

In November 1859 Emily Mary Fox, the first of the daughters of Richard Charles Fox and his second wife Emily, was baptised at All Saints Parish Church in Kingston. Richard's profession is described in the church register as Wharfinger – according to Wikipedia this is pronounced wor-fin-ger, and is an archaic term for somebody who has responsibility for goods delivered to a wharf, and usually has an office at the wharf. He also has to keep tide tables and resolve disputes!

In 1861 the census page tells that Richard C Fox, age 48, born Middlesex London, was then a Lime Merchant. He and his second wife and six children, ranging in age from 15-year-old Richard C Fox to 1-year Emily M Fox, were in the High Street (called West-by-Thames Street in previous centuries according to the Victoria County History) in Kingston. Next but one on the page were Joseph and Annie Silver

at the Ram Inn, which according to pubhistory.com, was at 34 High Street.

On 26 February 1871 Richard Charles Fox died aged 57 years. His death was registered in Kingston upon Thames, and probate was granted to his widow, the relict, Emily Fox at the principal registry on 16th March 1871 (Effects under £5,000).

In the 1871 census, taken on the night of 2 April, I cannot find widowed Emily Fox, but still in High Street in Kingston are her four children, Emily, Gertrude, George and Helena, apparently in the care of their 25-year-old stepbrother (also named Richard Charles Fox), a Lime Merchant, and his full siblings John, Anne, Mary and Kingston, aged 20 down to 16 years. The household was completed on census night by a Cook and Housemaid.

On 20 February 1872 at the Parish Church in Ham, 23-year-old Mary Fox of Kingston married by Licence 28-year-old James **Sandell**, bachelor and accountant of Ham. The witnesses were Mary's siblings Richard Charles Fox and Anne Cowan Fox.

In 1877 Richard Charles Fox (the son) died aged 31 years. In the burial register of the South Metropolitan Cemetery, his entry of 19 April shows Richard's abode as Fassett Road,

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Kingston, Surrey. There were six other burials that day in this cemetery: the deceased persons were from places as diverse as Egham, Clapham, Brompton, Hyde Park and two who had died at Guy's Hospital. From www.findagrave.com I learned that this cemetery, sometime known as the 'Millionaires' Cemetery' was built 'amidst the fields of the hamlet of Norwood in Surrey', to alleviate the over-crowding in greater London's churchyards.

By 1881 Richard Charles Fox's widow, Emily, aged 44 and living on 'House Property' according to her census record, had left the centre of Kingston; she was residing in Fassett Road at 6 Beaufort Villas. With her were her step-daughter Anne C Fox age 34, and step-son Cholmondeley, 24, Commercial Agent, and also the four children she gave birth to: Emily Fox, George Washington Fox, Gertrude Sarah Fox and Helena Fox. One live-in female servant completed the household.

In 1889 the branch line to Kingston of the London and South Western Railway was completed. In 1836 the

main line of the London and South Western Railway had been brought through Surbiton because, tradition says, the inhabitants opposed its original course through Kingston. Did Emily and the five 'young' people ever travel up to London from either of these stations? In the 1891 census they were living in Surbiton Road. In 1901 they were at 57 Eden Street (Gough House) in Kingston, and by 1911 they had decamped to Gordon Road in Claygate.

I researched this story after I found an old programme for a concert showing my maternal grandmother played piano with Emily's daughters, the Misses E., G. and H. Fox. These three ladies appear to have spent all their lives together. The most recent record I have found of the three of them is in the Electoral Register of 1934, when they were still living in Claygate. Their brother George Washington Fox married and had children. When the last of the sisters, Helena, died in 1946 her probate was awarded to his son George Rundle Washington Fox and one other executor.

Records and Graves of Saints Peter & Paul, Lingfield

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This is an adaptation of a document produced by Margaret Whiting of the Parish church of St Peter and St Paul, Lingfield, when she converted her church records to a computer system. It is always a good idea to see the original registers, which nowadays are usually on film, fiche or on internet sites, as extra information can be found in margins or at the beginning and end of each book that adds to our family history.

