



East Surrey Family History Society

E-newsletter no 18 June 2014

WELCOME to the June 2014 edition of the e-newsletter! It's a busy time of year and there are lots of events of family history interest and there's always something new on the web – see below for a selection I hope you will find interesting.

We have received a number of completed Survey Questionnaires but there's still time to let us know your views on how you, our current Members, would like the Society to develop and what new Members should expect when they join our Society. The form is available via a link on the Home Page of our website www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk. Thank you. We'll let you know what we find out!!

In this e-newsletter I have provided the usual round up of news and events and there are features on the Croydon Heritage Festival and what's been happening at FindMyPast and Ancestry, and my Fieldwork section features a walk through the Manor of Vauxhall.

If you need to revise your physical or email addresses, or any other contact details please contact the Membership Secretary at membership01@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk

ESFHS UPDATE

Group meetings. The regular Programme of meetings across East Surrey is shown below. See you there!

SUTTON – Thursday June 5th at 7.45pm. John Hanson will help us with 'Organising your Research Material'. John is a lecturer specialising in IT and Family History

SOUTHWARK. Monday 9th June at 12.00 noon Alec Tritton will present “**Death & Resurrection: Lost London Burial Grounds**”. This talk will include information on “Body Snatchers” as some Resurrectionists have been found in local parishes. Alec's longstanding interest in researching & teaching family history has led to his current Chairmanship of the Halsted Trust and past Chairmanship of the Federation of Family History Societies and the Guild of One-name Studies.

RICHMOND – No meeting in June.

CROYDON – Tuesday 17th June at 7.45pm. Ian Waller will speak on 'Parish Records'. Ian is a full time genealogist, archive researcher and lecturer.

LINGFIELD – Wednesday 25th June at 2.30pm. Janet Bateson will speak on 'The East India Company - the foundation of Empire'.

See the June ESFHS Journal or click on the Group names in the Meetings page of our website www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk for dates, address and location details.

NEW!! The 2014 DMI (Directory of Members' Interests) is now available on the [website](#).

Journal - The next East Surrey FHS **Journal** will be posted, or emailed (if requested), to you at the beginning of June 2014. **We are making a call in the June Journal for articles on your ancestors' lives during the First World War, at home or abroad, so please look out for this and see below.**

We are commemorating our **WW1 East Surrey ancestors** through a dedicated 'slot' in our Journal which will appear every quarter throughout the anniversary period 2014-19. This slot will be managed by Peter Moulin and he has provided this introduction:

World War One Centenary

In August 2014, the Centenary of the First World War starts, and continues to November 2018. There will be many events to recognise this, and a focus on the history and contribution of the individuals involved. As an event, it has shaped the following century, and no family in this country was untouched by its consequences. It is appropriate therefore, as a family history society we mark this important milestone in some way.

My idea is to include one short article about an East Surrey person who served (and maybe died) during the First World War in every edition of the journal from September 2014 to December 2018. A maximum of one page (A5) would suffice, and I would hope that this would not just involve soldiers. Many of our members will be aware of relatives who served in other ways, such as nurses, VADs, munitions workers, bus conductors and so on. People did not just die on the front line, either, as there were those who perished in ships sunk by U-boats, Zeppelin raids and naval attacks on coastal towns.

The collected articles could provide a resource for those studying local history and the war, such as local schoolchildren.

Please could you have a look in your family history collections and see if you have a story to share. Don't worry if you haven't written anything before or if you have an interesting item or document that needs photographing. We can help you. Please speak to me, Peter MOULIN, or any Committee Member.

My contact email address is: pdmoulin@virginmedia.com (this is different to the one that is shown in the June Journal but please use it as it is more manageable for Peter).

FUTURE EVENTS

Croydon Heritage Festival

<http://croydonheritagefestival.co.uk/Festival-Events/Croydon-Heritage-Day>

ESFHS is participating in two ways in the Festival which lasts from 21st June to 4th July.

Our bookstall will be at Croydon Heritage Day on 21st June in North End

We will also have a display in the Exhibition in the Sun Lounge at the Festival Halls. Open throughout the Heritage Festival, Mon-Sat 10 am to 6pm and during evening performances and Sun 10 am – 2pm.

Here's a sneak preview of one of our posters!

Who Do You Think You Are? Live SCOTLAND 29-31 August 2014

This event, which incorporates a Family History Show hosted by the Society of Genealogists, is taking place over three days at
SECC Glasgow, Exhibition Way, Finnieston, Glasgow, G3 8YW

The current (May 2014) list of exhibitors (including our Society and our 2015 Genealogy Conference) is at: <http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/about-show/our-exhibitors> and ticket price information is at: <http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/prices>

The **FFHS (Federation of Family History Societies)** has an offer for Family History Society groups of ten or more people who will pay only £10 a head entry. Each person will receive a free show guide and a pre-booked workshop of their choice as part of their ticket.' Quote VIP10 when booking at <http://wdytyaglasgow.seetickets.com> or contact mark.mulcahy@immediate.co.uk.

