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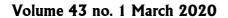
Strays co-ordinator Jean Lloyd

The Society **Research & Advice centre** is at Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield. It is open every month (except August and December) on the second Saturday from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., and on the fourth Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

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The deadline for the June Journal is 10.00 a.m. on 1 May

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

Group meetings

March

Archbishops of Canterbury & Old Palace David Morgan Croydon
 David Morgan is a former headteacher of the Minster Junior School

 The Victorian Pharmacy Judy Hill Richmond

Delinquents and reform Kathy Chater Lingfield

How to find out about child criminals and also discover the people who tried to

reform them in the early years of the Probation Service

April

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- 20 Looking after your treasured photographs Jordan Meghery Southwark Jordan, formerly a conservationist at the TNA and now working at the Tate, will explain how to conserve your photographs
- 22 Women, the home and Spanish flu in WW1Ian Porter Lingfield

 The Great War was won on the Home Front. This is the story

May

- 9 Members' Meeting Richmond 'A review of last year, and looking forward'
- 11 Into adventure and sunshine Ian Packham Croydon
 In this talk Ian retraces the path his great-uncle took through North Africa and Italy
 during World War Two, a journey of 1,000 miles. He was conscripted into the Corps
 of Royal Engineers and was responsible for helping reconstruct the railways to the
 front lines
- 27 Secrets and lies Dr Frances Hurd Lingfield Some extraordinary and poignant stories uncovered whilst researching for clients

June

- 8 DNA Donna Rutherford Croydon

 Donna is one of the leading speakers and researchers in the DNA and family history

 field
- 8 Cholera in Southwark Herb Garrett staff Southwark

 This talk will be presented by staff of the Herb Garrett / Old Operating Theatre
- 24 Netherne Mental Hospital 1960 Julian Pooley Lingfield

 The surviving archive, now at Surrey History Centre, provides vivid images of daily life
 in a Surrey psychiatric hospital

Group meetings

Croydon: St Matthew's Church, Chichester Road, Croydon CR0 5NQ

2nd Monday (except April, August and December); 8.00 p.m. Secretary: Liz Moss 020 8686 8962 croydon@eastsurrevfhs.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 01342 834648 lingfield@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk

Richmond: Vestry House, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond TW9 1SA

2nd Saturday of alternate months; 2.30 p.m.

Secretary: Veronica McConnell 01372 363015 richmond@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk

Southwark: Southwark Local History Library, behind John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High

Street, London, SE1 1JA

Second Monday of alternate months; 12 noon (except August when the meeting dates will vary – see the Journal and the Society website). There will be no meeting in

December.

Secretary: Hilary Blanford 01634 685219 southwark@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk

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.

2020 Renewal Subscriptions

Ann Turnor - Membership Secretary (827)

Thank you to all members who have been very prompt in paying their 2020 renewals. It is appreciated when members let me know of any changes to their address and/or email. Thank you also to members who sent a donation and for all the signed Gift Aid contributions. These really do help the Society. If any member who has previously signed for Gift Aid is now no longer able to gift this would they please let me know. If you are unsure as to whether you have subscribed to pay Gift Aid please refer to your journal envelope which will state G/aid together with your membership number.

If you have so far not paid this year's subscription, this will be the last journal you receive.

Finally, may I also say thank you to all members who have elected to receive their journals via email. This greatly helps in reducing postal charges.

ESFHS Study Day and AGM

Saturday 21 March 2020

An all-day event at St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, Ladbroke Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1JT.

There is a small charge for attendance at the study day to cover the cost of the venue; £3 for members and £5 for non-members.

There is no charge for attending just the AGM.

The theme this year is What happened to them?

It is about researching your ancestors in institutions.

10:00	Doors open
10:30	Welcome and introduction to the day
10:40	Gruel and Suet Dumplings: Workhouse Life with Ian Waller
11:40	Refreshment break
12:00	III born, ill bred, ill fed: Industrial Schools with Ann Morton
13:00	Lunch – visit the Help Desk and the Bookstall
Tea a	nd Coffee will be available
14:00	The Whitgift Almshouses and Schools with Esther Mann
15:00	Break
15:30	Society AGM for members
16.15	Doors close

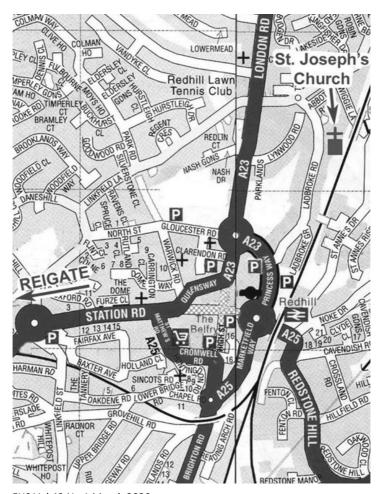
Our Bookstall and Help Desk will be there all day, together with stalls from other local societies.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available throughout the day. There are pubs and cafés in the town centre, plus supermarkets that sell sandwiches, etc.

There is a large free car park at the church. There are controls on roadside parking but there are several car parks in Redhill.

Access is easy by public transport. Redhill railway station is on the London to Brighton main line and Southern run frequent trains from London (Victoria and London Bridge) via East Croydon and from Brighton via Haywards Heath. There are also trains from Guildford via Dorking and from Tonbridge.

The venue is just under half a mile (10-minute walk) from the railway and bus stations. If you prefer not to walk, there are two bus routes going past the church from the bus station, the 430 & 435, every 15 minutes on Saturdays.



Elizabeth Mary Briscoe

Monica Polley [9928]

On clearing out an elderly cousin's house I have found the following documents referring to Elizabeth, who was probably a friend of our cousin. I am happy to pass them on to anyone who may have an interest.

