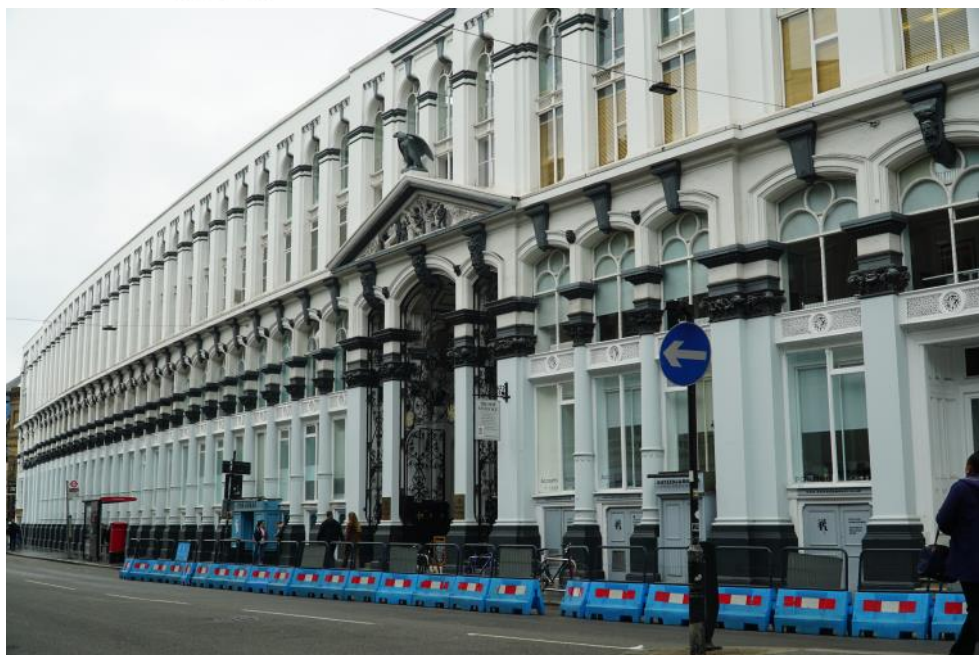




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The deadline for the March 2022 Journal is 10.00 a.m. on 1 February

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

Chairman's message

Hilary Blanford

Another year is drawing to a close, and next year we shall have the 1921 census to occupy us as well as another year of birth, marriage and death records open to view, plus more records from the 1939 register. Among all this it is easy to forget that renewal time also approaches. So if you have not set up a standing order, please remember to pay your subscription. At £12 for UK and email journals worldwide, it is very good value for money.

I also hope that some of you are putting pen to paper, or fingers to your keyboard, to contribute to the competition announced in the last edition of the journal on page 17. Your article should not exceed 2,500 words and the closing date is 31 December. Please do consider entering as I am sure that many of you have interesting tales to tell.

There are other new innovations within the Society. The members' discussion list is now live and you will receive an invitation by email to join it. Participation will be limited to the first 100 applicants for a trial period and if it is successful then we will review the number of participants. We are using one of

the io lists, which are free to groups of 100 or less. The system works by a member sending an email to the group's email address. The enquiry is automatically forwarded to everybody on the list and anybody can reply. Everybody in the group sees the answers. It's a very easy way to extend your family history knowledge as it does not involve logging into a separate website and all sorts of interesting queries and answers arrive in your inbox, sometimes in quick succession.

I hope that this new member service will go part way to meet the request from members for some form of help desk, which was made in the comments section in the recent members' questionnaire. This new discussion list should complement the enquiry service offered by our very knowledgeable research team based in the Lingfield Community Centre.

Thank you to all those who have already replied to the members' questionnaire. A brief interim report is included on page 6, where you will see that we are arranging a 'Talk with Tea' event at Surrey History Centre in response

Chairman's message

to the replies received. There were also requests and remarks made about topics for talks so you will shortly receive an invitation to vote for next year's Zoom programme using a Doodle Poll.

And lastly, the Southwark group will be holding its online Christmas party on Monday 13

December 13 at 12 noon (GMT) via Zoom. We did it last year and had a mixture of quizzes, music, entertainment and members' party pieces. This year we should like to invite the whole Society, using the usual Zoom process. Bring your own mince pies, mulled wine and silly hats.



Group meetings

December

13	Christmas party (via Zoom) at 12.00 p.m. All are welcome	Southwark
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January

26	The value of Wills	Sylvia Dibbs & Rita Russell	Lingfield
	<i>The Will may be just a short document leaving everything to a spouse or it may contain almost a family tree. Did you know your ancestor had so much in the way of goods, chattels and property?</i>		

February

14	Visit to the Imperial War Museum (2.00 p.m.)	Southwark
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April

tbc	Guided walk around Bermondsey with Len Reilly	Southwark
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Please note that Lingfield meetings start at 2.30 p.m.

Croydon Group

Liz Moss has written “It is with regret that I announce my retirement as Croydon Group Secretary. If any of the Group wish to take on the role of organising the meetings in the next few months then please contact Monica Polley, Society Secretary secretary@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk.”

The committee would like to thank Liz for the many years she has served as the Croydon Secretary and for her valuable experience in family history research; we look forward to her continuing to impart her knowledge at meetings and at the Research Centre.

Prior to lockdown meetings took place monthly on a Monday evening at St Matthew’s church. There is a possibility of having the

hall for an afternoon meeting on a Monday or Tuesday and meeting every other month – *but this needs someone willing to run them.*

Would you like to meet in Croydon?

Interim results from the recent questionnaire show that about 50% of Croydon attendees would like to resume meeting face-to-face. So that we can gauge the appetite for Croydon Group to continue in the New Year, if you would like to meet in Croydon please contact Monica **before 20 December**, and let her know:

- ⇒ if you would be interested in helping to run the Group and
- ⇒ if you prefer an evening or afternoon meeting.

Running the group involves:

- ◇ Booking the hall: once done, the booking simply needs to be confirmed each year.

- ◇ Organising publicity for the Society website and Journal (usually by sending emails to our webmaster and editor)
- ◇ Contacting and booking speakers. Many speakers can be found on the Family History Federation website under the ‘Speakers’ tab – but meetings could also be ‘Members’ Meetings’ where the Group meets socially to help each other with ideas for breaking those brick walls.

Please contact the Secretary (Monica) by the date above if you want Croydon Group to continue.

Group meetings

Southwark Group

The John Harvard Library has still not re-opened. Regular attendees will be informed when further information is available and details will be published on the website.

Lingfield Group

We have now had three group meetings since the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions and numbers have increased each time which is extremely pleasing.

The first meeting in July was in the main hall of the Community Centre and we should have used the microphone as the people at the back had difficulty in hearing the speaker. We used the Jennings Hall for the September and October meetings and we will continue in there for the foreseeable future as it is lighter and airier plus the seats are more comfortable – a major consideration. It also has its own

kitchen so refreshments were back in October. The Jennings Hall is all part of the Community Centre complex and is the single-storey white building behind the main building so only a few more yards to walk and we use the same car park.

Now we have the go-ahead from the committee we are contacting speakers for 2022. The first meeting on 26 January will be an in-house talk-cum-discussion on the use of Wills. By the time you read this we hope to have the following few months sorted and details will be on the website and via our Lingfield emailing list.

Interim Report on the Members' Questionnaire

Hilary Blanford, Chairman

Firstly, I should like to thank members for responding so enthusiastically to the questionnaire. Yes, there were one or two grumbles, but the replies in the open comments sections were appreciative, and the enjoyment and benefits of the Society's Zoom programme feature prominently in the replies. We plan to have at least one talk a month using Zoom, and sometimes two when we can arrange to share a talk with another Society. I should also like to thank the members of the Southwark group who participated in the pilot study and made a number of suggestions which were used to produce the final survey.

There are probably some of you who are wondering at this point what I am talking about, especially those of you who do not use email. To remind you, in the last edition of the Journal I invited members who have not provided the Society with an email address to send me a stamped and addressed envelope so that they too could contribute. I only received one such envelope so if you too would like to have your say, my address is on page 18 of the September journal. The size of

the questionnaire and distribution also caused problems with spam filters so I resorted to emailing members in batches of 20; the whole process has taken a lot longer than anticipated.