2015 Genealogy Conference 29-31 August 2015 www.2015genealogyconference.org.uk

This website is the place to find out more about next year's Conference which we (East Surrey Family History Society) will be hosting. It will be held at the Beaumont Estate Hotel in Windsor for three days, 29-31 August 2015.



You can register your interest, and receive updates, by emailing: conference2015@east Surrey fhs.org.uk or via the Contact Form in the website (see below).

We will be issuing further details of the Programme and the prices soon. Check out the new tab '**Our Supporters**' to find out more about the organisations supporting the Conference.

the 2015 Genealogy Conference
A Return to the Sources
Saturday 29th - Monday 31st August 2015 at Windsor
Email: conference2015@east Surrey fhs.org.uk

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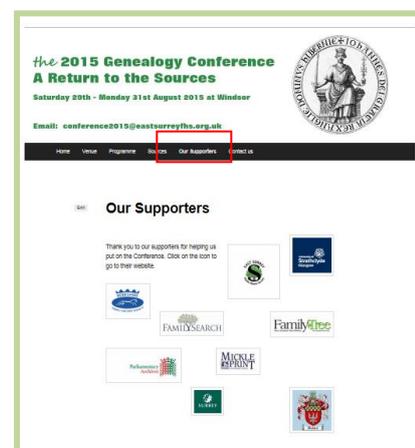
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Other News

Richmond Poor Relief Records Go Online. Surrey History Centre website <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistorycentre>

Over 103,000 names of people applying for Poor Relief in Richmond Poor Law Union between 1870 and 1912 are now searchable, free of charge, on SHC's website. The names have been collected as part of a project to index all surviving Surrey Board of Guardians Poor Law records and the team of four volunteers have given 800 hours of their time to index the first 91 registers of the Richmond Board of Guardians Application and Report Books.

Richmond Union encompassed the parishes of **Richmond, Kew, Petersham, North Sheen, Barnes and Mortlake**. The underlying records provide information about the applicant and their immediate family, their occupations, addresses, ages and the reasons why they need to apply for help. There is even information about family members who are not applying for relief, for example, references to desertion by spouses or individuals in gaol.

The indexes can be searched by name and include the date of application and the age of the applicant.

Lambeth Local History Forum - Lambeth Heritage Walks

See www.lambethlocalhistoryforum.org.uk for the full programme of walks this Spring and Summer. Places to be visited include Vauxhall, Balham, Brixton, Clapham, Streatham, Gipsy Hill, Herne Hill, Merton Abbey, Morden Park, Norwood, the Oval, Stockwell, Tulse Hill and Wandsworth. See the **Fieldwork** section below for notes from a recent Lambeth Heritage Walk.

National Army Museum www.nam.ac.uk/

With immaculate (?) timing the NAM's Lottery funding has been approved (£11.5m) so they are now **closed for redevelopment until 2016**. All of their Collection must be removed and some services suspended to allow the work to be carried out.

From 1 September 2014 NAM will begin to operate a number of its core services at alternative locations, including its Collection research and enquiries service, and Lunchtime Lecture and Celebrity Speaker programmes. Meanwhile, a further programme of outreach activities is planned for 2015 to commemorate the bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo.

Receive up-to-date news via their [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) feed [#NAMFuture](#)

Changes at Findmypast (oops!) and Ancestry (hooray!)

Last month the **Findmypast** website www.findmypast.co.uk moved to a new infrastructure and introduced a new search methodology– new to the UK but currently used by FMP elsewhere in the world. The reasoning was to restructure the UK data and align it with all the other sources so that records could be searched in depth and laterally across the world. So UK users have to learn a new way of searching, drilling from top down, and retreating and recreating your initial search terms if you are down a blind alley or are overwhelmed with too many entries that are off the mark.

It's always frustrating when a familiar website changes and in this case the change has been too much for many people and FMP have been flooded with complaints. They say they will make improvements and retrieve some of the search navigation routes that have been lost.

In the meantime:

See this video for a guide to how to search the new FindMyPast:

<http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2014/a-handy-video-guide-to-findmypasts-new-features/>

and this You Tube video is an interview between Sarah Williams of WDYTIA magazine and Paul Nixon and Niko Clelland of FMP on 24 April 2014.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Z2iUZb6P2s>

The company has held several meetings with user groups and customers in the last few weeks and you can read their latest blogs on the subject at:

<http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2014/an-update-from-findmypast-2> and

<http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/>

You can also vote to help prioritise future changes. Look at the Feedback forum page at: <http://feedback.findmypast.co.uk> (shown below)

