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**NEXT ISSUE** - The next issue of *Root and Branch* is planned for the beginning of June 2026. Deadline for receipt of material for that issue is 31st March 2026. Articles for *Root and Branch* should be sent to [editorial@wsfhs.org](mailto:editorial@wsfhs.org)



# WSFHS PUBLICATIONS

by Alison Durkin

## Featured Publication:

### CD13 – The Elmbridge Collection

Content includes:

- Parish Registers from nine parishes - Cobham, Esher, East & West Molesey, Long Ditton, Stoke D'Abernon, Thames Ditton, Walton on Thames and Weybridge. (Marriages to 1837; Baptisms to 1840 & Burials to 1860s - some indicating burial in places outside the area)
- 1851 Census Indexes for eight of the nine parishes by Surname and Family Groups (Long Ditton is not included as it has been indexed by East Surrey FHS).
- 1861 Census Indexes for The Elmbridge area - including Long Ditton.
- Abstracts from old Wills (earliest dated 1484 though to C19th ) which make specific mention of people from the nine parishes (see above) plus Hersham, Claygate and Oxshott.
- Weybridge Service Roll (Feb 1915) and Rifle Club Roll of 1915.
- Lists of names collected from World War Memorials in the Elmbridge Area.
- Death Notices & Obituaries for 2003 extracted from The Surrey Herald.
- A Profile of Elmbridge extracted from Blacks Guide to Surrey of 1926.
- Reproduction of a Chapter on The Elmbridge Hundred from Vol II of 'The History of Surrey' (c.1890) by Brayley and Walford.
- Elmbridge Apprenticeships 1711-1731 extracted from SRS Volume 10.
- A Collection of a few dozen mainly early 1900s Post Cards, with addresses and messages where present.
- Reproduction of a Kelly's 1934 Directory of Esher and District.
- Some present day photographs.
- Ten Prints and Watercolours of Oatlands.
- A Profile of Elmbridge extracted from the Official Guide to the Borough.

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# Editorial

by **Richard Weatherhead**



Welcome to the Spring issue of Root and Branch.. By now the weather should be hopefully improving after one of the wettest and most gloomy Januarys that I can remember. However I made good use of the time as I treated myself to an upgrade of Roots Magic, a software programme which I have been using for over fifteen years to record and organise my family history research. Now in its eleventh reincarnation, it has improved integration with most of the major family history databases including Family Search, Ancestry and FindMyPast, though for the latter two a subscription to their services is required in addition. My family tree has now so many entries and branches that I tend to lose track of them all, and I have spent the last quarter trying to follow a few of the hints and new leads that the programme has provided. I still have a long way to go however!

I should like to thank again those of you who attended the Woking meeting in February for helping us with a new project aimed at producing an index for Root and Branch. Tony Kelly and I have been exploring the possibility of using Artificial Intelligence to abstract all the names and surnames and the respective page numbers from the four issues of Volume 51. At the meeting, members were asked to check how successful this exercise had been. We are now investigating how to turn these four lists into an annual index.

Now for a few reminders:

\*We now have new subscription rates [see centrefold]. If you pay by Standing Order, you will need to fill in a new mandate particularly if you wish to continue to receive a paper copy of Root and Branch.

\*\*Please continue to resubmit your members' interests for publication in Root and Branch and subsequently on the website as we shall shortly be archiving the old list.

\*\*\*Make a note in your diary of this year's **AGM** at Walton/Hersham on 24th October and of the **Surrey Family History Fair** on the 7th November.

In this current issue and to complete the outstanding business of the last AGM, the Treasurer's Accounts and Comments for the year 2024/5 are included. Please feel free to contact her if you have any queries. Cliff Webb's collection of PCC wills for Dorking to 1700 are also continued.

From the north of the county, Susie Pearce brings us an account of the history of the Hersham War Memorial which is situated inside St Peter's Church; from the far south Jenny Mukerji continues her series of Tales from Green Lane Cemetery in Farnham; and Tony Kelly continues to test our knowledge of our county's history.

The success of this magazine is largely dependent on you the members writing a wide range of interesting articles for it. I look forward to receiving them!! ■

# Letter from the Trustees

This issue of Root and Branch is the last paper copy you will receive unless you pay the new annual subscription rate which comes into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026. **The new subscription rates for paper copies are £18 for Ordinary and Family membership, £17 for UK Senior membership and £21 for Overseas membership or if you only require an electronic copy of the magazine £13 for Ordinary, Family and Overseas membership and £12 for UK Senior Membership.** So if you pay by Standing Order please ensure that you have updated it to the revised amount. If you do not update your Standing Order you will receive an electronic copy of the magazine so please make sure we have your current email address.

We look back at last year with gratitude at being able to continue to return to more normal activities and therefore enjoy the social interactions of meetings and our Fair. Everyone involved in running the Society has worked very hard to keep things going but more volunteers are always needed to assist with small or larger tasks. Our annual Fair held at Woking Leisure Centre in November was yet again a good event for all those who attended. We were very pleased to welcome the current Mayor of Woking who was very interested in talking at length with stallholders and volunteers. This was her second visit as she attended the previous Fair as the deputy Mayor and expressed her wish to return next year as a visitor.

The format of our Fair is evolving and this year we have decided to have a number of talks on a variety of subjects during the day which we hope will add even more interest for those attending. Please make a note in your diary now for the Fair on 7<sup>th</sup> November if you are able to come along as a visitor, a volunteer or perhaps both!

This year we are looking to start some basic and refresher classes at the Camberley Centre meetings because over the last 20 years things have changed so much with family history research. These meetings will provide an opportunity to catch up with current methods and techniques and bring along friends who have shown an interest and would like to know how to get started with their own research. These meetings at Camberley will be held on Saturday afternoons and everyone is welcome whether members or not.

We are interested in your input and so if any of you have ideas for talks or visits arranged by our Centres at Camberley, Walton on Thames and Woking please contact one of the Centre Co-ordinators. They would love to hear from you. The Zoom Co-ordinator would also appreciate some suggestions for talks and/or speakers and the technology allows the latter to live a long way from Surrey.

Please also note that we have set Saturday 24th October for our AGM which will be hosted by our Walton branch this year. Full details will be in June's edition.

**The Trustees**



# How well do you know Surrey?

by Tony Kelly



## Questions for March

- 1) When was the first great fire of London?
- 2) Born in Exeter in 1866, by what name was Fredrick Westcott better known? He owned the "Fun Factory" in Camberwell.

## Answers to December questions

- Q) Which Cantuar came from Woking?  
Hint Guildford had one in 1611.
- A) Dame Sarah Elisabeth Mullally was nominated as 106th archbishop of Canterbury in October 2025 and took office in January 2026  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarah\\_Mullally](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarah_Mullally)  
(George Abbot, born in Guildford was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1611 to 1633 see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\\_Abbot\\_\(bishop\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Abbot_(bishop)))
- Q) In 1928 who or what was Eric ? It came from Shere by the way !
- A) Eric was. a “robot” built in Shere by Capt. W. H. Richards & Mr. A. H. Reffell in 1928  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cz087r98njro>  
<https://cyberneticzoo.com/robots/1928-eric-robot-capt-richards-english/>  
<http://www.computer-timeline.com/timeline/william-richards-and-alan-reffell/>  
<https://www.britishpathe.com/asset/165254/>  
<https://www.britishpathe.com/asset/106507/>  
(all the links were live on 12 January 2026)



# Diary of Events around the UK

by Jane Thomas

Most societies do not seem to put things on their websites until they recover from the celebrations, or even post them on the Geneva site. So, a small selection.



**5-7 March:** ROOTSTECH 2026, in person in Salt Lake City or Online Free Worldwide: 200+ new online sessions in over 26 languages, Free Registration

Early Bird Bookings for Salt Lake City closed on 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 but there is no closing date for online bookings.

Simple details <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/registration/>

**14 March:** The Family History Show - Midlands, 10:00-16:00, at the Severn Hall, Three Counties Showground Malvern, Worcestershire WR13 6NW

<https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/midlands/>

**11 April:** London Midland Family History Group meeting. LDS Hyde Park Family Search Centre, 64-68 Princes Gate, Exhibition Road, South Kensington. Doors open from 10:00 for an 11:00 start. For those attending, the research facility will remain open for research after the meeting. This meeting will be Andrew Lound talking about Titanic – The Midlands' Connection. (see also letter on page 155)

<https://midland-ancestors.uk/events/category/public/page/2/>

**18 April:** East Anglia FHF Really Useful Family History Show, 10:00am to 4:00pm at Burgess Hall, Westwood Rd, St Ives, St. Ives PE27 6WU Free entry and Parking. The only link I could find was on Facebook few details as yet anywhere.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rufhsstives2026>

**18 April:** Nottinghamshire FHS, Local & Family History Day, 10:30am – 3:30pm at Central Library, 1 Carrington Street, Nottingham, NG1 7FH

<https://nottsfs.org/local-family-history-day-2026/>

**24-26 April:** Guild of One-Name Studies, 'Navigating the Future' at the Marriott Hotel Portsmouth. Bookings closed on 31<sup>st</sup> January but it might be worth checking if there are any spare day tickets. Hotel accommodation is booked separately.

<https://one-name.org/guild-conference/>

**9 May:** Suffolk Family History Fair, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, at The Hold, 131 Fore Street, Ipswich. IP4 1LN No more details as yet

<https://suffolkfhs.co.uk/index.php/pages/view/society-fair>



**9 May:** The Family History Show Liverpool 2025 at Aintree Racecourse, Liverpool

<https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/liverpool/>

**17 May:** London Midland Family History Group Outing to The National Museum of Computing, Block H, Bletchley Park, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 6EB. The National Museum of Computing is an independent charity. It houses the world's largest collection of functional historic computers and World War II machines. No more details as yet. This is a paid event.

<https://midland-ancestors.uk/events/category/public/page/2/>

**18 May:** Sussex FHG Conference & AGM, 9.30 am at The Community Centre, Foster Lane, Ashington, RH20 3PG. Open to all – last year they had 3 speakers on very varied subjects

<https://sfhg.uk/events/annual-conference-agm>

TNA have virtual talks still. You have to use Eventbrite but the tickets are pay what you can. The address below also gives access to previous talks.

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/visit-us/whats-on/events/>

GOONS still have 3 weekly events: Friday Virtual Pub Crawl (UK 7 pm usually)

THE HELPFUL PUB - every Wednesday, London-UK midnight, and now Study Buddies for Genealogy every Thursday at UK 7.00 pm

<https://one-name.org/events/>

**WSFHS** are holding a Zoom meeting every month. Other FHS might have some, so look at any areas you are interested in.

**Society of Genealogists** have many events including walks and visits. There are some virtual events.

<https://portal.sog.org.uk/event/list>.

There may be more details of other Open Days and special subject meetings see <http://www.geneva.weald.org.uk/doku.php?id=list> a

[www.familyhistoryfederation.com](http://www.familyhistoryfederation.com) ■

## Did you know?

Camberley is a 'New Town'. It was created following the building of the Staff College (part of the Royal Military Academy) in 1862 and of the nearby Cambridge Hotel to accommodate its visitors. It was known as Cambridge Town, but was renamed Camberley in 1877 by the General Post Office to avoid confusion with Cambridge in Cambridgeshire.

Camberley is a combination of 'Cam' (a local stream) + amber (Amber Hill, a nearby feature) + ley (Old English lee (shelter) or lea (pasture of meadow)). ■

# News from Surrey Heritage

By Julian Pooley, Surrey History Centre

News from Surrey Heritage January 2026



It's all change at Surrey History Centre, because we have started the year by bidding farewell to Jane Lewis, who has retired after nearly thirty years' service. Jane joined us as an Archive Assistant in October 1996, when we were still a small county record office based in County Hall in Kingston and Guildford Muniment Room. Initially her duties were simply to answer the public enquiries that arrived in the post each day (few, if any emails in those days!) and help visitors in our search room. Our move to Surrey History Centre in 1998 gave us all the opportunity to transform our enquiries service into a public engagement programme that included more talks, exhibitions, workshops and other activities. Jane was at the very heart of all of this, welcoming thousands of visitors each year to our search room in Woking, replying to thousands more enquiries from family historians around Surrey, the UK and beyond and playing a crucial part in our many foyer exhibitions on sources for family history. But she did so much more. Jane describes herself as a 'Greedy' family historian, always wanting to know more about her ancestors – not just their names, but what they did, how they lived and what they experienced. She transformed her hobby into a professional qualification in genealogy from Strathclyde University and developed a comprehensive programme of talks, workshops and blog posts that have inspired and encouraged countless family historians across the world. Many members of this Society will have heard her speak, or met her (often in period costume) at family history fairs and other events over the years. In my farewell speech at her retirement party on 22 January I estimated that, since coming to Woking in 1998 Jane has probably answered more than 8,000 written enquiries, given about 580 talks and written 240 'Seeking Surrey Ancestors' blog posts. Her retirement leaves a huge gap in our team, and an even bigger gap in our staff room, which we reckon she supplied with over 300 cakes over the past 28 years.