- Birth certificate for Elizabeth, 1922 Maidenhead
- Marriage certificate of her parents 1921, St Paul, Covent Garden,
 Ralph Angus Nugent Briscoe & Kathleen Mary Evans
- ♦ Death certificate of her father 1925, road accident in Liverpool
- ♦ 1929 Notice of election for London Orphan School for Elizabeth
- ♦ Photographs of Betty in 1944 in the WRNS
- Letter to her (at Twickenham) from House of Commons re capital punishment verdict on Ruth Ellis 1955
- ♦ Letter to her (at St Austell, Cornwall) from House of Commons about her speaking to Conservative meetings re Common Market



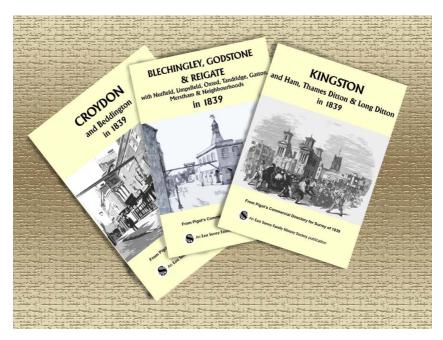
Help offered - Fry

Alec Fry fry.alec@gmail.com

I was interested to read page 14 of your journal for June 2015, where my ancestors were mentioned. I was born in Streatham in 1937 and have extensively researched my ancestry, as have my cousins, so I would be pleased to assist others who are interested.

This offer comes from a supporter but it is not endorsed by ESFHS.

New ESFHS publications



The Society has started to produce a new series of reprints from *Pigot's Commercial Directory for Surrey* of 1839. The first three titles to be printed cover Croydon and Beddington, Blechingley, Godstone and Reigate (with Nutfield, Limpsfield, Oxted, Tandridge, Gatton, Merstham & neighbourhoods) and Kingston with Ham, Thames Ditton & Long Ditton.

The reprint comprises of an introduction to the county of Surrey, a description of the individual places with a list of inhabitants under diverse occupations such as nobility, gentry and clergy, dyers and scourers, and straw hat makers. Just think, your

ancestor may be listed here. Also included are some advertisements of the time e.g. Colley's Sicilian Cream for the growth of the hair!

They will be available from our bookstall at events and fairs or can be downloaded as PDFs from the online shop at GenFair www.genfair.co.uk.
Reprints are priced at £3.

More titles will be produced during the course of this year.

Also available on GenFair are the PDFs of many of our older publications which used to be in either fiche or CD format. These are another valuable source of information on our ancestors.

Lost in London

Elizabeth Burling

I am an editor for LWMFHS (the London, Westminster & Middlesex Family History Society). We cover a great part of what might be termed 'London', including the City of London, City of Westminster and the London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, part of Ealing, Enfield, Haringey, Harrow, part of Hillingdon, and Islington.

Our website has much information of interest to researchers. There are maps of our area, information about our parishes including photos of the churches, links to local resources such as record offices, local history societies and museums, members' interests (the names currently being researched by our members), a Members' Area containing back copies of our journal and various other documents, including some transcriptions, and much more. This can be found at https://www.lwmfhs.org.uk/

Especially useful to researchers is our series of Parish Guides, which are little books crammed with as much

information as possible about each of the Ancient Parishes in our area. We aim to inspire family historians and to help them locate ancestors in places that they might not have thought of looking in before. Each guide starts off with a brief history of the area and a description of where the main archives for the parish are located. There are then many different sections about the various types of records that relate to the parish, with a description of what they are and information about where these records can be found. We have not yet written guides to all of our areas but so far have ones to: Clerkenwell, Enfield, Hendon, Islington, Paddington, Pinner, St Anne Soho, St George Hanover Square, St James Piccadilly, St Margaret & St John Westminster, St Marylebone, St Pancras, Tottenham and Willesden.

Of course, we are also happy to help point people in the right direction via our Facebook page, our website or by letter.

Julian Pooley

Here's an amazing statistic: Surrey Heritage volunteers gave us a staggering 13,433 hours of their time between April 2018 and March 2019. The number of people applying to join our team of volunteers continues to grow and the range of tasks they work on is tremendous, helping us to make the records in our care more easily accessible to everyone, whether or not they are able to visit us themselves. We owe a huge debt to them all and to the many members of staff who mentor and coordinate their projects.

Each year, at our Volunteers'
Christmas Mingle, Rose Anker,
Heritage Assistant and truly heroic
'Volunteer Coordinator', compiles a
report of the huge range of work
carried out throughout the past year.
There is no room to list everything
here (the full report can be seen on
our website) but highlights of
particular interest to family historians
are as follows.

Bridget, Naomi, Jenny and our new volunteers, Mary, Sue and Julia, are continuing painstakingly to index the Board of Guardians' General Minutes. All union minute books are now in progress or have been completed. Mike finished the Guildford minutes earlier this year and his index has been uploaded to our

website. It is currently being used by the volunteers of the 'More Than Oliver Twist' project, to discover more about the lives of the Guildford poor and destitute. You will be able to hear more about that project at the Symposium we are hosting on 'Poverty' on 21 March, for which see the Forthcoming Events below.

Mike is currently working through the annual reports of Ockenden International, formerly The Ockenden Venture (ref: 7155). They contain a wealth of information about the refugee children helped by Ockenden as well as its staff and supporters. The index will be a valuable finding aid for anyone researching the refugee charity.

Guy has indexed eighteen boxes of patient case files from Botleys Park Hospital, Chertsey. The records are now far more accessible and will prove to be a valuable resource. He is now indexing another Brookwood Hospital admission register, and is also cataloguing a collection of care home records. His hospital indexes are proving to be an essential aid for staff when dealing with customer enquiries.

Continuing his research and writing about the history of Surrey's Gypsy, Romany, and Traveller community, Alan has been

methodically working on the text for forthcoming Surrey Record Society publication featuring the 1913 Surrey Constabulary 'Gypsy census', which will be published in 2020.

Marion has given us another fantastic output of cataloguing work over the year. Her work on the voluminous correspondence and papers, 1902-1938, of Evangeline Farrer (Eva), wife of Thomas Cecil, 2nd Baron Farrer (ref: 9793), has added new depth to the documentation of the life of the Farrers of Abinger Hall and the many interests of Eva, including Leith Hill Musical Festival (of which she was a co-founder), war work during World War I, Abinger School, Dorking High School for Girls and the Girl Guides. She has also been cataloguing some of the Broadwood family letters in detail.