The screenshot shows the 'findmypast feedback forum' page. At the top left is the 'find my past' logo. Below it, the page title is 'findmypast feedback forum'. A navigation bar on the right says 'New and returning users may sign in'. The main content area has a search bar and a 'Give feedback' button. Below the search bar, there is a section titled 'How can we improve findmypast?' with a right-pointing arrow. This section is divided into two columns: 'Top ideas from the community (369 ideas)' and 'Recently updated ideas'. The 'Top ideas' column lists three items: 'Allow dedicated address searches and results for census records' (944 votes, 57 comments, PLANNED), 'Broader selection of BMD, parish records, including images' (627 votes, 58 comments, PLANNED), and 'Allow searching between date ranges, rather than year variance' (517 votes, 31 comments, PLANNED). The 'Recently updated ideas' column lists three items: 'Lincolnshire parish records to browse' (COMPLETED, Updated 23 May, 2014), 'Restore the ability to browse the Canterbury Collection' (COMPLETED, Updated 16 May, 2014), and 'Improve census 'household' view' (COMPLETED, Updated 28 May, 2014). At the bottom of the 'Top ideas' column is a 'Post a new idea' link.

There is also a page on FMP which explains the New Search Features.
<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/help/new-search-features> see left:

The screenshot shows the findmypast website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'My family tree', 'Search records', 'My records', 'News', 'Help & advice', and 'My account'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home / Articles / Help / New Search Features'. The main content area is titled 'New Search Features' and contains the following text:

Search individual record sets

You can now search individual record sets, or your chosen combination of records in one go.

All our record categories can be accessed from the Search records tab in the menu bar at the top of every page of the website.

The search page for each category now contains search fields tailored to that specific record type.

For example, when you're searching within Life Events you can search by mother's maiden name, and spouse name. Likewise in military records you can filter down by soldier number, and if you're searching in the census you can narrow your search down by occupation.

Key features

- You can either filter by country, or include all World records in your search.
- Filter by country, record collection and then record set to see exactly where your results are coming from.
- You can run a single search across all these record sets, and see a single result list. This can be very useful if you're not sure where to start, or are struggling to find someone in a specific record set.

At the bottom of the page, there is a link to 'Browse record set'.

The screenshot shows the findmypast website interface. The top navigation bar is the same as in the previous screenshot. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home / Articles / Help / What's New'. The main content area is titled 'What's New' and features a large image of a woman in a military-style uniform. Below the image, the text reads:

We'll be updating this page regularly with the improvements we're making to findmypast, from small bug fixes to major new feature releases. Keep track of our progress here so that when we change something that matters to you, you'll know about it straight away.

For guidance on using our new site, visit our [search help pages](#), or watch the video tutorials on our [blog](#). We welcome your feedback, so please do get in touch with us via our [Feedback Forum](#) and contribute to the development of findmypast.

Tuesday, 20th May

- You can now download British newspaper pages

and they also have a page where you can see what changes/improvements they have made to the new site. Take a look at
www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/help/whats-new see right.

And there's a Guide on how to search the revised site at:
<http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2014/how-to-search-findmypast/> See below.

The screenshot shows a blog post on the findmypast website. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'My family tree', 'Search records', 'My records', 'News', 'Help & advice', and 'My account'. The breadcrumb trail is 'News / how to search findmypast'. The post is titled 'How to search findmypast' and was published on 11th April 2014. The main image is a close-up of a magnifying glass over a piece of old, handwritten paper. Below the image, the text reads:

The new findmypast search means that you can search across more record sets in a much more flexible way. Here, we provide some guidance to using the new search for broad searches or specific enquiries.

If you have any suggestions or queries, please do get in touch via the [Feedback Forum](#). We welcome all your feedback.

How to search specific record sets

The new search is designed to be start broad, and looks for results across all the record sets in a category. Therefore, by searching the category pages (e.g. [Census, land & surveys, Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish records](#)) you can search many different records at once.

If you know which record set you want to search, go straight to our '[A-Z of record sets](#)' which contains links to all the individual search pages and select the one you want. These pages are specific to their relevant record

Good luck!!

Ancestry www.ancestry.co.uk has been adding new content and has finally removed the superior 'old search' facility and combining 'old' and 'new' search into one search scheme.

For Surrey researchers there is good news. I received this from Surrey History Centre on 15 May 2014:

SURREY LAND TAX 1780-1832 AND MORE - NOW ONLINE

“Over 2 million more records can now be searched online on the family history website Ancestry.co.uk: Surrey Land Tax Returns 1780-1832; Surrey Licensed Victuallers Registers 1785-1903; and Surrey Jury-Qualified Freeholders and Copyholders Lists 1696-1824.

These new record sets were all kept by Surrey's Clerk of the Peace. At a time when political rights were far more restricted, he used the Land Tax returns to work out who should have the vote in elections and also kept lists of property holders so properly qualified juries could be appointed. Rowdy or unlicensed drinking houses were as much a concern in the 18th and 19th centuries as they are now and it was the Clerk's responsibility to keep lists of those innkeepers who had been approved by the local magistrates.

You can search for your Surrey ancestors on Ancestry free of charge at any Surrey Library and at Surrey History Centre in Woking. If you have an Ancestry subscription, you can also view the records in the comfort of your own home, no matter where you live!

