



# East Surrey Family History Society

**e-Newsletter** No 3 March 2013

WELCOME to the third issue of your Society's new **e-Newsletter!**

I hope you will enjoy reading the news items and do remember that contributions and questions are always welcome from readers. You may like to share a new source you've found or mention a useful library collection you've discovered.

The Society holds regular meetings at five different venues in East Surrey and we look forward to seeing you at all and any of them - see the listings below – and don't forget our AGM on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the URC Church Halls, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon. Further details below.

I haven't resolved the problems with an email distribution mechanism for this newsletter but it is now high on my priority list. Hopefully I will have better news to share at the AGM on April 20<sup>th</sup>. In the interim the e-newsletter will be published on the Society web site [www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk](http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk)

Remember to let us know if you want us to use a different email address. Please see the 'Administration notes' at the end of the newsletter for further information. If you have any comments or contributions, please email these to: [enewseditor@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk](mailto:enewseditor@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk)

## ESFHS UPDATE

The March ESFHS Journal has been distributed and I hope you are enjoying reading it. If you have any comments or suggestions please let us know, either the Journal editor or any Committee member or the enewseditor. If you haven't received a copy please check that you have paid your membership subscription for the current year! This is currently £12 per annum. Any problems please contact the Membership Secretary at [membership01@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk](mailto:membership01@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk)

or download and complete the application form from the East Surrey web site. See [http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk/m\\_ship.htm](http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk/m_ship.htm)

Society meetings are held at five venues across East Surrey; those for the forthcoming month are:

**CROYDON – 20th April - [AGM and Local Studies Fair hosted in conjunction with the Croydon Local Studies Forum. The AGM theme is "Imaging the Past".](#)**

(Click on this link to open the programme.)

There will be a full programme of talks, with an opportunity to meet representatives from related local societies. This will be followed by the Society's AGM at 3.30pm where members will receive reports on the Societies' activities over the last year and to hear about future ambitions. All comments and suggestions welcome.

### **HELP NEEDED!!**

Please can I ask members to consider 'stepping up' to fill the vacancies on the Committee? Two of the present Committee members are retiring after 5 years' service and whilst they will be hard to replace, we need new volunteers to come on board. A Committee Member is required to attend the Committee Meetings which are held on six evenings a year in Croydon and they will have the opportunity to help with current projects and to develop new ones!

Please let any Committee member know if you are interested in helping the Society in this, or any other way.

The other regular meetings are:

**LINGFIELD-** The **March 27th meeting will be a 'Member's' meeting** (Non members very welcome). On **Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm - Women in the 1800s with Tom Doig**

**RICHMOND – Saturday May 11th - Members' Meeting (Non-members very welcome)** - Share successes and failures; ask for assistance or help others; or just have a chat over a cup of tea

**SOUTHWARK – Monday April 8th at 12.00 noon - The Life, Times & Contents of Bishopsgate Library** - to which the Bishopsgate Institute has offered free public access since 1895. **Talk by Stefan Dickers.** Stefan is Librarian & Archives Manager at the Institute - he will talk about the Library's unique history & the collections he looks after relating to the history of London, the early labour movement, radicalism & co-operation.

**SUTTON – Thursday April 4th Hit a brick wall - where do you go next? with Elizabeth Owen.** Elizabeth is professional genealogist and a member of the Society of Genealogists.

See the Journal or the website [www.eastsurreyfh.org.uk](http://www.eastsurreyfh.org.uk) for location details.

### **Dates for your Diary!!**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 – The Friends of Nunhead Cemetery Annual Open Day 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

The Friends are based in a porta-cabin, just inside the Linden Grove gates. Follow the path round to the right. Post Code is SE15 3LP and buses 78, 343

and 484 all have stops nearby. The nearest British Rail Station is Nunhead, but Peckham Rye is served by more trains.

\*\*\*\*The East Surrey FHS Society's Research Collection includes microfiche copies (remember them?) of the Burial Register Indexes for Nunhead Cemetery for 1840 to 1996, some 322,000 names. The information for each burial includes: Name of Deceased/Abode/part of Cemetery where the grave is e.g. 'Old'/Year of Burial/Register page and number/ Grave number.