I now have 63 emails telling me that the questionnaire was not delivered because either the email address no longer existed or that the recipient's spam filter had rejected it. If you are one of these members, and you would like to have your two penn'orth, please email me using the address inside the front cover or go to the members' area of the website to find a link to download the questionnaire. You will need to have your membership number to hand and may need to email the webmaster for a user name.

We shall do a full analysis of the results in December and January and if we are able to hold a live AGM in 2022 I hope that we can display the various graphs, pie charts and comments for you all to see. At the time of writing 194 replies have been received. The majority of members have been researching for more than 10 years. This means that we have a lot to offer new researchers but it

Interim Report on the Members' Questionnaire

also collates with the age of the membership; 27 of the respondents were aged between 81-90, 91 between 71-80 and 57 between 61-70. Only one reply came from a member under 50. This last figure has serious implications for the Society and it is clear that we have to recruit younger members. Could you all help by giving a younger family member a Society Gift Token (available from Parish Chest) for Christmas, to encourage him or her in family history?

The new parish information booklets were welcomed by most: 151 of you said you would be interested in purchasing copies, 49 of you were willing to help collect data and 22 of you gave specific offers of help, so thank you.

The sections on restarting meetings and going on visits showed that many of you are still uncertain about indoor meetings but Surrey History Centre as a visit venue attracted a good response so we have arranged to book one of their 'Talks with Tea' in the New Year. Numbers will be limited to 40 to maintain social distancing. Booking will be managed via Eventbrite and you will be emailed

a link to book your ticket on a first-come-first-served basis.

Another comment came from a lapsed member who had not realised that his membership had expired. We have responded to this by arranging with the printer to put a large reminder to renew on the envelope, as your December journal may be lost among your first Christmas cards. Other comments demonstrated that the Committee needs to market the Society's resources to the members: most of you have never used the members' interests facility (see page 34 of the September journal); some of you did not know that we have a research team based in the research centre at Lingfield; and the wish for a London-based meeting demonstrates that people may be unaware that the Southwark group normally meets within walking distance of both London Bridge and Waterloo stations. These provide easy access for anyone living in the south of England, while the Northern Line and Thameslink into London Bridge cater for members in the north and those coming in to Paddington can use the Bakerloo Line to reach us.

Society matters

Monica Polley (Secretary) secretary@eastsurreyfhfs.org.uk

AGM Spring 2022

We are hoping to run the usual Open and Study Day with the AGM in the spring of 2022, and we are exploring the availability of the speakers and venue that we had booked for the 2020 meeting (that was cancelled in the lockdown). The Financial Report for this year and details of the 2022 meeting will be in the March journal. The

minutes of the 2021 Meeting follow.

Please consider volunteering for the committee. There are several vacancies for members and I will have 'done my time' as a member and Secretary (five years is the maximum term) so the Society will need a new Secretary. Please contact me if you need any further information.



Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting held on 17th April 2021 at 4.30 p. m. (via Zoom)

49 members were present.

1. **Welcome:** Society President, Paul Blake.

Paul welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting, being held on an extraordinary afternoon. Julian Pooley's wonderful talk on *The Gentleman's Magazine* was followed by a break to enable members to watch the funeral of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Mitzi De Ville

3. **The minutes of the 2019 AGM** were accepted nem con.

4. **Matters Arising:** none arising.

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5. Committee Report: Monica Polley, co-opted Secretary

The Trustees' Annual Report had been circulated with the invitation to the AGM.

I was co-opted to the role of Secretary in November last year following the resignation, for personal reasons, of Don Knight. On behalf of the committee, I would like to record our thanks to Don for acting as Secretary, not just over the last three years, but for the previous times he has served.

Most of the Society activity can be found in the Trustees Annual Report, which you all should have received. The committee last met face-to-face in January 2020, at St Matthew's church in Croydon, where Croydon Group held their meetings. Planning was well under way for our Open and Study Day in March, for attendance at several national and local Genealogy events and Group Secretaries had their meetings, with speakers, organised for most of the year.

All this came to an abrupt halt in March with the national lockdown caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. Thanks to technology we have since held our committee meetings online and we

are extremely grateful to everyone who has mastered the IT enabling Group Secretaries to keep in contact with their members and organise meetings with speakers. Many of these meetings are now recorded and transmitted later, allowing overseas members in different time zones to access our talks. Our website had to be rebuilt this year and Facebook is well 'liked', thank you to everyone who keeps everything up to date.

As the year progressed, and it became apparent that living with restrictions would be continuing for some considerable time, the committee purchased a Zoom licence to which the Group Secretaries all have access. They have arranged a programme of Society meetings and speakers well into 2021.

The obvious disadvantage of electronic meetings is that our members who are not online have no talks to attend and their only contact with ESFHS is via the journal. Please continue to write up your research so we can learn from each other.

ESFHS has had a presence at the

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virtual national genealogy shows that have been organised, answering many questions from the public, gaining new members and selling our publications via Parish Chest and GenFair. We hope to attend the Open Day at Nunhead Cemetery and have booked our stand for the Family History show at Kempton Park later in the year. Thank you to our volunteers who have manned the online shows and will help out in person, when we are able. Despite gaining new members through the shows and via the research centre, our membership has declined, which will have a negative impact on our finances.

Looking to the future it seems likely that electronic meetings will continue, as many speakers are finding this a preferable method of working, but we are aware that many members miss meeting face-to-face. The committee will work

to find the best solution with a mix of physical and electronic activity. Southwark Group will continue to meet online with a planned social gathering outdoors in the summer. Richmond Group will not be able to return to its previous meeting hall and St Matthew's, Croydon may not be available to us. We will address these concerns when the new committee meets. On a positive note, the Research Centre at Lingfield may have been closed during lockdown but many queries from the public have been dealt with and, as soon as is allowed to do so, the Centre will open for visitors and meetings will resume. It just remains for me to thank Sue Adams and Joanna Reynolds, who have both completed their terms on the committee and everyone who has helped, in any way, to keep the Society up and running during what, for many of us, has been a very difficult year.

Questions: **Tony Goring** asked for the date for the Nunhead Open Day – 4 September. Sue Adams pointed out that as this was an open-air event, that had been postponed from May, there was a good chance it would take place.

Paul Blake informed everyone that Patrick Stanbridge, vice president, had died. He had been a founder member of the Society, with membership number 1.

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6. Treasurer's Report: Peter Heather, Treasurer

The accounts had been published in the March 2021 Journal.

Peter explained that the surplus created in 2020 was because there was a much-reduced expense for hall hire. When we get back to some sort of normality expenses will increase as there will be Zoom costs together with meeting costs. 2021 will likely break even or show a small loss.

Journal costs have been reduced despite us increasing from three to four issues per year. We will need to keep a close eye on finances as membership declined last year but has picked up a bit this year.

Questions: **Caroline Lang** – should we increase the annual subscription?

Peter's reply – the last time the subscription was increased from £8 to £12 there was a large drop in membership and the effect was a drop in income. It is a difficult balance to get right. Donations help.

Hilary Blanford – How many members have not renewed this year? We were about 100

down last year.

Peter's reply – we are about 40 members less this year.

Mike Lattimer – People expect prices to go up, do not disappoint them. Increase a little at a time. Peter agreed this was a good idea and would watch income and the committee would review subscription over the year.

Alan Essex thanked Peter for his work. He queried the general rule of having £50,000 in reserve and said that this could cushion the small loss/small surplus years. Peter pointed out that the reserve should be for capital expenditure. The Charity Commission would disapprove of the reserve being used for running expenses. Since 2012, until 2018, the Society ran at a loss with £3-4,000 per annum being taken out of the reserve. The last two years have produced a surplus and next year should break even. £50,000 reserve arose historically when membership was much higher and perhaps should be reviewed with membership declining probably now there is so much online information available. Membership seems to have

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levelled off – it was 788 at the end of last year, 40 did not renew in January but, to date, 20 new members have enrolled.

Anne Ramon – Have speaker's fees reduced with Zoom talks as they do not have travelling time and expenses?

Peter replied that it varies, but we now have the advantage that we have more choice of speakers as distance no longer matters.

Hilary Blanford said she had not

got the accounts to hand but had noticed that there was no figure for one year against Gift Aid between 2019 and 2020.

Peter replied that figures for both years do indeed appear in the accounts, as published in the Journal.

The accounts, approved by the committee, were laid before the membership as per the Constitution.

7. Appointment of Examiner

Peter said Lesley Barker had been our Independent Examiner for the past two years and

recommended that she be appointed for 2021.