Over 2 million Church of England baptism, marriage and burial records dating back to 1538 are already available to search; as well as over 10 million Electoral Register entries 1918-1945. Look out for 100,000 more early parish register records which have also now been added.

Other records to appear online soon are: Electoral registers 1832-1915; Brookwood Hospital Woking, Registers of Admissions 1867-1900; Holloway Sanatorium, General Registers 1885-1899; Calendars of prisoners: Surrey Sessions and Assizes 1848-1902; Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment enlistment registers 1920-1946; Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment transfers in registers 1939-1947; Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment World War II Honours Indexes [1939]-1946; East Surrey Regiment enlistment registers 1920-1946; East Surrey Regiment transfers in registers 1924-1946; and 21st - 24th Battalions the London Regiment Nominal Rolls of Officers 1914-1919.

The original records, on paper and parchment, are all held in Surrey History Centre in Woking where they are preserved in temperature and humidity controlled strongrooms. Through this partnership, these precious documents will become far more accessible to researchers around the world whilst at the same time protecting and preserving the fragile originals for future generations.”

Enjoy!!

Thanks to Society members for notification of the following:

BBC website: 30s and 40s film online archive completed

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-27615026>

This site reveals an online archive of films showing snapshots of typical life in Britain in the 1930s and 1940s has been completed. The collection includes London's war preparations in 1940.

What's on at Guildhall Library, June 2014

Thursday 26 June, 2-3 pm - Electronic Resources

'This session is aimed at people who would like to learn about our biographical, family history and London digital resources. The workshop will look at digitised newspapers, Ancestry.co.uk, Find My Past, the Dictionary of National Biography and the City of London's image database COLLAGE.

All afternoon events are FREE but booking is essential via the Eventbrite website: <http://ghlevents.eventbrite.co.uk/>.

RAF Kenley Heritage Day Sunday 15th June <http://www.kafg.org.uk/index.htm>

The Kenley Airfield Friends' Airfield Heritage Day is on Sunday June 15th at the Portcullis Club field (Portcullis Club, Kenley Airfield, Victor Beamish Avenue, Caterham, CR3 5FX) and

'everyone is welcome. It's a FREE event from 12.00 noon to 4 o'clock and will feature guided heritage walks around the airfield, a live jazz band, many stalls and sideshows, the opportunity to see inside the bomb shelter in the Tribute blast pen, 1940's food to sample, a children's photographic competition, BBQ and tea room, guided tours of the Portcullis Club and its collection of RAF memorabilia (and yes, the bar will also be open!), military and classic vehicles and an auction of RAF and military memorabilia. We have also just produced a new Heritage Walk leaflet which is available from the dispensers near the Tribute and Fuel Dump.'

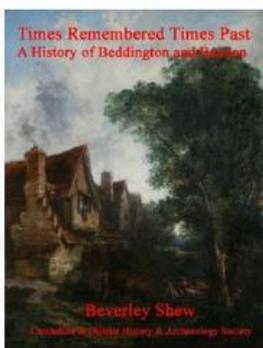
Kingston Communications

This organisation is offering a series of lectures and workshops on 'Writing Family and Local History' on 25 June 2014 at 10 am at the Rose Theatre, Kingston. Cost is £5, or £3 concessions. The lecturers are key members of The Centre for the Historical Record, at Kingston University. See this link for more details:

https://uk.patronbase.com/_RoseTheatreKingston/Seats/NumSeats?prod_id=K037&perf_id=1§ion_id=M&seat_type_id=S

Beddington and Bandon

Times Remembered Times Past
By Beverley Shew
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Paperback, 420 Pages  This item has not been rated yet



Price: **£15.95**
Ships in 3-5 business days

This is the first comprehensive history of Beddington and Bandon in Surrey, England. It contains much new research and has chapters on businesses, churches, clubs, families, farms and fields, highways and byways, notable buildings, parks, poor relief, public houses, the River Wandle and other subjects.

Beverley Shew
Published by Carshalton & District History and Archaeology Society

We've discovered this book which you might find of interest:

'Times Remembered, Times Past: A History of Beddington and Bandon' by Beverley SHEW.

Published by Carshalton & District History and Archaeology Society, it has 410 pages. It retails at £15.95 but is available to CDHAS members for £12.00 at meetings.

British Library exhibition: Enduring War: Grief, Grit and Humour

http://www.bl.uk/whatson/exhibitions/enduring-war/index.html?ns_campaign=What%27%27s+On++June+2014&ns_mchannel=email&ns_source=newsletter&ns_linkname=more_war&ns_fee=0

19 June - 12 October 2014 Folio Society Gallery - admission free



"Fall in" Poster issued by the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee, 1914. (British Library: Tab.17748.a.(156))