Linda and Barry have made a tremendous start on the unlisted Local Studies photographs, indexing all those for Surrey places from A to D. An incredible 1106(+) photos have been added to our online catalogue. Barry has also continued to work on the indexing of the Broadwood customer ledgers, completing a further six ledgers during the course of the year, and adding thousands of new names to the index.

Alan W. is now tackling several hundred negatives of Brookwood Cemetery taken in the 1920s (ref 10053). The images, which are primarily of civilian memorials and WW1 military graves, will be a valuable resource for family and local historians.

Sheila D. has followed up the completion of her work on the Loseley correspondence with a detailed catalogue of the letters of the Revd John Butler to his friend and patron George Onslow (1731-1814), latterly 4th Baron then 1st Earl of Onslow, 1766-1802 (ref: G173/2/1-2). The letters relate in detail an association of two men engaged in political affairs, stimulated by all the issues at the forefront of public life during the Wilkesite crises, the American War, the French Revolution and the beginning of the Napoleonic Wars. The collection has long been a part of our holdings but Sheila's catalogue now makes this important material properly accessible to researchers.

David has made a tremendous start this year on indexing the case books of male patients at the Royal Earlswood Hospital, Redhill. With four volumes completed, covering 1854-1868, he has listed over a thousand patients admitted to this pioneering

hospital of learning disability during its earliest years.

Mary is indexing the staff registers of The Manor Hospital, Epsom, one of the LCC's Cluster of psychiatric hospitals. We have indexed many of the patient case books but her work will be of enormous value for the many people who are interested in the lives of members of their families who worked at these huge institutions. So far this year Mary has worked through nearly two volumes, indexing the name of nearly 500 staff, their dates of employment and the jobs that they did.

Nick continues to do tremendous work for our 'Surrey in the Great War' project, tirelessly creating valuable indexes to the Absent Voters lists in the electoral registers of Chertsey, Eastern Surrey, Epsom, Farnham and Guildford. He has recently completed those for Mitcham and is currently working on Reigate. Alongside this he is also working on indexes for a number of parish registers, notably those for St Peter's Old Woking, Christ Church, Woking and St Anne's, Bagshot.

Many volunteers have continued to index the WWI-related content in eleven digitised local and county newspapers from the years 1914-1922. We now have 83,701 index

entries published on the Surrey in the Great War website; these provide an invaluable research tool. Working on newspaper indexing over the year have been Andrew, David, Denise, Elizabeth B, Gavin, Helen L, Helen W, James, Jonathan, Malcolm, Mary, Monevra, Penny, Peter, Phil, Rakshanda, Richard A, and Rosemary. Special mention is due to Jeannette, who is helping to check indexes and mentoring other indexers, and to Penny and Linda, who as well as indexing are helping to check indexes.

In addition, several volunteers have continued to prepare biographical profiles of Surrey-linked people who played a role in WWI for our website. Our thanks to all who have been involved in this work, including Alasdair, Ann, Claire, Gary, Gavin, Ian, Jeannette, Jill, Moira, Phil, Richard C, Rosemary, Sarah, Viv and the team at Redhill Local and Family History Centre. The database now holds over 28,000 records: thank you all!

Excellent progress has also been made this year on Surrey Record Society's work to publish full transcripts of all references to Surrey in the *Gentleman's Magazine* between 1731 and 1868. The range of information found is bewildering, referring to Surrey people, places,

institutions, buildings, charities, weather, crime, births, marriages, deaths, civil and ecclesiastical appointments, rural customs and beliefs, advances in science and agriculture, politics and the arts across the whole of the ancient county, including Croydon, Lambeth, Southwark, Rotherhithe, Wandsworth, Kingston and Richmond. While Jan, Christine, Katharine, Suzie, Sally, Katie and Kirsten have ploughed ahead with the transcripts as far as 1819, the research skills of Sheila D., Paula, Sheila B., Barbara and Janet have

added thousands of footnotes to place the information in context. Rose's help in coordinating this work and preparing the transcriptions for the researchers has been invaluable. The first volume, covering the editorship of the magazine's first editor, Edward Cave, who died in 1754 should be ready for publication in 2020 and will include a name-rich index allowing Surrey's family and local historians to have easy access to the extraordinary information preserved in the pages of the magazine for the first time.

Your committee needs you

Your ESFHS committee (consisting of Don Knight (Secretary), Peter Heather (Treasurer) with Joanna Reynolds, Monica Polley, Liz Moss and Sue Adams (members) is in urgent need of additional representatives. Joanna leaves the committee at the AGM as she has served five years, and both Don and Sue will be leaving the following year.

The role is not arduous — means attending six meetings per year as well as input into any matters which may arise throughout that time. At the moment the committee meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of alternate months from 7.30 p.m. at St Matthew's Church, Chichester Road, Croydon (the venue for the Croydon group meetings). The date, time and venue could be changed to suit, if agreeable to the majority.

For more details please speak to any of the present committee either at meetings or the forthcoming AGM. It was very sad to see the Sutton group close at the end of the year so we need to do all we can to keep the Society thriving.