Agreed *nem con*.

8. Discussion of future Zoom/face-to-face Meetings

Paul Blake asked - What does the membership feel?

The disadvantages of Zoom meetings:

i) The social aspect is lost.

The advantages of Zoom meetings:

i) They attract more members than the Group meetings

ii) Members from outside our area can join in

iii) Costs should be reduced as there are no speaker travelling costs.

The way forward would probably be a combination of both. **Liz Moss** warned the members that St Matthew's church hall may not be available for Croydon Group meetings in the future as there was a major roof problem. She would

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keep the situation under review, but it is difficult finding premises with parking and good public transport links.

The following points were raised, either verbally or by the 'chat' facility:

Peter Crabb – a member of family history societies for over 30 years and felt we gave good value for money. When face-to-face meetings were resumed, they would have to be Covid safe, meet insurance standards and there would need to be Risk Assessments for each venue. He has a Risk Assessment we can use.

Sue Adams – face-to-face meetings are valued by those who live alone.

Members' thoughts on Zoom meetings – **Christine Clode**, in Dorset, wished to thank the hosts. **Barbara Bransgrove**, in Sussex, **Barbara Smith** in Lancashire, **Christine Peel**, too far away, **Karen Taylor** and **Jeffry Porter** appreciate Zoom as they would not otherwise be able to attend talks. **Lynda Warren** in Wales – best-run meetings. **Marda Dixon** – overseas members can

join in; **Anne Ramon** – overseas members can join in and we reach a wider community; **Hilary Blanford** – there is quality discussion post-talk as you can see people's faces rather than the back of their heads, as in a meeting. Better interaction; **Paul Blake**, **Hilary Blanford** and **Anne Ramon** – break-out rooms can be set up, very useful if you find someone with a common thread, very useful for a meeting when having to admit over 100 attendees; **Nick Davey** thanked Hilary Blanford for holding the Southwark meetings via Zoom. Other suggestions: many favoured a mix of Zoom meetings and Face-to-face meetings. **Marda Dixon** – Self-help groups with discussions on a theme. Oxford start their meetings 45 minutes before the talk with discussion rooms and lots of input on subjects. **Anne Ramon** – consultation one-to-one Zoom chats could be particularly helpful for DNA help as people are reluctant to ask questions in a large group as there is a wide variation in understanding. **Sylvia Dibbs** – members' meetings to present their research and ask for help are not usually well attended.

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Hilary Blanford - IT helps to present research and may encourage people to be more forthcoming. She offers help to the Southwark members for their presentations. **Marion Attew** – will we become fed up with Zoom and want local meetings? **Christine Clode** – Berkshire has a monthly group meeting where a particular topic is chosen for discussion.

Mike Lattimer asked if the Canadian and Australian members could, respectively, arrange their own meetings. **Nick Davey** expressed his annoyance that his 'chat' request to speak was being ignored. Paul Blake explained that, with two screens of members to watch, it was very difficult to keep up with 'chat'. Nick mentioned that Glamorgan Society hold two meetings per month on Zoom –

one with a subject and another for Coffee and Chat, which works very well. He felt there would be an increase in membership if there were Zoom and face-to-face meetings. Numbers attending face-to-face meetings or the Research Centre may be limited by distancing requirements and we may not be able to provide a drop-in service that complies with Covid restrictions. **Janice Brown** said she had heard that there were problems with recording talks on Zoom. **Hilary Blanford** explained that this was a Data Protection issue and that no recordings had been made of discussions after talks at any of East Surrey's meetings held on Zoom. She also recommended removing names if a screen shot was being taken at any meeting .

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9. Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Position	Years to go
Hilary Blanford	Caroline Lang	Paul Lang	Chairman	
Peter Heather	Anne Ramon	Hilary Blanford	Treasurer	1
Monica Polley	Sue Adams	Liz Moss	Secretary	1
Liz Moss	Hilary Blanford	Anne Ramon		1
Marda Dixon	Lesley Barker	Sue Adams		
Alan Essex	Rita Russell	Peter Heather		
Mark Gilby	Peter Heather	Rita Russell		
Tamsin Abbey	Monica Polley	Peter Heather		
Anne Ramon	Brenda Hawkins	Ann Turnor		

All were elected *nem con*.

10. Any Other Business

Peter Crabb – in Weston-Super-Mare, in seeking the balance of Zoom and face-to-face meetings do not re-invent the wheel. Take note of what other societies are doing. **Paul Blake** – members with ideas other than those suggested today email the Secretary. **Mark Gilby** – works with Cambridge Family History Society and will pass on ideas. He can also

suggest a possible venue for Croydon Group meetings. The Reading Rooms at Kew are opening and taking bookings from Monday 19 April. **Paul Blake** then listed other research facilities that were opening their doors and available for booking. He wished the new committee good luck in their deliberations.

The meeting closed at 17.34.

Website round-up

Brian Hudson

www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk

In August one million free-to-view pages were made available on the *British Newspaper Archive* (BNA) website. However, you will need to register a free account to access these pages, which come from some 150 varied titles and span the years 1720 to 1880. The aim is to add 3.7 million free pages over the next three years.

The BNA currently has 44 million pages so, to put it in perspective, these pages are a small fraction of the total content, but nevertheless it is free at [https://blog.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/2021/08/09/introducing-free-to-](https://blog.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/2021/08/09/introducing-free-to-view-pages-on-the-british-newspaper-archive/)

[view-pages-on-the-british-newspaper-archive/](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk)

Rather than typing all that in it can be easily selected from the BNA Home page. Select Blog from the top menu and type free into the search box at the top right of the page.

The BNA can also be used for free at the British Library's Reading Rooms in St Pancras and Boston Spa.

Perhaps I should have mentioned at the beginning that this item will be of no interest to FindMyPast or BNA subscribers who already have access to the pages!

www.innertemple.org.uk

Do you have an ancestor who was a barrister or solicitor from the Inner Temple? This is one of the four Inns of Court (Professional Associations for barristers and judges) in London. This site will help you learn more about the fascinating history of the Inner Temple and its records: a

searchable Admissions database is available.

To find the database click on the 'hamburger' menu at the top right of the page and select *Who we are*. Then go down the page to where there are several interesting sections to explore, including the Admissions Database 1547 to 1940.

Website round-up

www.measuringworth.com

This website will convert a historical sum of money into today's value. While the primary interest will probably be UK currency, for overseas members it does also cater for US, Australian and Spanish currencies. After trying it out I found that there is not one simple answer but selecting the 'real wage or wealth'

value from the choices available should give the required result. As the method of calculating is based on a complete financial year the nearest value to today's will be that for 2020. For anyone interested in economics there are plenty of graphs and data sets to pore over.

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~dutilleul/genealogy/index.htm>

or type this shortcut bit.ly/3IEoUGv

This is Richard Heaton's Family History Homepage* on which there is a list of his surname interests. At the top of the page is a selection of other disparate topics, as you can see from this list:

- Background to Windsor & Eton Express Transcripts
- North Wiltshire Musters Newspaper List
- Index to British and Irish Digitalised Newspapers Online
- List of Georgian and Victorian Dogs' names
- Fragments of Lost Lives

I couldn't find anything specifically relating to Surrey but for interest take a look through the *Fragments of Lost Lives* section. See how well you can read some of the old documents such as the indentures in Fragments, London and Middlesex, which is about halfway down the page.

*Note: Before the home page will appear there is a Rootsweb page with an irritating 'Captcha' picture grid that has to be completed correctly to prove you are not a robot.



Report from the Richmond Group

Veronica McConnell, Group Secretary

On Saturday 11 September, at a table in the ground-floor café at The National Archives at Kew, I sat with my cappuccino and waited. We had arranged the first Richmond Group Meeting since Covid knocked us all sideways.

The first person to join me had brought some Godfrey maps. She and I looked at one area in south-west London in particular. Some research had been written up in a journal of another society, telling how an area of farmland in Norbiton had been purchased by the local authority, and that housing along Alexandra Road had been built by the developer, James Goulter. The distinctive shape of the development area can be followed on maps through the decades. Also built was a pub named The (Royal) Borough Arms, which is now called The Pottery, a tapas-themed gastro pub. A nearby church was enlarged to accommodate the newly arrived residents on Sundays.

Three more 'Richmondites' soon arrived, two having met on the bus.