Records and Graves

It was purely as a matter of self-preservation that Margaret started to computerise our churchyard records. The graveyard book had been in operation since 1875 with earlier entries having been copied from other documents and was a nightmare to use. The entries were fading and, in some cases, had been written in pencil and were practically illegible. Some pages had extra numbers added around the edges or even across entries. The numbers of graves had been increased since the book was started and to deal with this, a letter had been added on the end of the identification number and squeezed in wherever a spare inch of paper could be found. It could take hours to find a grave. It took eleven years to September 2002 and included all names that could be found in old registers going back to the 16th century and from gravestones where there was no entry in the register.

(There are probably more people buried in the yard for which we cannot find official traces). We cannot give grave numbers for many people as the graves must have been used several times over the hundreds of years the churchyard has existed.

After getting some order into the burial registers she was asked to computerise the marriage and baptism books, so all the earliest registers came out again and this took another two years to complete. We have records again from the late 16th century. It is interesting to note the information contained in the entries.

Earliest Baptisms recorded date, child's name father's name and domicile only. Presumably the mother had nothing to do with producing the child! (Margaret's aside!)

The tombs in the church are well documented but we know from plans that graves were originally all over the floor and removed when the central heating was installed in the late 19th century. We know a lot of the names

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buried in them but not the exact location. There was a fee for an 'in church' burial which varied from 4 shillings for Mary Bristow in 1743 to five guineas for Lady Mary Turton in 1803. Anyone being buried in linen instead of wool was mentioned and a fee paid. The last burial in the church was Mary Ann Farindon, an infant, in 1865. We are still owed 10 shillings for three burials in 1716 as only one half of the one pound fee was paid.

A tax was paid for all burials and in 1792 duty of 14 shillings and sixpence was paid to a Mr Horwood for this purpose.

These are a few of the remarks from the register –

1733 – Thomas Griffiths ye Tinker residing at New Place and kept 19 cats.

1756 – John Piggot was a most amiable youth.

1617 – John Dengst – an old man dead and buried (MW -hopefully in that order!)

1832 – Judith Fanning of Dublin who suffered a broken leg when the Lewes coach overturned at Godstone and she died when complications set in.

1819 – Samuel Wainwright died whilst travelling home to Shirburn (sic), Dorset.

There have been travelling people (Tinkers, Peddlers, Vagrants) interred in the churchyard since 1622. In 1792, beside the entry for Abram Atkins the clerk has written 'I demanded and was paid 5 shillings'.

The earliest trade mentioned was for Edward Camfield, a Servant, in 1561. We had a castrator, one William Nother, in 1789 and John Weabe, an Arborer, in 1671. Jhon(sic) Chambers was a school teacher in 1593 as was Randall Emmorton in 1681.

The records also show when epidemics were rife with several members of the same family being buried within a few days of each other. Lives were generally shorter with many children dying before the age of 2 years but one couple, Simon and Catherine Cooper, lived to 100 years and 105 years in 1718/1720. There is no record of their marriage so they were probably from elsewhere originally.

The size of the Upper Churchyard, around the church, hasn't changed much over the years because of the surrounding houses. We have a good idea of its size from the Book of Marks dated 1594. This gives details of householders in the parish and the amount of the churchyard wall or fence they were obliged to upkeep.

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The amounts ranged from five foot for Mr Knight for his tenement called Prinkham and Mr George Turner with five and a half foot for his dairy house to Mr Michael Sanded, Esq. for the Manor of Puttenden and Haxted Mill with fifty three foot and Lord Burgh for Starborough four rods and four foot, a total of seventy foot (a rod = sixteen and a half foot).

The earliest grave for which we have a name is for the wife of William Baldwine in 1634. Not giving the wife's Christian name was quite common then. Two other 17th century graves are identifiable as John Underhill of 1674 and the Neve family of John, Richard and Mary, buried within three days of each other in May 1681.

We know that John Wood paid an extra ten shillings and sixpence in 1803 to have a vault under his tomb. This is the only fee shown for a tomb outside the church.

We have a little mystery about a man called Maynard. Only a David Maynard is carved into the stone of a table tomb but the register shows that a David Maynard was buried on 11th October 1709 and a John Maynard, a Maltman, being buried on the 12th October 1709. 'Maltman' appears on the gravestone. Were there two

brothers who died within a few days of each other or just one called David, otherwise John, and just an error in the register?