Members can consult the fiche for free at our Lingfield Research Centre which is open one Wednesday and one Saturday a month – check the website for opening times and dates. Non-members can also consult these for a small fee and, otherwise, our Research Team can undertake searches for you. Our web site says:

#### **SEARCHES for those who cannot visit Lingfield**

These can be carried out for a fee, payable in advance. The Society makes a minimum charge of £5.00 for all searches. If we have a lot of information for your 'names' then a quotation will be sent to you if the fee would be over £5.00. You will receive a full transcript of any records found, the record source and reference where available.

Please make your cheque payable to ESFHS and send it to:

**Search co-ordinator, East Surrey FHS, 1 Rose Cottages, Plaistow Street, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6AU.**

On receipt your enquiry will be dealt with as soon as possible.

### **And Don't Miss!**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2013 EAST SURREY FAMILY HISTORY OPEN DAY at Southwark Local History Library, 211 Borough High Street, SE1 1JA**

Entry is from Borough High Street via John Harvard Library

Our own 'WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?' TEAM of EXPERTS are offering drop-in help throughout the day on many aspects of researching family history and using the Internet, & on discovering what resources and records are held at SOUTHWARK LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY. Includes lunchtime talk on '**Beginning the Search for Your Ancestors**'.

### **Archives etc News**

The **Hillingdon Local Studies, Archives and Museum Service** will be closing to the public on 28 March as Uxbridge Library is closing for refurbishment. The service will be in temporary accommodation for at least 9 months with no public access. A limited enquiry service is being offered; email [archives@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:archives@hillingdon.gov.uk) for more information.

**Herefordshire Record Office** is preparing to move to their new premises in 2014, and as a result it is only going to be open for ONE week in every month, starting 8<sup>th</sup>

April 2013. During the week they will be open Monday to Saturday 9.15am-4.45pm, except for Bank Holidays.

**Irish Genealogical Research Society.** We had a very interesting ESFHS Visit to the IGRS library at St Magnus Church last year and discovered a veritable treasure trove of family history resources. Since then the IGRS has had to vacate St Magnus, lock, stock and library book, and are looking for a new home. The latest news on their website is:

*'The lease on our current premises has expired and we are actively seeking new permanent accommodation. In the meantime, we have negotiated a temporary home with the Society of Genealogists at their premises at Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA.*

*'We expect to be able to accept visitors at the Society of Genealogists (SOG) commencing in late May 2013. During the period we are at the SOG it is unlikely that we will be able to make available all of our collection. Please visit this page again soon for up-to-date news.'*

For the latest situation catch **the IGRS London Open Day & AGM: Saturday 11 May 2013** at 34 Chepstow Villas, Bayswater, London W11

## **First World War Commemorations**

Next year will see the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the First World War and the key web sites are getting ready.

The **London Metropolitan Archives (LMA)** has put out this announcement on:

<http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/visiting-the-city/archives-and-city-history/london-metropolitan-archives/the-collections/Pages/first-world-war-commemorations.aspx>

(Paste this link into your browser for more details.)

*'In 2014 the nation will mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. The Prime Minister David Cameron made a formal announcement in October 2012 at the Imperial War Museum in London about the national commemoration, although many heritage organisations have been working towards the anniversary for some time. London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) also plans to tell the stories of London and Londoners from 1914-1918. Not narratives of frontline warfare or international politics (although LMA as presenting London does always look outward to the rest of the world), but the responses of Londoners within their families, communities and city; the deliberations and actions of London government, hospitals, industry, businesses, charities and religious organisations to the conflict. Charlotte Scott introduces a guide to major sources across LMA's holdings.*

*'As a preliminary step before 2014, LMA staff have compiled a guide to major sources across the holdings which is attached to this article. It is the first time this has been done and it shows something of the wealth and spread of information held at LMA: familiar and expected sources appear alongside some new insights. The list of sources ranges from the very*

personal, for example letters and photographs from individuals, to the more strategic overview of the capital at war as provided by authorities such as the London County Council (LCC) and the City of London Corporation. While some entries in the guide will refer to individual items, in other cases there are references to entire series or collections.'