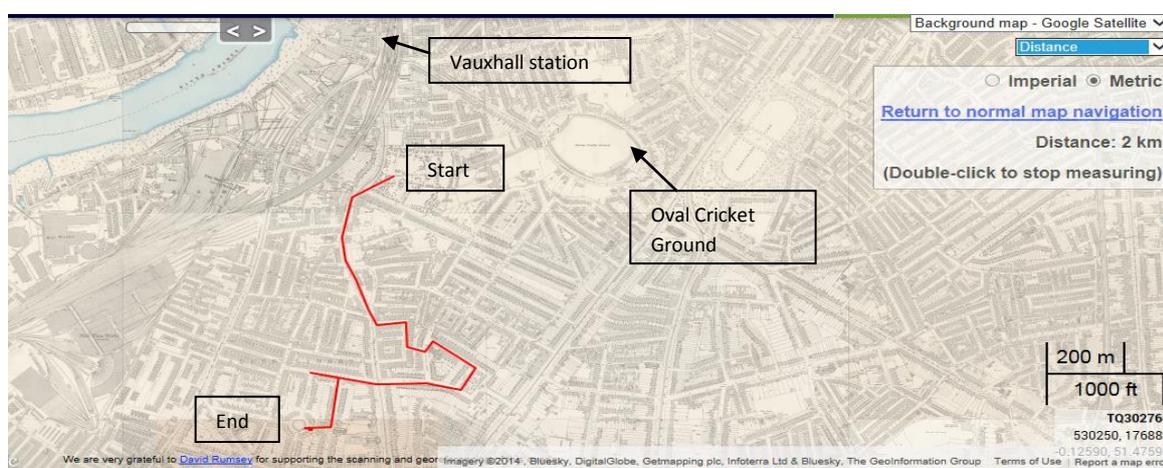
Enduring War examines how people coped with life during the war: from moments of patriotic fervour to periods of anxious inactivity, shock and despair. The exhibition also showcases the Library's work for Europeana 1914-1918, a major pan-European project to digitise more than 400,000 items from World War One through an audiovisual art installation.

The British Library has recently launched a new [World War One website](#).

FIELDWORK

A walk in Vauxhall Manor, or postcode 'SW8' in modern terminology.

Last month I joined a short (one hour) guided walk with Len Reilly, Archivist at Lambeth Archives. We met in Vauxhall Park, near Vauxhall railway station, and Len explained that the objective of the walk was to try to determine if Vauxhall had ever been an independent 'suburb' of London, which he defined as a place with its own economic existence and a feeling of community, or if Vauxhall was just part of the expansion of London. From a family history point of view I was interested in the area as my ancestors had lived and run small shops nearby in Lambeth Walk. We stopped a number of times on the walk to consider the surviving evidence (buildings, street layouts, house styles and decoration).



Map courtesy National Library of Scotland

<http://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=15&lat=51.48119&lon=-0.11633>, May 2014

Start – Vauxhall Park. Len told us that this open space had originally been part of the grounds of Caron House and a terrace of houses called the Lawns, and in the early 19th century the Fentiman family redeveloped the old, 17th century, Almshouses. The nearby railway arrived in 1847 preceded by horse trams in the 1870s. The Park had been established in the late 1880s following a campaign by the Beaufoy family and Octavia Hill. We saw 1960s brutalist architecture in some local office buildings and evidence of past 'nuisance' industry – Brands meat extract factory and a Sarson's vinegar works.



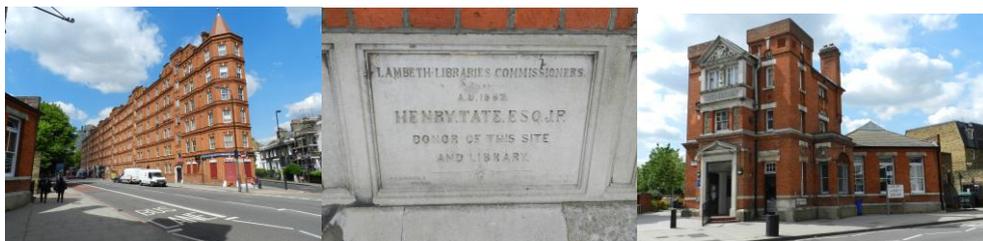
Opposite the Park is the Church of Anne and All Saints with an 1867 dedication plaque. Len told us it was built on subscriptions and you had to be invited to be a contributor so somewhat exclusive!!



Stop 1 – Wyvil Primary School. This was originally a London School Board School set up in 1877 after the 1870 Education Act, with space for 828 children – very big, so presumably there were many people living nearby.



Stop 2 – Old South Lambeth Road by South Lambeth Library. The main road has been straightened here and Len said it had been a Victorian improvement of the 1880s. Nearby is St Stephen’s C of E Primary School. A modern school with a much earlier origin as St Michael Stockwell’s parish school (1857). The South Lambeth Library was built by benefactor Henry Tate – the dedication plaque is dated 1887. Libraries generally followed and served established local communities and are a sign of stability. There are grand Victorian mansions on the straightened section of the main road otherwise the shops and houses on the main road are low (two storey) and terraced, and mostly twentieth century.



