

# Root and Branch December 2018

The contents of the December 2018 issue are:

## Regular Features

**West Surrey Family Society Information / Root and Branch:** Information about membership categories and guidelines for submitting articles to Root and Branch.

**Publications through the WSFHS Bookstall include:** CD30: Parish Register Transcriptions and Indexes in the Guildford District.

**Editorial:** The Editors highlight some of the interesting articles in the current issue of R&B. They write about the Society's two major events of the year – the AGM and the Open Day. They are disappointed that Guildford Centre will close at the end of the year, at least for the present, but are hopeful that as there are 3 major family history events in 2019 there will be a revival of interest in family history. Members are asked to send in articles about how they became interested in family history and their excitement at their first discoveries. They would also welcome articles about Surrey ancestors who contributed to the war effort both at home and abroad.

**How well do you know Surrey?** Tony Kelly poses 2 questions for members and gives the answer to the last quiz.

**Monumental Inscriptions:** Tony Kelly writes that Surrey has over 3,900 graves from the first World War. While Brookwood has 1,742 memorials, other graveyards have a single grave. If you have ancestors who were lost in the Great War it is worth checking the Surrey Monumental Inscriptions Index in case they were buried in Surrey. Tony thanks Graham Stevens and Irene Keefe for donating a copy of their transcriptions for Nunhead Cemetery in Southwark.

**Diary of Events around the UK:** News regarding museums, family history fairs and associated events that will interest both new and experienced genealogists

**Members' Interests:** Should any of the following names appear on your family tree, you may wish to check the list in Root and Branch for complete contact information.  
BROOKER, BUTCHER, HEAVER, HUMPHREY, JORDAYNE, SMITH, SMITH  
Dedemiah, STACEY.

**Mailbox:** The first letter comes from a lady who started researching her family history 40 years ago. While looking for George Jacobs, she discovered his naturalization papers and log books of his ships and enjoyed a visit to Latvia to see where his family lived. She agrees with Cliff Webb that research was so much more fun before the internet. A second correspondent asks if anyone can help her with information on Leonard Normal CLACK born c.1911, and his wife Ellena May CLACK (formerly Austin) born 1914, died 1983. An email from David

Clay explains that the Members of The Clay Family Society of America are offering a free YDNA test to English males with the surname CLAY. Jenny Mukerji tells of her work on the “Horse Care” display, part of an exhibition at The Lightbox in 2014-5 “The Horse at War 1914-1918”. Bob Verner-Jeffreys writes about the Andrew Windsor Almshouses, the Trustees of which are gearing up for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There are full lists of trustees from 1620 and residents from 1673.

**Help for Members:** Jane Thomas runs the Help Register which aims to put in touch those members requiring help with those who can offer suitable assistance.

**Book Review:** “London’s Necropolis: A Guide to Brookwood Cemetery” by John M. Clarke. Review by Jenny Mukerji and Margaret Hobbs.

**News from Surrey Heritage:** Julian Pooley writes about the recent events held to mark the special anniversaries of Surrey History Centre, including a surprise Royal Visit by HRH the Duke of Gloucester. In contrast he warns that Surrey County Council is facing significant financial challenges and all departments will have to make large savings. It is likely that these will have a considerable impact on the services Surrey History Centre provides. Julian gives updates on the projects “Surrey in the Great War” and “March of the Women: Surrey’s Road to the Vote”. He also lists some of the new accessions and gives details of forthcoming events.

**Computer Corner:** Jeanne Bunting finds the last three months have been a time of nostalgia as she has made contact with old friends and revisited places of importance for family memories. She writes about her problems with printers and how she overcame them. She attended the recent Family History Show at Sandown Park where the keynote speaker was Dick Eastman on “The Future of Genealogy”.

**News from the Centres:** Details of the programmes planned for Camberley, Farnham, Guildford, Walton-on-Thames and Woking as well as a recap of recent meetings. It seems Guildford Centre will close at the end of December 2018, at least for the present.

**Future Meetings at the Society:** Upcoming meetings of the West Surrey Family History Society from December through to March.

## Articles

WSFHS – 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Woking Centre welcomed members to the Society’s AGM on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> October - Report by Chris Leech.

Open Day and Family History Fair 2018 - Report by Linda Dart.

List of Exchange Journals received - Report by Linda Dart.

An Analysis of the 1861 Census Records for Esher - Peter Harris.

Esher PCC Wills to 1700 - Cliff Webb.

My Family History Journey - Wendy Cope recalls her first steps in researching her family history and all the pleasure and enjoyment she has had from holidays and visits she has made in search of her ancestors.

Guildford Union Workhouse - David Morris.

Tales from Green Lane Cemetery - Jenny Mukerji continues her series with the stories of Edwin George Lord, his wife Kate and son Leslie Edward Lord.

Godalming: Fashion and Fancy Goods.

The Ceramic Collection - Sheila Brown looks round at the display plates in her room each of which reflects: local or national history; her family history and interests; royal events; and places she and her husband have visited on holiday.