In recent years Jane has led the way in developing our 'Tea and Talk' events, giving her many talks about family or social history in an informal setting with tea and cakes, followed by questions and discussion and a visit to the search room to see original documents on the subject of the talk. I'm delighted to say that even in her retirement, Jane has offered to continue to offer this service for us, so please keep an eye on our website and our monthly newsletter for news of these popular events.

Family historians everywhere will continue to benefit from the wonderful indexes on our website which Jane and her faithful team of volunteers have created over the years, especially for our series of poor law records. I'm pleased to report that additional indexes of Surrey Poor Law Union Children's Committee minute books have just gone online on our website under the Poor Law section in 'Archives and History Research Guides. ►

These comprise Boarding Out Committee indexes for Farnham, Godstone and Richmond Unions, and an Adoption Committee index for Farnham, in addition to those for Guildford, Kingston and Reigate committees.

Before the Adoption of Children Act 1926, there was no formal legal adoption in England and Wales but the care of children in need of support came under the jurisdiction of the Board of Guardians for the respective Poor Law Unions. In some cases, children could in practice be 'adopted' by the Board of Guardians to receive long-term support and fostering. The Boarding Out Committee (later the Children's Committee) and Adoption Committee were responsible for the fostering and placing in care children within their jurisdiction. The minutes document the type of care given which varied from placing children with foster parents to institutional care (including training ships and industrial schools) and placing teenagers in employment (often including the names and addresses of their employers) as well as providing clothing and even travelling expenses. However, not all children in the care of the committees are mentioned in the minutes.

Indexes to Epsom Poor Law Union minute books, 1836-1930, are also now online on the same page of our website. These join indexes to Hambledon, Farnham, Guildford, Dorking and Chertsey Union minute books. The minute books recorded each meeting of the Board of Guardians, and reported, amongst other things, individual cases that came before the Board. Whilst these did not include all those in the workhouse or who were applying for poor relief, they did report on matters concerning inmates where special attention was required. This might include records of children being sent to specialist schools, those sent to Lunatic Asylums, chasing the putative fathers of illegitimate children, and a range of other special cases.

Another new addition to our website are the indexes to patients from Surrey's first county asylum, Springfield Hospital in Wandsworth. They include the male case books, 1849-1889, and female case books, 1882-1887, and will be found under 'Indexes to Surrey Mental Hospital Records' on the 'Archives and History Research Guides' pages.

In other news from Surrey Heritage, our colleagues in Surrey County Archaeological Unit started the Fetcham Springs community archaeology project with fieldwork in early September. Over 10 days, 118 volunteers worked 1,410 hours digging test pits to reveal the extent of the Roman and prehistoric archaeology. The social media updates received 18,000 views on Facebook

## **Recent Accessions**

Highlights of our recent new accessions are listed below. Items marked in bold have been purchased for us by **Surrey History Trust**, and I would like to express my thanks to members of the Trust for their invaluable support. The Trust acts as our 'Friends' organisation, raising funds through membership subscriptions and events that we can draw upon to support our work. As we no longer have a budget for purchasing historic documents when they come up for sale, we rely very much on the Trust when we seek to rescue, preserve and make accessible Surrey materials that appear at auction, on eBay ►

or in a bookseller's catalogue. If you are not already a member of Surrey History Trust, please look at their page on our website Surrey History Trust - Surrey County Council ([surreycc.gov.uk](http://surreycc.gov.uk)) to see the full range of support they are able to provide and to follow a link to their membership page. It costs £15.00 a year to belong, and every membership fee goes to support our work.

### **6006add1**

Bury Hill Estate of the Barclay family: additional records comprising estate maps, 1727-1861, and estate management volumes and files, 1727-1940

### **6674/67**

Churt, St John the Evangelist: Church Recording Society, Farnham Group, record of church furnishings, 2025

### **6674/68**

St Martin of Tours: Epsom & Ewell Church Recording Group, record of church furnishings, 2025

### **9022add2**

Leith Hill Musical Festival: additional records, including Thanksgiving for Victory grand concert programmes, 1946; booklet celebrating the centenary of Ralph Vaughan Williams' birth, 1971; and St Matthew Passion programmes and handbills, 1950s

### **9727add1**

Michael Leishman (d.2016), local historian of Farnham: additional collected research papers relating to George Sturt, writer of Farnham, 19th-20th cent

### **10565add**

Letter from Thomas Carlyle, Chelsea, to Vernon Lushington, Temple, congratulating him on his engagement [to Jane Mowatt]. With envelope, 1865

### **10653add**

Guildford and Godalming Area Quaker Meeting, later Surrey and Hampshire Border Area Meeting: records, including marriage register, 1962-2017; area meeting minutes, 2006-2010; annual financial statements, 2004-2010; and newsletters, 1990-1998;

Farnham Quaker Meeting: records, including Preparative meeting minutes, 1993-2013; and accounts, 1987-2008;

Godalming Quaker Meeting: records, including correspondence of First World War conscientious objector, Arthur Denby Wilkinson, c.1914-1970; Guildford Quaker Meeting: elders and overseers' minutes and papers, 2001-2009; Woking Quaker Meeting: c.1914-2017 records, including overseers' minutes, 1964-2000; newsletters, 1959-1997; and papers of Woking Quaker Service Unit, 1952-1953

### **10682add1**

Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (1832-1898), otherwise Lewis Carroll, and the Dodgson ►

family of Guildford and elsewhere: additional artefacts forming part of the Georgie Dodgson Collection, including two photographs of Alice Dodgson, nee Donkin, by Lewis Carroll, c.1824-20th cent

**10769add**

Brook Farm, Albury, and Farley Green: photograph and postcard albums, loose photographs, manuscript 'Pilgrimages in Surrey' by John James Proctor (1862-1910), Abinger pageant photographs (1934)

**10769add1**

Adam Edwin Proctor (1864-1913), artist of Albury: watercolours, sketches, photographs of artworks, correspondence, papers and medals, 1880-1913

**10786**

Woodside House, Chenies, Buckinghamshire: photographs of house, remodelled by Edwin Lutyens, and gardens, designed by Gertrude Jekyll, for Adeline, Dowager Duchess of Bedford, c.1890-c.1910

**10790**

Borough of Reigate: rent collector's receipt book, 1741-1752

**10791**

Plan of the Cowley Hall estate, Chertsey, 1846; plan of intended new road from Weybridge to Chertsey near Woburn Farm, c. early 19th cent

**10792**

Littlehurst, wing of Warrenhurst/Warren Hurst, The Warren, Ashted: Photograph album of colour images of house and garden (garden designed by Gertude Jekyll c.1913), nd [c.1990]

**10793**

Brookwood Hospital, Woking: former patient's memoir of hospital stays, 1971-1975

**10794**

Pentlands Remand Home, Mitcham: log book, 1937-1978

**10795**

Collected items relating to local organisations, events and activities in Ewhurst,  
20th cent-21st cent

**10797**

Susan Lushington (1870-1953) of Cobham and Kingsley, Hants: two letters to Mr Lawson about selling items in her possession, nd [20th cent]

**10798**

Manors of Markwick and Monkenhook, Alfold: book of extracts from court rolls, nd [c.1828]



**10799**

Joan Parkes of 61 Cadogan Square, London, and Holmbury St Mary: diaries, 1901-1942

**10800**

6 Mabel Street, Woking, sometime part of the Haven Park building estate: deeds and papers, 1896-1969

**10801**

Seven pen and ink drawings of views in Albury, Betchworth, Dorking, Hascombe and Shere by an anonymous artist, 1861-1867

**10802**

Manor of Tadworth and lands: deed, 1777

**10803**

Cottage and copyhold of the manor of Shere Vachery at Lucks Green, Cranleigh: deeds, 1855-1864

**10804**

Martin Farquhar Tupper (1810-1889), writer, poet and philosopher of Albury: correspondence, 1852-1864 Matthew Arnold (1822-1888), poet and cultural critic of Cobham: correspondence, 1876

**10805**

CSM Thomas Hemmings, First Surrey Rifles and Royal Engineers: papers and photographs of service, 1920s-1940s

**10806**

The Tiger Club Ltd, Redhill, and Rollason Aircraft and Engines Ltd, Croydon and Redhill: records, 1950s-1990s

**10807**

Guildford Evening Advertiser, experimental newspaper by the Surrey Advertiser Group: editions for a week, beginning 22 January 1968

**CC1307**

New Haw County Junior School and predecessors, Addlestone: admission registers, 1935-2005

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Ada Long (b.1867), artist: watercolour painting of Woking Male Invalid Convict Prison from lock 9 on Basingstoke Canal, late 19<sup>th</sup> cent.

**ZA8**

2nd Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment: illustration showing structure and names of officers and men of the battalion at 1896; print out of Excel spreadsheet of names of officers and soldiers, 2025



## **ZA9**

Captain William Henry (Harry) Lindsay MC (1895-1918), D Company, 9th East Surrey Regiment: prints from digital copies of family papers and possessions, including research, and documents relating to his service and death in France, 7 x caricatures by Edward Cole, letters, travel ticket, regimental menu, entertainments programme, war certificate of death, medals, and death penny., 1914-1925.

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Surrey Artists**

#### **Spring meeting of Surrey Local History Committee**

**Saturday 9 May 2026 9.55 am to 4.15 pm**

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

The full programme and timing have yet to be confirmed, but speakers include:

Annabel Watts on The Life and Art of Helen Allingham RWS

Hilary Underwood on Victorian Landscape Artists of the Surrey Hills

Janet Balchin on Leonard Campbell Taylor

Mary Alexander on the Russell family of Guildford

We are also hoping to include talks on Sidney Sime of Worplesdon and the Pre-Raphaelites in Surrey.

Please keep an eye on our Heritage Events Page and our monthly newsletter for further details.



## **Letters to the Editor**

From Carol Thompson

I am the coordinator of the Spike Lives heritage research project run in conjunction with the Spike Heritage Centre and Museum in Guildford. Our project is chronicling the lives of the inmates, staff and Guardians of the Guildford Union workhouse in the 1881 census, our website is at <http://www.spikelives.co.uk>. You might remember that we had a stand at the WSFHS Fair in November.

We now have some 150 biographies on our website, and as we cover the Guildford Union, the majority of them fall into the WSFHS area so will be of interest to your members (especially as some of them may even be descendants). I've attached the latest list of workhouse inmates/vagrants with a short overview of our aims. In addition, the website also has some Guildford Guardians and workhouse staff.



One of our most interesting biographies has been the life of Henry Portsmouth, a Relieving Officer for the Guildford Union, researched by Lesley Hall. He is a fascinating story. He was a very busy man, dealing with poverty which at times was extremely harrowing. His workload was enormous, as well as handing out relief to the local paupers, he covered everything from schools officer to environmental health. An overview is at <https://spikelives.co.uk/henry-portsmouth/>. An unusual job, which your members might like to read about. We are trying to find a picture/photo of him - would be wonderful if you could help us with that!

I am very happy to answer any questions you or your members have, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

[Please send queries via editor]

## From Helene Cox

I am a Committee member for the London Midland Family History Group and we wanted to reach out to other societies in this age of virtual meetings. We hold quarterly meetings at the Church of Latter Day Saints Venue in Kensington. They are kind enough to host us by offering a meeting room, with the added benefit of access to the Family Search computers, all completely free, and we are also very close to many London sights which can be explored at leisure later. We started as a group with links to the Midlands area, but not local to it, hence our name; increasingly this has moved to a more generic interest in family and social history and a great opportunity to meet like-minded individuals in real life, rather than virtually. You do not need a Midlands interest to be involved.