Stop 3 – Tradescant Road. Len told us the wealthy Tradescant family had had a large house and grounds here in the mid-17th century. The house has gone and was replaced by the current Victorian infill houses giving a more ‘suburban’ character. St Stephen’s church (bombed) has been rebuilt, the Vicarage building is dated 1866.



Stop 4. Albert Square (named for the Prince). What a surprise! This is a very grand square with elegant 4/5 stories with basements (servants?), built 1840s and the central grassed square is Private. Solid middle class of the early 19th century and a grand ‘suburban’ looking development built by John



Glenn who had previously built at fashionable Islington.



Nearby Clapham Road features fine terraces of Georgian houses.

We paused for thought. In a classic 'suburb' model the higher class buildings are on the main roads with poorer housing around, behind and as infill. We seemed to be seeing the opposite.

Stop 5. Lansdowne Gardens. We walked through a very recently built estate and came upon villas!! Here was 'suburbia'! Comfortable, 'status' houses clustered around a circus of lawn. All within a short walk of shops and services but independent and separate, even with its own church, St Barnabas.



Len quoted Mr Wemick, the City clerk from Charles Dicken's Great Expectations who commuted home daily, on foot daily, to Walworth, an area close to Vauxhall. An early Suburbanite, he said, 'I have my Walworth life and my London life'. Our conclusions were that Vauxhall is now a busy and confusing area, swamped by London and much developed in modern times, but for a brief period in the 1840s and 50s it had had the characteristics of a suburb.

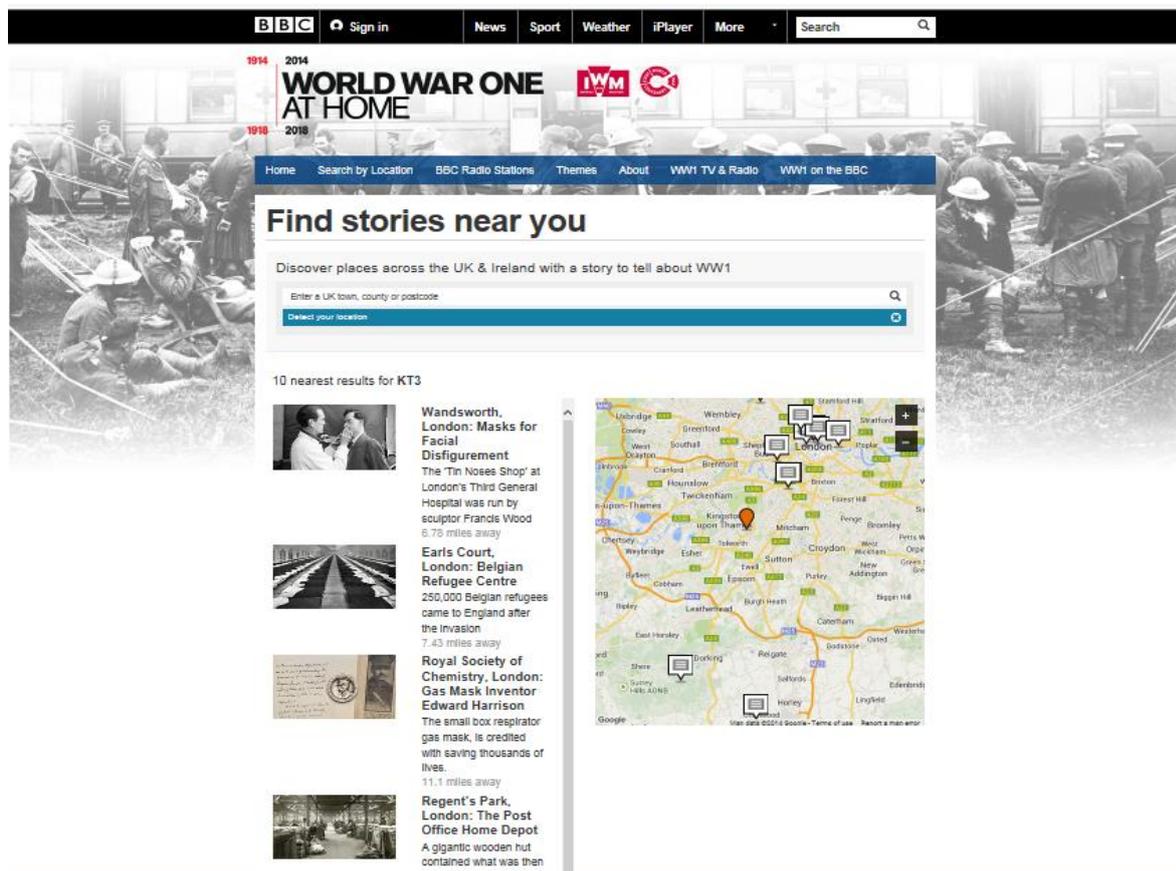
A very enjoyable walk. Thanks Len, I see my ancestors in a new light. Their home in the 1840s was definitely 'umble' but maybe their customers were well-to-do?

I have put more photographs on the East Surrey FHS Facebook page www.facebook.com/ESFHS or you may like to check out the area on Google maps.

