

Root and Branch June 2016

The contents of the June 2016 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: CD16 - Early 20th Century London: Maps, Street Names and Schools

Editorial: The editors highlight the diversity of the topics covered by the articles in this issue – from the Potter and Rapley families of Dorking to Bob Brock’s article “Snapshot of England in 1816”. Members are encouraged to attend local monthly meetings where interesting talks are planned for the coming months. This year’s Open Day will be held on 5th November. Members are asked to send in articles and snippets about their Surrey ancestors.

How well do you know Surrey? Tony Kelly poses a question for members and gives the answers to the last quiz.

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 is asking for help in tracing Captain Harold John Carr of the 10th Royal Hussars who is said to have married Ivy Margaret Enoch on 5th November 1942. A second member warns of the mistakes that can be found in family trees on some online websites. His advice is to prove out everything to avoid disappointment later on. The last letter gives an update to Jeanne Bunting’s wonderful Computer Corner with the news that if you have full UK or world membership of Findmypast you can get free images for the 1939 register.

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. NEWMAN, ANDREWS, BROWN, CONSTABLE, FLINT, FORD, KNIGHT, ROBBINS, ROBINI, SIGGREY, SILVESTER, SMALLPIECE, SMALLPIT, STOREY, YEOMANS

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. She has recently had an offer of help from a member who has the Sussex Marriage Index up to 1837.

Computer Corner: Jeanne Bunting reports that Family Tree Maker will continue after all – under the ownership of Software MacKiev. The 1939 Register on Findmypast will be free for subscribers from February 16th but warns of transcriptions errors. She gives an update on her use of her new computer and Windows 10. Latest additions to the major websites are listed.

Monumental Inscriptions Library: Tony Kelly writes that all the WW1 war graves in West Surrey churchyards have now been indexed. He gives an update on the continuing work.

Reference Library – New Addition: “Come into the Factories”. An Oral History by Robert M. Ruegg.

News from Surrey Heritage: Julian Pooley announces the launch of the website “Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers”. Two new free indexes are now available online: The East Surrey Regiment 1st Battalion Part II Orders 1915-1918 and the Farnham Poor Law Union Minute Book Index 1872-1910. The archives of John Broadwood and Sons, the London piano makers, are held at SHC. Julian lists some new accessions and gives details of forthcoming events and activities.

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 June through September.

Articles

WhoDoYouThinkYouAre?Live 2016 – Report: Birmingham, breakdown, boxes and bags again

Woking’s Eminent Citizen Award: Jean Follett

WSFHS Open Day Committee - “Wanted – Apprentice(s)”

Cliff Webb writes about the old punishment of “Pressed to Death”

Robin Hankins tells of an account written by his great uncle Albert Edwin RICE detailing his activities on the Mesopotamia campaign in WW1 “All for a Shilling a Day”

Jenny Mukerji writes about “Suffragettes in the 1911 Census”

Open Day 5th November, Woking Leisure Centre

WSFHS Members’ Afternoon and AGM. Saturday 20th August. Timetable and Agenda.

Cliff Webb continues to list Chertsey PCC Wills: Richard SYMONDS, John THETCHER, John THETCHER, Joanna THURWOOD, Walter URLWYN, Daniel WAKEHAM, Thomas WALDEN, Leonard WAPSHOTT, Richard WAPSHOTT, John WAPSHOTT, John WATKINS, Alice WRIGHT

Canal Boat People

David Rose writes about the Potter and Rapley families of Dorking

Sheila Brown tells of her research using the 1939 Register

“A Snapshot of England in 1816” – Part 1 by Bob Brock