Our next planned meeting is by the renowned author and presenter Andrew Lound entitled 'Titanic- The Midlands' Connection' and will take place at our usual venue on Saturday 11th April. followed by Dr. Sophie Kay 'Genetic Hide and Seek: Exploring Missing Ancestor Mysteries with Autosomal DNA' on Saturday 11th July.

The purpose of this email is to ask you please to publicise our meetings in your newsletter or on your website if you are happy to do so. The more the merrier, especially if your members find travel to or within London accessible. Our Chair Andy Startin's email address is [a.startin@midanc.uk](mailto:a.startin@midanc.uk) and the Society calendar also has a link to the meetings, <https://midland-ancestors.uk/events/category/public/> which may be of interest. Access information and timings are all on this website. We are a friendly group and there is no obligation to book or attend all meetings, just turn up if you wish on the day.

I hope you personally and your Society have had a successful 2025 and are looking forward to 2026 and who knows, we may meet in 2026! Please feel free to let our chairman know if you have any questions.

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# Call for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for the roles listed below:

## **Executive Committee Members\***

Four additional members are required to join the committee which oversees the affairs of the Society. Your initial commitment will be to attend up to six meetings a year which are held either on Zoom or in person, and to undertake any administrative tasks necessary for the smooth running of the Society.

## **Speaker bookers for the Camberley, Woking and Zoom Groups\***

A small group of volunteers is required to book the speakers for our group meetings. Training will be provided in how to identify suitable speakers and in how to ensure that a broad range of family history topics are covered. The volunteers will be encouraged to build up a database of speakers who in the case of Zoom talks may not necessarily be located close to Surrey. An ideal task for any member to undertake as it can be done from any location!

## **Publicity Officer\***

A publicity officer is wanted to ensure all WSFHS activities and events are well presented and advertised in as many ways as possible. Our aim is to raise the profile of the Society, to increase attendance at Centre and Zoom meetings, to generate publicity for new publications and to keep the Society's name in the public eye.

This is an opportunity to be creative and innovative. As most of the work will involve contacting news sources, radio stations, Surrey based organisations etc., by emails and publicity shots, the volunteer(s) do not need to live locally. This position could be shared by two people and should require about an hour or two a week.

## **Monumental Inscriptions Co-ordinator\***

A volunteer to expand our collection of Monumental Inscriptions from burial grounds and churches in the County of Surrey.

## **Zoom Co-ordinator(s)\***

Do you fancy joining an organising group – a group with no Earthly bounds? You can stay at home, live anywhere, as can the Zoom speakers. The times of meetings are flexible – could fit in with optimum times world wide (though a somewhat comfortable time for UK is a good idea). Enthusiasm for searching out new and unusual speakers is desired. A small group of helpers is better so that no one has to be tied to every month.

\*Please contact Jane Thomas [secretary@wsfhs.org](mailto:secretary@wsfhs.org) for further details and please put Volunteer in Subject Line. ■

# Dorking PCC Wills to 1700 [Part 5]

By Cliff Webb



**Lawrence Marsh, esquire 26 May 1665** (to be buried by torchlight) to my son Lawrence all my land in Surrey, London and Essex only a half of it to my wife Elizabeth for life and then to him and if he dies under 21 to his brothers; to my sons James and John £1,000 each at 21; if my sons James, John or William die under 21 then to survivor; to Susan Hatton £5; to my cousin Ellis's wife rings; to Mr Parry and his wife rings; to Mr Usher and his wife rings; to my cousin Fox and his wife rings; to my cousin Hardwicke and his wife and cousin John Olbury, snr. and jnr. and cousin Betty rings; to Elizabeth Dickins a ring; leases to my wife and son Lawrence between them; residue to my wife, exec.

Witnesses: Mary Colborne; Thomas Fuller (X)

Proved: 27 July 1666 to exec. PROB 11/321/349

**Charles Roffey, gentleman 25 Feb 1666/7** (to poor of this parish 10s) to my younger son William R. all my messuage in occupation of Edward Barrett, clockmaker in St Michael Lewes, bounded by the High Street on south, to the messuage of John Mathew on the west, the tenement late William Alcock's now in occupation of Nicholas Curell on north and east parts; all my goods to my son Charles, exec.; to my daughter Mary £50 at 21; in 4 years son Charles to have £200 due on a surrender and the £10 my brother James to have; brothers Richard and James R., overseers (10s each)

Witnesses: William Roffey; Richard Stone (X)

Proved: 18 May 1667 to exec. PROB 11/324/126

**Robert Rust, gentleman 31 Jan 1669/70** to my master Charles Shelley of Mitchelgrove, baronet a gold medal; to my friend Mrs Belson of Dorking £50; to Mrs Catherine Belson £50; to Mr Austin Belson, jnr. £5; to Mr John Jennyns £5; to Mr Thomas Saunders £3; to my niece Eleanor Deyes £2; to George Kempe £1; to Mr Turberville £1; to Mr Morgan £1; to Mr Charles Jennyns £1; to Mr Benet £1; to Mr George Wonham £1; to James Eaton 10s; to Martha Moore 10s; to Elizabeth Bestwick 10s; to Francis Turner 10s; residue to friend Austin Belson of Dorking, esquire, exec.

Witnesses: Ambrose Browne; John Burbury; John Bignall (X)

Proved: 25 February 1669/70 to exec. PROB 11/332/334

**Henry Trigg, tallow chandler 26 Sep 1670** to my daughter Elizabeth T. £100 at marriage; to my son Henry £100 at 21; to my daughter Jane T. £100 at 21 or marriage; to my son John £100 at 21 to my daughter Frances T. £100 at 21 or marriage; to my son William £100 at 21; to my son Edward £10 p.a. out of my messuages in South Street, Dorking in occupation of Francis Butterey, William Worland and John Freeland; to my ►

mother Elizabeth Bothell if she lives apart from my exec. £10 p.a.; all my 3 messuages above to my wife Jane and residue, exec.; brothers Richard Constable and John Smith, kinsman John Spencer, gentleman and friend William Horden, gentleman, overseers (10s each for a ring)

Witnesses: George More (X); W. Horden

Proved: 21 March 1670/1 to exec. PROB 11/335/431

**Sir Richard Letchford or Lechford 19 Oct 1670** (to poor of Leigh £5; to poor of this parish £5) I have lately bought in the names of Augustine Belson, esquire and John Wolfe, gentleman in trust for me and my heirs the manor of Stapleford there and in Suthington, Wiltshire which to my wife Catherine for life; all my messuages in Leigh and Horley, Surrey to the heirs of me and Catherine; to my daughter Lettice wife of George Almerly of London, gentleman £25 p.a. and if she outlives George £500; to my daughter Mary wife of Edward Edwards, gentleman £500; to my grandson Richard E. £5; to my granddaughter Honor E. £5; to my cousin Lucy Kempe, widow £10; to Mr Augustine Belson, Mary his wife and Catherine their daughter £5 each; residue to my wife, exec.

Witnesses: Charles Howard; F. Burghall; John Prier

Proved: 13 October 1671 to exec. PROB 11/337/268

<Sentence 2 December 1671 PROB 11/337/532>

**Elizabeth Marsh, gentlewoman widow of Lawrence, esquire 29 Oct 1671.** Husband left to his son James and John £1,000 each which could then be afforded but due to the Great Fire which burned some houses of his and several debts which have been irrecoverable so amount to them must be reduced; to my son Lawrence M. all my messuage Charnalls, Little Warley, Essex late in occupation of Walsingham Rundall and now in occupation of ... Sumner, a silver tankard, 2 silver salts and £200 at 21 and all my remaining household goods and £10 each to my 3 younger sons; to my sons James and John £700 each instead of £1,000 at 21; to my son James a silver cup, silver caudle cup and silver porringer; to my son William £250; to my sons James and John all the rents due to me at 21; to my son William all the money recovered from ... Streat of Shalford at 21; to my sons John and William 3 silver cups and 19 silver spoons between them; £62 8s in gold and goods between my children; to my 2 sisters and their husbands Elizabeth wife of Mr Henry Binding and Mary wife of Mr John Freeman £1 each for a ring; to my servant Ann Hatton £2; if all my children die: to William, Mary and Hannah children of George Gladwin of Leyton, Essex £50 each; to Mr Edward Nabsiler £50; to Mr John Wood of Westcott, Dorking, clerk £50; to Mr James Foe £50; to my servant Ann Hatton £50; to Edward son of Edward Wood late of D., deceased £25; to the youngest daughter of Mr John Alexander, citizen of London £25; James Foe, citizen of London, exec. (£10 p.a.); Edward Nabbs and John Wood, overseers (£10 each)

Witnesses: Miles Dudley; Mary Freeman

Proved: 15 December 1671 to exec. PROB 11/337/596



**William Horden, gentleman 20 Feb 1671/2** (to poor of this parish £2). I am seized in a fourth part of 3 messuages, 7 cherry orchards and 8 acres of marsh land and 60 acres of arable in Chalke, Kent now or late in occupation of ... Hills, William Head and John Cooke and also a fourth of 4 messuages, a pear orchard and 20 acres of arable in St Mary, Hooe Hundred, Kent now or late in occupation of Thomas Raynes, John Brown and John Humfrey and a fourth part of a messuage and 12 acres in Hile, Chatham and now or late in occupation of widow Norris and also half of a messuage and 20 acres in Sole Street, Cobham, Kent now or late in occupation of Thomas Hubbard and also a fourth of a cherry garden and 8 acres in Sole Street aforesaid and half an annuity of £12 p.a. from land and tenements in Hennist, Kent late in occupation of widow Norditch, and a fourth part of a barn, hop garden and 50 acres in Meopham and Longfield, Kent to my wife Mary, exec. kinsman William H. of Tortescliffe, Kent and George Barnes of Guildford, Surrey, overseers (£2 each for a ring)

Witnesses: Mary Tutta; Archibald Wimbolt; Charles Coxe

Proved: 29 February 1671/2 to exec. PROB 11/338/121

**Thomas Tidman, innholder 28 Sep 1672** to my son Thomas £140 at 22; to my daughter Mary T. £100 at 21; if my wife remarries then these sums to be held to my father in law Thomas Deane of Westerham, Kent, yeoman and Thomas Wood of Reigate, overseers (£2 each) until they reach 22 and children to have £5 p.a. each until they are of age; residue to my wife Jane, exec.

Witnesses: Thomas Wood; William Wood; Alice Perkins (X)

Proved: 23 October 1674 to exec. PROB 11/346/210

**Mathew Day alias Fuller (x), potter 24 Nov 1674** my wife Rachel £60 (but she to give up obligation of £30) and all my household goods she brought with her and use of rest in her widowhood; to my brother Samuel D. alias F. of Dorking, husbandman after the death of my wife all my freehold messuage in Headley in occupation of Mark Stilwell; to my nephew James Parnish of D., potter after the death of my wife all my house and other little messuage near adjoining in occupation of my brother Samuel; to my nephew and niece Samuel and Mary children of Samuel Day £10 each; to James Parnish's 2 children James and Catherine P. £10 each at 21; to my brother Samuel all my clothes and he and James P. allow my sister Beatrice 2s p.w. for life; residue to my brother Samuel and James P., execs.

Witnesses: Thomas Smith; Thomas Barr (X)

Proved: 6 March 1674/5 to execs. PROB 11/347/288

**Phillippa Cooke (X), widow 4 Sep 1677** to my 3 grandchildren by my daughter Evans £5 each; to my grandson Charles Roffey £10; to my grandson William Roffey £80 and all my household goods; to my grandson William Rose £80; to my granddaughter Elizabeth Rose £1; to my granddaughter Frances R. £5; friends Richard Symes of ►

Guildford, Surrey, gentleman and John Jennyns of Upton Court, Berkshire, gentleman, execs.