## The Imperial War Museum

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-london/transforming-iwm-london>

Their web site says:

*'Over the next decade, we will be creating new gallery spaces and new ways for you to explore our unique collections. Our transformation has already begun with the closure of the museum until July 2013. On partially reopening our*



*redevelopment continues through to 2014 – the 100-year anniversary of the start of the First World War.*

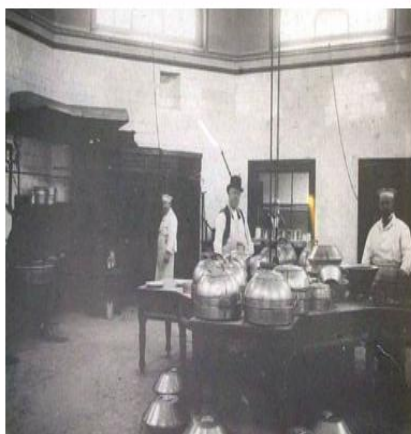
*Claiming the lives of over 16 million people across the globe, the First World War changed the world forever and we live with its consequences today and to mark this landmark anniversary our redevelopment will transform the museum.*

### Construction Time Again

By Sarah  
07/02/2013

Our History

No comments yet



An octagonal kitchen building at Royal Bethlehem Hospital, early twentieth century. Courtesy of Bethlem Archives and History Collections Trust (LSC-213)

As work gets underway on the transformation of IWM London and the Large Exhibits Gallery specifically, we thought it might be good to take a look at how that particular space has evolved over the years.

The Imperial War Museum moved to Lambeth Road in 1936, taking over the central section of the former Bethlem Royal Hospital. The building, completed in 1815, was constructed around a courtyard where the Chief Physician had his garden.

As the number of patients grew, the garden was replaced by an octagonal kitchen building, shown above in the early twentieth century. Before IWM moved in, the kitchen was demolished to make way for three single storey exhibition galleries.

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[Read More](#)

### Search About the Project

IWM London is transforming our First World War Galleries and Atrium in the lead up to the First World War Centenary in 2014. Tune in for a behind-the-scenes look at this transformation as we document our progress, challenges, innovations and discoveries.

### Related links

1914.org  
IWM.org  
IWM Blogs  
Heritage Lottery Fund – First World War

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*Using the latest historical research and our exceptional collections we will open new world-class First World War Galleries which will offer new stories, new perspectives and new ways of looking at the 'Great War'. Our redesigned atrium will stretch over six floors. We will display the most iconic and unusual of our objects in this dramatic space to explore aspects of*

*war from the First World War through to the present day. We are also opening new shops and a brand new café, which will open directly onto Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park.*

# The Commonwealth War Graves Commission <http://www.cwgc.org/>

On their website you can search for a name. See the example below for Patrick SMITH.

Nb I saw on the IHGS (Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies) web site [www.ihgs.ac.uk](http://www.ihgs.ac.uk) that the CWGC are installing information panels at 100 cemeteries and memorials. These will have QR (Quick Response) codes to provide further resources such as diary and letter extracts, photographs, etc. Another 400 to follow in good time.

The screenshot shows the CWGC homepage. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links: Home, About Us, Find War Dead, Find a Cemetery, Learning and Resource, News & Events, and Contact Us. Below the menu is a search bar with fields for Surname, Initials, Service, and War, and a 'SEARCH' button. A green circle highlights the search bar and the 'Find War Dead' and 'Find a Cemetery' tabs. Below the search bar is a 'News' section with two articles: 'Commission searches for relatives of war dead' and 'Commonwealth Day in London'. At the bottom, there is a 'Latest Cemetery Information' section with links to 'Lone Pine Cemetery' and 'Pembroke Dock Military Cemetery'.

The screenshot shows the 'Find War Dead' search results page. The search criteria are: Surname: smith, Forename: patrick, Served With: United Kingdom Forces. The results table shows 345 records matching the search criteria. The table has columns for Name, Rank, Service Number, Date of Death, Age, Regiment / Service, Service Country, Grave / Memorial Reference, and Cemetery / Memorial Name.

