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WELCOME to the April 2017 edition of the e-newsletter!

It's our 40th Anniversary Celebration this month!! 40 years!! Can you remember what you were doing in 1977? Were you doing your Family History then and remember how hard it was? It certainly seemed like Rocket Science then!

Please do come to the Open Day and AGM 2017 at the Croydon Park Hotel and help us remember the Good Old Days. The hotel is very near East Croydon Station and the URC Halls where we hold our Croydon Group meetings and I've put a map below.

Don't miss this event; it won't be repeated!!



Open Day & AGM
Saturday 22nd April 2017
Croydon Park Hotel
7 Altyre Road, Croydon, CR9 5AA

10:00 **Doors open**

Talks

Caring for your photos
with Jacqueline Moon

The times they are a'changing
40 years of genealogical research
with Ian Waller

Food for Thought
the Joe Lyons Story
with Neville Lyons

3:30 **Annual General Meeting**

It's a busy month as we'll also be taking the Bookstall to Who Do You Think You Are? Show at the NEC in Birmingham. I've put a couple of photos of last year's event below. Do come and say hello if you are able to attend the Show this year.

I've included some more extracts from past Journals in this edition as tribute to our 40th anniversary celebrations and I hope these will stir some good memories.

East Croydon station



URC Church Halls

Croydon Park Hotel

This map shows you where the Croydon Park Hotel is. The address is 7 Altyre Road, Croydon, CR9 5AA. <https://www.croydonparkhotel.com/overview/>

The website says there is parking on-site. Their phone number is 020 8680 9200



If you have something to share about East Surrey FHS history please send it to our Hon Sec Judith Mitchell (see inside cover of the Journal for her contact details), hand in at a Group meeting for passing on or bring it in the day. If people would rather original photos, or possibly documents, were not put on display we quite understand, just let us know, and copies will be made and used instead.

Thank you to all those Members (nearly 100!) who have elected to take their Journal electronically. We can avoid significant costs here.

If you would prefer to receive your Journal electronically please let the Membership Secretary know (membership01@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk).

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and, as always, information is available on our website www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk

The **Fieldwork** section has images from the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Arnhem in the Netherlands.

The **Sources** described this month are more past ESFHS Journals

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ESFHS UPDATE

GROUP MEETINGS. These always have interesting speakers and are a good opportunity to meet your fellow family historians. The venue details are on the website www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk and in the Journal.

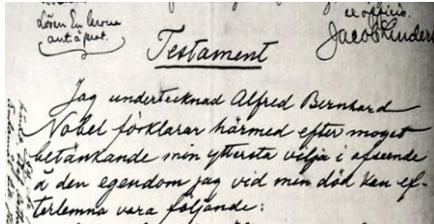
***** **APRIL 6-8 NEC, BIRMINGHAM.** East Surrey FHS will be manning a stall at the **WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? Show** (Photos from 2016) *****



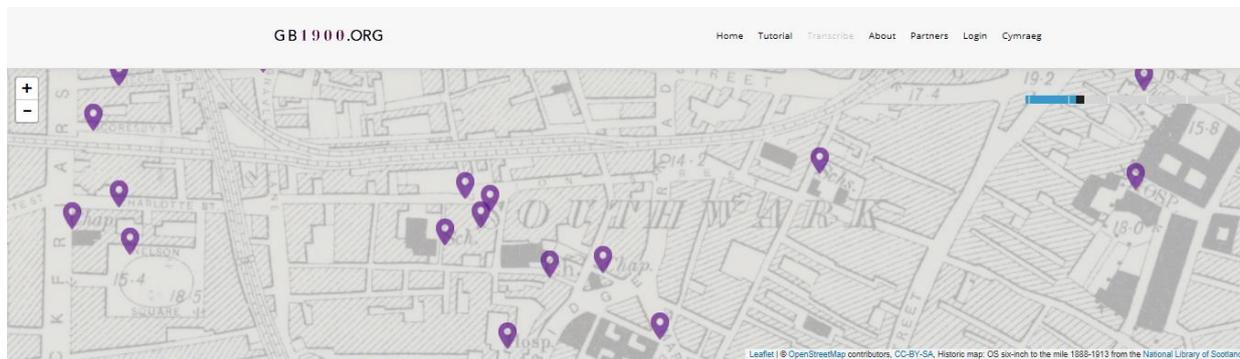
SUTTON – Thursday 6th April 2017 at 7.45pm. ‘Village Crafts.’ Ian Waller will help us find out about the records of those who worked in rural industry.