Two children are buried by the lower fence. They were killed in accidents when the railway line was being built. They lived in huts beside the line. Fourteen year old Charles Bullard, was interred in 1882 and the grave surround has his name and the accident on it. The cross, believed to have been erected by a collection, states in memory of our children. It is possible that 10-year-old Sarah Royston, who died nine months later, is also in this grave.

The first part of the Lower churchyard was opened in 1883 and the addition in 1918. There are distinct areas in this part including the old ashes plot and the new ashes plot. There is a small section set aside for Catholic burials and for the nuns from Notre Dame Convent which is now a boarding school. Another area is for the retired clergy from the College of St Barnabas in Dormansland and an area for the Gypsies or Travellers as they prefer to be called these days. In the midst of all this there is an area of vaults which have mostly been allowed to fall derelict.

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Margaret did not record the wording on the gravestones apart from this one –

Florence Mary Pig, Wife of Thomas Pig Esq. MP. She died at Bellagio 8/1/1896 after a premature Confinement on 23/12/1889 aged 32 years.

Wartime graves

The first grave is for Flt Sgt John Paul Riches RAF VR, who was killed in action aged 22 years on 19th February 1944. He was a member of the 617 squadron (better known as the Dam Busters). We don't know if he actually took part in the raid.

The second is for Rose Alberta Webb, a fifteen years old pupil of Brockley Central School, who was evacuated to Lingfield at the outbreak of war. She died of a medical condition.

During the war the race course held both internees and prisoners of war. Three graves are together in the churchyard and in an area not being used at that time. All of the deceased

are shown as Prisoners of War. Alphonse Henkel, aged 23 years, was buried in 1942, Willie Engel, aged 39 years, was buried in 1943 and Randolph Zinnerman, aged 58 years, was buried in 1944. They have no headstones or other markers.

Finally, there is a grave where the members of the HMS Serene Association come each year to place a wreath and make an act of remembrance for its Captain, Lt Commander Richard Ritchie and all others who died serving on the 'Serene'.

Members of the Local History Centre based in Lingfield Library have now transcribed the details that are still legible on the gravestones and a copy is held in the library together with typed transcripts of the registers to the early 20th century. Details of the History Centre are online under Hayward History Centre. I also have copies of the records on my own computer and am happy to accept enquiries.

Are you able to provide something for the Journal? An article, perhaps a brief description of some of your more interesting ancestors, a letter . . .



Have you come up against a

Brick Wall?

Send your request for help to the Editor for publication

News from Surrey History Centre

Julian Pooley

It's been a particularly busy year at Surrey History Centre, with a series of big events to mark our seventieth anniversary as a professional archive service for Surrey County Council and twenty years since the opening of our splendid, purpose-built Centre here in Woking.

In my last post I mentioned the three popular talks that had been organised for us by Surrey History Trust – Jenny Uglow on historical biography in March, Julian Richards on TV archaeology in September and Michael Wood on Saxon Surrey in October. To these we added a surprise Royal Visit on 25 September when HRH The Duke of Gloucester came to see a display of some of the archive and archaeological treasures chosen for the Anniversary Booklet and meet their contributors, enjoy a tour behind the scenes, meet some of our staff, volunteers and partners and unveil a plaque recording his visit to mark these anniversaries. The event was hosted by the Chairman of Surrey County Council and the Duke was accompanied by Michael More-Molyneux of Loseley Park, Surrey's Lord Lieutenant. It was a very special occasion and a perfect opportunity to celebrate our work, partnerships

and the amazing contribution of our many volunteers.