SOURCES

BBC World War at Home <http://www.bbc.co.uk/ww1/ww1-at-home/find-locations/>

Keep an eye on this for more South London and Surrey items. I entered my postcode to get stories near me in KT3.



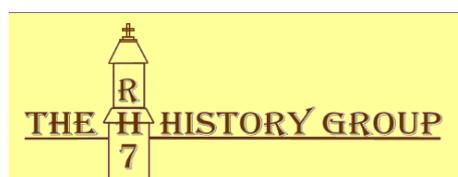
The screenshot shows the BBC World War One At Home website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Sign in', 'News', 'Sport', 'Weather', 'iPlayer', and 'More'. Below this is a search bar. The main heading is 'WORLD WAR ONE AT HOME' with 'IWM' and 'BBC' logos. A sub-heading reads 'Find stories near you'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Discover places across the UK & Ireland with a story to tell about WW1' and a search button. The search results are for '10 nearest results for KT3'. The results are:

- Wandsworth, London: Masks for Facial Disfigurement**
The 'Tin Noses Shop' at London's Third General Hospital was run by sculptor Francis Wood
5.75 miles away
- Earls Court, London: Belgian Refugee Centre**
250,000 Belgian refugees came to England after the invasion
7.43 miles away
- Royal Society of Chemistry, London: Gas Mask Inventor Edward Harrison**
The small box respirator gas mask, is credited with saving thousands of lives.
11.1 miles away
- Regent's Park, London: The Post Office Home Depot**
A gigantic wooden hut contained what was then

A map of London is shown on the right, with a red dot indicating the location of KT3 near Wandsworth.

The RH7 History Group www.rh7.org

This Group is interested in the area covered by the RH7 postcode which lies in the south-east corner of Surrey, adjoining the neighbouring counties of Kent and Sussex. This Society's area lies on the line of the Greenwich Meridian as it runs through the Ancient parishes of Crowhurst and Lingfield and includes the modern parishes of Dormansland and Blindley Heath.



Although it is also within the RH7 postal district, Newchapel is covered by the neighbouring Felbridge & District History Group. www.felbridge.org.uk

The RH7 History Group meets on the second Monday evening of every alternate month (January, March, May, July, September and November) at the **Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre** and generally has a visiting speaker to talk on local or topical subjects.

RH7 has published a large number of interesting factsheets about the history of the people and places in their area which are free to download from their website. See <http://www.rh7.org/facts.htm>.

The web site also has a list of useful local web links: <http://www.rh7.org/links.htm>

COLLAGE – London Metropolitan Archives (thanks to Sylvia for this)

London Metropolitan Archives has a wonderful collection of images, photos, maps, drawings and paintings. These are being digitised and collected together on a searchable database, at the moment up to 130,000 images.

<http://collage.cityoflondon.gov.uk/collage/app>

This can be used from home. Images can be printed off screen, but to get one without all the other material on the page and the LMA copyright watermark, they can be purchased. Full details on how to do this are on the website. Some have a copyright restriction, which means these can be accessed only by visiting the London Metropolitan Archives at Northampton Road in London.

The images cover streets, buildings, both private and public, people, their work, their fashions and many more topics. It all depends on who donated collections of images.

The places covered include all the ancient parishes on the south side of the river Thames, which have been extensively redeveloped in recent times and look nothing like they did in our ancestors' time. I was able to find a very clear photo of Creek Street in 1891, where some people of interest to me lived. There are also pictures further south into Coulsdon and Croydon for example. So the database is well worth a try for anyone interested in old Surrey or London Boroughs.

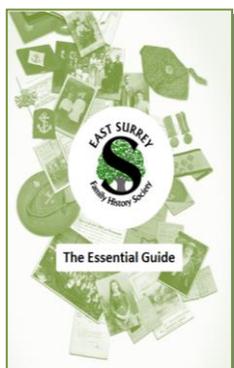
London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) - Searching for 18th and 19th century Jewish surnames in insurance policies

<http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/visiting-the-city/archives-and-city-history/london-metropolitan-archives/the-collections/Pages/a-labour-of-love.aspx>

LMA holds important and extensive series of insurance policy registers which document individuals and businesses between the late 17th to mid-19th centuries and late in 2013 a database was published entitled 'Jewish Surnames in London-based Insurance Policies'. It is in two volumes, arranged by surnames A-L and M-Z respectively and lists over 26,000 Jewish policy holders with their occupation and address. The complete dataset is also available for searching online on [The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain's website](#).

And you can still buy....

ESFHS Publication – The Essential Guide 2014



Recently published by the Society, this Guide contains useful information about the Society's Groups; contact details for relevant Library and Archive Collections; a listing of research materials held by the Society and explains basic research techniques. 88pp including several useful maps. Price £5 plus postage (if appropriate). Available at Fairs and Events or by post from:

Mrs Sylvia Dibbs, 19 Lime Tree Grove, Croydon, CR0 8AY.
Please make your cheques payable to East Surrey Family History Society. See www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk for up to date details.