SOUTHWARK – The next meeting is on Monday 10th April at 12.00 noon when Sharon Hintze will remind us that **‘You’ll miss treasure if you neglect wills’**. This will be a fascinating look at English wills and probate with the Director of the London Family history Centre, known for her exhaustive knowledge and gentle sense of humour.



RICHMOND – The next meeting is on Saturday 11th March at 2.30pm. This will be a **‘Members Meeting’**. Where are your roots? Bring along a Map, Old or Modern.



CROYDON – There is no April meeting.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 16th May at 7.45 pm** when Ian Bevan will speak about **‘Edwardian London’**.



LINGFIELD – The next meeting is on Wednesday 26th April. Paul Blake will speak on **‘The Tithe’**. The Tithe was a ‘tax’ payable to the church and the 19th century records are an important aid to research. Paul is President of the Society and a well-known speaker and genealogist.



Don't forget to check our Web site for any last minute information www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk.org.uk

ESFHS Website Members' Area - www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk

Here's a reminder about logging on to the Members' Area of the website.

HINT: Your User ID is your Member Number (which is 4 or 5 numbers eg 9999 or 10999) OR the email address you receive your enewsletter on.

Your password is your surname with a capital first letter eg Harrison.

Rob, our Webmaster says:

'the easier login is email address plus surname (with capitals in the usual place at the beginning, and after Mc or names in double barreled names):
Bond, McDonald, Smith-Windsor.



So: User ID donmcduckpond@gmail.com
Password McDuck-Pond

Or

User ID 13999
Password McDuck-Pond



ESFHS Society Event calendar

See the Society website for a List of upcoming talks and events in 2017.

<http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk/events/events-2017.html>

ESFHS Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/ESFHS/>

Family history news items, old photographs, talks, events, interesting web sites or Facebook pages. All these and more are shared on our Facebook page. We have some 493 people looking at our posts and occasionally over a thousand! So please join us if you can. Thank you to all the contributors!

East Surrey Family History Society
Published by Nick McDonald [?] · 13 March at 07:26 · 🌐

This subject was raised on Saturday by Bob Cumberbatch at the Richmond meeting. Email explaining the move received yesterday from Sharon Hintze:
Dear Patron

In the next few months a number of changes will be implemented in the London FamilySearch Centre services at Kew. We have been based within The National Archives at Kew since August 2011, and our planned stay of several months has stretched to several years. The National Archives have been gracious landlords, but our cont...
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Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 6 March at 18:14 · 🌐

Nice site with topographical and historical info for parishes by County.
<http://www.parishmouse.co.uk>

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Parishmouse provides a wealth of information about the history of parishes, towns and hamlets throughout the United Kingdom, transcribed from historical books and parish registers. The information will be of particular interest to those tracing their...
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East Surrey Family History Society shared Imperial War Museum London's video.
Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 9 March at 17:57 · 🌐

Have you traced your female ancestors' war service records?

7. MISS ZINA BLACKBURN © IWM (IWM HQ 93)

5,731 Views

Imperial War Museum London
8 March at 17:08 · 🌐 Like Page

This International Women's Day take a closer look at the work women did during the First World War.

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East Surrey Family History Society shared Vikings - Norman Descendants's post.
Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 4 March at 17:36 · 🌐

Long list of Norman surnames here.