In sharp contrast, you may have heard that Surrey County Council is facing significant financial challenges and that all departments have been asked to make large 'in-year savings' in their budgets. We are included in these savings and it is likely that they will have a considerable impact upon the services we provide. Although a vast amount of information from our collections is now available online via websites such as Ancestry, Find My Past, Exploring Surrey's Past and our pages on SCC's website, this is of course just a very small fraction of the incredible amount of unique documentation in our care relating to the history of Surrey and its people that can only be accessed by visiting our searchroom or by drawing upon our wide-ranging expertise through our paid research service. Nothing can replace the thrill of coming face-to-face with your ancestors through handling original manuscripts and reading their own handwriting, or coming across an early map or illustration that provides visual context for the stories you have unearthed; so whether you live in Surrey or elsewhere, do visit your local record office so that funders can see just how

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precious these resources are and how much you value them.

Despite these uncertainties, our work and our projects continue. 'Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers' is forging ahead in its work to record the impact that the war had upon the people of Surrey. There are now 23,000 names of Surrey men and women who contributed to the war effort on our online database, over 1,000 published stories and 66,000 index entries to World War One related articles which have been identified in Surrey newspapers by our indefatigable volunteers. The project will continue into 2019 with a final Showcase event at Dorking Halls on Saturday 20 July and the publication in November of a thematic book telling Surrey's story during the struggle, and drawing upon all of the research the project has inspired.

For our project 'March of the Women: Surrey's Road to the Vote' another team of volunteers is indexing Surrey newspapers from 1887 to 1918 to chart the activities of the campaigners in and around Surrey. They are recording names of Surrey people and the societies they were associated with. Alongside the newspapers, volunteers have also been indexing pages of The Common

Cause, the newspaper of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS), the main suffragist group. This index is pulling out references to the Surrey branches of the NUWSS and when possible listing individuals who were members. At the end of the project these indexes will be available on the project's website in a searchable format to enable researchers to easily find individuals mentioned in the articles. For further details, and to read the project blog posts, see <https://www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk/themes/people/activists/road-to-the-vote/>

Although based in Woking, we are a county-wide service and work in partnership with projects across Surrey. In late 2018 into 2019 we will be working with an enthusiastic team in Epsom who have received HLF funding to open up the former chapel of Horton Psychiatric Hospital as an arts centre and community hub. Called The Horton, the restored building will contain displays based on the surviving archives of Horton and the four other 'Epsom Cluster' hospitals to showcase the history and daily lives of those vast institutions over the course of the 20th century. Further details about this will be found at

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<https://hortonchapelproject.org/about/>. We are also working with the Charlwood Society, who have also received Lottery funding to restore Providence Chapel so it can be used by the local school and community. Further details about this project will be found at <http://www.charlwoodsociety.co.uk/providence-chapel.php>. We continue to maintain our links with the history departments at Kingston University

and Royal Holloway College at Egham to provide workshops and inspiration for both undergraduates and MA students and in 2019 we hope to extend this to Roehampton University, who run an extensive MA programme with a focus on literary archives, and to the University of Surrey, who want us to work with them on developing a collaborative PhD course in early travel writing in Surrey.

Tech Topic – WiFi problems and fish tanks

Brian Hudson

If you use WiFi to access the internet, and it works to your satisfaction, then you can skip over this article, although you might like to see if it could be improved by use of the Ofcom app at www.ofcom.org.uk.

There are many reasons why WiFi does not work well, and it is usually to do with the wireless router. Often the solution is to move the router to a new position in the home. Failing that, there is also plenty of advice online on how to improve performance, including a webpage provided by BT* that offers seven simple tips at

<https://home.bt.com/tech-gadgets/internet/broadband/improve-your-wi-fi-signal-where-to-put-your-wireless-router-11364025075218>.

To save a lot of typing and possible errors, use this short url <https://tinyurl.com/ydxhhu6r> to go to the webpage (and there you will see why 'fish tanks' is included in the title of this article!).

*other service providers may provide similar advice.