New Accessions at Surrey History Centre

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St Nicholas, Alfold: additional parish records, including PCC and APCM minutes, 1982-1987, 2005-2010; sequestration documents, 1955-1959; papers re church fabric including church log book, 1982-2015, and organ, 1975; and church finances, 1984-1985, 2009-2012; and other correspondence and papers, 1973-1989;

St John the Baptist, Loxwood: additional parish records, including banns register, 1938-1995; service register, 1974-1997; PCC, Joint Meetings of PCCs and APCM minutes, 1980-2012; church log book, 1973-1998; and other papers relating to church fabric and finances, 2001-2004

Joint Benefice, later Parish of Alfold and Loxwood: pastoral order for deanery boundaries, 1981; and parish magazines, 1990-2015

10099

Brookwood Hospital, Woking: staff salaries and wages books 1908-1912

10102

Stanley Arthur Blay, Surrey fireman and soldier in the Queen's Royal Regiment: scrapbooks of photographs and papers 1932-2016

10103

Abinger Schools: log books and admission registers, 1873-2001, and class photograph, c.1897-1898;

Westcott Schools: log books, 1890-1988 1873-2001

10105

St Peter and St Paul, Chaldon: burial register 7 Jan 1813-19 Dec 2017

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Captain Wilfred Beckett Birt (1880-1916), 9th (Service) Battalion, East Surrey Regiment: additional records including pre-marriage letters to his future wife, 1908-1913; wedding photograph album, 1910; letters to his wife during his time with the East Surreys, 1914-1915; letters to and from his wife, sister, aunt and others during his time as a prisoner of war in Germany, 1915-1916; bundle of correspondence and papers relating to his death, 1916; and chronology, itemised list of letters in this collection, and research paper on Captain Birt, compiled by Sydney Davies, 2019

Six Week Family History Course

Spring 2020 (Fridays, 10am-1pm): 20 March, 27 March, 3 April, 17 April, 24 April, 1 May, at Surrey History Centre.

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.

£80 – booked as a complete 6 week course.

The Lives of Tudor Women

A talk by Dr Elizabeth Norton for International Women's Day Saturday 7 March, 2.00pm – 3.30pm, at Surrey History Centre.

The turbulent Tudor age never fails to capture the imagination. But what was it actually like to be a woman during this period? This was a time when death in infancy or during childbirth was rife; when marriage was usually a legal contract, not a matter of love, and the education of women was minimal at best. Yet the Tudor century was dominated by powerful and characterful women in a way that no era had been before. Join historian, Dr Elizabeth Norton, as she discusses the lives lived, or endured, by Tudor women from all levels of society.

Tickets: £5.00.

Poverty "You have the poor with you always"

Surrey Local History Committee Symposium

21 March 2020, 9.55am - 3.30pm at Surrey History Centre.

Speakers include:

Dr Catherine Ferguson, Research Associate, University of Cambridge Those that "pinch and suffer want". The treatment of the poor in post-Restoration Surrey: a tapestry of local variation.

Surrey History Centre is at 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND.

Dr Judy Hill, Freelance lecturer and researcher

Rethinking the Old Poor Law once seen as profligate, extravagant and grievously flawed in 1834. Fact or fiction?

Dr Paul Carter, Principal Records Specialist, The National Archives

".. consequently a question thus arises whether I am, or not, to Starve?" Lives and Letters of the Nineteenth Century Poor.

Viv Bennet, Charlotteville Jubilee Trust, The Spike, Guildford

More Than Oliver Twist – Stories of Inmates at Guildford Workhouse in

1881

Martin Stilwell, Volunteer Researcher at Surrey History Centre Quality housing for deserving workers. Building high quality council housing for the ex-servicemen and workers of Surrey after WW1.

Please book online at www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/events/all/list or purchase tickets at £15.00. (£18.00 on the day) by sending a cheque payable to Surrey Archaeological Society at Surrey Archaeological Society, Castle Arch, Guildford GU1 4SX. Confirmation will be sent by e-mail and your name added to the register of attendees. (Please send a sae if your wish for a postal confirmation). It is advisable to book early as places are limited.

Merlin Genealogy Solutions Family History Study Day

26 March 2020 at Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall, Ashtead, Surrey, KT21 2BE from 10am to 4pm with registration from 9:30am.

Speakers include:

Dr Judy Hill, Victorian Life Upstairs and Downstairs

Ruth Mathewson, Kindred Ancestry, Irish Ancestry

Julian Pooley, Surrey History Centre, Who do you think they were?

Discovering the lives and experiences of our ancestors

Margaret Griffiths, Surrey History Centre, A Burden on the Parish – Sources for the History of Poor Relief in Surrey

Surrey History Centre is at 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND.

Tickets cost £14 and will be issued on a first come first serve basis, as there are a limited number of places. Tickets need to be purchased in advance, as tickets will not be available on the day. It is recommended to book early to avoid disappointment.

For further information see

https://www.merlingenealogysolutions.com/speaking-workshops-ancestry -research/family-history-study-day-26-march-2019

Life in Georgian Kingston

as reported in the *Gentleman's Magazine, 1731-1830* 6 May 2020 at All Saints' Church, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1JP. Free Heritage Lecture by Julian Pooley; 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

The Gentleman's Magazine was the world's first magazine, reporting domestic and foreign news, announcing discoveries in science, medicine and technology and recording freak weather, births, marriages and deaths. This talk explores its value for family and local historians and uncovers hidden stories of people in Kingston and Surrey throughout the Georgian period.

A Palaeography Primer: get started reading old handwriting

Thursday 7 May and Thursday 14 May 2020, 10am - 12.30pm, Surrey History Centre.

A two week course for beginners in reading older handwriting, or those who want to refresh their knowledge. Working in detail through some examples from the 16th century (Secretary hand) to the early 18th century, we will discuss techniques for deciphering, interpreting the records and reference books. Including guidance on abbreviations, numerals and understanding Old Style dates.

£30 booked as a two week course, includes refreshments.

Surrey History Centre is at 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND.

Netherne, c.1960 – A Surrey Mental Hospital in Focus

A free talk by Julian Pooley for Mental Health Awareness Week and Living Well In Woking on Saturday 16 May, 2.00pm – 3.30pm at Surrey History Centre.

Netherne Mental Hospital, Coulsdon, was opened by Surrey County Council in 1909. Initially accommodating 960 patients, by 1950 numbers had increased to 2,000. The hospital closed in 1994. The surviving archive, now preserved at Surrey History Centre, includes 19,500 patient case files and c.10,000 photographs taken c.1960, exploring all aspects of the hospital's life. From the wards to the airing courts; the art therapy unit to the operating table, these vivid images provide a rare glimpse of daily life inside a Surrey psychiatric hospital, allowing us to take a tour of the hospital on a typical day at what was a turning point in its history.

Tickets are free but please book a place.