Vikings - Norman Descendants
3 March at 18:54 · 🌐

Receiving a lot of messages about surnames. Posting this again. 😊

Norman Surnames "The Norman People" - Vikings - Norman Descendants
The following surnames were taken from a book published in 1874 called "The Norman People". Formatting still needs to be completed. When the names...
NORMANDESCENDANTS.ORG

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East Surrey Family History Society
Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 4 March at 17:52 · 🌐

A useful new website that produces distribution maps for Austrian surnames:
<https://t.co/DQIm1Tr2f>

Surname distribution maps of Austria
Create distribution maps of your surname. Know more about commonness, where is the origin? Where are relatives?
NAMENSKARTEN.LIMA-CITY.AT

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Local Events

Sutton's Living Memories

Your Committee is exploring with Tony Brett Young, Chair of the Friends of Sutton Life Centre, if we can help with their Sutton's Living Memories Project.

Three Committee members went to the launch of this a couple of weeks ago. This lottery-funded project aims to commemorate the 130 men of the Great War buried in the Borough of Sutton's cemeteries, as well those killed while working at Brock's Fireworks Factory on munitions.

Part of the project involves researching the lives of those commemorated. Some work has already been carried out, under the guidance of Jane Allen, Heritage and Arts Service Manager at Sutton. However, as we're the Family History Society for the area we thought it would be useful to ask our members whether they have any connections to any of the names on the list or have carried out any research on them. We don't want to duplicate research that has already been done!

A video about the project can be viewed on Sutton Voice's website: <http://suttonvoice.co.uk/sv-tv-special-sutton-living-memory/>

Attached to this enewsletter is an Excel spreadsheet with the list of names and brief details about them. Please can you check the list and let us know if they have any information about any of the men? If you do, please contact Judith at secretary02@eastsurreyffhs.org.uk

Find out how to Research your Family Tree Using the Resources at the Kingston History Centre! Guildhall, High Street, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1EU

Together with Kingston History Centre, East Surrey Family History Society is helping to run '**Introduction to Family History**' sessions at Kingston History Centre, in the Guildhall at Kingston. (The entrance door is at the rear of the building.)

The first two sessions have been very successful and we've helped 18 people start to find their family histories. Further sessions are scheduled for:

Saturday 27 May 2017; Saturday 30 September 2017 and Saturday 25 November 2017

The sessions are free but you need to book a place by ringing the Centre on 0208 547 6738 (open Wed 10 am to 5pm; Thurs 10 am to 7pm; Fri 10 am to 5pm; Sat 10 am to 5pm).

Please encourage your family and friends to come along

https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200239/museum_and_history_centre/548/visit_kingston_history_centre

Surrey History Centre 130 Goldsworth Rd, Woking GU21 6ND

Open Day Saturday 13 May 11 – 3.30



FREE EVENT **Surrey History Centre**
OPEN DAY
Saturday 13 May
11am - 3.30pm
Surrey History Centre,
130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND

Go behind the scenes of the Surrey History Centre at this unique event where we will be showcasing some of our fascinating collection. We'll also highlight the important and varied work we do to celebrate and preserve the history of Surrey, and there will be chances to go on tours of the building where you will discover we have 6 miles of shelving in our strongrooms, housing documents dating back to the 12th Century!

Behind the scenes tours at:
11.30, 12.30, 13.30, 14.30
No booking required

Family activities including
mini archaeological digs

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<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritage-culture-and-recreation/archives-and-history/surrey-history-centre>

Other News

Shropshire Family History Society Fair - Shrewsbury www.sfhs.org.uk




Shropshire Family History Society
FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY FAIR
The Shirehall, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND
Saturday 3rd June 2017
10am - 4pm
Admission £3.00
FREE PARKING / DISABLED ACCESS
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
Everyone welcome!
Shropshire FHS, visiting Family History Societies, Local History Societies and Shropshire Archives will be on hand to offer advice and assistance with your research.
Commercial Stalls offering a wide variety of goods and services for Local and Family Historians
Two nationally known speakers in the Council Chamber at 11am and 2.30pm
Pick up a leaflet here
or go to www.sfhs.org.uk for further details

Saturday 3 June 2017 10-4

First World War service records for Women at the National Archives

<http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/3PUB-6KEA-011MKZ326D/cr.aspx>



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Women's Royal Air Force service records 1918-1920

These records, from series AIR 80, include volunteers from the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Legion drivers and the Women's Civilian Subordinates.