New Accessions to Surrey History Centre

1565

The Rev Alfred Turner, congregationalist minister of Gomshall and elsewhere: diary (1845-1871)

6780add

St Matthias church, Richmond: marriage register, 1970-2014; banns registers, 1983-2016; service registers, 1971-2004

St Mary Magdalene church, Richmond: electoral roll, 1949

Richmond Team Ministry: electoral rolls, 1999-2004 1949-2016

7277add

Furniss family of Epsom: photograph of Church Street, Reigate nd [19th cent]

7459add

Stevens, Matthews and Birch families of Brookwood, Knaphill and elsewhere in Surrey: postcards, 1904-1940

7610add

Bletchingley Afternoon Women's Institute: records, including record of meetings, 1975-2014, committee minutes, 1975-2014, and annual reports, 1942-2014

7650add

Surrey Women's Institutes: record and minute books of branches in Blindley Heath, Fetcham, Forest Green, Fulham & Chelsea, Horton, Knaphill, Limpsfield Village, Nutfield and Tadworth Court, 1927-2016

8544add

St Anne's, Bagshot: parish magazines, 1888-2017

8599add

St Mary's, Ripley: marriage registers, 2010-2016; banns register, 1957-1999; service registers, 1987-2017; papers relating to church fabric, 1962-2008; PCC minutes, 1991-2015

8615add

Christ Church, Shamley Green: baptism register, 1961-2014; burial register, 1882-2017; marriage register, 2009-2014; banns register, 1984-2017; and register of services, 2004-2015

9033add

St Mary of Bethany, Woking: baptism register, 1948-1986, and marriage registers, 1925-1956

New Accessions to Surrey History Centre

9463add6

Bourne Hall Museum, Ewell: additional records, including plan drawings of Long Grove, West Park and Chelsham (Warlingham Park) Hospitals, 1898-1920s, and report on Banstead and Horton Hospitals. 1983

9801add

The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Charity: signed minutes of trustees, Sep 2011, and signed report and final accounts, Jan 2012;

Epsom High Street: photograph of men queuing to sign up to serve in World War I, 1914; Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment: programme for presentation of scroll of rights, Guildford, Apr 1960

9927

Holy Trinity, Westcott: Annual Parochial Church Meeting minutes, 1945-2010; Parochial Church Council minutes, 1963-2010; finance and standing committee minutes, 1951-2002; annual accounts, 1939-1986; faculties and related papers, 1936-2008; papers relating to church fabric, 1957-2012; papers relating to church activities and organisations, and parish magazines, 1888, 1960-1994

9930

Mole Valley District Council and predecessors: planning office photographs including of 1968 flooding, aerial views of Dorking, historic buildings in Dorking and Horley Rural District 1960s-1970s

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Kelsey family of Dorking: collected family papers, 1925-1963, including VE Day letter

9932

John Horsley Palmer of Broomhill, Witley: marriage settlement, will and related papers 1845-c.1950

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Rose Bailey of Knaphill, domestic servant: photographs of Silverwood war nursery, Pyrford, 1942-[1945], and St Fillian's day nursery, Maybury Hill, Woking, 1946; and poem by the Matron of Silverwood given to Rose on her return to work after illness, 1944

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St Bartholomew, Leigh: plan of grave spaces and record of burials 1865-1996

New Accessions to Surrey History Centre

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Alick P Smith, patient at Brookwood Asylum: illustrated manuscript journal 1916

9941

Dalmuir House, Gresham Road, Limpsfield, formerly part of the Titsey Estate:
deeds 1892-1948

9946

Woking Muslim Mission and Literary Trust: The Islamic Review 1960-1970

9947

Miss Catherine C Mayes, former headmistress of South Holmwood Primary School:
papers, including relating to the school and to 1st Holmwood Scouts 20th cent

9950

Hale with Badshot Lea parish: Hale District Church Council minutes, 2002-2018,
drawing of Hale church, 1987, and leaflets relating to Guildford Cathedral, 1955-
1961

9952

Perrys (Ealing) Ltd; plans of houses at Banstead and Nork, 1928-1931; 'Lights Up'
and 'Banstead Spotlight' magazines, 1948-1953

9959

St Catherine's (Guildford) Women's Institute: scrapbooks and albums, 1965-2003
with material dating back to the foundation of the branch in 1919

9960

Dr Judith Carmel-Arthur of Albury: photographs and writings relating to 'Lost
Houses of Surrey' and other country house research 2000s

9961

Abinger publications: 'The Abinger Monthly Record', 1889-1893, and 'The Abinger
Chronicle', 1940-1942