Children's Homes website by Peter Higginbottom

Anyone familiar with Peter Higginbottom's Workhouse website www.workhouses.org.uk will know we have a treat in store with his new website www.childrenshomes.org.uk/

This site is building at the moment so keep an eye on it. See the current Home Page below:

Children's Homes The institutions that became home for Britain's children and young people.

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Vital Records
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Welcome!

The Children's Homes website aims to provide information on all of the many and varied institutions that — for whatever reason — became home for thousands of children and young people in Britain. They include a wide variety of establishments ranging from orphanages, homes for those in poverty, and children with special needs, through to reformatories, industrial and approved schools, training ships, and hostels.

To find information on a particular home, institution, organization or locality, you can either use the menu bar at the left, or the Search box near the top of the screen.

Information on many more homes will be added over the coming months. The news page will record any significant additions to the site.

News
29 May 2014
New pages for Teachers' Orphanages in Peckham, Sydenham and Sheffield.
27 May 2014

What were the shocking events at the Waifs and Strays Society's Standon Approved School in 1947, which led to its sudden closure? [Read all about it!](#)

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Website Update

I am indebted to the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies (IHGS) for these updates 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.

Website updates

FindMyPast - www.findmypast.co.uk has added:

- Royal Artillery attestations 1883-1942
- WW1 Casualty cards
- Royal Artillery Other Ranks casualty cards 1939-1946
- Shropshire Parish Registers 1538-1900
- Irish census returns 1821-1851 (surviving - , notably large parts of County Cavan, Fermanagh, Galway, Offaly (King's), and Meath in 1821, Derry/Londonderry in 1831, Cavan in 1841 and Antrim in 1851) and also extracts made of pension records.

FindMyPast are phasing in their new search engine. Initial feedback has suggested difficulties with the new search facility. (**Ed.** See the article above)

Ancestry www.ancestry.co.uk has added:

- Manchester Nonconformist Registers from 1758
- Norfolk Poor Law Union Records, 1796-1900
- Yorkshire, Allertonshire, Marriage Bonds and Allegations
- Yorkshire West Collection 1779-1914 (includes criminal, militia and police records)
- Ireland, Indexes to Wills, 1384-1858
- Ireland, C.o.I Baptisms: Aghaderg Co Down 1814–1870, Blaris (Lisburn) Cos. Antrim & Down 1720–1750 and 1763–1819, Christchurch Belfast 1850–1870, Dromore Co Down 1784–1816 and 1858–1871
- Isle of Wight Methodist Registers 1813-1937
- Wales, Court and Miscellaneous Records, 1542-1911
- Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police obituary card index and notices, 1876-2007
- Italy, Genova, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1796–1812, 1838–1859, 1866–1899
- Italy, Lucca, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1807–1814
- Italy, Napoli, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1809–1865
- Netherlands, Leiden, Births 1670-1913, Marriages, 1575-1934 and Deaths 1811-1960
- USA Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906-1924
- USA Quaker Records.

TNA Podcasts <http://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/> include:

- ‘...we may lie and die in a land of plenty...’: The Victorian poor in their own words
- Early Civil Registration

British Newspaper Archive www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk has added:

- Dublin Evening Mail 1830,1841+1842

Roots Ireland www.rootsireland.ie/ has added:

- County Clare Roman Catholic baptism and marriage registers, Ennis (also known as Drumcliff)

FamilySearch <https://familysearch.org/> has added

- Kent Parish Registers 1538-1911
- Lancashire Parish Registers
- New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Passenger Lists, 1839–1973

Durham Records Online www.durhamrecordsonline.com/ has added

- Forest & Frith burials 1852-1901
- Sunderland Holy Trinity baptisms 1835-1837

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archive www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ has added

- 1849 Irish Constabulary Enlistees, Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Cork, Down, Donegal
- Dublin: Donnybrook Graveyard, Mount Jerome Part MIs, Glenageary St. Paul's Church Baptisms to 1900, Deansgrange Cemetery, St. Patrick's Section, pt 16
- Fermanagh: Clogh Church of Ireland MIs, Derrylin Kinawley Parish Church MI, Kilskeery CI Marriages 1778-1849 and burials 1796-1897
- Longford Templemichael & Ballymacormick deaths 1814
- Offaly Croghan Hill New Cemetery – Partial Survey

British Origins <http://www.origins.net/bowelcome.aspx> has added

- Hearth Tax abstracts for Northamptonshire for 1673-1674

Ulster Historical Foundation www.ancestryireland.com has added

- Aghaderg CI, Down 1814 – 1870
- Blaris CI (Lisburn), Antrim & Down 1720 – 1750, 1763 – 1819
- Christchurch CI, (Belfast), Antrim 1850 – 1870
- Dromore CI, Down 1784 – 1816, 1858 -1871

Irish Newspaper Archives www.irishnewsarchive.com has added

- The Connaught Telegraph 1830-1899
 - The Dundalk Democrat 1849-1913
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