

Root and Branch June 2017

The contents of the June 2017 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: CD5 - West Surrey Parish Profiles and Church Photographs – 3rd edition, 2006.

Editorial: The Editors update readers on some of the recent activities of the Society. The formal announcements for the Society's AGM on 2nd September are given on pages ii and iii of the centre insert. More volunteers are urgently needed for WSFHS to continue to flourish. Some of the forthcoming talks at Centre meetings are highlighted.

Letter from the Trustees: The Trustees enjoyed meeting members at WhoDoYouThinkYouAre?Live in Birmingham. The Bookstall will also be attending the Wiltshire FHS Open Day on 10th June and Buckinghamshire FHS Open Day on 29th July, so do come and introduce yourself. A volunteer is needed to co-ordinate publicity for the Society.

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: The first member is seeking a family connection to Rosetta PEARMAN so that she can pass on a birthday book she has in her possession. The next communication concerns a family get-together for descendants of James and Hester COLLYER. Another member tells of her continuing search for relatives of her father Bernard Leonard MAYNE born 25 December 1911 in Redhill. A fourth member writes about a display on local gypsy families to be held in Chobham Museum in June. The Chairman of Berswich History Society in Staffordshire is seeking a photograph of Emily WILLIAMSON, wife of Robert Wood Williamson, living at Sandhills, Witley, in 1914.

WSFHS Reference Library – New Addition: “Waitrose Seeking to Attain Perfection” by Janet Appleyard-Hobbs and Judy Faraday.

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.

AITCHISON, ALLAWAY, BROWN, COPE, COX, FITCH, FLETCHER, HACKETT, HARVEY, KETTLE, MEABURN, MEBUM, MEWBURN, PHAROAH, PHARAOH, PHILPOT, POOLE, PORLE, REEVE, ROLFE, ROLPH, SHAW, STANIFORTH, STEELE(E), TAYLOR, THOMPSON, TOMSETT, WILD(E), WILSON.

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. If you can offer to help others, or if you would like some help, please contact Jane at email: HelpRegister@wsfhs.org

Monumental Inscriptions Library: Tony Kelly updates members on the growing Monumental Inscriptions Library. There are now over 108,000 names in the index. He tells of the challenges posed by the churchyard of St Paul Clapham.

Computer Corner: Jeanne Bunting updates readers on her research about the history of soldiers in a photograph. She explains how she has tried to ensure she is tracing the correct ancestor in her son-in-law's family. She has been in contact with owners of ATTERSLEY family trees on Ancestry – a good excuse to revisit her Attersley research.

News from Surrey Heritage: Julian Pooley writes about the results of a Survey of Visitors to SHC held last year and thanks those visitors who took part in the survey. He reports that work to improve access to the History Centre's collections is continuing. He lists 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 2017 – Report.

In “Status of urban Surrey transcriptions” Cliff Webb gives a progress report on the Society's efforts to provide indexed transcripts to all the urban Surrey registers.

Open Day – Saturday 4th November 2017.

WSFHS Members' Afternoon and Annual General Meeting – 2nd September 2017.

Cliff Webb lists Worplesdon Wills in PCC: William BANISTER, Peter RUSSELL, William RUSSELL, Anthony GADD, Edward JOANES, Thomas SMITHER, John GADD, Richard SAWYER, Robert KING, John CLIFTON, Roger MARTYN or MARTIN, Henry SMITH, John BURLACE, Robert SMITH

Frances Francis reveals her research found some “Family Secrets” about George CLACK and his wife Elizabeth WHITTINGHAM and their family.

Jenny Mukerji continues her series on “Tales from Green Lane Cemetery, Farnham” with George Ethelbert ALDRIDGE.

Bob Verner-Jeffreys completes his two part article on the “Two Rectors of Barnes”, both of whom were named John JEFFREYS.

The Bravery of an Old Lady: Sarah WILLIS of Addlestone