Witnesses: John Penfold; Richard Symonds

Proved: 15 February 1677/8 to execs. PROB 11/356/190

**Francis Browne, bachelor, mariner 17 Feb 1678/9** to Alexander Lead for his care of me in my sickness £2 and a debt between me and William Cupid of £1 11s 6d; all my pay in HMS *Plymouth* to my sister Margaret B. of Kingston, Isle of Wight; friend Jacob Barbor, exec.

Witnesses: John Hubbord; Dennis Alkinson

Proved: 18 August 1679 to sister Margaret in absence of exec. PROB 11/360/459

**James Budgen, gentleman 3 Feb 1679/80** (to poor of this parish £2 10s; to poor of Newdigate £1 at discretion of my brother Edward B.) to my son Edward £400 at 22; to my son James £400 at 22; residue to my son John, exec. at 23 and in meantime brother John, doctor of physic, brother Edward and brother Edmund Jordan, execs. in trust; all my messuages to be sold for my son John

Witnesses: Sarah Ley; Ephraim Heather; John Ley

Proved: 31 July 1680 to execs. in trust PROB 11/363/451

**Ambrose Browne, esquire, snr. 25 Oct 1680** to my friend Elizabeth Peake of Dorking all my goods, money and land, exec.

Witnesses: Thomas Wood; Ann Peake; Edward Broadbelt; Ann Granger (X)

Proved: 6 May 1681 to Elizabeth Browne alias Peake, relict and exec. PROB 11/366/230  
<Sentence to Elizabeth, Adam B., knight, brother 26 May 1681 PROB 11/368/35>

**Daniel Young (X), gentleman 21 Aug 1683** (to poor of this parish £1) to my mother Ann Y. as many of my books as she wants from my study at Cliffords Inn and a silver watch to my brother in law John Whalley 10s for a ring; to Mrs Mary Pope of London sp. 10s for a ring; my mother and I have surrendered all my copyhold land to my mother for life and then to my nephew John son of my brother in law John Whalley, exec. paying to my niece Ann W. £160, to my niece Elizabeth W. £100 and to my nephew Daniel W. £100 or to be paid by my kinsman Henry Johnson of Charlwood, gentleman and John Crofts of St Dunstan in the West, gentleman, overseers at 21 (10s each for a ring)

Witnesses: Nathaniel Johnson; Benjamin Allen, snr.; Benjamin Allen; John Spencer

Proved: 17 September 1683 to exec. PROB 11/374/136

**Judith Hampton, widow 25 Feb 1684/5** to my brother Henry Hussey, esquire a gold watch and to his wife Christiana £2 for a ring; to my cousin Henry Hussey £20; to his son and my cousin Deering Hussey £20; to Judith wife of Thomas Dixon, apothecary £20; to Susanna wife of William Wilkins, wheelwright £10; to Jane wife of Anthony Sharpe, gentleman £5; to George Harrington, silk comber £5; to Mary wife of Richard Tredway, mealman £5; to Mary Bayly daughter of my exec. Mary Bayly £100 at 21; to my old ►

servant Elizabeth Joy £2; to my friends and relatives £20 in rings; residue to John Hussey of St Bride, gentleman and my kinswoman Mary Bayly between them

Witnesses: Richard Odger; Sibella Jennings (X); James Smith, scr.

Proved: 6 March 1684/5 to execs. PROB 11/379/348

**Ann Hampton, widow 23 Feb 1685/6** (to poor of this parish £1) to my son Thomas H. £400 which I have in H.M. Exchequer and a silk stocking frame in possession of Mr Maurice Moseley, citizen and hosier and half of all my household goods; Adam Browne of Dorking, baronet, John Spencer of D., gentleman and John Heather, snr. of D., yeoman, execs. in trust to use of Ann, Mary and Sarah H. daughters of my said son Thomas; to my son Thomas £20 p.a. out of estate lately conveyed by him to John Spencer of D., gentleman and a clock

Witnesses: William Inwood; Miles Dudley; Ann Toone (X)

Proved: 14 May 1686 to execs. PROB 11/383/169

**Samuel Arnold, corn chandler 1 Oct 1687** to my nephew Daniel A. £100 to be paid to Samuel Wall of Mickleham, gentleman until he is 24 paying to my wife Cecilia; to my nephew Edward son of my brother Daniel A., deceased £100 at 24; to my sister Ann wife of John Magwicke of Guildford £20; to my niece Ann wife of George Reffold of Guildford, turner £10; to my wife all my part of freehold Messuage on north side of Dorking in my own occupation for life then to my nephew Edward A.; residue to wife, exec.

Witnesses; William Worland; Joshua Arrow; Richard Sumner

Proved: 22 October 1687 to exec. PROB 11/388/426

**John Hayes, poulterer 21 Nov 1688** to my son John my great Bible with clasps; to my daughter Mary Hayes 3 gold rings; residue to my wife Jane, exec.

Witnesses: Richard Allbury; Nehemiah Whately; Elizabeth Whately

Proved: 18 January to exec. 1688/9 PROB 11/394/88

**Adam Browne of Betchworth Castle, Dorking, baronet 11 Oct 1690** (I and my son to lie with honour in our graves) all my lands and manors to my only daughter Margaret B.; to my cousin Catherine Cooper my new tortoiseshell watch; to my maidservant Frances Wright 5s; to my godson John Bonwicke my setting dog called *Boy*; residue to my daughter Margaret B., exec.

Witnesses: Charles Coldcall; Edward Exton; Robert Hall; John Cooke

Proved: 1 December 1690 to exec. PROB 11/402/312



# WSFHS Data Protection Statement

This statement is issued by the Trustees in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2017 and with the Data (Use and Access Act) 2025

West Surrey FHS collects names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, type of membership, whether Gift Aid is claimed and method of payment (no bank details are held). Members may volunteer information about their families. The data is held by the Society and used exclusively by them for contact purposes and dispatch of the quarterly journal Root and Branch only.

Data is held on Monumental Inscriptions, Members' Interests and SINDEK on a database on a hard drive. Total Descent Charts are a paper and pdf system held on behalf of the Society by the relevant volunteer. The Membership System is held on a hard drive by the Membership Secretary and on flash drives by the Centres, back-ups, webmaster and the Treasurer. The digital data is protected. Membership data is only viewed by Trustees, Centre Co-ordinators or designated representatives and the webmaster as required.

Members can view the Monumental Inscriptions, SINDEK and Members' Interests online. The Total Descent Charts can be consulted by arrangement.

Membership System data is provided to the dispatcher for mailing the quarterly journal.

The GDPR statement is made available to members by publishing with the membership application leaflet annually in the Root and Branch journal and on the WSFHS website. Members have the right to have their information deleted by request; the right to see what information the Society stores on them; the right to have their details changed and the right to have their details erased if their membership ceases.

However, it should be noted that the Society may need to retain information after cessation of membership to meet legal requirements, such as required by HMRC.

Reviewed and updated by Executive Committee 24th April 2025



# West Surrey Family History Society

## Renewal of Subscriptions

We would like to remind you that **THE NEW** subscription rates for 2026/2027 become due on **1 April 2026**. Payment as soon as possible after this date would be gratefully appreciated. Please ignore this *reminder* if you have joined the Society since January 2026 or at the Fair in November 2025.

### Annual Subscription Rates

#### Electronic Copy of Root and Branch only

£13.00 Full and Overseas Membership,

£12.00 Senior Membership

#### Paper copies of Root and Branch including postage

£18.00 Ordinary and Family

£17.00 Senior Membership

£21.00 Overseas Membership

#### Payment Methods

##### 1. **Bank Payment by Internet or Telephone**

Sort code: 20-61-82 Account number: 60940577

Reference: your 4 digit WSFHS membership number followed by your surname

##### 2. **Debit/Credit Card at GenFair: <https://genfair.co.uk/>**

On the home page, please click Suppliers (top left), then scroll down to West Surrey Family History Society and go to Membership Subscriptions

(There is an additional 50p administration charge on UK Membership only):

Please quote your **name** and **membership number**.

##### 3. **Standing Order (see page 165 for form)**

##### 4. **Cheque by post enclosing the renewal form on next page.**



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM FOR SENDING CHEQUES

To the Membership Secretary 5 Blaise Close, Farnborough, Hampshire GU14 7EW

**I/We wish to renew my/our membership of the Society for the year 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 and enclose a cheque for £ .....**

*(Please don't staple your cheque to this form - **THANK YOU!**)*

Membership No/s

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Name .....

Address .....

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If you wish to receive a receipt for payment please enclose a SAE.

## GIFT AID

In addition to becoming a member, Gift Aid legislation allows us to reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that you give on your subscription and/or additional donations. If you have not already done so, please state that you are happy for us to do this by signing the declaration on the next page.

You may return the completed form to the membership secretary. by post to the address given above or by scanning it and returning the resultant pdf as an attachment to [membership@wsfhs.org](mailto:membership@wsfhs.org)

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### STANDING ORDER FORM

Bank ..... Sort Code .....

Address of Bank .....

Account Number .....

On 1 April 2026 and annually until further notice, please pay the sum of £..... to the account of West Surrey Family History Society with Barclays Bank PLC, North Farnborough Branch, 34 Victoria Road, Farnborough, Hants GU14 7PQ, Sort Code 20-61-82 (Account No 60940577), quoting Membership Number, and debit my/our account accordingly.

This order cancels any previous order for payment to the Society.

Signed ..... Date .....

Name ..... Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms .....

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Address .....

Membership No ..... Telephone Number .....

**Please detach and send the completed form to your Bank.**

### GIFT AID DECLARATION

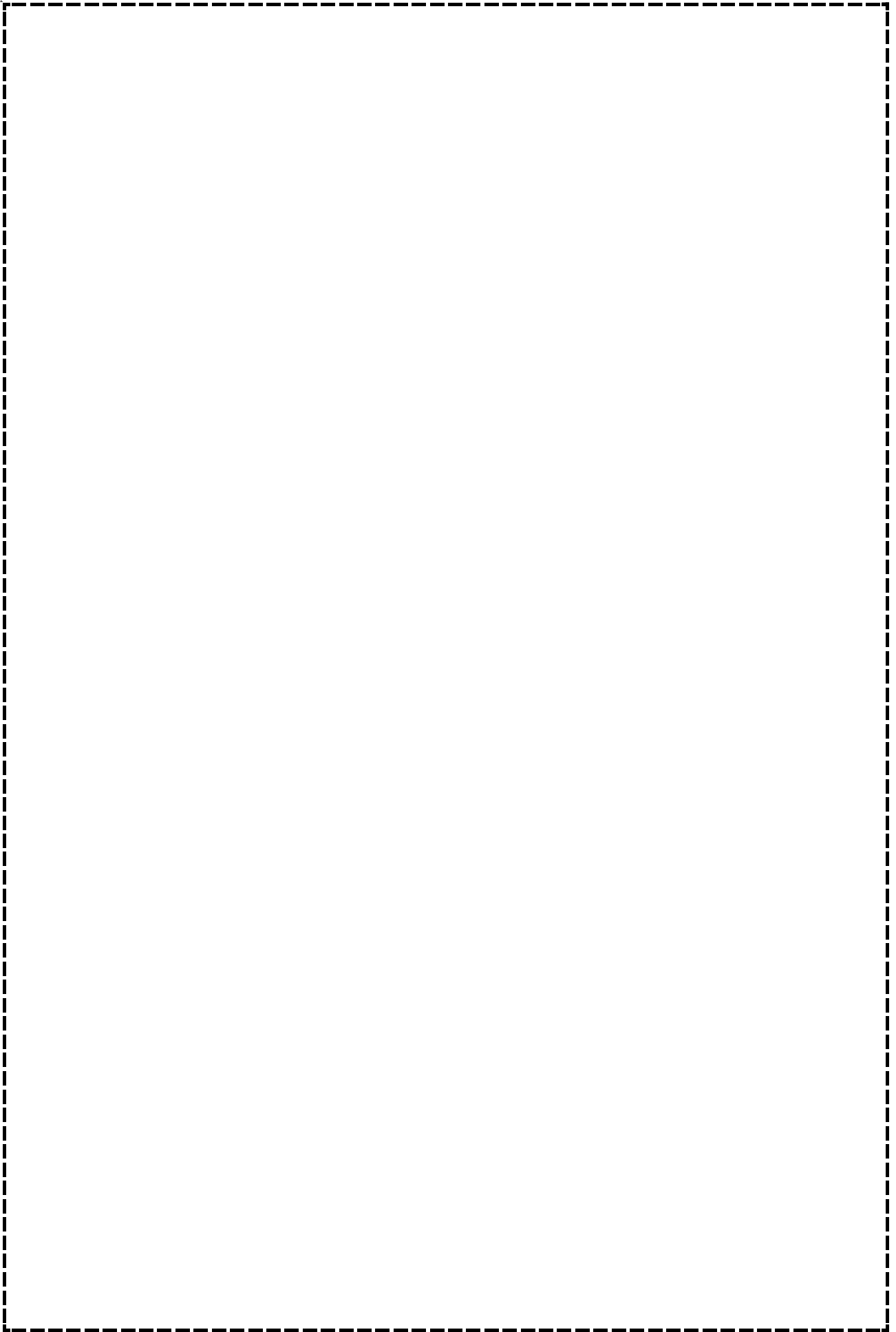
**I wish the West Surrey Family History Society to benefit from Gift Aid legislation and confirm that I am a UK taxpayer. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. This declaration applies to all eligible membership subscriptions / donations I have made in the last four years and until further notice.**

**Full name** .....

**Home Address** .....

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**Signature** ..... **Date** .....



