

Root and Branch December 2014

The contents of the December 2014 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.

Editorial: Sheila Brown enjoyed her visit to the Open Day and was pleased to meet other members. She points out that this year, throughout the country, the emphasis has been on recording the memories of WW1; to capture for posterity the events that so changed the face of the world. She suggests that family get-togethers over Christmas provide the opportunity to capture memories and anecdotes.

Letter from the Secretary: Ann Sargeant enjoyed the Society's 40th Anniversary event held at Guildford on 20th September. Talks were given by Jane Lewis and Mark Dunton. Everyone enjoyed the superb hospitality of Iris Hawkins, Jane Thomas, Mary Buglla and Malcolm Brunning. During the AGM which followed, thanks were given to all volunteers who keep the Society flourishing and special thanks were given to Sheila Brown who is retiring as editor after seven years.

Monumental Inscriptions: Tony Kelly writes about the official launch of the Monumental Inscriptions online Index. Filming of the notebooks of Alfred Bax had now been completed. He gives an update on the continuing work of the volunteers.

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. BAKER, BALCHIN, BREACH, BRIANT, BRYANT, CAESAR, CHAPMAN, CRANHAM, DAMME(A)RY, DENYER, EDWARDS, ELKINS, FAIRS, GATTY, HARMS, HARPER, HENDERSON, HORTH, HURLSTONE, JENNINGS, MILLS, NEWELL, PEACH, PERFETT, PHILLIPS, PHILPOTT, REDDING, RITCHIE, ROFSER, ROSSER, SHEEN, SLOW, SMITH, SNASHFOLD, SNATCHFOLD, STOVE/OLD, TERRY, TICKNER, VINCENT

Mailbox: A member provides an update on research into the 18 Burpham and Jacobs Well men who fell in WW1. Another writes about her family connections to Coverts Road in Claygate. A third writer is seeking information on W(alford) Graham Robertson of Witley and a New Zealand member is searching for a copy of the book "Ottershaw through the Ages" by H J M Stratton.

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.

Bookshelf: “Woking through Time” by Marion Field. “The Family Historian’s Enquire Within” 6th Edition by Janet Few

Computer Corner: Jeanne Bunting explains how to find the Trinity House Petitions. She highlights the usefulness of an ipad. DNA testing is becoming popular but there are some dangers. Jeanne writes about some of her gadgets.

News from Surrey Heritage: Julian Pooley reports that National School admission registers and log books for 154 Surrey schools are now accessible on Findmypast. He announces that the popular workshop “Family History Research Made Easy” will be repeated and that individual workshops will run on Saturday mornings. He gives details of new accessions and forthcoming talks and events.

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.

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

Articles

Open Day 2014 – Report by Maura Sellars.

Cliff Webb provides a “Parish Register Report”.

Margaret Dierden writes about “Shalford’s Great War Sacrifice”.

Jenny Mukerji looks at the parish of St Thomas-on-the-Bourne in Farnham.

Robert Edwards is “Searching for headstones at All Saints, Witley”.

Dominic Harper writes about eleven names from the Camberley War Memorial in “Surrey Royal Navy Deaths in the First World War”. These are William ALLEN, Ernest Alfred ALLEN, F. CRACKNELL, Joseph Edwin DALE, Henry James DAVIS, S. DAVIS, William GOATLEY, Robert HERRINGTON, Charles MASTERS, George William PAWLEY, and Arthur Herbert ROSE.

Surrey Strays at Sheffield Hillsborough Barracks.

‘Last’ nurse recalls horrors of Vimy Ridge.

“Remembering 1814” by Bob Brock.

Sheila Brown writes about the “Royal Flying Corps”.