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British Army nurses' service records 1914-1918

We hold over 15,000 First World War service records for nurses in series WO 399 who served in the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Reserve) and the Territorial Force Nursing Service during the First World War.

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Women's Army Auxiliary Corps service records 1917-1920

Our collection includes the service records of more than 7,000 women who joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) between 1917 and 1920. These records are held in series WO 398.

[> Search and download Women's Army Auxiliary Corps service records*](#)



Women's Royal Naval service records 1917-1919

These are the service records of over 5,000 women who served in the Women's Royal Naval Service (WRNS) between 1917 and 1919. The original records are grouped in series ADM 318 for officers and ADM 336 for ratings or other ranks.

[> Search and download Women's Royal Naval service records*](#)

Protestation Returns to be digitised by the Parliamentary Archives – a sort of 17th century Census! www.parliament.uk

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/parliamentary-archives/explore-guides-to-documentary-archive-familyhistory/sources/protestations/>

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Parliamentary Archives - Map Search

This is a prototype service which allows you to search for records from the [Parliament Archives online catalogue](#) by place. There is currently one set of records held by the Parliamentary Archives available to search via the map interface - the Protestation Returns, which are the closest record we have to a census from 1642.



Parliamentary Archives

The [Parliamentary Archives](#) provides access to the archives of the House of Lords, the House of Commons and to other records relating to Parliament.

Protestation Returns

Protestation Returns, are the closest record we have to a census from 1642. Find out more about the origin of the returns from [our website](#).

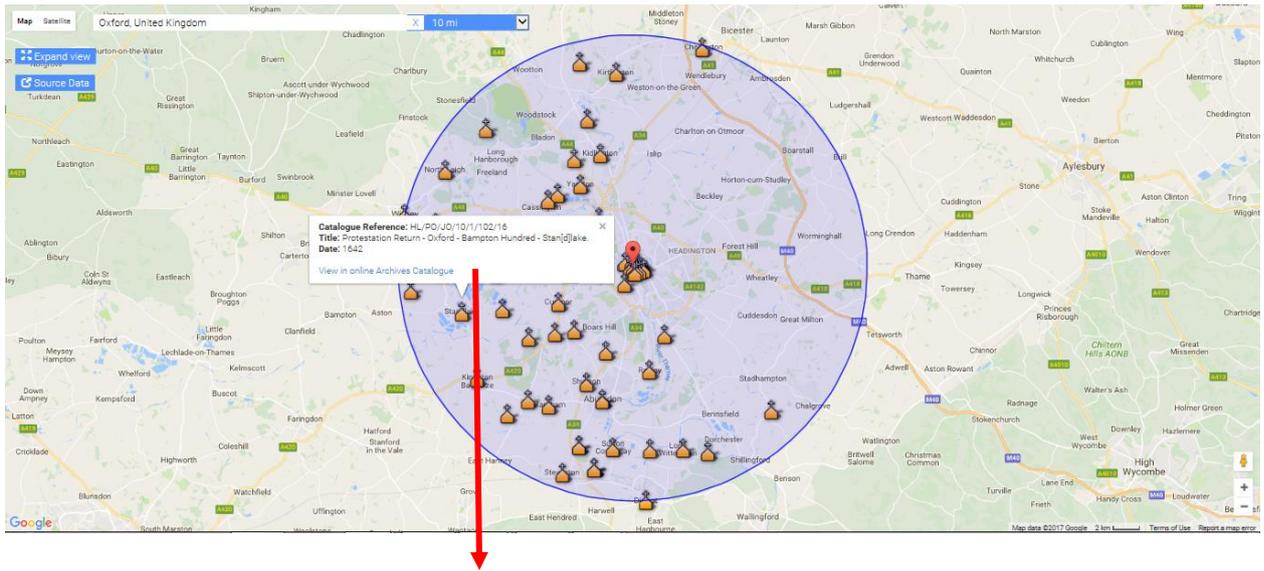
To search for these records go to [map search](#).