We began with memories of 9/11, it being the 20th anniversary of the terrible events in the USA. I

had been at my kitchen table, discussing arrangements for new windows for the house I lived in then. One of the Group had been in Australia that fateful day. Because of time differences, news arrived there some time after the event.

Subjects that followed included a guided London walk, a gravestones transcription project, and some experiences of Inheritances, Wills and Probate.

Before the meeting broke up, the five of us put the next meeting in our diaries, for Saturday 13th November 2021 at the same place (The National Archives at Kew) and the same time (2.15pm onwards). After that, I hope future meetings will be held on the second Saturday of January, March, May, July, September, etc. Please check the place and time before you journey. I hope that numbers attending will increase.

Since the September meeting, I have circulated this report to those members who are on my circulation list. If any reader is interested in news of Richmond Group I should be pleased to hear from them.



Can you help?

Rita Russell

Due to the continuing pandemic restrictions, we at the Research Centre have been dealing with quite a number of queries by email via our own website and from the Federation.

We have managed to help with most of the queries but a couple are causing headaches. Paul Wilkins is looking for birth details of William Blake (c1801-1877). On the 1871 census William is at the Black Horse Inn, Biggin Hill, as publican but is shown as born in M...? House? Reigate. The original images of the census on both Ancestry and Findmypast are unclear. It could be Moise or Mansion House but these are not

known in Reigate. If there is anyone who has any thoughts or can decipher the name of the house I would be delighted to hear from them.

Patricia Birchler is looking for her family tree which, according to her cousin Robert Jones of Croydon, he was going to lodge with a Society for safe keeping around 1983. She has just informed me that the family were in Tetbury, Gloucestershire, so I have suggested she try the County archives and the local family history society. We have already suggested the Soc Gen, Surrey History Centre and Croydon Local Studies – any more ideas?

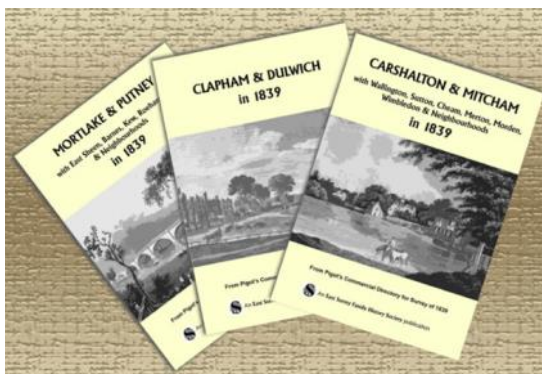


How long have you been searching for your ancestors?

Do you have any tips for other family history researchers?

The Editor (contact details inside the front cover)
welcomes any articles or stories for the Journal.

New ESFHS publications



The Society has updated the series of reprints from Pigot's Commercial Directory for Surrey of 1839. The titles include those shown above plus:

- ◆ Banstead, Epsom & Leatherhead with Chipstead, Ewell, Great Bookham, Ashstead & neighbourhoods
- ◆ Battersea, Stockwell & Wandsworth
- ◆ Blechingley, Godstone & Reigate with Nutfield, Limpsfield, Oxted, Tandridge, Gatton, Merstham & neighbourhoods
- ◆ Croydon & Beddington
- ◆ Kingston with Ham, Thames Ditton & Long Ditton.
- ◆ Streatham and Tooting with Norwood & neighbourhoods

The reprint comprises 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.

They will be available from our bookstall at events and fairs or can

be downloaded as PDFs from the online shops at GenFair www.genfair.co.uk and Parish Chest www.pariahchest.com. Reprints are priced at £3.

Also available on GenFair and Parish Chest 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.

Membership information

New members

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10685	Fiona Berry – caliandris@gmail.com
10686	Martin Cox – martin@mmcox.plus.com
10687	Beverly Robertson – hensher@aol.com
10688	Chris Jacob – chrisjacob.g4c@btinternet.com
10689	Maureen Carolan – maureenacarolan@hotmail.com

Change to email address

9780	Stephen Logan – steve@chillyb.co.uk
10515	Julie Matthews – julieam1955@outlook.com

Death of members

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

9722 – Michael Phelps

6557 – Raymond Simms

10437 – Gill Alford

Members' Interests within Surrey

ALCORN	Lambeth	1790-1798	10667
ALCORN	All	1770-1850	10667
BAILEY	Bermondsey	1850-present	9985
BAKER	Guildford	18-19c	9780
BAKER	Redhill	18-19C	9780
BALL	Waterloo	19c	9469
BRAND	Walton-on-Thames	18c	10684
BRAND	Southwark	19c	10684
BRIDA	Southwark	1820-1920	8931
BRIDA	Waterloo	1820-1920	8931
BRIDER	Southwark	1820-1920	8931
BRIDER	Waterloo	1820-1920	8931
BUDGEN	Tandridge	18-19c	9780
CANDISH	Lambeth	1790-1798	10667
CANDISH	Croydon	1798-1850	10667
CHADNEY	Walworth	19c	9469
CHADNEY	Newington	19c	9469
CHILDS	All	1860-present	8249
DRAKE	Newington	pre 1875	9469
DRING	Lambeth	19c	4169
DRING	Newington	19c	4169
GARDNER	All	1860-present	8249
GEER	All	1799-present	8249
GLOVER	All	1913-present	8249
HAGGETT	Southwark	1820-1850	10667
HANKIN	All	1850-present	8249
HARBROW	Burstow	1799-present	8249
HARLEY	Sth London	1840-1900	3865
HARLEY	Croydon	1870-1910	3865

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HARVEY	Southwark	1750-1850	10684
HAYDON	St Saviour Swk	M19c	9469
JONES	Southwark	1820-1850	10667
KLAASSEN	Croydon	19-20c	10244
LAMBERT	Newington	M19c	9469
MARCHANT	Limpsfield	E19c	4730
MIDDLETON	Waterloo	M19c	9469
OSMOND	Bermondsey	1860-present	9985
POST(E)	Lambeth	1905-1930	8931
POST(E)	Southwark	1905-1930	8931
SAKER	Bletchingley	18-19c	9780
SAKER	Warlingham	18-19c	9780
SEARS	Rotherhithe	pre1884	3865
WATKINSON	Walworth	19c	9469
WATKINSON	Newington	19c	9469
WATKINSON	St Saviour Swk	19c	9469
WILLMOTT	Lambeth	1820-1930	8931
WILLMOTT	Southwark	1820-1930	8931

Members' Interests in the rest of the world

HARBROW	All	ALL	AUS	1800-present	8249
NELIGAN	All	ALL	IRL	19-20c	10244
POST(E)	All	Quebec	CAN	1870-1930	8931
POST(E)	All	Alsace Lorraine	FRA	1800-1870	8931

Members' Interests within England

ADSON	Elton	HUN	19-20c	386
ADSON	Oundle	NTH	18-19c	386
AYLOTT	Walkern	HRT	17-19c	386
BARNETT	All	LON	19c	8356
BRAND	Hove	SSX	20c	10684
BRAND	Writtle	ESS	18c	10684
BRANWOOD	Writtle	ESS	18c	10684
BRIDA	Meonstoke	HAM	1725-1825	8931
BRIDA	Exton	HAM	1725 - 1825	8931
BRIDA	Portsea	HAM	1725-1825	8931
BRIDER	Meonstoke	HAM	1725-1825	8931
BRIDER	Exton	HAM	1725-1825	8931
BRIDER	Portsea	HAM	1725-1825	8931
BRYAN	Newark	NTT	19c	4730
BUDGEN	West Hoathly	SSX	18-19c	9780
BUDGEN	East Grinstead	SSX	18-19c	9780
BYFORD	All	SSX	1700-1800	4424
BYFORD	All	ESS	1700-1800	4424
CHADNEY	Teddington	MDX	E20c	9469
CHADNEY	Stepney	MDX	E19c	9469
CHADNEY	Hampton Bishop	HEF	E19c	9469
CHADNEY	Lugwardine	HEF	18c	9469
CHAPMAN	Stepney	MDX	E19c	9469
CHAPMAN	Shoreditch	MDX	L18c	9469
CONLEY	Westminster	MDX	18-19c	4730
COOKE	Shoreditch	MDX	M19c	10639
DEXTER	All	LON	19c	8356
DEXTER	All	NTH	L19c-E20c	8356
DEXTER	All	WAR	19c	8356
DRAKE	Hoxton	MDX	E19c	9469
HAYDON	Shoreditch	MDX	E19c	9469
HICKMAN	Standlake	OXF	18-19c	4730
HOCKADAY	London	LON	18-19c	386

