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First - a big apology to our Lingfield Group and Group Secretary Rita Russell. I stupidly mis-read our web site and can now confirm that there IS a meeting in Lingfield in November.

The meeting is on Wednesday 23rd November at 2.30pm when Ian Bevan will be speaking on 'Victorian London'

There is no meeting in December, and the next meeting after that is on **Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 2.30pm**, when David Cufley will speak about **'Trades & Occupations Sources'**, using brick makers as an example.



Secondly, I am attaching a **FINAL copy of the proposed revised Constitution** for the East Surrey Family History Society. The words haven't changed, so don't worry if you have already examined it in detail, but the Charity Commission agreed that we could change the original clause 2 into two separate clauses so that we wouldn't need to keep going back to them with minor changes. So a small change but one we thought you should be made aware of. Please see the version attached and ignore the one I sent attached to the November 2016 enewsletter yesterday.

And thirdly, here's some **HOT NEWS!!**

The General Register Office for England and Wales has added two civil registration indexes to its website, and will also be trialling a new digital certificate service from Wednesday 9 November.

GRO now offers **two searchable indexes via its website** (press CTRL and ENTER to open), providing details of births and deaths registered in the years 1837-1915 and 1837-1957 respectively.

HM Passport Office **General Register Office**
Official information on births, marriages and deaths

Search the GRO Online Index

Which index would you like to search?
 Events registered in England or Wales: Birth Death

Please enter your search criteria, mandatory fields are indicated with a *

Up to 250 matching results will be returned so providing any additional information you know will help locate the registration you are looking for.

Who are you searching for?

Surname at Birth: Include:

Search for records with a matching surname

First Forename: Include:

Search for records with a matching first forename

Second Forename:

Gender: Mother's Maiden Surname: Include:

Search for records with a matching Mother's Maiden Surname

When was the birth registered?

Year: +/- year(s) Quarter: (used 1837-1915)

Where was the birth registered?

District of Birth: [View list of registration districts](#)

Do you already know any GRO Reference details for the registration?

Volume: (used 1837-1915) Page: (used 1837-1915)

Results:

Name:	Mother's Maiden Surname:
SAUICKHAM, HARRY	LINGHAM
GRO Reference: 1903 M Quarter in SOUTH-WARK, Volume 01D Page 149 <input type="button" value="Order"/>	

1 Record(s) found - Showing Page 1 of 1
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Noticed a problem with a record in the GRO indexes?
 You can report it to GRO and help us improve the quality of information available.

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In the past, family historians have had to access the GRO indexes via third party websites such as [FreeBMD](#), [Ancestry](#) and [Findmypast](#).

This has meant noting down the volume and page number of specific entries before visiting the GRO website to order hard copy certificates by post.

However, the new GRO indexes enable researchers to click through from the civil registration entries and make purchases on the same platform.

Particular benefits for family historians are that the new indexes have been compiled by extracting the details direct from the certificates, which will have **eliminated many of the errors** in the old ones. Also, and perhaps even more important, **the mother's maiden name is now included in the birth indexes right from 1837 for the first time instead of starting in 1911, while death indexes show the age at death also from 1837 instead of just from 1866.**

The new indexes cover 1837 to 1915 for births and 1837 to 1957 for deaths. Unfortunately digitisation of the marriage indexes was cancelled at the time as a cost saving.

As a separate issue, the GRO are trialling digital copies of certificates at £6 instead of £9.25 for a limited time, but then may introduce them permanently if there is demand.

I'll write more about this in the next enewsletter.

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