Feedback

This is a new service under development and we welcome your [feedback](#) so we can improve it and add more sets of records to it.

Zoom in to your chosen place

Parliamentary Archives - Map Search: Protestation Returns



Catalogue Reference: HL/PO/JO/10/1/102/16
 Title: Protestation Return - Oxford - Bampton Hundred - Stan[d]lake
 Date: 1642
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 - 102 - Main Papers: Protestation Returns - Oxfordshire, Salop (Shropshire)

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Record Category	Protestation Returns
Access Status	Open
Note	A digital copy of this record is available. For information about how to view it, which may include online access, please follow the link below.
URL	http://digitalarchive.parliament.uk/HL/PO/JO/10/1/102/16

And in the future you will be able to click through to a digital copy of the Return!

FIELDWORK – Arnhem and Operation Market Garden

I've just returned from a short visit to Eindhoven and Arnhem in the Netherlands following the WW2 (late September 1944) story of the successful and unsuccessful capture of the bridges over the Rhine, the Waal and Maas rivers and the Willems and Wilhelmina canals. This was portrayed in the film 'A Bridge Too Far' and featured the parachute drop of thousands of Airborne soldiers into the countryside around the city from glider aircraft.



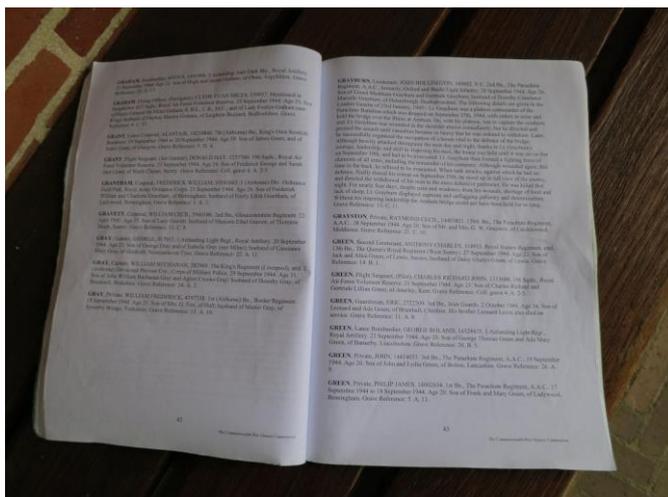
Read about it at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Arnhem

“The British airborne forces landed some distance from their objectives and were quickly hampered by unexpected resistance – especially from elements of the 9th and 10th SS Panzer Divisions. Only a small force was able to reach the Arnhem road bridge while the main body of the division was halted on the outskirts of the city. Meanwhile, XXX Corps was unable to advance north as quickly as anticipated due to the destruction of the bridge at Son, and failed to relieve the airborne troops according to schedule. After four days, the small British force at the bridge was overwhelmed and the rest of the division became trapped in a small pocket north of the river – where they could not be sufficiently reinforced by the Poles or XXX Corps when they arrived on the southern bank, nor by the RAF's resupply flights. After nine days of fighting, the shattered remains of the British 1st Airborne Division were withdrawn in Operation Berlin.

With no secure bridges over the Nederrijn, the Allies were unable to advance further and the front line stabilised south of Arnhem. The British 1st Airborne Division had lost nearly three-quarters of its strength and did not see combat again.”

Allied losses were very high and many became prisoners.