Members' Interests within England

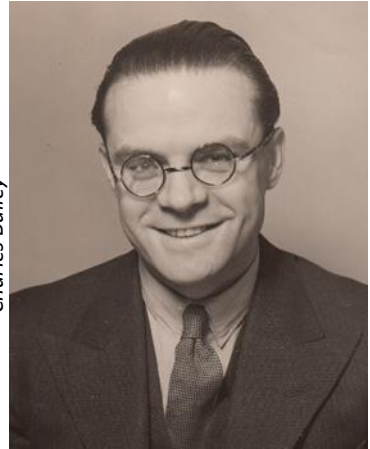
JARRATT	London Wall	LDN	1660-1750	4424
JARRATT	Buxted	SSX	1600-1700	4424
JULIAN	All	ALL	19-20C	10244
KEELY	Whitechapel	MDX	1750-1860	4424
LAMBERT	Greenwich	KEN	E19c	9469
LEACH	Bishopsgate	LDN	1700-1800	4424
LOTTA	Greenwich	KEN	1750-1850	4424
LOVELAND	Faversham	KEN	19c	4730
McCLOUD	Westminster	MDX	18-19c	4730
McLEOD	Westminster	MDX	18-19c	4730
MIDDLETON	Hackney	MDX	1750-1850	9469
MUSTY	Painswick	GLS	18-19c	4730
NELIGAN	All	ALL	19-20c	10244
OSBORN(E)	Writtle	ESS	18c	10684
OSBOURNE	Thanet	KEN	19c	5461
PALMER	Kimpton	HRT	18-19c	386
PARSONS	Sunbury	MDX	L18c	10684
POWELL	Canterbury	KEN	19c	5461
PRITCHARD	Marden	HER	1800-1850	9469
PRITCHARD	Stepney	MDX	1800-1850	9469
SANSOM	Shoreditch	MDX	M19c	10639
WALDEN	Shenfield	ESS	E19c	4169
WALDEN	Tower Hamlets	MDX	M19c-L19c	4169
WATKINSON	Teddington	MDX	E20c	9469
WHITEHOUSE	All	LON	19c	8356
WIGSELL	All	ALL	ALL	10656
WIGZELL	All	ALL	ALL	10656
WILLIAMS	Lugwardine	HEF	18c	9469
WILLMOTT	Exeter	DEV	1725-1830	8931
WILLMOTT	Islington	MDX	1820-1920	8931
WOODFORD	Great Creaton	NTH	18c	10684
WOODHAMS	Ashurst	KEN	1550-1820	8931
WOODHAMS	Penshurst	KEN	1550-1820	8931

A wartime relocation and keeping up morale

Juliet Bailey [9985]

This is a brief history of my family's experiences in WW2 and the activities of the company they ran.

The Allardyce Palmer (AP) advertising agency was founded in 1933 by my grandfather (Charles John Bailey) and Harry Ernest Palmer, with funding from Harry's sister, Ellen Allardyce. The firm began in Carmelite Street, on the north of the Thames, close to Blackfriars Bridge. The first employee was Albert Osmond, the brother of Charles's wife Florence. Albert became the office boy after leaving school in 1933, aged 14. Bateman Artists, commercial artists founded by Bill Bateman around 1928, were in the same building and soon Bateman's were supplying artwork for



Charles Bailey

advertisements commissioned by AP clients.

With the outbreak of war my grandfather, with much of the company, relocated to Surrey. Charles, with his wife and two sons, rented Timperley in Westcar Lane, Hersham near Cobham: another AP employee, Johnny Halson lived in the same road. The large house opposite was occupied by Canadian army officers, who occasionally brought over a chicken or other rarity. The boys initially went to Hersham School and later John, my father, attended Surbiton County Grammar. The large garden was used for growing



Harry Palmer

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vegetables, although it has now been sold off and built on.

AP was based about four miles away in Woodside, Icklingham Road, Cobham and Harry Palmer lived a few doors up in 'Gillan'. My grandfather cycled to work every day and, in the evenings, he was an Air Raid Protection warden. The telephone directories show that the Carmelite Street office was retained, despite several bombs landing nearby in the blitz. They

also reveal that the Cobham base hosted two sections: Advertising (telephone Cobham 3100) and Publicity Services (Cobham 3027). In reality, this was overstating the situation as Woodside housed just eight people. Harry Palmer and Charles Bailey in one room, Johnny Halson and Peggy Chew (both accounts) in another, while the largest room, with the switchboard, accommodated L.E. (known as Les) Shelley, the copywriter, and Mr

Timperley in 2010, looking much as it did in 1940



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Donovan plus Margaret Britten, the 14-year-old office junior who later married Albert Osmond and became my great-aunt. Finally, Miss Curren (known as Aggy) was secretary to Harry and Charles and lived upstairs with her mother.

Albert Osmond joined the Royal Fusiliers in 1939, serving in North Africa. He was wounded in the head by shrapnel, spending several months in hospital in Africa and India before convalescence in South Africa. He was invalided out in June 1942 and returned to AP. As there was little work, Harry Palmer gave him timber and nails to make hutches to breed rabbits for meat. Starting with four does and a buck, after two months there were 120 baby rabbits. In due course, the carcasses were taken to Sprink's Butchers in Cobham to be dressed and sold.

Bateman Artists remained at Carmelite Street throughout the war and later Albert Osmond moved there as liaison between Bateman's and AP in Cobham. AP commissioned most of the work done at Bateman's, although the number of newspaper advertisements was much reduced in the war due to shortages of



*Albert Osmond,
the first employee*

paper and ink. However, the other work of this collaboration continued at full speed despite the war.

In 1936 AP had taken on Warner Brothers and 20th Century Fox as clients. From then until the late 1970s, AP provided the posters for outside cinemas and on hoardings, as well as placing newspaper advertisements for the UK releases of all their films. Bateman's developed the artwork, with Tom Chantrell the best known of these poster artists. Cinema going was encouraged during the war to boost morale and so film advertising received an additional allowance of paper and ink: many of the posters from these films would be recognised today.

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Warner Brothers and 20th Century Fox together made over 450 movies between 1940 and 1945, including *Casablanca*, *The Maltese Falcon*, *Jane Eyre* and *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, all illustrated by AP and Bateman's. Harry Folkes, the oldest employee of AP, knew all the film poster sites in London and would check them weekly to make sure the posters were correctly posted, and that the hoardings had not been blown to pieces in an air raid.

In 1944/5 new offices were obtained at 109 Kingsway, much

closer to the Soho area where the film companies were based, and both AP and Bateman left Carmelite Street. The Cobham base was retained until the threat of bombs had receded, but was not listed in the 1945 phone book, suggesting it had been given up by then. Charles and his family moved back to their previous home in north London at this time. In all, six members of my family worked at AP from 1933 to 1978 and this is just an extract of a much longer story.



More information on the history film posters and films in WW2:

<http://www.chantrellposter.com/biography>: History of film posters and the work of artist Tom Chantrell

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists_of_Warner_Bros._films: List of Warner Brothers films from 1918

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_20th_Century_Fox_films_\(1935%E2%80%931999\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_20th_Century_Fox_films_(1935%E2%80%931999)): 20th Century Fox films made between 1935 and 1999.

News from Surrey Heritage

Julian Pooley

I am delighted to report that with more staff now working on site each day we are able to increase our opening hours and even start to offer a full service on Saturdays twice a month. Full details are as follows:

Surrey History Centre revised opening times and service

We are now able to welcome readers back on a pre-booked basis, with a range of health and safety measures in place.

<i>Tuesdays:</i>	<i>9.30 a.m.–12.45 p.m.</i>	<i>1.45 p.m.–5.00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>10.00 a.m.–12.45 p.m.</i>	<i>1.45 p.m.–5.00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>9.30 a.m.–12.45 p.m.</i>	<i>1.45 p.m.–5.00 p.m.</i>
<i>Fridays</i>	<i>9.30 a.m.–12.45 p.m.</i>	<i>1.45 p.m.–5.00 p.m.</i>

<i>2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month</i>	
<i>9.30 a.m.–1 p.m.</i>	<i>1.45 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.</i>

Annual stocktaking

We shall be closed for annual stocktaking from Monday 29 November to Monday 13 December inclusive, and will reopen on Tuesday 14 December at 9.30 a.m. The closure will enable us to undertake large-scale cataloguing and packaging tasks that are normally hard to accomplish.