Tour behind the scenes at Surrey History Centre

Friday 29 May at 11.00 – 1.00pm. Tickets: £5.00

Join us on a tour behind the scenes, exploring our archive rescue, cleaning and sorting areas, the conservation laboratory, packaging room, strong room and Surrey County Archaeological Unit. The tour will include a display of documents in our searchroom.

Surrey History Trust AGM

followed by a talk by Clive Aslett, writer, historian and editor of *Country Life* magazine

Monday 29 June 2020, refreshments 6.30pm; AGM and talk 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Tickets are free and include refreshments but booking is essential.

Surrey History Centre is at 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND.

Website round-up & Tech Topic

Brian Hudson

www.britishhomechildren.com is the website of the British Home Children Advocacy and Research Association (BHCARA). From 1869 through to 1939 an estimated 100,000 children emigrated from the United Kingdom to Canada (1948 to British Columbia) to be used as indentured farm workers and domestic servants. There are many relevant sources of information and records, and this first one has an extensive collection of information and resources including a free online register of 82,524 (at the time of writing) children who were sent to Canada between 1869-1939.

http://britishhomechild.com – this second website, British Home Children International, is another extensive source of information. The design of the website is modern and uncluttered. There is a database that is accessed through RootsChat although it appears to use the same data source as the website above.

https://catholicfhs.online – the Catholic FHS has launched "The Margaret Higgins database of Catholics in England and their Friends 1607-1840".

On the home page, click on the link on the left-hand side below the Membership item. This goes to a 35-

page PDF document all about the database.

Page 2 lists some links to the database so you don't have to read all the pages.

The database is free to search (but good luck with the PDF version). There are 3,348 pages of text, each page measuring 35½"x 18. As the website says, it is word searchable, but this is a slow and inefficient way of finding the data.

The other alternative offered is an Excel version which can be downloaded and searched. Be aware that it is over 23Mb in size.

www.prisonhistory.org

Based in the Centre for the History of Crime, Policing and Justice at The Open University, Prison History aims to transform our understanding of incarceration in the British Isles from the early modern period to the twentieth century through the publication of new, interactive resources. To date, Prison History hosts two datasets: 19th Century **Prisons**, a database of 846 English prisons that existed between 1800 and 1899; and Your Local Lock-Up, an evolving collection of sites used for temporary confinement, e.g. lockups, cages, stocks etc., between 1500 and 1999.

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There are seven listed for Surrey: Charlwood, Ewell, Godalming, Guildford, Lingfield, Petersham and Reigate.

Additional resources include: a downloadable e-book at www.prisonhistory.org/further-resources and a video talk by Dr Rosalind Crone, the creator of the 19th Century Prisons database, at www.prisonhistory.org/about

It looks to me as if the listing for Surrey is rather short. Do you know if

there are more in Surrey that can be added to the list?

For instance, is there another one just to the east of Banstead? In the green triangle at the junction of Park Road & Woodmansterne Lane (see the photograph on the front cover)? Do you know it? Was it a lock-up? If so perhaps you can get it added to the database: go to

www.prisonhistory.org/contact.



The previous Tech Topic (November 2019) was about Keyboard Shortcuts for Windows 10 and discussed power menu short –cuts. Following that article the question was asked; What is the difference between 'Sleep' and 'Hibernate'?

Sleep is like pausing a movie on a DVD, it is in standby ready to restart in a few seconds. Anything running on the computer is stopped. Open documents and applications are saved to memory while the PC goes into low -power mode.

Sleep is useful if you want to stop working for a short period of time, but don't turn off the mains power when in sleep mode.

Hibernate is similar to Sleep except documents and open applications are saved to the hard drive. The computer turns off completely and the mains power can be turned off. Once the computer power is restored it resumes at the point it was put into hibernation; all the programs and files etc. that were running are still there just as if the PC had been left on.

Hibernate is useful if you don't want to use your PC for an extended period of time and don't want to close your documents.

DNA and Family History Discussion Group

Anne Ramon [4730]

This new Special Interest Group has just started. A trial meeting was held in August 2019, and further meetings took place in November 2019 and February 2020.

The Group has been formed as an opportunity to learn about DNA testing and how it can help to research family history, to share experiences and to discuss possibilities and results. This is a fast-moving area of family history and there's a lot to understand, so what better than a group of fellow family historians to share experiences and knowledge on how to make best use of these new tools in our research?

The Group is lucky to have the help of one of the leading speakers and researchers in the DNA and Family History field – Donna Rutherford. Donna has spoken at many family history events (you may have heard her talk at the Sandown Family History Show in August last

year), RootsTech and at the Society of Genealogists and she is the force behind the DNA Help for Genealogy (UK) Facebook Group, which is at https://www.facebook.com/groups/ AncestryUKDNA/

This is a closed (restricted access) Facebook Group but you can ask to join.

The DNA Special Interest Group meets at Colliers Wood Library in south-west London, and while this is a modern and well-equipped library, the largest meeting room can only accommodate a group of up to 20 people, so places need to be booked in advance. There is a small room charge of £3 each (£5 for non-ESFHS members) to cover the cost of room hire.

The address is Colliers Wood Library, 105-109 High Street, Colliers Wood, SW19 2HR; the Library is two minutes' walk from Colliers Wood tube station and the area is well

served by buses. The meetings are on Saturdays, usually for two hours, 1-3pm.
Further information, meeting dates and booking details are on the Society website.



Sutton Group meeting

The final meeting of the Sutton Group was on the Thursday 6th December.

Sylvia and Simon Fowler gave a talk on Christmas Food and Drink, and two types of mince pies were heated, tested and enjoyed by all present. Joanna Reynolds thanked everyone who had helped at meetings over the 13 years she had been chairman of the group. This was followed by the usual Sutton pre-Christmas gathering of food and liquid refreshment provided by members.



Joanna Reynolds and her husband John at the final meeting of the Group

Seven generations of lightermen (continued)

Juliet Bailey

The first part of this article appeared on pp31-37 of the November 2019 Journal

Five of the eight sons of John **Rose** had sons who were apprenticed as lightermen – 10 in total (see figure on p35 of the November Journal). For clarity rather than working by generation, I have focussed in turn on each son and his descendants.