I was privileged to meet three Veterans when I visited to Commonwealth War Cemetery. They had come to Arnhem to help open a new exhibition space/museum near the John Frost Bridge (the ‘bridge too far’) and had been fully medaled-up for the ceremony the previous day. When I met them they were having a private and informal visit to the cemetery, hence the unusual badge and medals they are wearing in the photo. The gentleman on the left, a sprightly 91 year old had been a Glider Pilot with the King’s Own Scottish Borderers, and his companion was a Medic from 1st Airborne, now 97 years old. He said that every year he visited the 50 men he tried to save during the fighting, but was unable to and who now rest in the cemetery. I also met another elderly gentleman, in their party, who had served with 2nd paras under John Frost and who had been with the unit that held Arnhem Bridge for a number of days before they were overwhelmed and captured.



There are two VC holders in the cemetery:

Lieutenant John Grayburn (see Register entry right);

And

Captain Lionel Queripel

SWARTS, South Col., SUMMIT, 1911, 3, 9, B. S., Netherlands Army, (1894), 29 September 1944. Age 27. Date of Birth 26 July 1917. Also known as Christian van der Wal. Grave Reference: XVI B 18.

SKNWARSK, Stanislaw STRONC, 1927, 22877, Kompania Zaprzężywnia, Polish Army, 9 December 1944. Age 24. Son of Mikolaj and Katarzyna Sknwarisk. Grave Reference: Plot XXXV Row A Grave 20.

SZYLAK, Stanislaw, AETER, 25402, Kompania Zaprzężywnia, Polish Army, 22 September 1944. Age 21. Son of Jan and Olga Ryszak. Grave Reference: Plot XXXIV Row A Grave 8.

THE, Podchorzyna, RICHARD, II, Barn, Spadochronowy, Polish Army, 22 September 1944. Age 22. Son of Sebastian and Helen Fox. Grave Reference: Plot XXXV Row A Grave 13.

TKACZYK, Stanislaw STRONC, 248, 25704, Kompania Łączności, Polish Army, 22 September 1944. Age 25. Son of Jozef and Inna Tkaczyk. Grave Reference: Plot XXXIII Row A Grave 19.

WESOLOWICZ, Stanislaw STRONC, KONSTANTY, 25483, II, Barn, Spadochronowy, Polish Army, 24 September 1944. Age 23. Son of Kazimierz and Antonina Wesołowicz. Grave Reference: Plot XXV Row B Grave 1.

WITCZEK, Stanislaw, STANISLAW, 24859, II, Barn, Spadochronowy, Polish Army, 26 September 1944. Age 23. Son of Jozef and Anna Witczak. Grave Reference: Plot XXXIII Row A Grave 7.

WOLBIN, Stanislaw, PIOTR, 29612, II, Barn, Spadochronowy, Polish Army, 23 September 1944. Age 24. Son of Michal and Katarzyna Wolbin. Grave Reference: Plot XXXIII Row A Grave 25.

ZALEWASKI, Stanislaw, TADKUSZ, 29669, II, Barn, Spadochronowy, Polish Army, 22 September 1944. Age 22. Son of Jan and Aleksandra Zalewski. Grave Reference: Plot XXXIV Row A Grave 7.

ZEROWSKI, Stanislaw STRONC, Podchorzyna, (Capt. Officer), IGONANCY J, Z 9438, I, Barn, Spadochronowy, Polish Army, 26 September 1944. Age 23. Son of Lata and Helena Zerowski. Grave Reference: Plot XXXIII Row A Grave 25.

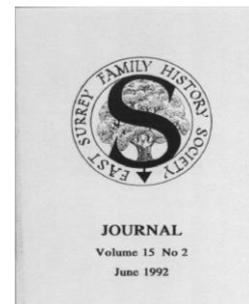
ZIAMIEN, Kapral-Podchorzyna, (Capt. Officer), ZBIGNIEW JAN, 6182, Dywizjon Artylerii Przecypancernej, Polish Army, 22 September 1944. Age 22. Son of Władysław and Katarzyna Ziame. Grave Reference: Plot XXV Row B Grave 13.