Christmas and New Year opening hours

Tuesday 21 to Thursday 23 December

9.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and 1.45 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Friday 24 December

9.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

Wednesday 29 to Friday 31 December

9.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and 1.45 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Please keep an eye on our website and social media for all up-to-date reports on changes to our service.

Recent Accessions at Surrey History Centre

6780add6

Richmond Team Ministry: additional marriage registers for the churches of St Mary Magdalene, St Matthias and St John the Divine, 1993-2020

9017add14

Robert Bartlett, retired Chief Superintendent, Surrey Constabulary: additional collected papers and photographs of Surrey Constabulary, including copy photograph, duty roster at Chobham Police Station and Special Constabulary medal of William George Trussell, 20th cent.

9017add15

Robert Bartlett, retired Chief Superintendent, Surrey Constabulary: additional records, comprising record of convicted persons for Holmwood Detachment, Holmwood Sub-Division, Dorking Division, 1895-1901; external hard drive with Surrey police history material, 2021

9993add1

Woking Golf Club: additional records, including Woking Golf Club Estates Limited minute book (AGMs and board of management), 1902-1947; minutes of WGC AGMs, General Committee and other committee meetings, 1913-1970; plan and map relating to sale of the freehold of West Hill and Woking Golf Courses, 1961; candidates book, 1897-1902; copies of letters, 1927-1941; records relating to purchase of freehold of WGC golf course, 1972-1994; annual reports and accounts, 1966-1967; lists of members, 1967-1989, 1991 [not complete]; history of the Dawn Patrol, 2002; and records relating to WGC centenary celebrations, 1993, including photographs

10271

Horley, St Bartholomew: parish magazines, 1916-2004

10272

Building estate at Between Streets, Cobham: abstract of title, including title to the Crawter family estates in Cobham from 1830

Recent Accessions at Surrey History Centre

10273

Henry Smith's Charity for the parish of Thorpe: minute book, 1896-1930; Messrs William and Edward Bray: cash account with the Duke of Norfolk for the purchase of estates in Newdigate, 1800; Apostolic Church, Albury: watercolour painting by Thomas Walker Guillod, nd [mid 19th cent] 1800-1930

10274

Photographs of Waverley Abbey and grounds, c.1979; copy of court roll, Bishops Sutton manor, relating to Barford Mill, Churt, 1785; copy of court roll, manor of Staines, relating to land at Knowle Green, 1812; CDs of oral history project on Ockford Ridge and Aaron's Hill, Godalming, 2006-2007; letters from the Bishop of Winchester re curacy at Woking, 1839, and order of claret for Farnham Castle, 1787 1785-2007

10275

A & E Longhurst, funeral directors of Ewell: funeral and memorial ledgers, 1935-1991

10276

Estates in Ewell, including at West Street, Banstead Road, Chessington Road, Ruxley Lane and Epsom Road: collected deeds, 1866-1988

10280

St Mary, Camberley: additional parish records, including service register, 2013-2020; minutes of St Mary's Panel, District Church Council and Parochial Church Council, 1926-2020; newsletters, 1996-2006

10281

St Christopher, Haslemere: marriage banns register, 1936-1963, and service registers, 1903-1994

Recent Accessions at Surrey History Centre

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Inventory of the property of Mr Bond, blacksmith of Bletchingley, valued to Mr Wren, 1813; writing and mathematics exercise books of Charles Thomas Wren and John Wren, 1850s; Monotype Works, Salfords, publications, papers and photographs, 20th century

10283

Nellie (Ellen) Moseley of Guildford: letters, chiefly from a Canadian soldier, and family members, c.1917-1919; photographs, early 20th century; Crofts family letters, c.1920s-1950s

10285

James Leonard Guyett, car proprietor of Horsell: documents and photographs relating to his family and taxi business, 1904-[1982]; Windlesham United Football Club: match programmes, 1905-1911; Windlesham Girls' Friendly Society: jubilee publication, [1928]

10286

Elmbridge Natural History Society: records, including minutes, programme cards, membership lists and publications, 1951-2020

10288

Sir Jocelyn Bray (1880-1964) of Shere: typescript reminiscences sent to the editor of the 'Surrey Advertiser', and related newspaper cuttings, 1956-1964

10289

St John the Evangelist, North Holmwood: additional parish records, including baptism register, 1976-2008; confirmation register, 1948-1989; banns of marriage register, 1984-2003; faculties, 1926-2020; and other papers relating to church buildings, 1874-1990

Recent Accessions at Surrey History Centre

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South Croydon Benefice: additional records, including marriage registers, 1988-2020; service register, 2013-2020; annual accounts, 1969-1998; APCM minutes, 1983-2005; and PCC minutes, 1968-1977

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Printed case papers for appeal cases heard in the House of Lords, relating to the Vernon family, the Evelyn family, estates of Sir John Leigh in Addington, Thorpe and elsewhere, and estates of James Fox in Cobham, East Horsley and Ockham, 1731-1791

ESR/25add87

L/Cpl Don Morum, no. 22850432, East Surrey Regiment: photographs of army life in Egypt while on National Service, c. 1953

ESR/25add88

Pte Oswald D Spackman, East Surrey Regiment: letters to family in Wimbledon, written while a prisoner of war during World War II, 1940-1944

ESR/25add89

31st Regiment (predecessor of East Surrey Regiment): scrapbook of photographs, drawing and maps relating to China, 1860-1862

QRWS/30ad102

Lance Corporal Douglas Mitchell, 1/5th Battalion, Queen's Royal (West Surrey) Regiment: papers, 1941-2002

QRWS/30ad103

Private Stanley Botly (1899-1988), 2/4th Queen's Royal (West Surrey) Regiment: certificate of honourable discharge from military service, 1919



Online Activities and Events

at the Surrey History Centre

The podcasts on our You Tube channel, accessed via our Exploring Surrey's Past website, are proving increasingly popular, with a 99.3% increase in views in September and a 78% increase in 'watch time'. The item on "1922 Christmas Shopping, Godalming" often features high in the rankings but in September it was viewed 4,399 times! New items are being added all the time, the most recent (at the time of writing) being Dr. Catherine Babikian's short presentation about Black nurses in Surrey hospitals. To see the full list of podcasts, visit Surrey Heritage Video and Podcast Gallery (exploringsurreyspast.org.uk)

We are now planning a busy programme of online talks for the winter and spring, so please see the Heritage Events page on our website for full details and to book a place. All talks start at 17.30pm UK time and run to 18.45. Tickets £5. After payment has been received you will be emailed a unique link and password to attend the talk on Zoom.

Forthcoming talks in November and December 2021 include:

24 November

Professor Karen Harvey

The Imposteress Rabbit Breeder: Mary Toft

In October 1726, newspapers reported that in the town of Godalming, Surrey, a woman called Mary Toft had started to give birth to rabbits. Several leading doctors, some sent directly by King George I, travelled to examine the woman. By December, Toft had been accused of fraud and taken into custody. This talk considers the motivations of the medics who

examined her, but drawing on new archival research it shifts attention to the public political and personal contexts of the case. First, it discusses the role of the women in Mary Toft's community. It then examines the reasons the case attracted the attention of the King and his government by situating the case in the context of local, regional and national politics.

Online Activities and Events

8 December

Will you, won't you, will you, won't you, won't you join our Zoom?

Reflections on the Lewis Carroll archives, on the 150th anniversary of 'Alice through the Looking Glass'

The 'Alice' books of Lewis Carroll, now more than 150 years old, remain a powerfully influential source of cultural reference, worldwide, with 'Alice in Wonderland' the most translated book written in England (175 languages).

Their author, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, visited the family home in Guildford frequently over the last 30 years of his life, and died there in 1898. It is now 75 years since the earliest accession to our Lewis Carroll archive; with the addition of the Dodgson Family Archive in 1965, and many further

donations, our holdings have grown to be one of the most important collections for the study of the man, his world and legacy.

Our talk will describe the Surrey background to the Dodgsons' story and the origins of our collections. Joining us to celebrate this anniversary and discuss the Lewis Carroll legacy from the family's perspective will be Caroline Luke, the great-great niece of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, Family Trustee and author.

All talks are £5 each. Please book a place online via our website www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents. Once your registration has been received you will be emailed a unique link and password to attend the talk on Zoom.