# Hersham War Memorial

**By Susie Pearce**

During the centenary of the First World War, Hilary Brooks, a member of WSFHS, started work on researching the men recorded on the magnificent memorial situated inside St Peter's Church, Hersham. In total there were 117 names and for each of them she found their service details but more impressively she researched their lives, with the help of funding from a local man Ivor Purdue who was also interested in the project. This research included applying for numerous birth and marriage certificates, not to mention finding every census report she could for their lives and those of their families. Sad facts emerged including six sets of brothers killed, two of who were the only sons of the family and a woman whose both husband and son were killed.

The memorial, which is shown on the back cover of this issue, included 4 men with the same surname and like many my thought was that some mother had 4 sons killed. However from Hilary's research it became apparent that was not the case, the four Atkins men were in fact two sets of cousins, although as one of them had married his cousin, it meant one woman lost both a husband and a brother in the conflict.



The memorial cross in the village was erected in 1920 at a cost of £349.2s.3d and was unveiled on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1920 in a ceremony attended by Colonel Sir W H Horrocks KCB with a large crowd in attendance.

The memorial does not have the names of the men who were killed in WW1 on it; those were inscribed on the above church memorial. Walton Urban District Council also produced a roll of all those who served in the war. It is of interest that out of a population of 5092 (from the 1911 census), 1045 men joined the colours including the 117 who would never return. If you allowed for 30% of the population to be children, then that's 30% of the adult population missing for some of those 5 years. What affect did that have on the village?

The criteria for names to go on the memorial was that the man either came from Hersham or had an association with it, for most of the names the connection was established however three names remain a mystery: Valentine Morris, a gunner with the Royal Field Artillery and Harry W Smith who was a seaman, who were they and what was their connection to Hersham? Also there is a David Mills of the Royal West Kent regiment on the memorial did he have an association with Hersham or is he a mis-transcribed David Wills for which there is information. Hilary would love to hear from any members who could shed some light on these men.

Albert Claude Ferguson is also an anomaly, he died at Walton Hospital in 1919 from influenza and emphysema (a serious lung infection) after being discharged from the army, the government awarded his family a Next of Kin Memorial Plaque (otherwise called a Dead Man's Penny), but he does not have a CWGC headstone and is not on the CWGC register, something Hilary would love to see rectified.

Another member of WSFHS, Graham Grist, also a CWGC volunteer, has researched the life of local nurse Constance Winifred Imber who is buried in St Peter's churchyard and would like to see her recognised by the CWGC with a headstone, she worked at Mount Felix New Zealand hospital and died from complications following an operation for appendicitis.

Interestingly St Peter's memorial and the roll of honour produced by the Urban District Council of Walton on Thames after the war did not include females, it notes this on the roll *"It is regretted that it has been found impossible to obtain a correct roll of the many women who served in His Majesty's uniform during the war"*

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**WEST SURREY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**Registered Charity No. 278091**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31st March 2025**

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|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                                    | <u>Notes</u>  | <u>31/03/2025</u> | <u>31/03/2024</u> |
| <b><u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u></b>                   |               |                   |                   |
|                                                    | £             | £                 | £                 |
| <b>From Members</b>                                |               |                   |                   |
| Subscriptions                                      | 5,257.50      |                   | 6,507.08          |
| Gift Aid - Tax Recovered                           | <u>817.12</u> |                   | <u>1,853.80</u>   |
|                                                    |               | 6,074.62          | 8,360.88          |
| <b>Society Services</b>                            |               |                   |                   |
| Books and Publications, nett sales                 | 4             | 980.30            | 1,138.55          |
| Open Day                                           |               | 919.51            | 849.00            |
| Donations                                          |               | 0.00              | 200.00            |
| Royalties and Online Income                        |               | 4,844.99          | 5,088.55          |
| Sale of Equipment                                  | 9             | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| Interest on cash balances                          |               | <u>504.54</u>     | <u>459.15</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>                    |               | <u>13,323.96</u>  | <u>16,096.13</u>  |
| <b><u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u></b>                   |               |                   |                   |
| <b><u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u></b>        |               |                   |                   |
| Journal (Root and Branch)                          | 5             | 5,193.57          | 7,238.65          |
| Centre Meetings                                    | 6             | 1,789.14          | 2,478.75          |
| Equipment purchased                                | 7             | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| Open Day - November 2024                           |               | 2,099.00          | 2,355.00          |
| Administration                                     | 8             | <u>5,370.77</u>   | <u>5,891.59</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>                    |               | <u>14,452.48</u>  | <u>17,963.99</u>  |
| <b><u>NETT INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</u></b> |               | -1,128.52         | -1,867.86         |
| Equipment - depreciation for the period            | 1.2           | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| General Fund, b/fwd 1st April                      |               |                   | 30,213.13         |
| General Fund, c/fwd 31st March                     |               | <u>-1,128.52</u>  | <u>28,345.27</u>  |
| <b><u>ASSETS</u></b>                               |               |                   |                   |
| Stock - Books and Publications                     | 4             | 443.00            | 368.00            |
| Equipment                                          | 1.2           | 31.00             | 31.00             |
| Charities Aid Foundation deposit                   |               | 21,506.77         | 21,004.29         |
| Cash at bank and in hand                           |               | <u>4,804.31</u>   | <u>6,941.98</u>   |
|                                                    |               | 26,785.08         | 28,345.27         |
| <b><u>Less</u>      <b>Nett Liabilities</b></b>    |               | <u>0.00</u>       | <u>0.00</u>       |
| <b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>                         |               | <u>26,785.08</u>  | <u>28,345.27</u>  |

Signed: .....

Jean Follett - Treasurer

Date .....

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025

### 1. Accounting policies:-

- 1.1 These accounts have been prepared under the requirements of the Charities Act 1993 on a cash basis. There has been no change in the accounting policies since last year and no changes have been made to the accounts for the previous years.
- 1.2 The Trustees made the following change to accounting policies in 2012:-  
In order to establish a comprehensive list of fixed assets it has been decided that equipment purchased be valued at the financial year end at cost if less than one year old, at 50% of cost if between one and two years old and at £1. per item thereafter.  
No changes have been made to the accounts for the previous years.
- 1.3 Incoming Resources:- These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to receive them.
- 1.4 Tax reclaims on donations and gifts: This is included in the same year in which the donation or gift to which it relates is included in the SoFA.
- 1.5 Investment income:- This is included in the accounts when received.
- 1.6 Liability recognition:- Liabilities are recognized as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
- 1.7 Governance costs (Administration):- These include the cost of preparing these Accounts and Trustees' Report and providing the Independent Examiner's Report.
- 1.8 Support costs (Administration):- These include insurance, storage and general running expenses.
- 1.9 Stocks:- These are included in the balance sheet at or below a realistically realisable value.

### 2. Trustees:-

Neither the Trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration or reimbursement for services to the charity during the year.

### 3. Independent Examiner:-

These accounts are being independently examined by Dr. David Lewis, who has kindly waived his fee for this service.

### 4. Books and Publications:-

|                            | y/e<br>31/03/2025 | y/e<br>31/03/2024 |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Opening stock at 1st April | 368.00            | 456.00            |
| Add purchases              | 40.00             | 68.00             |
| Plus amendment             | 35.00             | -156.00           |
| Closing stock              | <u>443.00</u>     | <u>368.00</u>     |
| <br>                       |                   |                   |
| Gross sales for year       | 1,803.30          | 1,541.09          |
| Plus amendment             | 35.00             | -156.00           |
| Less operating expenses    | <u>-311.67</u>    | <u>-246.54</u>    |
| Nett sales for year        | <u>1,526.63</u>   | <u>1,138.55</u>   |

Note- Because of the specialized nature of the publications and the uncertainty of future demand, Society policy is to keep the book value at or below a realistically realisable value.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025 continued

|                                                   | y/e             | y/e             |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                                   | 31/03/2025      | 31/03/2024      |
|                                                   | £               | £               |
| <b>5. Journal, Root &amp; Branch</b>              |                 |                 |
| Printing                                          | 3,780.00        | 3,715.00        |
| Mailing and postage                               | 1,413.57        | 3,314.67        |
| Sundry expenses                                   | 0.00            | 208.98          |
|                                                   | <u>5,193.57</u> | <u>7,238.65</u> |
| <b>6. Centre Meetings</b>                         |                 |                 |
| Speakers                                          | 1,699.76        | 1,791.02        |
| Room Hire                                         | 401             | 916.00          |
| Income at meetings less sundry exp                | -406.7          | -400.95         |
| Zoom subscription                                 | <u>187.08</u>   | <u>172.68</u>   |
|                                                   | 1,881.14        |                 |
| Less cancelled fees - 2020 & 2023                 | -92.00          |                 |
|                                                   | <u>1,789.14</u> | <u>2,478.75</u> |
| <b>7. Equipment purchased (also see note 1.2)</b> |                 |                 |
|                                                   | <u>0.00</u>     | <u>0.00</u>     |
| <b>8. Administration</b>                          |                 |                 |
| Insurance and subscrip-<br>tions                  | 194.94          | 278.44          |
| Storage                                           | 4,732.80        | 4,480.80        |
| Stationery/postage                                | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Website                                           | 150.00          | 0.00            |
| 50th Anniversary                                  | 233.03          | 0.00            |
| Scanning Total Descent<br>Charts                  | 0.00            | 1,068.60        |
| Bank charges                                      | 60.00           | 63.75           |
|                                                   | <u>5,370.77</u> | <u>5,891.59</u> |
| <b>9. Sale of Equipment</b>                       | 0.00            | 0.00            |

## **Treasurer's Comments on Financial Activities for the y/e 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

My apologies for not being able to present these accounts earlier due to some unforeseen problems.

As previously explained, our accounts have always been produced on a “cash in / cash out” basis. Therefore, the results each year do not always compare like with like as sometimes payments will be made or received after our financial year end. These accounts follow the usual pattern during the last few years and we have made a small loss. This is partly due to the increased costs incurred in running our Family History Fair each November. However, we still believe this to be a good investment and allows us to comply with the formal objectives of our charity (as quoted in Root & Branch) including making documents and records relating to the ancient County of Surrey available and encouraging the study of genealogy.

The accounts are fairly straight forward but if you have any queries or questions about them please do let me know.

Jean Follett—Treasurer



## **Two Tales from Green Lane Cemetery**

**By Jenny Mukerji**

**Henry SLINGO (1887-1961)**

**Herbert SLINGO (1889-1959)**

**Martha SLINGO (1881-1951)**

There are a number of SLINGOs in Green Lane Cemetery and the name frequently appears in the records for the Crondall, Hampshire area, to the north west of Farnham. It looks as though the father of Henry, Herbert and their sister Martha, Henry SLINGO (1852-1945) came from Ewshot, Hants and lived in The Bourne. He married their mother, Alice JONES (c1852-1923) of The Bourne in 1875.