ZOŁYNIAK, Stanislaw, BRONISLAW, 25608, Kompania Łączności, Polish Army, 23 September 1944. Age 21. Son of Jan and Julia Zołyniak. Grave Reference: Plot XIX Row B Grave 17.



There are Polish paratroopers buried here too.

SOURCES – East Surrey Family History Society Journals – Remember these? These pages were in your Journal in June 1992 (Vol 15 No 2)



VILLAGES OF THE SOUTH-EAST SURREY BORDER

by Jean Shelley

I thought perhaps Members who do not know East Surrey might like to know more about the place where their ancestors lived. As there are so many parishes the best way seemed to group a few together. So I have had a go!

It is said that there can be no history without geography, and the more one looks at local history the more one realizes the truth in that statement.

Newdigate, Charlwood, Horley and Burstow lie on the Weald Clay. The Weald is the area between the North and South Downs - the Downs are chalk. The Weald was formed by a ripple of earth folding when the Alps were formed. The earth forming the top of the ripple was structurally weakened and over millions of years the top wore away and exposed the deeper layers: firstly a narrow band of greensand, then a band of clay, and lastly the sandstone of the central Weald. This pattern is symmetrical north to south.

Early man settled on the chalk and greensand - the line of the A25 road - and there developed towns such as Dorking, Reigate and Bletchingley. The Weald Clay area to the south was thickly wooded and very inhospitable. Early man only ventured into it in the summer for pastures for his pigs, and only very gradually did the clay become settled. None of the villages on the clay were mentioned in the Domesday Book - the people here belonged to the manors on the chalk to the north - but by Norman times there must have been some settlement as part of Charlwood church is Norman and the other parishes have early churches.

Weald clay is fertile but very hard to work and very difficult for travel. With rain it immediately becomes very muddy and in dry weather it is very hard. Apart from acorns the clay had another natural resource, iron ore. The ore was second-class compared with that in the sandstone of the central Weald, but there is good evidence that from early times iron was dug and smelted here. Charcoal was needed to do this and there was no shortage of wood for the charcoal burners. So people living in these villages had the dual occupations of agriculture and the various work connected with the iron industry.

After 1500 the iron furnaces used water power for the bellows, so the furnaces became much larger. Newdigate had a water powered furnace. The Weald was at that time the Black Country of England, the centre of which was east of our villages. Guns and cannon balls were produced as well as tools and fire backs. These were prosperous times.

Houses could only be built with local materials, the forests provided oaks for timber-framed buildings. Charlwood and Newdigate were nucleated villages around the church. Horley grew up and had its church near the River Mole, with a very large common to the east and south which served the farms around. That pattern remains but with later settlements at Outwood and Smallfield within the parish.

The iron industry declined in the late 1600s and with it came great poverty. These parishes have very few Georgian houses, there was no money for building, people just repaired their old houses. (In these villages today we still have many timber framed houses.) The roads were very bad. In 1696 came the first turnpike road in Surrey: it was between Reigate and Crawley, over the clay, but it was only fit for pack-horses for many years. That life was very hard is shown in a letter written by the curate of Newdigate, Thomas DUNCOM, in 1794 (GMR 85/2/8 p.642). Things only improved very gradually. The nearness of London may have helped, it is 25 miles away.

The Tite Maps ca.1840 show much of the land was arable, so people must have worked hard. It is interesting that in 1930 Dudley STAMP described the land as mainly wet, unproductive grassland. However the advent of tractors after World War II changed that and the fields are now very productive.

To return to earlier times: Horley is situated between London and Brighton, so from the mid-1700s benefited from coaches. Then in 1841 the railway came through Horley. This was the start of growth and prosperity. Horley quickly grew into a town and continued to grow. Even so, up to 1939 there was almost no choice of employment for village children leaving school: it was into service for the girls and the farms for boys. Today, here on the clay we have Gatwick Airport, a very busy area, with full employment, and many pressures on the countryside, roads, housing etc. Also Crawley New Town with all its industries is only a few miles away.

