

Root and Branch March 2015

The contents of the March 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.

From the Secretary: Ann Sargeant looks forward to the Society's 41st AGM to be held in Farnham on Saturday, 22nd August. Nominations are invited to fill the roles of Chairman and Secretary and for additional Trustee positions. Members are reminded that it is time to renew their membership subscriptions to WSFHS. As Sheila Brown has retired as editor of Root and Branch, Ann announces that Naomi and Richard Weatherhead will take over as joint editors.

Ann draws attention to the website <http://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#calendar> where a search can be made for any deceased person's name for all wills and admons administered between 1858 and the present. She recommends the British Newspaper Archive as a fantastic resource for family historians and reminds members that the WSFHS collection of CDs and other publications is really extensive so do check the publications list on the Society's website.

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

Help for Members: Members who can offer help to their fellow members with small research tasks in their home area are asked to submit details to Mrs Sue Larkins. Jane Thomas runs the Help Register which aims to put in touch those Members requiring help with those who can offer suitable assistance.

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. ANYONE, BAKER, BATLEY, BRUNT, BURGESS, COUSIN(S), EAGLETON, EDWARDS, EGGLETON, FINDE/ON, GEORGE, GIBAN/UD, GILES, GUMBRE/ILL, GUNNER, HOARE, JONES, LEMON, MCGAVIN, MCNELLY, PATRICK, PORTER, SMITH, TIZACK, TO(U)NTOS, TOUNLI/ES, TOUNTISE, TOWENTES, TOWNTYE, WHALE, WHEELER, WILLCOX.

Mailbox: A member is seeking information about Emma BICKNELL, formerly CARR, born in Walton on Thames in 1874. After her marriage to William BICKNELL the couple lived in Haslemere. Another member writes about attending an Act of Remembrance at the Claygate War Memorial at Holy Trinity Church. Three of her uncles, sons of James WHETSTONE and his wife Eliza Maria HOGSDEN, were killed in World War One and are

mentioned on the memorial: Alfred, Charles Walter and Walter George WHETSTONE. The final communication is from a reader who would like to find a good home for some photos and other items she has acquired. These memorabilia would be of interest to anyone connected to the ESSEX family living in Croydon in the late 19th century or to the WRAIGHT family also from Croydon but originally from Canterbury.

Bookshelf: “Valentine Joe” by Rebecca Stevens.

News from Surrey Heritage: Julian Pooley announces that SHC’s bid to the Heritage Fund for a grant for the project to commemorate the Great War has been successful. For the next four years “Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers” will be at the heart of the county’s commemoration of WW1. A new website will be created recording the stories of Surrey’s towns, villages, organisations and individuals who endured the war. The hope is that local people will get involved as volunteers, to share their knowledge and skills with others. A range of workshops and events will introduce the project to all parts of Surrey. Julian reports that Surrey Electoral Registers 1832-1945 are now online through the partnership with Ancestry.co.uk. Other records soon to appear online include Brookwood Hospital and Holloway Sanatorium admission registers and enlistment registers for Queen’s Royal West Surrey Regiment and the East Surrey Regiment. New accessions are listed together with details of forthcoming events and activities.

Computer Corner: Jeanne Bunting tells of the problems she encountered after buying software at a car boot sale. Printing her Christmas newsletters and address labels was also difficult this year. Jeanne and her relatives are planning a big family get-together to celebrate a Silver Wedding Anniversary. The older family members are hoping to introduce the younger generations to the fun they used to have at the Christmas parties when they were young. She plans to video the occasion.

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 March through June.

Articles

New Rules for Adopted Adults.

“During a recent trip to New Zealand” by Darleen Wolfe.

Cliff Webb lists “Interesting Entries from St George Southwark Burials 1665-1685.

Valda Hudson reports on the London Walk.

Cliff Webb lists Chertsey Wills in PCC: John ADAMS, William ALLEY, Joan ARNOLD, William ARNOLD, Denise BADGER, Joan BADGER, Thomas BADGER, Robert

BANISTER (1692), Robert BANISTER (1701-2), William BARTHOLMEWE, John BAYLEY, ANTHONY BENNETT, Thomas BERRIMAN, Henry BINDING, Sarah BINDING, Thomas BROWNE, Thomas BUTTERFIELD, John BUTTERFIELD, Matthew CARLETON, Edward CHAPMAN jnr, Edward CHAPMAN.