Henry senior was living with his parents at Hungry Hill in 1861. This was a very poor area of Farnham, to the north of Hale, so his parents probably made a natural progression from Ewshot looking for work. He was listed as a greengrocer one time but by 1911 he was a jobbing gardener in The Bourne. Henry senior was buried in the Bourne Old Churchyard in 1945, joining his wife, Alice who died in 1923. Henry and Alice had another son, George (1879-1899) who was also buried in the Bourne Old Churchyard, before Green Lane Cemetery opened in 1914. In 1939 the three surviving children were all living with their widower father in Yew Tree Cottage, Vicarage Hill, The Bourne. ►

Martha SLINGO was born on 30 September 1881 in The Bourne and in 1901 she was a general domestic servant in Pirbright. Her employers were Kempson Hendrick THOMAS (1854-1926), an accountant and his wife, Ernestine Ellen THOMAS, née WARD (1856-1915). Ernestine came from the WARD family at Willey Place, Farnham and the couple are buried together in Farnham's West Street Cemetery. Three of their children were living in the 1901 household in Pirbright and there was another servant, Mary LOVELAND, aged 18.

By 1911 Martha had moved back to Greenhill, Lower Bourne where she was still a general domestic servant. Her employers were a Lloyds Underwriter, Arthur W PETROCOCHINO (1883-1920) and his wife Maud Lavinia, née GOODALL. By 1939 she was carrying out domestic duties, looking after her father and two brothers. Martha died at her home, 2 Yew Tree Cottage, Lower Bourne and was buried in plot D1831 in Green Lane Cemetery on 2 March 1951. Her death was announced in the *Farnham Herald* on 16 March.

Henry SLINGO was born on 25 November 1887 and remained a single man, living with his parents and in 1911 he was recorded as a domestic gardener. In 1939 he was a market gardener and later in the Second World War it was either he, or his brother Herbert who appears in a photograph of the Bourne Home Guard as "H.SLINGO". Henry died on 18 January 1961, aged 74 and was buried in plot D1964 in Green Lane Cemetery where he has a memorial.

Herbert SLINGO was born on 7 July 1889 and also remained unmarried. His home for 50 years was 13 Vicarage Hill, Lower Bourne. During the First World War he served in France in the Black Watch and was wounded. For 38 years he had been a gardener to the late Miss OXLEY at Lodge Hill Road. (See "Root & Branch" March 2025). In 1939 he was a head gardener and was listed as carrying out heavy work. This meant that he was entitled to extra food rations when rationing came into force. Herbert died in King George V Hospital at Milford on 18 January 1959 where he had been a patient for thirteen weeks. At the time, his home was at Yew Tree Cottage, Lower Bourne. He was buried in plot D1964 and was later joined by his brother Henry who had acted as his executor. His obituary appeared in the *Farnham Herald* on 23 January 1959.

Interestingly, in 1939 Ernest Edward SLINGO (1882-1970) was the Cemetery Sexton (Farnham Urban District Council employee) living at the Cemetery Lodge in Green Lane. He was the son of Isaac SLINGO, the brother of Henry SLINGO Senior. Ernest was living with his wife, Edith, née CROPP and six of their children: Ernest E (born 1914); Charles H (born in 1916, who was an Ordnance Planner for the War Department); Dorothy M (born in 1918); Harold L (born in 1924); Ronald L (born in 1926) and Clifford J (born in 1934). Ernest had been a bricklayer's labourer in 1901 and living at Shorth Heath, Farnham. He had married Edith in 1914.

Other SLINGOs buried in Green Lane Cemetery include:

**Albert SLINGO** (1865-1945) - brother of Henry SLINGO senior



**Charles SLINGO** (1841-1925) - his wife Elizabeth, née WILKINS is buried in Bourne Old Churchyard

**Harry SLINGO** (1926-1927) - twin son of Sexton Ernest SLINGO

**Mary Ann SLINGO** (1874-1937) - née BALCHIN, formerly STAPLEY, widow of Albert SLINGO

**Ron(ald) SLINGO** (1926-2002) - Harry's twin and son of the Sexton Ernest SLINGO

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## **Frederick Charles OWEN (1859-1925)**

### **Ellen Harriet OWEN, née ATKIN (1861-1939)**

In plot C1364 of Green Lane Cemetery lie Frederick Charles OWEN and his wife Ellen OWEN, née ATKIN. In 2009 their memorial was marked, by Farnham Town Council, as being unsafe as it was broken and laying in two halves. This area of Section C was reserved for Non-Conformist burials and Rev F J Layton was the minister at the Congregational Church in South Street, Farnham.

The names on the memorial were clearly marked:

Frederick OWEN

24 December 1925

Aged 67

and

Ellen OWEN

However, the burial records state:

221 -Frederick Charles OWEN – Silversmith – Farnham – 67 - 31 December 1925

- Rev F J Layton - C1364 - Non-Conformist

and

655 - Ellen Harriett OWEN – Widow – Farnham - 77- 20 April 1939

- Rev G E Newell - C1364

There is an obituary for Ellen in *The Farnham Herald* on 22 April 1939 which states that she was living at 5 Southwark Cottages, Lower Bourne and died at her son's home, Homeleigh, Broadwells. (This was the home of Edward OWEN.) She was a native of Jarrow and was Miss ATKIN before she married in London, 47 years previously. ►

They came to Farnham shortly afterwards and “carried on the Jolly Farmer at Bridge Square”. Upon leaving there, they moved to The Bourne where Mr Owen died in 1925. She left two sons, Mr E W OWEN (Wrecclesham) and F J OWEN (Feltham, Middlesex) and a daughter Ellen Harriet [PULLEN].

Initially tracing Ellen's background was not easy. I found her in the 1881 Census where she was a maid at the home of Lady Isabella C COOK, Swansfield House, Alnwick, Northumberland, aged 19. Eventually, I worked out that she was, in fact Eleanor ATKIN, daughter of blacksmith Robert ATKIN (1835-1922) and his wife Joanna, née AMORY (1834-1912). Her birth was registered in the Hexham District in the December Quarter of 1861 as Eleanor ATKIN and she was baptised as Eleanor at Corbridge, Northumberland on 12 January 1862.

Being unable to trace her in the 1891 census, I am unable to follow her journey to Wandsworth, where she married Frederick in 1892.

I was further challenged by Frederick, the silversmith. He was the son of William Thomas OWEN (1817-1869) and his wife Elizabeth CHEESMAN (born in Dorset in 1821). In the 1881 census he was living with his widowed mother at 18 Porter Street. He was born in Soho and a silver polisher. In the 1891 census he was still living with his mother, this time at 23 Victoria Road, Battersea and was still a silver polisher. His marriage to Ellen probably took place in Battersea.

In 1901 Frederick and Ellen were living at Stanley's Cottages, Middle Bourne. Frederick was born in London and Ellen was born in Corbridge, Northumberland. However, now he was a bricklayer. They have four children, all born in Farnham: Ellen Harriet (1894-1977) who married Albert H PULLEN in 1929; Edward W (born in 1896) who married Mary L BURWOOD in 1920; Frederick “John” (1898-) who married Isabel SMITH in 1928 and went to live in Feltham, Middlesex; and George Henry (1900-1919) who is buried in plot C1365, beside his parents.

In 1911 Frederick was still a builders' labourer and the family were living at Hollydale, Shorth Heath. Son Edward was employed as a coachbuilder's boy, whilst John and George were still at school.

George was buried on 1 March 1919 at 11 o'clock. The funeral was officiated by Rev Compton and H C Patrick was the undertaker. Receipts FUDC 27/246 and SHC 8119/6/16 record that 8 shillings was received on 27 February 1919.

The above information begs a number of questions. When were Frederick and Ellen at the Jolly Farmer? What were they doing there? And why did Frederick switch to bricklaying (albeit only as a labourer as a skilled bricklayer usually served an apprenticeship) from being a silver polisher? Did he go back to polishing silver? And why then, was his occupation in the burial records, described as silversmith, when he was never anything of the sort? Or did I transcribe it incorrectly?



# Members' Interests

The Members' Interests section has played an important role ever since the foundation of the Society in bringing together members who are researching a particular family name with other members who share a common interest. **ALL MEMBERS** are now invited to update their **MEMBERS' INTERESTS** using the form printed on page 63 of September issue of Root and Branch [Vol52 No2] or by downloading or completing electronically a form from <https://wsfhs.co.uk/Members/descent.php> and sending to Sue Warner whose contact details are on the inside back cover, as the Society has now decided to withdraw the old list.

*Note:* These interests have been submitted by the members listed on the adjacent pages. The four items of information which follow each surname below are, from left to right: the county or country of interest (abbreviated using the Chapman Codes); the parish, town or general area of interest; the period; the membership number by which the member submitting the surname may be identified.

| Name         | County | Town, village, area | Date      | Number |
|--------------|--------|---------------------|-----------|--------|
| ALLISON      | WIL    | Calne               | 17-19C    | 7148   |
| BAKER        | SRY    | Upper Hale          | All       | 5829   |
| BALDWIN      | MDX    | Shoreditch          | 17-19C    | 7148   |
| BARNES       | SSX    | Chichester          | 16-19C    | 5287   |
| BELL         | ESS    | Brightling Sea      | 1700-1800 | 4478   |
| BONNER       | SRY    | Thursley            | 18-19C    | 7148   |
| BOUSHALL     | ESS    | Various             | 1700-1900 | 6424   |
| BOXALL       | SSX    | Woolbeding          | 1700-1905 | 6424   |
| BRADY        | SRY    | Norbiton            | 1800      | 4478   |
| BRISK        | SRY    | All                 | All       | 6144   |
| COPAS/US     | BRK    | All                 | All       | 6144   |
| CORPUS/AS/ES | SRY    | All                 | All       | 6144   |
| CRANSTON     | SRY    | Farnham, Chertsey   | 16-19C    | 5287   |
| DARLING      | SRY    | Send                | 1847+     | 6424   |
| DARLING      | SRY    | Woking              | 1700-1879 | 6424   |
| DURBRIDGE    | SRY    | Guildford           | 1881+     | 6424   |
| DURBRIDGE    | SRY    | Bramley             | 1841-1880 | 6424   |
| DURBRIDGE    | SSX    | Wisborough Green    | 1800s     | 6424   |
| EASTLAND     | KEN    | Cowden              | 17C       | 7148   |
| EASTLAND     | SSX    | Hastings            | 18C       | 7148   |
| FARMAN       | SFK    | Belton              | 1800      | 4478   |
| GANTER       | HAM    | Aldershot           | 19-20C    | 5287   |
| GOSDEN       | SRY    | Chobham             | 1800+     | 6424   |

| <b>Name</b> | <b>County</b> | <b>Town, Village, Area</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Number</b> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| HAWKINS     | WIL           | Calne                      | 18-19C      | 7148          |
| HEUDEBOURCK | MDX           | Bethnal Green              | 17-19C      | 7148          |
| HIGLET(T)   | SRY           | All                        | All         | 5829          |
| HOPLEY      | SRY           | Walton-on-Thames           | 18-20C      | 5287          |
| IVES        | ESS           | Brightling Sea             | 1700-1800   | 4478          |
| KNIGHT      | SRY           | Dorking                    | 1800        | 4478          |
| LONGHURST   | SRY           | Ewhurst                    | 16-18C      | 7148          |
| MATTHEWS    | SRY           | Chertsey                   | 18-20C      | 5287          |
| RIPLEY      | YKS           | Holme-on-Spalding Moore    | Pre 1800    | 6986          |
| ROUNCE      | MDX           | Stepney                    | 18-19C      | 7148          |
| RUSSELL     | SRY           | Guildford                  | 18-20C      | 5287          |
| RUSSELL     | SRY           | Godalming                  | 17-18C      | 5287          |
| SKIPPER     | NFK/SFK       | Belton                     | 1800        | 4478          |
| SKIPPER     | NFK           | Wymondham                  | 1700        | 4478          |
| SPOTTISWOOD | DUR           | Houghton-le-Spring         | 19-20C      | 5287          |
| SPOTWOOD    | IRL           | Leinster                   | 17-18C      | 5287          |
| STEPHENSON  | SRY           | Kingston-upon-Thames       | 1900        | 4478          |
| TOMLIN      | HRT           | Tring                      | 1800        | 4478          |
| TOMLIN      | BKM           | Drayton Beauchamp          | 1800        | 4478          |
| TRIFFITT    | YKS           | Cattal                     | Pre 1800    | 6986          |
| WICKHAM     | SRY           | Putney                     | 16-17C      | 7148          |
| WINSOR      | HUN           | Brington                   | Pre 1800    | 6986          |

## **Contact Details**

**Non-members should email [interests@wsfhs](mailto:interests@wsfhs) with details of their enquiry and quoting the relevant membership number. Their query will be forwarded to corresponding member.**

# Zoom and Centre Talk Reviews and Schedule

We have four meeting groups, one virtual and three face to face venues in West Surrey; Camberley, Walton on Thames and Woking. Please check the WSFHS website for any changes.