9962

St Mary's, Wimbledon: registers of marriage, 1977-2002, banns, 1992-2017,
services, 2004-2014, and graves, 1860s-1950s; terriers and inventories, 20th
cent; and church history scrapbook, 19th cent

New Accessions to Surrey History Centre

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Sheephatch School Reunion Association: minutes, accounts, school magazines, newsletters, photographs, cuttings, programmes, prospectus, sale particulars and histories 1946-2018

ESR/25/TEW

Brig Gen Harold Steward Tew, East Surrey Regiment (1869-1949): digital copies of cartoons drawn by him while commanding officer of 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment 1915-1916

QRWS/30add

Private Richard Mitchell: photograph of 'E' Company, 53rd (Young Soldiers) Battalion, Queens Royal West Surrey Regiment, St Albans, Jan 1918

QRWS/30add

Private William George Harris, 2/6th Battalion, Queen's Royal (West Surrey) Regiment: papers and photographs including letters to and from his family sent during his service abroad, 1942-1944 and photographs of his grave in Minturno War Cemetery, Italy, 2016

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St Matthew's church, Redhill: photocopies of fund-raising notice for church, parsonage and endowment, list of subscribers and order of service on 6th anniversary of consecration 1865-1872

Z/698

US Army Air Forces War Department: report of aircraft accident on top of Gibbet Hill, Hindhead, on 6 May 1945

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Dame Ethel Smyth, composer: copies of letters written to Lady Mabel and Sir James Irvine, Principal of St Andrews University, and a page from the University House Visitors' Book with her signature 1928-1929

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Botleys Park War Hospital, Chertsey: photographs of patients and staff 1940s

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Netherne Hospital, Coulsdon: photograph of staff hockey team c.1960

Forthcoming Events at Surrey History Centre

Don't forget that we shall be closed for our annual stock check from Monday 3 to Monday 17 December. We will re-open on Tuesday 18 until Saturday 22 December.

Christmas and New Year opening times are as follows:

24-26 December	Closed
27-28 December	Open 9.30-5.00
29 December -1 January	Closed
2 January	Open as usual

For full details of the following events please see
www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents.

Places may be booked online, in person at Surrey History Centre (130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND) or at any Surrey Library, or by phoning 01483 518737

David Williams Memorial Conference

Saturday, 9 February 2019, 10am to 4pm

A conference in memory of David Williams FSA, former Portable Antiquities Scheme Finds Liaison Officer for Surrey and East Berkshire.

On 8 December 2017 our dear colleague and friend David Williams passed away unexpectedly at his home in Surrey. David was well known around Surrey as a longstanding member of the Surrey Archaeological Society (SAS). He was extremely dedicated to his work and thoroughly enjoyed what he did. He had a keen eye for detail and had actually trained as an artist and illustrator before moving into conservation and archaeology. David is still very badly missed as a colleague and friend and this conference is meant to bring us, his family, friends and colleagues, together in his memory and to celebrate his life, work and art.

Forthcoming Events at Surrey History Centre

Owen Manning, William Bray and the writing of Surrey's County History, 1760-1832

A talk by Julian Pooley for the Royston Pike Series of lectures organised by Elmbridge Borough Council: Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at the Riverhouse Arts Centre, Walton-on-Thames KT12 2PF.

Manning and Bray's *History and Antiquities of the County of Surrey* took more than 40 years to research and 13 to publish. It is acknowledged as one of the finest county histories of Georgian England, but its production was fraught with difficulties. This talk draws on archive materials of Manning and Bray, the antiquary Richard Gough and the printer John Nichols to show how the project was part of a national culture of local history research, and charts the friendships behind a history that remains a basic tool for students of Surrey's past.

Tickets are £3 per person, payable in cash and available at the door. No advance booking required.

A Guildford Gazette Extraordinary: an introduction to the archives of Lewis Carroll at Surrey History Centre

A talk by Isabel Sullivan at Cranleigh Arts Centre: 6 February 2019, 7.30 p.m.

For further details and to book a ticket, see www.cranleighartscentre.org

Georgian Surrey

The Surrey Local History Committee Annual Symposium: Saturday 30 March 2019
Speakers will include Cherril Sands on Painshill, Jeremy Harte on Surrey's Spa Towns, Hilary Ely on the Cranston Library in Reigate and Carole Garrard on Surrey county maps

Further details to follow on our Heritage Events page and <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/events/all/list>.