Finally, if your ancestors lived or worked in Surrey in the 18th or 19th centuries, you may also be interested in my talk about Surrey in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for the Society of Genealogists. This will be a live talk on **Thursday 9 December, 2.00 to 3.00 p.m.**

To book a place, see the Events Page on the SoG website: The Gentleman's Magazine: A Panorama of Georgian Britain for Family and Local Historians (societyofgenealogists.arlo.co/w).

Online Activities and Events

Free Foyer Display: Lost Letters 14 December 2021 to mid-January 2022

'Lost Letters' is a community heritage project that has been engaging people across Surrey with their local history and with the magic of letters. It highlights the universality of our experiences by bringing to life the lives and experiences of our predecessors and asking for a response, by letter, from current residents.

This project is run by the Hinchley Wood charity, *'It's Not Your Birthday, But . . .'* and funded by the National Lottery Community Fund. It started in late 2019 and has continued throughout

Lockdown. With the help of volunteers and staff at SHC they have curated a selection of diverse letters with the universal themes of humanity as a connecting theme. Most people can relate to the key experiences and phases of life (childhood, school, love, parenting, friends, work, home, holidays, loss, celebrations) and this project shares them through the medium of letters, bringing to life some personal stories of the people of Surrey and illustrating its importance, value and relevance for people living in Surrey today.



Research Centre success!

Rita Russell

We have solved one particularly difficult query, to the delight of John Williams, a new member in the USA, and ourselves. It was quite unusual as he had only first names to work with. He is happy that we share it with you . . .

John has a family history story that he had two cousins, one male and one married female whose husband's name is unknown, living in Molesey in 1935. Their first names were Arthur and Polly. A Gertrude might also have been resident. They had a telephone and he believes they were US citizens. That was the extent of his knowledge.

John also knew that they had neighbours with the surname Bright. So the first place we looked was the 1939 register. Although it had been compiled four years after the date that John had, we hoped the families hadn't moved in that time. We found just one family of Brights in Molesey, living at Hillersdon, Church Road, East Molesey. William Henry Norman Bright was a doctor living with his wife, Abigail, and son, Norman.

Living next door was Arthur Maquarie, born 1874 and claiming to be an architect. With him was his wife Mary, born in 1865, and two servants. But there was no sign of a Gertrude – a red herring, maybe.

We have a lot more information on both Arthur and Mary which we shared with John but, to cut a long story short, it turned out that Mary was an American citizen, having been born Mary Campbell Lintner in Albany, NY, the daughter of Professor Lintner, the State Entomologist. Possibly 'Polly' was in fact, Mary!

The link with John turned out to be her maiden name – Lintner – she was the sister of Laura Lintner who married John RM Dillon, a cousin in John's family tree.

John thanked us for our assistance – scoring 100% success.



Tech Topic

Brian Hudson

Windows 11 was launched in October this year and, by the time you read this, you may have been invited to upgrade for free.

A useful Windows 11 guide can be found at www.which.co.uk/news/2021/10/windows-11-everything-you-need-to-know/ or type bit.ly/3vavwzy into your browser.

Before getting too excited it is worth checking if your PC is compatible with the upgrade. A

link to their free online Windows 11 checking tool is shown in the second paragraph of the guide.

If your PC is compatible, there is no rush to upgrade as it may be advisable to wait a while for early adopters to find any bugs. If the PC isn't compatible then don't worry, Microsoft will be supporting Windows 10 until 2025 and I don't see any compelling 'must have' features in 11.



The 1921 National Census

A press release from FindMyPast indicates that the 1921 census will be available, exclusively from FMP, from 6 January next year. The release goes on as follows:

The census will cost £2.50 for every record transcript and £3.50 for every original record image.

This will cover the cost of digitising and transcribing the 18,235,242 images created from the records supplied exclusively to us by *The National Archives*. It means these precious records are accessible, commitment-free, for everyone.

For all 12-month Pro subscribers, there will be a 10% discount on any 1921 Census purchases.

DNA matches – 2nd cousins and beyond!

Anne Ramon [4730]

When your DNA test results arrive you excitedly log on to see who your relatives are. Hmm! You should see some names and you get a long list. Some are 'normal looking' names, some look like aliases, some surnames you recognise, many you don't. They may each have a centimorgan value and a suggested relationship like '2nd to 4th cousin.' What does all that mean? How do I start to analyse all this information?

There's a lot to learn, and re-learn, about family history when looking at DNA Matches. You'll recognise a lot of the terminology but the words may have different implications and values may seem to be turned upside down.

Best take a deep breath and then start back at the beginning with a structure we all know and love – the Family Tree.

On the following page I've shown a Tree for a pretend genetic family. They all descend from a 3xgt-grandparent called Wilberforce. 'I' (or 'You') am called SELF and am three rows up and second column in. The relationship codes shown in the chart all refer to SELF and mean:

- ◆ 1C/2C/3C/4C for First Cousin/ Second Cousin/Third Cousin/ Fourth Cousin;
- ◆ 1R/2R/3R for number of generations Up or Down in the Tree, relative to SELF;
- ◆ GF means Grandfather; 2G means Great-Great; 3G means Great-great-great
- ◆ I've put 'Mother' but equally you could have 'Father'.

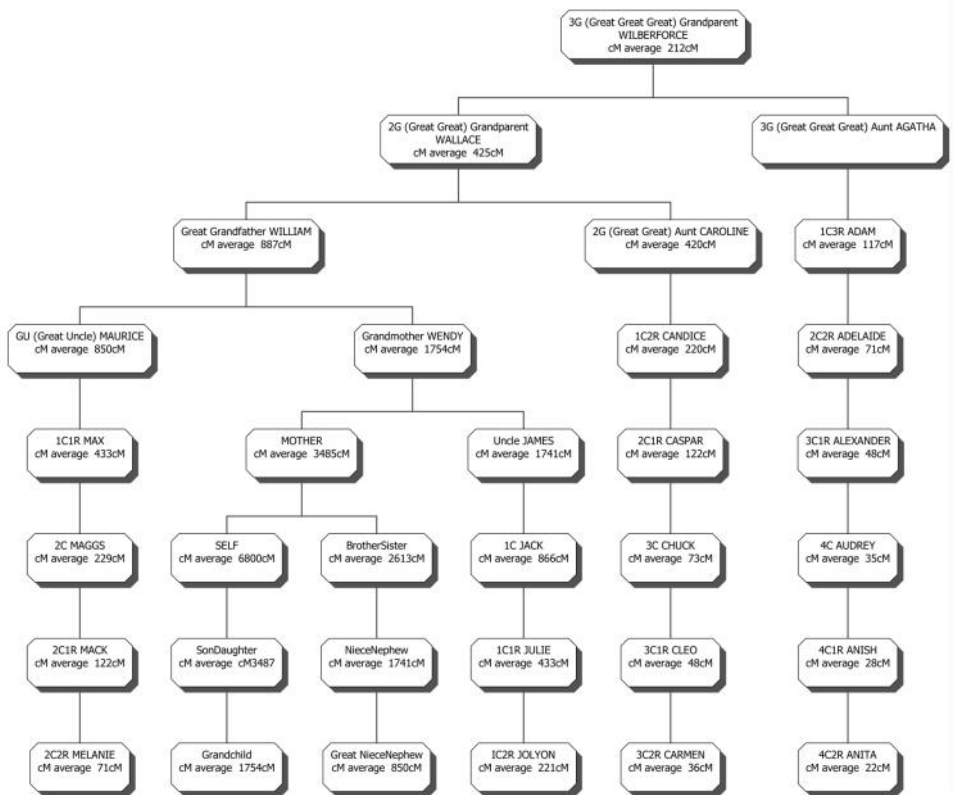
(Please note I have not included Half relationships here. That's for another time!)

I suggest you grab your family tree and DNA Match results and check how your Matches might fit in, where there are intriguing gaps or people you might know.

cM stands for centimorgan. This is a measure of the degree of relatedness between two people. In the diagram the cM value shown is the value between SELF and that person, so Uncle James shares approximately 1741 cM with SELF; a Third cousin once removed like Alexander shares on average 48cM with SELF.

When you look at your long list of matches it is best to concentrate on those with the largest number of centimorgans. Over 800 cM is

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immediate family. Depending on your age you may not find many generations above you in the Match results (DNA Matching has only been around for about 20 years) and below you the people may be too young to be involved in testing.

