

Root and Branch March 2020

The contents of the March 2020 issue include:

Regular Features

West Surrey Family History Society Information / Root and Branch: Information about membership categories and guidelines for submitting articles to Root and Branch.

Publications through the WSFHS Bookstall include: CD8 - The Guildford Collection.

E-Downloads now available from Genfair.co.uk. Many parish register transcription and indexes for marriages, baptisms and burials from start of register to about 1837 in PDF format for personal use only. Now available to download to your PC, iPad, MacBook, iPhone, etc.

Editorial: Richard writes about his research into his Branson ancestors, back to Robert Branson (c.1610 – 1685) whose two children were christened in Rotherhithe. Robert would have witnessed the preparation of the Mayflower. Richard asks members to help him locate Robert's baptismal record and to find out who Robert's parents were.

Letter from the Trustees: The Trustees expressed their thanks to Joyce Sampson who is giving up the role of custodian of the Society's Reference Library after 25 years, and to Shirley Forster and Sue Harvey who are stepping down from the Surrey Family History Fair Committee. They are pleased to announce that Alison Durkin is taking over as the Reference Librarian. If anyone feels they could join the Family History Fair Committee please get in touch. Interesting articles, snippets and photographs are always needed for Root and Branch. The Trustees remind members to renew their subscriptions. Renewal details are given in the centre of this issue.

How well do you know Surrey? Tony Kelly poses two 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

Mailbox: A member writes that when the 1939 register was taken many family members were registered away from their homes, not because they were living apart but because they were away for business reasons or for pleasure that weekend. Another member asks if anyone has knowledge of the Kinghams wholesale company which operated out of Horley around the early part of the 1900s. Daniel Shepherd is looking for volunteers to help research, write and transcribe records of the criminals at Woking's Convict Invalid Prison for his website. Jenny Mukerji writes about the 1914 Chapel in Green Lane Cemetery which has been restored by the Pilgrim Bethren Christian Church.

Monumental Inscriptions Library: Tony Kelly reminds members to visit the local churchyard when they visit the places where their families lived but he warns you should always challenge everything you find. Monumental masons made mistakes as we all do! He reports that the latest acquisition to the WSFHS MI Library is a set of transcriptions for Nunhead Cemetery in Southwark. He plans to add them to the online MI Index which is already in the Members' Area of the Society website. At the end of 2019 there were 151,143 names in the Name Index to the Surrey Monumental Inscriptions Library.

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.

Computer Corner: Jeanne Bunting looks back over her 30 years of writing "Computer Corner"; trials and tribulations.

News from Surrey Heritage: Julian Pooley records that Surrey Heritage volunteers gave a staggering 13,433 hours of their time between April 2018 and March 2019. He gives updates on the projects they have been working on. He lists some of the recent additions to the History Centre and gives details of forthcoming talks and 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 March through June.

Articles

Richard Heaton kindly provided the notes for his talk, before the 2019 AGM, on "Your Ancestors in Newspapers"

West Surrey Family History Society - Renewal of subscriptions for 2020/2021

WSFHS Data Protection Statement

Cliff Webb concludes his series of Cobham PCC Wills 1559 - 1700. These include the wills of John DOWNE, Sarah BICKERSTAFFE, Thomas KING, Edward KNIGHT alias ELLIS, Edward JESSOPP, Ann GIBSON, William CARPENTER, Libbeus FOX, Catherine SUTTON, Grace CARTER, Richard SUTTON, Elizabeth KING, James INWOOD and Ephraim WOOD

Bob Verner-Jeffreys - "DNA - A North Sea Story"

"Godalming - "Natureform" Boots and Shoes

"Invective in will" by Cliff Webb

Jenny Mukerji continues her series of "Tales from Green Lane Cemetery" as she writes about Helen Maria WIGHT and her parents Edward WIGHT and Maria, nee CUNNELL.