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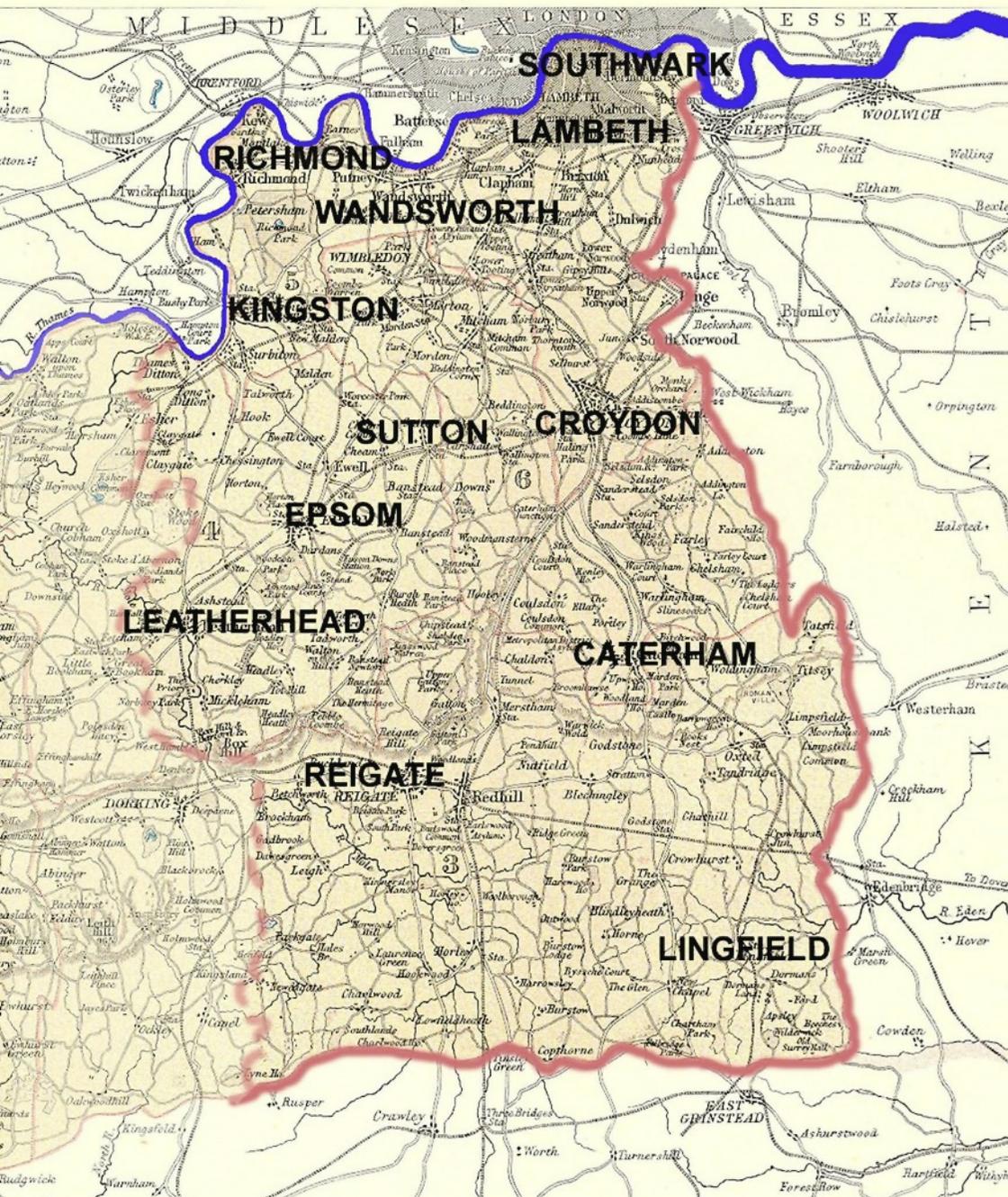
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