

Root and Branch September 2018

The contents of the September 2018 include:

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: CD28 – Parish Register Transcriptions and Indexes in the Kingston District.

Editorial: The Editors remind members that this year is the run up to the sapphire anniversary of R&B and ask readers to send in their reflections on how both the Society and genealogy have changed over the last 45 years. This autumn sees two important annual gatherings for WSFHS members: the AGM on 13th October and our Open Day on 3rd November. The editors encourage all our readers to contribute to R&B - to help make your magazine as interesting and relevant as possible.

Letter from the Trustees: The Trustees report on their day at Woking's Party in the Park. They were pleased to be joined at their stand by people dressed as a Voluntary Aid Detachment nurse, a reserve Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military nurse and a WW1 soldier. Members are reminded that at the AGM on 13th October the future of the Guildford Centre will be discussed. Kirsty Gray will be speaking on "Heir Hunting – the Real Deal".

How well do you know Surrey? Tony Kelly poses questions 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.

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.

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. SWINDON, BAIGENT, PERREN, PURDAY, HAMPTON, WARNER, SAUNDERS, GATES, LONGHURST, JELLEY and STOCKER.

Mailbox: A writer follows up on Jenny Mukerji's recent article about Major General Sir Robert Pringle and his involvement in improving horse sick-lines. He remembers joining the Royal Military Police Mounted Section in 1968. A second communication recalls the early days of the Mothers' Union in Surrey and asks to hear from any member whose ancestor belonged to the Union in its early days. In the third communication Viv Bennett points out that the transcription work she did for the Red Cross was for the First World War records not WW2. In her email Jenny Mukerji writes about an exhibition of photographs taken in the Woking area in the 1920s and 1930s which is on display at The Lightbox until 7th October.

The last writer informs members about the project by Southwark Council to remove some of the graves and gravestones from Camberwell Old and New cemeteries. The memorials can be retrieved but she is unsure how much longer the cemetery will store them.

Monumental Inscriptions Library: Tony Kelly gives a list of those graveyards for which names have recently been added to the Surrey Monumental Inscriptions Index. These include a large number of war graves so there may only be one or two inscriptions for many of the cemeteries. New search guidance for the on-line Monumental Inscriptions Index was published at the end of May. Please let Tony know how it works for you.

News from Surrey Heritage: Julian Pooley reports on the Anniversary Booklet which has been created to celebrate a host of anniversaries at Surrey History Centre. The 70 items featured in the booklet will be exhibited at the Surrey Heritage Showcase to be held at Surrey History Centre on Saturday, 20 October. Updates are given on the projects “Surrey in the Great War: a County Remembers” and “March of the Women: Surrey’s Road to the Vote”. He reports on his work with Surrey Record Society on a project to transcribe and publish every reference to Surrey that appeared in the Gentleman’s Magazine between 1731 and 1868. Julian lists new accessions and gives details of forthcoming events and courses.

Computer Corner: Jeanne delves into her records of her Attersley family history. She also writes about using Social Media and the ‘pros and cons’. The main social media websites have more than 100,000,000 registered users. She points out that one of the dangers is that people share too much information. She reminds readers that there are privacy settings that can be adjusted so you can choose what you share and with whom. Recently, using Facebook Jeanne was able to trace, and get in contact with, a family who used to live nearby but who had moved away and they lost touch after a few years.

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

WSFHS Open Day - Saturday 3rd November 2018

Cliff Webb writes about “45 years of family history”.

Bob Verner-Jeffreys recalls his “Early Days of Research”.

Jenny Mukerji continues her series “Tales from Green Lane Cemetery” with an article about Sydney Ernest LORD and his wife (Gertrude) Irene LORD (nee ROBERTS) and their daughter Joan Mary STEWART.

Shirley Forster passes on her experiences of researching “Lives of the First World War”.

“Great Uncle Charlie’s First World War Death Plaque” by David Rose.

“Runnymede Memorial”.

Valda Hudson describes this year’s “Annual Summer Walk” which took place on 30th June.

Jenny Mukerji warns of the assumptions made about birth dates on Family Search.

“Godalming – Ironmongery and Domestic Engineering”.

Flyer - WFSHS Annual General Meeting.

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