A. George Rose & Elizabeth Gibson

George Edward married at least three times. First, on 17 July 1844 to Jane Victoria **Pond**. After she died in 1845 he married Mary Ann (no more details found), before finally marrying a widow, Elizabeth **Lancaster**, on 23 June 1864. He does not appear to have had children. George was made a freeman of the City in 1842 as a glover.

Edwin has no apprentice record, but in the 1851 census he gives his occupation as lighterman, possibly an exaggeration. Edwin married Eliza Ann Wallace on 3 August 1850 but had no children. Edwin was made a freeman of the City in 1845 as a glover.

B. Thomas Plant Rose & Sarah Walker

Alfred Ireland was apprenticed lighterman but seems not to have finished, becoming a licenced victualler instead. He married Mary Ann Emily **Wilton** on 15 March 1856. Neither of his sons became lightermen.

C. David Rose & Ann Hobcraft

David married Eliza Floyd **Goulden** on 10 August 1852. They had six children but none of their three sons become lightermen. David did not finish his apprenticeship and worked as a commercial clerk later on.

George went to sea, presumably in the navy, and did not complete his apprenticeship. He married Sarah Hannah Elverston on 6 July 1856. If they had children, none became lightermen.

D. James Rose & Frances Turner

James William seems to have died in 1855 before completing his apprenticeship.

William **Turner** married Lucy **Howe** in 1854 and they had six children – all boys. Two of his sons followed his profession.

- William married Lavinia Jane Bennett on 22 December 1882. They had two sons but neither became lightermen.
- James William married Ada Jane Allwright on 19 May 1877 and had three daughters.

E. Joseph Rose & Ann Henderson

Joseph, like his father, had a second apprenticeship. On 1 April 1840 he was apprenticed to John Grinley, goldbeater and he completed in

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1847. He married Ann Mary **Wigmore** on 3 November 1857 and had five children: one son became a lighterman. Two of his sons became freemen of the city via his goldsmiths company membership: Daniel Wigmore (1882) and William Thomas (1883). Later on Joseph changed career again, becoming an ironmonger, and another of his sons was apprenticed to him in 1873.

■ William Thomas does not appear in the apprentice lists but gives his occupation lighterman in the 1891 census, although later he was a grocer. He married Lavinia Jane Bennett in 1882 and had one son, who did not become a lighterman.

John Thomas married Maria (no more details found) and had five children but neither of his sons became lighterman. He was made a freeman of the City in 1849 as a glover.

Charles John Sr. married Mary Elizabeth **Pearce** on 22 February 1858. They had three children and both his sons followed their father's profession. Charles was made a freeman of the City in 1855 as a glover.

■ Charles John Jr. married Louisa Sarah **Franks** on 23 July 1876 and had five children. His only son died aged two. His youngest daughter – Emily Mary – was my great-grandmother. Charles was a lighterman in 1911.

- Robert married Margaret Hughes on 30 March 1879 and they had eight children. One of their five sons followed their father's profession the only Rose to continue into the seventh generation. Robert was a lighterman in 1911.
- Joseph Martin married Rebecca Eliza Louisa **Fisher** in 1906 and had two sons. Joseph was a lighterman in 1911. He served in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve from 1915 and was buried in Walthamstow on 25 June 1924.

Joseph and Ann's sons Joseph and Charles John Sr. both showed talent as rowers. The annual Doggett's Coat and Badge race for newly qualified water and lightermen is the oldest rowing race in the world, having started in 1715.² The 4 mile 5 furlong (7,400 m) race is held on the Thames and originally took place on 1 August but now takes place in July. Often heats were held to whittle the entrants down to the final few. The winner receives a traditional watermen's red coat with a silver badge, and the runner up a coat. The Era reported on 21 June 1846 that Joseph Rose would be taking part in the race but it's not clear where he was placed. The

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Morning Post covered the 1858 race reporting that "there were thousands of persons yesterday . . . and considerably more excitement and interest than usual evidently prevailed. There were two pet men in the race . . . they had exhibited . . . great proficiency in the art of rowing. Thomas Coombes . . . and William Mansey . . . the following being the order of arrival: (1) George William Everson, Greenwich; (2) Charles John Rose, Horselydown . . . all effected a most capital start . . . Everson struck boldly out . . . with a lead which he never surrendered . . . Southwark bridge Rose commenced fairly establishing himself in the second place . . . any attempt on the part of Rose to overhaul the winner only ended in the latter going further away, and he ultimately won by half a mile."

Charles continued his rowing success as, according to the London Standard of 31 July 1857, he won a boat worth £24 plus money at the 29th

annual St John's Horselydown regatta. "The racing, which was in five heats, with six pairs of sculls, was very good, and attracted a vast number of spectators. The following is the result of the grand heat:-

Charles Rose (Blue) 1
Joseph James (Red) 2
They started evenly and
continued so up and down once, when
rounding the second time Blue got the
lead, kept it and won by four lengths.
It was a capital race throughout."

For my family, peak occupation as lightermen occurred with generations 4 and 5 and our 200-year involvement in the profession ended in 1924. This overview of my lightermen ancestors will, I hope, be of interest to anyone with ancestors who worked on the Thames. It's likely that there will be a lot of additional information in the Company archives, as well as wills etc., when I can find the time to research further.

References and notes

- 1. Newspaper reports available from www.findmypast.co.uk_or the British Library's newspaper archive at https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/.
- 2. More information on the race and a list of winners can be found at https://watermenscompany.com/present-past-winners/.

Book review - Paved with gold

Roger Sutton [6586]

Paved with Gold is the title of a book by David Long, which was published in 2015. It is a description of the West End of London, which has been a powerful magnet for men and women of talent and ambition for centuries. Long claims that the West End is the engine room of the most dynamic city on earth.

By the end of the 19th century most of my ancestors living at that time were living in London: some wealthy, some were poor. For at least 150 years before then my ancestors were moving to London from all over England, Scotland and Ireland. In this article I have singled out those ancestors who lived in the West End in order to find out what happened to them.