Name	Rank	Service Number	Date of Death	Age	Regiment / Service	Service Country	Grave / Memorial Reference	Cemetery / Memorial Name
SMITH, PATRICK	Serjeant	1539	26/06/1915	43	King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry	United Kingdom	54. 25.	FEATHERSTONE (OR NORTH FEATHERSTONE) CEMETERY
SMITH, PATRICK	Private	49500	10/08/1917	32	The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment)	United Kingdom	I. F. 21.	BLEUET FARM CEMETERY
SMITH, PATRICK	Private	43185	06/09/1916		Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers	United Kingdom	Pier and Face 4 D and 5 B.	THIEVAL MEMORIAL
SMITH, PATRICK	Private	6316	10/03/1915		ALIAS	United Kingdom		LE TOURET MEMORIAL
SMITH, PATRICK	Private	10541	23/03/1915	26	Irish Guards	United Kingdom	Bay 1.	ARRAS MEMORIAL
SMITH, PATRICK	Lance Corporal	3045063	01/10/1942	39	Royal Scots	United Kingdom	Column 11.	SAI WAN MEMORIAL
SMITH, PATRICK	Private	3323886	18/09/1944	30	Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment)	United Kingdom	IV. E. 21.	BANNEVILLE-LA-CAMPAGNE WAR CEMETERY

## Other websites of interest to family historians

**AIM25** <http://www.aim25.ac.uk/>

The website says:


'AIM25 is a permanent web-accessible database of collection-level descriptions of the holdings of over one hundred archives situated within the area marked out by the M25 motorway. London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) is the first local authority archive to feature. The website is run by King's College London in partnership with the University of London Computing Centre.

'Work began in September 2008 to prepare and upload descriptions of LMA records to the AIM25 website, classification by classification. The project was completed in October 2011, although new records are periodically added and there are now 6278 LMA descriptions live on the website.

'The LMA records on the AIM25 website have been hugely popular, on average attracting 35% of all traffic to the website. In October 2012 we celebrated our highest ever hit-rate within a month, 181,015 hits, while in December we were thrilled that the total hits to the LMA records on the AIM25 website since 2009 have now reached 4,110,645. Achieving a hit-rate of over 4 million is a testament to the usefulness of the AIM25 website which allows powerful and flexible searching through varied index terms; and which allows individual descriptions to be reached through standard search engines such as Google.'

**AIM25** Archives in London and the M25 area [Text-only browsing](#)

The **<OpenMetadataPathway/>** project has completed. Find out more at [data.aim25.ac.uk](http://data.aim25.ac.uk).



1. Queen Mary, University of London: Westfield College botany students 1962. Copyright, QMUL
2. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew: Palm House, Kew Gardens from The Illustrated London News 1859 (Royal Botanic Garden Archives)
3. Wellcome Library: Poster asking for blood donors, 1943-1945

**About AIM25**

AIM25 is a major project to provide electronic access to collection level descriptions of the archives of over one hundred higher education institutions, learned societies, cultural organisations and livery companies within the greater London area. This work is in progress - new data is being added regularly, so please visit often to see latest additions.

**Partners & Institutions**

Over 100 institutional repositories currently participate in the AIM25 project : [Click here for a full list](#).

**Latest News:**

- 22 Mar 2013 : Step change and Trenches to Triples projects
- 1 Mar 2013 : New records for February 2013

**RSS** [Click here to receive RSS news updates](#)

**Image gallery**

[Click here](#) to see a selection of images from the AIM25 collection.

**InforM25 - M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries**

[Click here](#) to cross-search for archives and books held in London research libraries that are partners in AIM25

**Search**

  
[Click here for Advanced Search functions](#)

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**Popular People and Organisations\***

British Hospitals Association ♦ Charles Pelham Villiers ♦ Chinese Maritime Customs ♦ Clapham Maternity Hospital ♦ Dame Louisa Brandreth Aldrich-Blake ♦ Denys King-Farlow ♦ Eric Arthur Blair ♦ German Army ♦ Great Synagogue ♦ LCC ♦ MCC ♦ Royal Geographical Society ♦ Royal Navy ♦ Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill ♦ Trujillo Railway ♦

**Popular Subjects and Places\***

Banns register ♦ **Baptism registers** ♦ Brewers ♦ Burial registers ♦ Church of England ♦ Church of England schools ♦ **Church records and registers** ♦ Churchwardens ♦ Ecclesiastical parishes ♦ Gynaecology ♦ Hospital patients ♦ **Marriage registers** ♦ Medical history ♦ Surgeons ♦ Tea trade ♦

\* These tag clouds represent the most popular searches within AIM25 during the past 14 days

It's not just LMA records; there is archive material from over 90 higher education institutions and learned societies within the Greater London area.

The multi coloured search terms on the bottom right hand side of the screen are called 'tag clouds' and identify the most popular searches in the last 14 days. You can use one of these or create your own search term.