Your list of matches will go on and on with smaller and smaller numbers of centimorgans as the

relationships become more distant. Do remember that you may not share enough DNA with a genetic cousin for them to appear as a match. This is due to Chance. Up to 10% of third cousins will not share enough DNA to show up as a match. Up to 50% of fourth cousins will not share enough DNA to show up as a match. You may get lucky, of course, if a close relative tests,

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or you upload your test results into a different DNA database, and I will look at these options in a future article.

My diagram is built using information in The Shared cM Project, v 4.0 (March 2020) which was created by Blaine Bettinger, and which is referenced in Jonny Perl's DNA Painter software. I have also checked the cM values with ISOGG (the International Society of Genetic Genealogy) at <https://isogg.org/>.

You can find Blaine Bettinger's chart at <https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2020/0>

[3/27/version-4-0-march-2020-update-to-the-shared-cm-project/](https://www.familyhistory.org.uk/3/27/version-4-0-march-2020-update-to-the-shared-cm-project/).

I am pleased to acknowledge that Blaine's chart has a Creative Commons registration and CC 4.0 Attribution License.

Anything written/broadcast by Blaine Bettinger is worth reading. Also Jonny Perl. And don't forget the DNA and Family History pages at the East Surrey FHS website. I will place a copy of the cM Family tree there which you can enlarge and read more easily. You can find this at www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk.



Other excellent sources of help are:

https://isogg.org/wiki/Cousin_statistics

https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_statistics

News from the Southwark Group

After our successful visit to Morden Hall Park in the summer, members of the Southwark group met with Len Reilly, archivist at the Minet Library, for a guided walk along Borough High Street.

Len began his talk standing by the plaque marking the southern end of the original London Bridge, explaining the control exercised by the City of London over the area known as Bridgefoot. We then

Here we heard about the galleried Inns of Borough High Street and their importance to travellers before and after the arrival of the railways. We noted various plaques and landmarks and visited the churchyard of St George the Martyr, and then came back up the west side of the High Street with a detour to look at Red Cross Garden, Cross Bones Garden and the Hop Exchange.

We ended our walk by Southwark Cathedral. It was a fact-packed event!



moved further south, past St Olave House built on the site of St Olave's Church, to the George Inn.



Len will be leading another walk for the group in the spring, this time in Bermondsey, and we plan to visit the Imperial War Museum in February as the London Borough of Southwark is still restricting the number of users in its meeting rooms.

Gillian Ann Alford: 13 Dec 1948 – 18 Sep 2021

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Jill Alford. Jill had been a member of East Surrey for many years and in more recent times was Sutton Group Talks' Secretary.

While Jill was renowned for her research abilities, she could be distracted if she came across a bit of gossip or something in French, one of the languages in which she was fluent, stating that she needed the practice.

Genealogy was not her only interest as she was one of the most knowledgeable on astronomy that we know of. She related, on one occasion, how she went to Nairn in Scotland in the hope of seeing the Northern Lights.

Jill also had a long-standing interest in singing and was a member of the Nightingale Choir, where she sang as an 'alto', wherever that is on the grand scale of things! Apart from singing this also gave Jill the opportunity to use her other talent as a seamstress, running up things for various events. As she had made dresses for her daughter for many special occasions over the years, such

things as outfits for various party pieces seemed to be a doddle.

We are sure that few of our members would be aware of Jill's strong interest in local issues and that for many years she was the secretary to the Stoneleigh Residents' Association. Although she never gave any indication that she wished to 'climb the greasy pole' she did become President of that Association in 1998.

Jill spent all her years in the local area, from school to marriage and motherhood. She leaves a husband, a daughter, and a son. Jill will be much missed by all who knew her.



Two new tube stations in East Surrey

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The Northern Line Extension and its two new stations, Nine Elms and Battersea Power Station, opened on 20 September 2021. This is the first major expansion of the Tube since the Jubilee line was extended in the late 1990s.

Battersea has seen a remarkable amount of redevelopment in the last few years, with a forest of tower blocks and attendant piazzas popping up. Battersea Power station, once a prominent and iconic shape, has disappeared within a wall of housing and office blocks. Many of the old roads and businesses have been swept away.

The new stations have now appeared on the latest version of the TfL tube maps – but where are they? What roads are they on and near which houses? Did our ancestors live or work nearby and can we visit to walk in their footsteps?

I plan to travel to the new stations in the near future – Northern Line to Kennington and then on to the extension, with Nine Elms station first and then Battersea Power station at the end of the line, but I thought I'd do

some 'desk research' first. I reached for my Alan Godfrey maps immediately, of course, and luckily I had the right one (and all three date versions). This is London Sheet 88, called 'Pimlico, Sloane Square & Nine Elms', and the dates are 1869, 1894 and 1913. The new stations are in the bottom right corner of the maps, about 850m apart as the crow flies. (See Alan Godfrey Maps, www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk)

Battersea Power Station is on Kirtling Street, Nine Elms, SW11 8BN and is located on the 1894 map at Eastings 335 Northings 510 (the figures are in millimetres and are respectively the distances east (to the right) from the bottom left corner of the map and then north from the bottom of the map (upwards)).

Nine Elms station is at 12 Hebden Place, Nine Elms, London, SW8 2FT and is located on the 1869 map at 500023.

The tube tunnel passes under a complex historical landscape of railway lines and infrastructure that were already present in 1869, and beneath the London Gas Works. Battersea Power station

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was built in two halves, the A Station was finished in 1935 and the second, Station B, only started in the early 1950s, so it is not represented on the Alan Godfrey maps. Instead, this area contained a series of reservoirs and filter beds, part of the Southwark & Vauxhall Water Works. Kirtling Street appears first on the 1894 map as a spur off Nine Elms Lane to what look like industrial buildings and wharves on the riverside.

Looking at the new Nine Elms station on Google Maps (www.google.co.uk) reveals a business and shopping complex, and Hebden Place looks a very modern thoroughfare. It runs alongside Pascal Street, a spur road branching off Wandsworth Road, just opposite Wilcox Road. Checking the Godfrey maps, these road names existed in 1913 and 1894 but in 1869 Pascal Street was called Hamilton Street and Wilcox Road was called Spring Place.

Regular users of Alan Godfrey maps will know that they often carry a short history of the area and an extract from a Post Office or Trade Directory; and we are in luck, as a short section of Nine

Elms Lane, to the north of Kirtling Lane, is included on the 1913 and 1869 maps (my versions, anyway). The business people living here at those dates included:

1869

Robbins & Miller, lighterman coal mers
Francis Brothers & Pott, cement makers
Pearson John, sawing & planing mills
Atkins James & Sons, lime wharf
Brayne John, brown stone potter
Hooker, Henry, smith & farrier
Government Emigration Depot, Samuel Sewell, manager

1913

Wood, Mrs Hannah, coffee rooms
Holland & Hannen and Cubitts Ltd, builders
Dunnett John & Co. hay and straw salesmen
Wade J.L. & Co. Ltd. manufacturing chemists
Batavia, Samuel, hairdresser
Pub, the *Royal Rifleman*, Mrs Lucretia Mary Ann Adams

Pascal/Hamilton Street is lined with houses at all three dates so there are more names and details to be found in the directories when I can get to the Archives.

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I wondered about the actual route the tube line took and whose houses it might be running beneath so I thought I'd check out the maps on the National Library of Scotland maps website. This has a wonderful *Side By Side view* feature where you can compare maps of the same place for two different eras. The maps have been 'georeferenced' so the same area appears at the same scale in both images and you can move the images with your cursor simultaneously. See <https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/side-by-side>.

I compared the OS map of London 1:1,056 for 1893-1895 (I selected this from the dropdown list) with the modern-day Open Street Map from the BING/ESRI/OSM/LIDAR sub menu. I was delighted to see that the Open

Street Map showed the route of the new tube line and the underground presence of the tube stations. As I moved my cursor along the route of the tube line I could see which roads and buildings had been undermined on the geo-referenced late 19th century map. As you move your cursor the actual geographical location of your pointer is tracked and appears in a box at the bottom right of the screen.

The National Grid Reference for Battersea Power station on Kirtling Street is TQ 29203 77405; that for Nine Elms station on Pascal Street is TQ 29976 77346.

You can use these resources and techniques to discover a great deal about other parts of the country, at different time periods, all from the comfort of your own home!



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