Among them was Jonas **Rowe**, who was born in Otterhampton in Somerset in 1786. He married Mary **Payne** on 11 September 1813 at Cannington (Somerset) by which time he was a resident of the parish of St George Hanover Square, which is the parish church of Mayfair. In the following year he was described as a 'gentleman' of Great Vine Street, off Regent Street. By 1823 he was the proprietor of the Waterloo Hotel at 85 Jermyn Street, which had about 35 rooms and a depth of more than 100 feet. By 1815 Jermyn St included 'a

whole range of hotels where all the articles of consumption are of the best; and the accommodations, much to the injury of taverns and lodging houses, combined all the retirement and comforts of home'. Jonas Rowe died on 11 July 1825, leaving an estate of £800 to his wife. She married George **Hanwell** on 16 April 1831 and he took over the running of the Waterloo Hotel.

On 22 March 1836 Amelia Pain Rowe (the daughter of the late Jonas Rowe, and my 2xgt- grandmother) married Stephen Hale at Trinity Church, Cloudesley Square in Islington whereupon Stephen ran the Waterloo Hotel in partnership with George Hanwell. Stephen was my 2xgtgrandfather, born on 16 May 1810 at Clapham. He belonged to a wealthy family. His grandfather John Hale (1740-1807) started a coaching business. By 1823 Hale's coaches left Highgate for London nine times a day. Stephen's father was Thomas Hale (1772-1833): he was a merchant, and a portrait of him in Lloyds insurance office confirms that he was a member of Lloyds. He died on 11 November 1833 at Palmer's Terrace, Holloway, in Islington. It seems likely that Steven inherited sufficient money from his father to buy a partnership with George Hanwell, but the partnership

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had its problems. *The Times* dated 15 April 1844 reported that at Marlborough Street George Hanwell, of the Waterloo Hotel, was called upon to answer the complaint that he was distributing bills at the Italian opera with a view to inciting or promoting a breach of the peace. George Hanwell died on 11 November 1853. His wife Mary had died in 1849 aged 57, and this meant that Stephen Hale became the sole proprietor of the Waterloo Hotel.

However, by this time running a hotel in central London was posing problems for the Hale family. London was becoming increasingly polluted because of the rising population, and crime and prostitution were also causing serious problems. Stephen and Amelia were particularly worried about their three young daughters. By 1851 the three daughters and a nursemaid (but apart from their parents) were living at the property in Herne Bay. The coming of the railways meant that Herne Bay was within easy reach of London; it was gaining a reputation as a holiday resort on the North Kent coast and was free of the problems increasingly encountered in London. By 1861 Amelia had also moved down to Herne Bay to be with her daughters, although Stephen remained in London running the

Waterloo Hotel with his son George Stephen Stanton Hale, a bankers clerk aged 18.

Stephen eventually gave up running the Waterloo Hotel. He and Amelia lived at Rutland House in Oakfield Road, Penge (a prestigious address) and he died there on 23 November 1883 leaving £16,477. Being a hotel proprietor in London's West End had been very lucrative, but it meant that the Hales had been unable to live together as a family.

The Criddles were another of my ancestral families. Criddle is a Somerset surname, but as early as 1753 they were already established in London. On 24 April 1753 Henry Criddle married Elizabeth Lambert at St George's Chapel, Hyde Park Corner. His grandson Harry Holman Criddle was born on 30 January 1785 in East London and he married Ann Ray on 30 December 1805 at East Ham in Essex. He went into partnership with John Breach at 46 New Bond Street in Mayfair. Bond Street is perhaps London's premier retail street. Initially the business must have been successful, because they were Hatters to Her Majesty the Queen and the Princesses. But in February 1810 the partnership was dissolved by mutual consent, and Harry Holman Criddle continued in business as a sole

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proprietor. In 1821 he was a Hatter and Furrier of 148 New Bond Street, but on 20 October 1826 he was declared bankrupt. His father-in-law Joseph Ray left an estate of about £20,000 when he died. Joseph safeguarded his future from any claims under Harry's bankruptcy and Harry died in May 1832 aged 47. He was buried at St Mary Newington in Southwark.

My ancestors George Kendon and Mary Ann Layfield were married probably just before 1800, but the marriage has not been found. They lived in Richmond (Surrey) for many vears and their children were baptised at St Elizabeth's Roman Catholic church in The Vineyard. George was a dancer and dancing teacher; Marianne was a Roman Catholic, and was almost certainly born in Dublin. There are associations with the West End. George died on 7 April 1845 aged 68 at 6 Castle Street, Long Acre. Their son Henry Thomas Kendon (1800-1874) was a professor of dancing, and dancing master to the Royal family. He married Mary Ann Newsam in 1823 at

Bloomsbury. An item in the Windsor & Eton Express of 24 May 1834 recorded how Mr Henry Kendon had the honour of receiving Her Majesty's command to direct the Juvenile Ball, which was to take place on 30 May 1834 at St James's Palace. Mary Ann Layfield's brother George Lewis, born about 1772 in Ireland, was in the British Army; he married Mary Jones on 12 March 1792 at St Ann, Wardour Street, in Soho.

To conclude, although the West End has always been very wealthy it is misleading to say that it is paved with gold. In the 19th century pollution made the West End an increasingly unpleasant area in which to live. In the West End some businesses thrive, but others go bankrupt: this has always been an intrinsic feature of the capitalist system. In the 21st century the problems of living in London, such as astronomical house prices, mean that increasing numbers of people are living are leaving central London to live in the suburbs or even further afield. I am grateful to Celia Cotton for her help.

Southwark Group outing

Hilary Blanford

This was a fascinating visit where we learned about the history of Tower Bridge and saw the original coal-powered lifting gear, now replaced by electric motors. The bridge can be hired for corporate and private events, including weddings, which are registered in Tower Hamlets. The southern end of the bridge, which is administered by the Bridge Trust on behalf of the City of London, is in the London Borough of Southwark; this would not agree to licensing weddings, so weddings are conducted at the northern end of the bridge!