**CAMBERLEY** – Adult Education Centre, France Hill Drive, Camberley. GU15 3QB. Meetings on third Saturday of the month. Doors open at 1.30pm, meeting starts at 2pm.

**Co-ordinator: Sue Turner**

**Email: [camberley@wsfhs.org](mailto:camberley@wsfhs.org)**

In **October**, we had a very interesting talk from Alan Taylor about two families, the Dicks and the McKays, who were involved in the manufacture of items from Gutta Percha in the 19th century in Glasgow. Gutta Percha was obtained as a milky fluid (latex) from the Gutta Percha tree (*Palaquium gutta* and *Palaquium oblongifolia*), which grows in Malaysia. As it flows slower than latex from a rubber tree, it was usually harvested by chopping down the tree as shown by Alan in a photograph. It can be moulded when warm and hardens as it cools.

In 1846 Robert Dick acquired some gum to sole and heel three pairs of shoes which was a success in the winter in Glasgow, but unfortunately when the weather got warmer it melted. Robert must have worked out how to overcome this as he opened a shop R & J Dick Ltd, in Gallowgate with his brother James, who became the Manager, while Robert worked at the manufacturing end. They made shoes with leather uppers and gutta percha soles and when the price of gutta percha went down, they were able to reduce their prices from 7s 6d to 5s at which their trade increased greatly. They expanded their shop in Gallowgate by buying the shops either side and set up a factory at Greenhead. In the census of 1861, they were employing 100 men, 100 boys and 208 girls.

By 1886 it was the beginning of the end for the shoe business as it had been found that gutta percha could be used for insulation, so the price had risen. R & J Dick moved into making industrial belts. Robert Dick died in 1891, leaving an estate of £310,000 (about £50 million now) and James took over. James gave money for the Dick Institute in Kilmarnock, the Dick Wing of the Glasgow Infirmary and the Royal Technical College (now the University of Strathclyde). He died in 1902 (Gutta Percha Boot and Shoe and Belt Manufacturer of Greenhead) leaving £887,000 (about £130 million today).

Robert McKay was born in Dunbeath (near Wick, Caithness), the son of a shoemaker. He worked for R&J Dick probably in the shops as in the 1861 census he was in Dundee. His four eldest children (William, Robert, John and George) all worked for R & J Dick. His son, John, was a gutta-percha worker in Calton, Glasgow in the 1861 census and later moved to Porthmadog in Wales as a shoemaker, probably to look after the shop there. He took over the shop when R & J Dick started closing them in the 1880s, then expanded ►

opening businesses in Hoole and in Chester and becoming a founder member of the Boot Trade Federation. He died in 1937 leaving £2500 (£218,000 today). We thanked Alan for a very interesting talk.

In **November**, we had a fascinating talk from Judith Hill about the letters sent home by emigrants. It is a different way of looking at the rural poor, not their local records of relief, but what they said about the conditions at their old home. These were usually more honest as having emigrated they were no longer dependent upon the poor relief.

In the early 19th century and before, money was necessary to emigrate, but after 1834 and the introduction of the New Poor Law, assisted emigration was introduced in some areas. The Swing Riots of 1832-1834 also resulted in the emigration of groups, as did the Dorking Riot of 1833 where 77 people offered to go after a whip-round by the rate payers.

Judith talked about the Petworth Emigration scheme. Petworth was a closed parish owned by Lord Egremont and the Scheme was sponsored by him and promoted by Rev Sockett. Ships were chartered to take them to Canada as 'return cargo' after they had brought timber into English ports and the Petworth Emigration Committee told the emigrants what to take and paid for the items. After quarantine at Grosse Island, they were transferred to other boats to travel up through Lake Ontario to York (now known as Toronto) and thence to Lake Huron or Upper Canada (the area to the north of the Great Lakes). They were guaranteed work or could buy land.

The letters home describe the journey and their first impressions of their new home. Upward mobility was possible and they talked about the opportunities for advancement and of the gain of independence. They reflected on the problems that they had left behind, the effects of the enclosure of the common land compared to the freedoms they now had - free fuel, no gaming laws, no anti-poaching laws, they could own livestock and, if they were ill, they would be looked after and not frowned upon. Many of these letters have been published. We thanked Judith for a very interesting talk.

**Reports by Sue Turner**

### ***Forthcoming Meetings***

Please note that the March meeting has been changed from that mentioned in the December Root and Branch. It is now what was previously to have been in January 2026.

Mar 21     Saturday 1.30 pm. Penny Walters - '*Mixing DNA results with a paper trail - Demystifying DNA.*' Have you done a test and you're not sure what the results mean? What would the benefits of doing a DNA test be when you've already done a thorough paper trail? This presentation will walk you through the initial stages of understanding your DNA test results, and potential ethical ►

dilemmas will be discussed. Dr. Penny Walters has been a University lecturer for thirty years, teaching Masters' Business studies at British Universities. She lectures in-person throughout the UK, Ireland, America, and Australia. She writes articles and is sought after for a wide range of webinar topics and is a regular consultant on a variety of television and radio programmes. Penny has authored the books: 'Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy' (2019) and 'The Psychology of Searching' (2020).

- Apr 18 Saturday 1.30 pm. Gill Picken - *'Tongham Tapestry'*. This talk tells the story of the village of Tongham from Victorian times, starting with the story of the families who lived in "the Big House", 16th century Poyle Park, the Chester and the Mangles families; the establishment of the parish church in 1866 - the son of the first vicar of Tongham, Cyril Garbett, became Archbishop of York - and the links between the Maitland and Garbett families (Sir Peregrine Maitland, buried in the churchyard was a hero of the Battle of Waterloo). It also includes the middle classes in the village, the farmers and the tradesmen, the shops, pubs, the railway station (established in 1849 before the military came to Aldershot in 1854 and thus used for the building of the Camp) and finally Archbishop Garbett's recollections of the poor of the village.

Gill is a retired library supervisor from Hampshire libraries, having worked at Aldershot, Farnborough and Fleet libraries. However she started her career in Surrey libraries working at Farnham Library and spent a year working in a London library in the swinging sixties! She did an Open University Arts degree in her 40s and after retirement spent fifteen years volunteering at Farnham Museum, answering enquiries and encouraging use of the Museum library.

- May 16 Saturday 1.30 pm. Sue Turner - *'Beginners Guide to Civil Births, Marriages and Deaths'*. This is the first in a series of Beginners Guides to Family History, taking place over the next few months. This talk will look at the Civil Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths in England and Wales and also in Scotland, which has a different system of recording. Although aimed at beginners, it will also be useful for more experienced family historians, as methods of searching for the right Certificate have been changing over the years.

Sue is Chair of the Society and has been working on her family history for nearly fifty years, having produced over two hundred family trees for herself, partner, brothers in law and friends. She has a Masters degree with distinction in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies from the University of Strathclyde.



**WALTON ON THAMES** – Hersham Centre for the Community, Queens Road, Hersham Village KT12 5LU. Access is to the rear of the building, and free parking is available adjacent to the centre. A map is available on the Walton on Thames Centre page of WSFHS website. There is good disabled access including parking spaces.

Meetings on fourth Tuesday. Doors open 7.30 pm for 7.50 pm.

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In **October** Simon Brown gave his fourth talk on The Walton Film Industry called the “*Walton Studios, Nettlefold and Beyond*”. Simon talked about the British film Industry from 1918 to 1929. when it changed from Hepworth Studios to Nettlefold Studios.

Archibald Nettlefold bought Walton studios in 1926. Many films were produced like the Constant Nymph, The Silent House and The Lavender Lad which starred Mabel Pouton, a very famous actress at the time. The studio eventually became the only one to be built for Talkie Production.

During the Second World War the studio buildings were requisitioned by the government and used as storage facilities. The Vickers-Armstrong Aircraft Company built two new hangars after bomb damage occurred in 1940 at Brooklands Weybridge factory.

After Archibald's death in 1944 Walton Studios was bought by Ernest G Roy and reopened in 1945. It was renamed “Walton Studios.” It carried on producing films including Scrooge, Pickwick Papers and The Weapon. In 1955 it was rented by an American producer Hannah Weinstein and produced programmes for Television like The adventures of Sir Lancelot, and Four Just Men.

After experiencing serious difficulties the studio closed in 1961 and was used for houses and shops. The only remaining part is the Power Generating House which was built by Hepworth and is now Walton Playhouse.

In **November** we had an informal meeting about the extraordinary project undertaken by our member Hilary Brooks to record the life details of ALL the men on Hersham’s WW1 memorial with contributions from Graham Grist and Susie Pearce. Please see the separate article in Root and Branch.

On 15th **December** we had our informal Christmas Lunch at The Barley Mow, Hersham, sixteen of us enjoyed a convivial meal together with conversation about various aspects of Family History research.

**Reports by Susie Pearce and Lesley Cowing**



### ***Forthcoming Meetings***

Mar 24 We will have the rescheduled Sharon Hintze talk about using Family Search followed by The Psychology of Brick Walls.

Apr 28 TBA

May 26 Informal members evening, subject TBA

**WOKING** — Trinity Church, Brewery Road, Woking. GU21 4LH. Meetings on second Thursday of the month. Doors open at 7.45 pm for 7.50 pm.

**Co-ordinator: Chris Leech**

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In **November** our *informal meeting* followed up on the talk we had from Simon Fowler in September about researching our ancestors in the World Wars. Steve Welch started us off by telling us about his great uncle Charles Wareham who was a postman in 1901, a carman in 1911 and enlisted in the army on 30th September 1914. He was a gunner in the Balkans at Gallipoli in 1915 and in 1916 his unit was sent to France where they were involved in the battle of the Somme. Charles Wareham was injured with gunshot wounds on 23rd October 1916 and returned to hospital in England where he died in May 1917. He was buried in Brookwood Cemetery. Steve showed us a number of photographs of his great uncle and of places in France he has visited in recent years where his uncle was known to have been. It was also good to hear from others present about their ancestors who had fought in either the first or second World War or who had served at home in vital areas such as on the railways. I brought along my grandfather's pay book, pocket New Testament and tobacco tin complete with unused tobacco. It was a very interesting and enjoyable evening. It is disappointing that more people do not attend our informal meetings as they are usually very informative and a good opportunity to share our family history with others who are really interested!

We were delighted to have Jane Lewis as our speaker in **December** with her talk '*Crofts, Castles, Trades and Professions*'. Jane started by saying that if you want to know something about the area where your ancestors lived it is worth looking at contemporary novels set in that area which will describe something about conditions and society at the time. The Census is obviously a good place to look for addresses and the 1911 and 1921 Censuses are particularly good for full addresses. Maps will tell you more about the area too and there are good collections of older maps at Record Offices and the National Library of Scotland has maps online for free. Jane also suggested having a map beside you when looking at a Census and looking at the neighbours for any connections. Tithe maps and schedules give information about owners and tenants and 'The Genealogist' has these online which can be accessed for free at Surrey History Centre. The Census is also a good source for finding occupations for ancestors. If your ancestor was an agricultural labourer, as many were, look at the other occupations in the area on the Census you ►

are looking at. It may give you more of an idea about what sort of agricultural work your ancestor was involved in. Other good sources for finding out more about occupations include Parish Registers, Apprenticeship records, wages books, Application and Report books in Poor Law records and professional records such as Crockfords Clerical directories and Medical Registers. Some of these are available at Country Record Offices or at TNA and some are online. Newspapers can also provide more information and Jane described them as the Facebook of the day! This was a very helpful and enjoyable talk.

