

Root and Branch December 2015

The contents of the December 2015 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: CD45 Norwood (Surrey) Cemetery Burials 1837-1865

Editorial: The Editors encourage members to write up their family history research and send in some of their interesting stories to Root and Branch. Also to add their own life stories to their family history. They welcome Tony Kelly to the position of Chairman of WSFHS and report on the work of the Open Day Committee

Letter from the Chairman: As Tony Kelly takes up the position of Chairman he thanks all the volunteers who keep the Society going. After 41 years of success, the Trustees are thinking about the vision for the future of the Society and he asks for members to send him their thoughts and ideas for the future direction of the Society

Letter from the Secretary: Louise Maidens introduces herself and looks forward to working with her fellow committee members

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. BURRY, BURY, CHAPLIN, COOPER, DRISDALL, GOBLE, GORING, HASELDINE, HAZELD/TINE, HEAVER, HUMPHREY, JACOB(S), KING, LAIRD, LARD, LORD, MOODY, MORRISON, NEAL, PARKER, RANDALL, REEVES, SHEARS, SHIRLEY, SNOOK, STEVENS, THWAITES, TINGLEY, VALLIS, WHITBREAD WOODCOCK, WYKE

Help for Member: Through the Society's Help Register, helpful members are ready and willing to undertake small research tasks for other members. In this issue a member in Australia is willing to help research Vic. Australia/obtaining photographs in and around Melbourne. Has family trees for HUMPHREY, BURY (BURRY), BROADWAY, HARMER, SWANBOROUGH and COOPER. A second member has various Isle of Wight transcripts

Computer Corner: Jeanne Bunting comments on family trees in Ancestry, sorting out photo links in Family Historian file and problems with an iphone. She gives details of some websites to try.

Monumental Inscriptions Library: Tony Kelly writes that the MI Library now has over 93,000 names indeed from 279 graveyards across the county. The first stage of the plan to move the MI index into the Society's website is underway thanks to Sue

News from Surrey Heritage: Julian Pooley reports that a small team of volunteers is working through the volumes of The Gentleman's Magazine held in the reference library and transcribing a wide range of stories relating to Surrey People and places in the ancient county of Surrey. Other indexes recently made available include The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment Rough Register of Recruits 1914-1917, Hambledon Board of Guardians Minute Books 1836-1910, Dorking Board of Guardians Application and Report Books 1842-1857. Another bunch of records has been published via the Ancestry website. He lists recent accessions and gives details of forthcoming 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

WSFHS 41st Annual General Meeting. Report by Ann Sargeant

Report on the Open Day 2015 by Linda Dart

Services for WSFHS members including Land Tax records, microfiche collections for loan and reciprocal services with other organisations

Valda Hudson writes about the Marylebone Meander on 18th July

Cliff Webb lists the Surrey School Records on FindMyPast

Sheila Brown recalls what Woking was like when she moved to the area over 50 years ago and considers the many changes that have occurred since that time

"Two Hundred Years Ago" – the story of Henry COOK of Effingham and his wife

Peter Stevens reveals how an article in the last issue of R&B sent him to the Woking Record Office to find records for his 4xgreat grandfather, Robert STEVENS. He encourages other members to look at all possible sources of information even from those that seem irrelevant at first glance.

Bob Verner Jeffreys notes the apparent longevity claimed in some newspapers and parish records

Book Review: Jenny Mukerji reviewed "Common People: the history of an English family" by Alison Light