Members of the group also visited the Supreme Court a few days after the ruling against Boris Johnson and we were able to take away copies of the written ruling. The building is an eclectic mix of old and new. Courts one and two could not be more different: one has retained the trappings and atmosphere of the original Middlesex Court, while the other is modern and full of light. Court three serves the Commonwealth, so it will be very interesting to see what Boris proposes to do with the Supreme Court. Our guide explained very eloquently how the Supreme Court separates Parliament as the maker of the law from the implementation of the law thereby providing checks and balances for an unfettered judicial system.



Members of the Southwark Group bravely stand on the glass floor over the River Thames during their visit to Tower Bridge

Surrey crew members of *Erebus* and *Terror*

Brian Hudson

I recently finished a book entitled *Sir John Franklin's Erebus and Terror Expedition Lost and Found* by Gillian Hutchinson, published by Bloomsbury Publishing. It is the story of Franklin's last voyage (in 1845) to find the North -west passage, a route linking the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific. It includes the transcribed muster tables and allotment lists for *HMS Frebus*

and *HMS Terror*, the originals being held in the National Archives. The crew came from many places and some entries show place of birth or marriage, or both; a few entries also contain details of a wife, brothers, sisters or mother. The list below only shows those with a place of birth or marriage in Surrey. All items are listed as they appear in the records.

HMS Erebus

Petty officer: John Cowie, stoker age 32, born in Bermondsey

Royal Marines: Daniel Bryant, sergeant, age 31, born in Shepton Montague,

Somerset. Wife Mary Ann Bryant, married in Rotherhithe April 1845.

Able seaman: George **Williams**, AB, aged 35, born in Holyhead, Anglesey. Wife Margaret Williams; married in Rotherhithe in December 1843, 5 King Street

Rotherhithe signed X.

HMS Terror

Royal Marines: William **Heather**, private, aged 35, born in Battersea. Of the ship's officers only two, the Ice Masters who were essentially civilians

with an honorary ranking, have an address; and they were not from Surrey.

At Whalefish Islands, the last port of call before the exploration started, five men were discharged. One was William Aitken, 37, born in Kenilworth Surrey, a Royal Marine on HMS Terror. He was returned to England on the Barretto Junior, one of two transport ships that accompanied Erebus and Terror to keep them stocked up.

Many relics from the Franklin expedition are in the National Maritime Museum collection. A summary of the expedition is available on the RMG.co.uk website. Search the site using 'Franklin' and follow the links to 'John Franklin's final North-West passage expedition 1845'.

Croydon Workhouse Infirmary

Peter Heather (0200)

A query arose a while ago about a property in Croydon. The enquirer had a death certificate, and the place where her grandfather had died of TB appeared to be 76 Bridge Road, Croydon. It was not her grandfather's home address and she wondered where it was, as she couldn't find the road.

There was indeed no such place and we had a suspicion that it was another, rather better-known address. Indeed, when we saw the certificate it was clear that the grandfather had died at 76 Eridge Road, Croydon. This still didn't mean anything to the enquirer, but it is an address that is well known to us as it appears on a great many birth and death certificates in the early 20th century.

The explanation is that it was the postal address of the Croydon Workhouse Infirmary. There has always been a stigma attached to being in the workhouse and so from around 1904, the Registrar General told local registration officers that where a child was born in the workhouse, this should not be recorded on the child's birth certificate. Instead, the place of birth was recorded as taking place at a euphemistic street address. From

around 1920 the same practice was adopted for death certificates.

Because there is also an Edridge Road in Croydon, Eridge Road was renamed Woodcroft Road in 1939 and the Infirmary address became 39 Woodcroft Road. The Infirmary became Mayday Hospital on the formation of the NHS and there was no longer any stigma attached to the building.

As the Infirmary was not on the same site as the workhouse, any births or deaths in the Workhouse itself were given the address Clarke's Croft (or 66a) Queens Road, Croydon.

It should be pointed out that giving birth or dying in the Workhouse Infirmary did not necessarily indicate that they had come from the workhouse. In an era of expensive healthcare, most people of modest means made use of the Infirmary, where treatment was free or inexpensive.

Other workhouses and their infirmaries in east Surrey had their own addresses to be used on certificates and some of these are listed on the next page:

This information could lead to finding more information on your ancestors, especially if the infirmary or workhouse records have survived

Croydon Workhouse Infirmary

Dorking 2 Horsham Road, Dorking **Epsom** Middle House, Dorking Road, Epsom Kingston 50 Kingston Hill, Kingston Lambeth 43 Renfrew Road, Lambeth 182 Westmoreland Road Newington / St Saviour 48a Union Road, Rotherhithe St Olave, Southwark (union infirmary) St Olave, Southwark (Institute for Elderly) 82 Ladywell Road, Lewisham 72a East Dulwich Grove St Saviour's, Southwark (union infirmary) Wandsworth 77 Swaffield Road, Wandsworth



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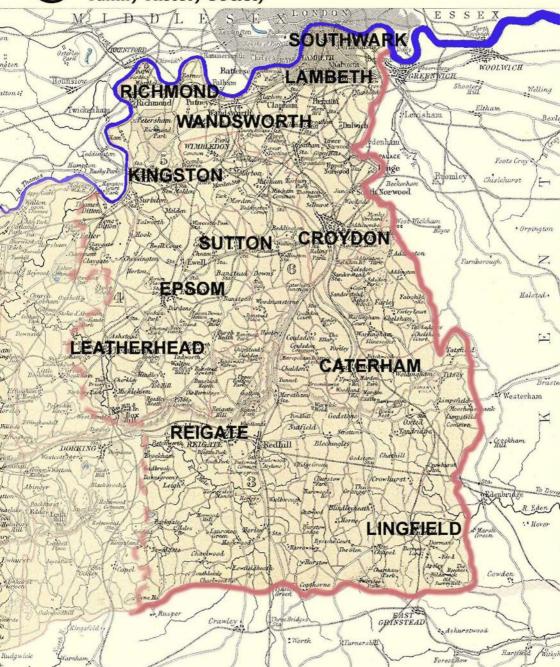
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