**Report by Chris Leech**

### ***Forthcoming Meetings***

- Mar 12 David Rose and Geoff Burch – '*A Romany Lifestyle*'. A joint talk about gypsies, travellers and itinerant workers in the local area in days gone by. Where they made their camps, their work on farms, market gardens, hop picking, their ways and traditions. Geoff Burch whose mother was born in Old Woking in 1918 has traced this side of his family's history and has uncovered some fascinating stories of several generations in Chobham and in and around Old Woking.
- Apr 9 Informal Meeting.— '*An Interesting Victorian Ancestor*' Please come and share about an interesting Victorian ancestor or family in your tree. It does not have to be someone famous or important in the eyes of society but something about them which has made them stand out to you and not be just a name in your family tree. Bring along your contribution on a memory stick, on paper or just come and talk. This is an opportunity to share some of your family history with a like minded audience.
- May 14 Richard Hartley – '*Writing a One-place study of Pirbright*'. For the last five years or so Richard Hartley has been writing a One-Place study of Pirbright, a small Surrey village between Guildford and Woking. When complete the study will document the history of each of the approximately 1,200 properties in the village, detailing the owners and occupants – where and when they lived, what they did for a living etc. So far Richard is half way through the project and has published over 450,000 words and 1,800 images which are available online. He'll talk about how he went about the project, his sources of information and the pitfalls and give some time-saving tricks and offer advice to anyone considering a similar type of project.



## ZOOM Meetings on the Internet

To join our Zoom meetings you will need to register for the talk in the members' area of WSFHS website. If you do not have a password apply to the webmaster. There are different days and times for the talks. Some talks are recorded and are available in the members' area for a week. 'Doors' open 30 mins before the talk. The meeting starts 10 mins before the hour.

**Co-ordinator: Jane Thomas**

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The **October** talk given by JJ Heath-Caldwell was '*A light overview of the English in India from the early 1600s through to 1947*'. JJ's talk covered the rise of sea exploration by England to the Spice islands to compete with Portuguese; Dutch and French merchants, leading to Elizabeth I granting a charter in 1600 to the East India Company to have a monopoly of English trade with the Indies. The East Indies were the Spice Islands and Investors were invited, many wanted to make money from spices - pepper, nutmeg, mace and cloves.

The company grew from one shore-based warehouse in Banan. By 1611 a warehouse was built in Masulipatnam on the Krishna River in what is now Andhra Pradesh. This enabled the company to trade in muslin, silk and cotton goods. More warehouses, called factories, were built over time to cover the subcontinent. These were enclosed by a protected fort to allow access with large areas of hinterland ruled by co-operating rulers or vanquished, if they disagreed, till the Company controlled Burma in the East and Pakistan in the West. As well as textiles and spice, imports to Britain included indigo dye, saltpetre for gunpowder, opium, tea, and jute. These all travelled well during the long voyages. To fund these trades initially British wool was sold in Europe and the gold used in the East.

In 1672 the East India Company minted their own coins in Bombay. The security force for the warehouses grew to an army and the armed ships needed grew into a private navy by early 1800, the largest in the world. The Company trained its own ensigns and writers (clerks), initially in situ and, by the mid 19th century, in the UK.

When the company overreached itself in 1773, the British government supported it and then took over completely by 1858 – known as the British Raj, ruled by the crown and friendly Indian Princes. In 1861 the British population was 125,945 made up of 41,862 civilians and 84,083 soldiers. Queen Victoria became the Empress of India to give the subcontinent's inhabitants their own ruler. So many British people went East that there are over two million British graves spread over the subcontinent. The system saw progress in Indian education, industry, railways and communication. We in Britain have gained some cultural influences e.g. bungalows, curry, kedgerie and paisley design. India also gave us troops in both 20<sup>th</sup> century wars with much loss of life. Eventually India became self-ruled, after much argument and discussion as there were many religions, ►

areas, and opinions. Partition in 1947 gave the area Pakistan and India. (This talk was recorded).

JJ's talk came from his book which can be read in a pdf from his website: <https://www.jjhc.info/history-of-the-world>.

In **November** Jeff Page showed us his selection of art from WW2. There was a great variety of subject matter, styles and artists – twenty two men and women, most professional artists. Most were official artists and many were in the armed or home-based services.

Although the title included WW2 most subjects were not about armed action. There were Paul Clay's magnificent contrails above the south coast, Eric Ravilious' stark modernist watercolours of the Northern Fleet and aircraft, images of paras dropping in France on D-Day and a pastoral scene of three gliders lying in a field with plane trees in the background. There was also a peaceful dawn image of large ships leaving Scapa Flow. The rest were mostly of the home front - a long queue outside a Kent fishmonger, an allotment in Bethnal Green and in Oxfordshire, manned by evacuated grammar school boys from Ilford, a modernist view of Land Army women learning to make stooks with sheaves and a day in a fundraising War Week in Hampshire.

Many portraits were painted. We saw holders of George Medals - a duty officer from Woolwich Fire station, a 16 year old girl dispatch rider - and a George Cross holder, a WAAF corporal. All helped people involved with damage and bombs, regardless of their own safety. There were a woman making a screw on a breech ring, a London leading Fireman who had come over from the West Indies, a London docker, a canal woman skipper and a motorman of the Nunsuch (an RN gunboat converted to ferry ball bearings from Sweden, avoiding the Baltic blockade.) Also a four in one painting of the four differently tasked Aircrew (demonstrating the use of the burns envelope) and another of a burned flyer in a saline bath. "Standing By on Train 21" showed a train carriage with medical staff – from Goodmayes Hospital – considered one of the best casualty evacuation trains.

There was a barrage balloon site with a women's crew, battling with a partially inflated balloon. Interestingly, the only Lowery that Jeff could find that showed the war was one with a barrage balloon in the sky far in the background.

An odd painting illustrated the role of African Basuto volunteers sorting mail in the courtyard of Valetta Palace in Malta. There was a chalk on paper drawing of men building a caisson for a Mulberry Harbour. This was built in a drained Surrey dock from bomb rubble. The dock could be flooded to hide them from the air. Another image was two pictures of types of rationed food – one with a checked table cloth and blank walls, entitled 'Coupons Required' and the other a Union Jack table covering and a bleeding swastika painted in the corner of the wall, entitled 'Lest We Forget'. ►

A little light relief was a couple of Norman Rockwell cartoon-like images and then hope supplied by a scene of Watney Street Market 1941, after an air raid nearly flattened it, just stubs of houses, followed by the same artist's watercolour from 1953 "Fait Accompli", Berners Street – new blocks of flats just built, Berners Street was renamed Henriques Street in her and her husband's honour. A really interesting talk showing many different facets in 1940s art. (This talk was recorded).

In **December**, Humour in Genealogy with Chris Broom. Chris gave us a well-illustrated talk on the entries in the records which amused him or caught his fancy. Most came from Parish records. These were first instigated by Thomas Cromwell in 1538. Every parish had to keep a register to record baptism, marriages and deaths. So everyone, not just the rich and titled, had a note somewhere about their lives that should be kept safe.

One example which caught his eye were two births with the same mother different fathers and bastard birth notes but, for full measure, in occupations, the cleric had put for the mother *wxxxæ*. Written in full in the register! 1810s, so a printed form register. Elsewhere another kinder entry described a girl as a spurious daughter of a mother with no mention of a spouse. There is also "NB This Child was born on Horseback in Catesby Lane." (*sic*). Another parish had a child called "Call him what you please".

An unusual marriage happened in 1776 – the groom 104 and the bride 75. The marriage lasted eight years before he died.

Found in a marriage register – groom signed with his right foot – no arms or left foot!

Chris gave us some amusing epitaphs found on stones. He also found some odd occupations in the censuses – he did not know of a knocker upper of work people. One of our participants had known one. He briefly mentioned wills – one man left "a bag of sand. I'd spent all my money".

Odd snippets in Newspapers and Courts had a brief mention as a source. Registration records were also a useful source. In the 1880s one father went from A to Z with the forenames for his child! While in 1864 a note records child "born in a carriage at the station". He also found many examples of names which amuse, e.g. Eileen Dover.

Chris ended the talk with a list of other sources. He stressed using the original documents, do not use only one source and try to find extra details that make the accounts more colourful.

**Reports by Jane Thomas**

### ***Forthcoming Zoom Meetings***

Mar 17    Tuesday 7.30 pm for 7.50 pm. Ian Currie – '*Droughts, Deluges and Dust Devils*'. Ian is a full-time weatherman, broadcaster, author, columnist, ►

speaker and editor of Weather Eye magazine. He is a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. His forecasts to gardeners and growers are on BBC Radio Surrey and Sussex. Ian correctly forecast the October 1987 storm! His talk covers several centuries of weather with particular reference to SE England. From Seven metre high snowdrifts, cricket ball sized hail, blazing summers to violent tornadoes or devastating floods.

Apr 15    **Wednesday 7.30 pm for 7.50 pm.** Brian Swann - '*25 Years of DNA and Family History. A Personal Viewpoint of where we Today and what is Important*'. Dr Brian Picton Swann who began family history in 1967, is a founder member of the West Surrey FHS. Professionally, in 1980 he took part in the very first clinical trial of any pharmaceutical product made by recombinant DNA technology – human insulin. He was first involved in DNA testing for family history in 2000, but began again in earnest in 2006. His Picton ancestry is a classic type of surname for a One-Name Study. He has also worked as a DNA Surname Project Administrator at Family Tree DNA [FTDNA] on the Swann/Swan project. The talk will focus on the now classic use of Y-DNA testing for family history, and why and how that has continued to change and evolve over nearly 25 years. He will also speak on his practical experiences of being a DNA Surname Project Manager at FTDNA.

May 5    **Tuesday 7.30pm for 7.50pm** Janet Few - '*Barefoot on The Cobbles*'. This is a novel written about life in a North Devon coastal village at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century into the 20s. This story is based on a real scandal that lay hidden for nearly a century. Daisy lived with the perils of the sea, disease and WW1 but faced other dangers. What was it about her mother's origins that drove an ordinary fisherman's wife to take such desperate measures? This presentation explains the research that underpins the creation of this story, some of the family and social history sources used and the problems of combining fact and fiction.

**If you have questions regarding any Zoom Meetings please contact Jane Thomas by email, [zoom@wsfhs.org](mailto:zoom@wsfhs.org).**

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# Future Meetings of the Society

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## March

|             |        |                  |                                |                                                                |
|-------------|--------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 12 | 7.45pm | Woking           | David Rose and Geoff Burch     | A Romany Lifestyle                                             |
| Tuesday 17  | 7.30pm | Zoom             | Ian Currie                     | Droughts, Deluges and Dust Devils                              |
| Saturday 21 | 1.30pm | Camberley        | Penny Walters                  | Mixing DNA results with a paper trail                          |
| Tuesday 24  | 7.30pm | Walton on Thames | (Rescheduled)<br>Sharon Hintze | Using Family Search followed by The Psychology of Brick Walls. |

## April

|              |        |                  |                  |                                                                                                       |
|--------------|--------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 9   | 7.45pm | Woking           | Informal Meeting | An Interesting Victorian Ancestor                                                                     |
| Wednesday 15 | 7.30pm | Zoom             | Brian Swann      | 25 Years of DNA and Family History. A Personal Viewpoint of Where We Are Today and What Is Important. |
| Saturday 18  | 1.30pm | Camberley        | Gill Picken      | Tongham Tapestry                                                                                      |
| Tuesday 28   | 7.30pm | Walton on Thames | To be announced  | To be announced                                                                                       |

## May

|             |        |                  |                  |                                                        |
|-------------|--------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 5   | 7.30pm | Zoom             | Janet Few        | Barefoot on the Cobbles                                |
| Thursday 14 | 7.45pm | Woking           | Richard Hartley  | Writing a one place study of Pirbright                 |
| Saturday 16 | 1.30pm | Camberley        | Sue Turner       | Beginners Guide to Civil Births, Marriages and Deaths. |
| Tuesday 26  | 7.30pm | Walton on Thames | Informal Meeting | Subject to be announced                                |

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