

# Root and Branch September 2017

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## 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:** CD10 - The Surrey Burials Index. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 2009. This edition covers the period from the start of each parish register and mostly up to 1865 for all ancient parishes and many 'modern' parishes (created after 1837) in rural Surrey.

**Editorial:** The Editors point out the wide variety of articles and snippets contained in this issue. They highlight some of the talks scheduled at the various centre meetings for the coming season.

**Letter from the Trustees:** Members are reminded of the AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and the Open Day on 4<sup>th</sup> November. The Trustees understand that discussions are underway between FFHS and the SOG about the future of the "Who Do You Think You Are? Live" show. If members renew their annual subscriptions by standing order would they please remember to increase the amount to the current rate. More volunteers are needed to help run the activities of the Society and to ensure its continuing success.

**How Well Do You Know Surrey?** Tony Kelly poses two questions for members to tackle in this issue of Root and Branch and supplies the answers to his puzzles in the previous issue.

**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 writes of her efforts to locate the gravestone of her great great grandfather buried in St Mary the Virgin, Shalford and thanks Tony Kelly and the WSFHS for their valuable work on recording monumental inscriptions.

**Unwanted certificates available to researchers include:** birth: Ernest David WEBB. Marriage: Ernest David WEBB and Ruby Eliza BURGESS.

**Help for Members:** Jane Thomas asks members to contact her if they are able to undertake up to an hour's research for a fellow member, or if they wish to request help from other members.

**Computer Corner:** The GRO is preparing new indexes to its birth and death records. Births will contain mother's maiden name while deaths will contain ages. The GRO also began issuing email copies of certificates at lower prices than the actual certificates. Using these helped Jeanne Bunting break through one of her brick walls. Jeanne expresses her frustration

that when she emails the owner of a 'public' family tree on Ancestry or GenesReunited and fails to get a reply.

**Monumental Inscriptions Index:** Tony Kelly gives an update on the continuing work on the Surrey MI Index. In total there are 112,335 names listed in the Index.

**News from Surrey Heritage:** Julian Pooley reports on the increased number of visitors to the searchroom in the past year. He gives details of the comprehensive programme of events and activities the SHC holds every year to meet the needs of local people. He explains the valuable work undertaken by the Surrey History Trust. New accessions are listed together with 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 September through December.

## Articles

Open Day - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Details of free talks, visiting family history societies, local history societies and other interests groups,

Jenny Mukerji continues her series "Tales from Green Lane Cemetery, Farnham" with Jessie Munro Gordon ALDRIDGE (nee LEASK).

Cliff Webb lists new Surrey online resources recently added on Findmypast.

Vincent Tickner writes of the TICKNER and BURCH families of Perry Hill, Worplesdon, in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Peter May explains his research into his ancestor Nellie WALKER who married Hubert Arthur ARNOLD, a young theological student. The couple went from Surrey hills to the South Pacific in the course of Hubert's work for the London Missionary Society.

Valda Hudson writes of the enjoyable and interesting summer walk in London led by their guide, Roy Gibbs.

David Rose gives the first part of a 2 part article about the interesting family history, discovered "from a humble ginger beer bottle", of George BOYCE of Egham, John Pierce BOYCE senior, John Pierce BOYCE junior and George BOYCE of Chertsey.

Sheila Brown gives her memories from 80 years ago of the Coronation races and special tea she and her friends enjoyed.