

Root and Branch September 2015

The contents of the September 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: CD44 Some Ancient Parishes in the Epsom District – Transactions and Indexes

Editorial: The Editors suggest topics for articles and snippets including: What did your Surrey Ancestors do during WW1? How did they prepare for the 2nd Christmas of the War? Can you share with other members any Surrey traditions and recipes associated with the Christmas season?

Letter from the Secretary: Ann Sargeant writes her final 'letter' to members as she steps down from the post of Secretary. She looks forward to the coming Members' Afternoon and AGM

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

Mailbox: A member seeks information on Jack (John) REID, born 28 October 1888 Renwick, New Zealand, who married Ellen Emma PHILLIPS in Chertsey on 13 December 1919.

Unwanted certificates available to researchers include: Harry PORT, Charlotte Maria CURL, Elizabeth Jane GODFREY

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. BLAKE, BOWLER, BOXALL, BULLEN, CAESER, DABORN, EDIS, HART, HICKS, HOILE, HOYLE, HUGHES, JENKINS, MARTEN, MAXIM, MORRIS, ROAKE, SAUNDERS, SCOTCHER, SCOTT, SEWARD, SWAIN WALLIS, WOODISON

Help for Members: Through the Society's Help Register, helpful members of WSFHS are ready and willing to undertake small research tasks for other member. One member has comprehensive information relating to Woldingham. Another member has Banns of Marriage 1840-1924 for St Helena, parish of St James Church. Please consider adding your name to the Register

Bookshelf: "Surrounded by Hops". The story of the KNIGHT family of Farnham. By Cathie Fitzgerald. "John SMITH – No Problem!" by L & A Welsford

Computer Corner: Jeanne Bunting writes of a recent family gathering and the opportunity it gave to gather together photographs. She warns of the mistakes to be found in some of the Family Trees on Ancestry. She suggests some interesting web sites that are well worth looking at

Monumental Inscriptions Library: Tony Kelly reports that the 4th edition of the Surrey MI Index has been published; it includes 90,749 names. His team is compiling a comprehensive list of churchyards and graveyards in the Ancient County of Surrey

News from Surrey Heritage: Julian Pooley announces that the archive collections of Clandon Park were not destroyed in the recent fire as they had been deposited with the Surrey History Centre some years ago. He reports that the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta is a major theme of their events and activities this year. He reports on their attendance at Who Do You Think You Are? Live show

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 September through December

Articles

Cliff Webb continues to list Chertsey Wills in PCC to 1700: William MILL, Henry MILLETT, Thomas MILLETT, Thomas PENFOLD, Henry PREIST, Peter PREIST, Edward READE, Mary READE

Frances Francis writes about the life of Charles COLLETT and discovers the story of the road accident in September 1940 when he was killed

Bob Verner Jeffreys remembers his grandmother Dorothy May VERNER who, in the space of six weeks in 1915, lost her husband, leaving her with three small children and her brother.

In a second article Bob recounts the story of his 4xgreat uncle William VERNER who believed that his recovery from a musket ball wound to the head was down to Guinness.

Jill Williams takes a look at Wills connected with the village of Thorpe.

Rosemary Morgan gives an update on the future of the graveyards of St John's Church, Stoke-near-Guildford

Jenny Mukerji transcribes a Fire Rota Board from 1943 which is in the heritage collection at The Lightbox, Woking's museum and gallery

Nick Hofman offers a cautionary tale to those researching an uncommon surname and notes the variability of surnames in parish registers.