## More Useful websites for Family History

The Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS), of which East Surrey Family History Society is a member, produces an E-zine about every two months like this: <http://www.ffhs.org.uk/ezine/intro.php>

You can subscribe and receive a copy by email, go to the Federation website at: [www.ffhs.org.uk](http://www.ffhs.org.uk)

A list of Useful Websites is provided, some have free searches, some you have to pay for and, from a recent copy, and these include:

Faces of the First World War: Photographs of men who served in WW1. [www.1914.org/faces](http://www.1914.org/faces)

FreeCEN: Search UK Census online (on-going). [www.freecen.org.uk](http://www.freecen.org.uk)

Moving here: Irish, Caribbean Asian and Jewish immigrants. [www.movinghere.org.uk](http://www.movinghere.org.uk)

MyHeritage.com: Build your family tree for free and find relatives with Smart Matching technology and automatic matching to 4+ billion names in historical records. [www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com)

National Library of Ireland. Online searchable catalogue includes books and periodicals. Photographs, Prints and Drawings, Manuscripts and Newspapers. [www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie)

Royal Naval Biographical Database, since 1660. [www.navylist.org](http://www.navylist.org)

There are loads more. Do let me know if you find these or any other website useful. It's good to share!

## Website Update

I am indebted to the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies for these updates [www.ihgs.ac.uk](http://www.ihgs.ac.uk)

**Please be careful! You have to subscribe, and pay, to use some of these web sites. If you need any help or advice please speak to a Committee member at any of the Society meetings. To open a site, click on the blue address then press both the CTRL key and click on your keyboard simultaneously.**

**The National Archives [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/) have some new Podcasts of interest. In a podcast you hear the speaker's voice only, there are no visuals. (Click on the link then press CTRL and your normal Return button):**



- Reckless, Rash and Repentant: Convicts Petitions for Mercy 1819-1858
- What happened before today's mutual Credit Unions? An introduction to Friends of Labour Loan Societies 1850s-1930s

**FindMyPast** [www.findmypast.co.uk/](http://www.findmypast.co.uk/) :

- *Has added 6 million pages of British Newspapers 1700-1950 from the British Library*
- *Has released gravestone inscriptions for eight Irish counties 1618-2005 on FindMyPast.ie*
- *Has opened Australian records including*
  - *Catholic baptisms 1840-1863 in South Australia (a loophole meant parents didn't need to register civilly)*
  - *1841 South Australia census*
  - *Crown Land Sales in Queensland 1842-1861 and 1860-1911 and Return of Crown Lands 1854*
- *Has added English and Welsh criminal records 1770-1934 from TNA*
- *Has added 3 million Westminster parish records 1538-1945*

**The Genealogist** [www.thegenealogist.co.uk/](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/) has added

- *Casualty Lists 1917-18 with the rest of the War and its aftermath to come.*
- *Naturalisation and Denization Records 1609-1960*
- *War Memorial Records – transcripts with images and Google Maps reference, further linked to the Imperial War Museum's Memorial Archive reference to the monument*

**Scotlands Places** [www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/](http://www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/)

*have added two tax rolls from 1785-1798, Cart and Carriage tax, and Dog tax 1797-1798. It seems to us these would cover most residents of the period, but several other tax rolls are already online,*

**DeceasedOnline** [www.deceasedonline.com/](http://www.deceasedonline.com/) :

*has added Manor Park Cemetery in East London (1931-2010) – this includes many victims of the Bethnal Green Tube Station disaster, the 70th anniversary of which was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March.*

**FamilySearch** <https://familysearch.org/> has released:

- *the Cheshire Register of Electors 1842-1900*
- *Isle of Man Deaths & Burials 1844-1911 (sadly not total coverage)*
- *Transcripts of the 1871 and 1891 Canada censuses*
- *An update (images) to its Northumberland Misc 1570-2005*

**The KENT Online Messenger Group**

<http://www.kentonline.co.uk/kentonline/news.aspx>

*will be placing its archives online for free (on 22<sup>nd</sup> March). These searchable records will include South Eastern Gazette 1852-1912*

**University College London** [www.ucl.ac.uk](http://www.ucl.ac.uk) *has released a database of slave owners who were compensated when Britain ended its trade – the records of the Slave Compensation Commission. Donations of relevant papers as well as corrections are requested.*

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