There are other villages on the Surrey/Sussex borders that lie on the Weald Clay. I expect their story is similar but I can only speak for the area in which I live. I hope I have prompted people to write about other areas of Surrey.

This article was contributed by:
Mrs Jean Shelley, 4 Norwood Hill Road, Charlwood, Horley, Surrey RH6 0ED

So how about it then - can you write about the area of Surrey you know? Ed.

Dimensions of land of any considerable extent were measured by Gunter's Chain, which is 4 poles or 22 yards in length, and is divided into 100 equal parts called links, 80 chains make a mile.



And from the Journal of December 2001

A Brief History of Richmond

by Peter Charlish

Until the 12th century, what we now know as Richmond was part of the royal manor of Kingston. It was then that Henry I divided the northern part of the manor from Kingston to create the separate manor of Shene. Towards the end of the 13th century the manor was rented by Edward, Prince of Wales, thus establishing Richmond's royal connections.

In 1327 Edward III granted the manor to his mother, Queen Isabella. After Isabella's death nearly 30 years later, Edward first began to turn the manor house into a royal palace. Edward died in 1377, but his successor Richard II continued to make improvements, so that by the closing years of the 14th century the palace had become quite substantial. However, in 1394 Richard's Queen, Anne of Bohemia, died at Shene, and the King ordered the palace to be demolished. Henry V, who came to the throne in 1413, ordered the palace to be rebuilt, and work was started in 1414. It continued, intermittently, until the middle of the 15th century.

By 1497, the palace was in the possession of Henry VII, previously Henry Tudor, Duke of Richmond (in Yorkshire). In that year a fire destroyed most of the palace, but Henry rebuilt it and in 1501 changed its name to Richmond. The village of Richmond at this time lay between the Green and what is now George Street, up to the parish church of St Mary Magdalene, which was built between 1480 and 1510.

The palace survived until the Civil War, being sold off in 1650 as part of the disposal of Crown property. Part of it was demolished, the remainder split into separate dwellings. The parish church was enlarged in 1750, and later underwent a series of improvements during the 19th century. Among the notables buried in the churchyard is Richard, 7th Viscount Fitzwilliam, who founded the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. Inside the church is a memorial to the actor, Edmund Kean, who was manager of Richmond's Theatre Royal and who died in Richmond in 1833 (Kean's theatre was demolished in 1886). Other famous inhabitants of Richmond have included Sir Joshua Reynolds, who lived in a house on the hill and painted the view from the terrace.

Throughout the 18th century Richmond grew considerably, as people were attracted not only by the town's royal connections but also by its pleasing views and proximity to London. Development also occurred on the opposite bank of the Thames, and in 1777 Richmond Bridge was opened. However, the big impetus to growth occurred in 1846 with the coming of the railway. Originally, the line ran between Richmond and Nine Elms, but before long it was extended to Waterloo and to Windsor and Staines, which necessitated the construction of the first railway bridge across the Thames. Over the next few years rail connections were established with Kingston, the North London Railway, and the District Railway. In the 1890s

Richmond became the first local authority in the London area to build council housing.

The growth in population of Richmond created a need for new churches to relieve pressure on the parish church. The parish of St John the Divine was created in 1838: the church is in Kew Road. St Matthias, in Friars Stile Road, is a chapel of ease to the parish church and was built in 1858 to a design by Sir George Gilbert Scott. The parish of Holy Trinity was created in 1870, and Christ Church in 1894. The Surrey History Service in Woking holds the following parish registers:

Parish church:	1584-1899
St John the Divine:	1839-1974
St Matthias:	1858-1967 (baptisms); 1859-1970 (marriages)
Holy Trinity:	1919-1989
Christ Church:	1894-1976

Richmond also has a Roman Catholic church, St Elizabeth of Portugal, in the Vineyard, built in 1824; a Baptist church, in Duke Street, built in 1881; a Congregational church, also in the Vineyard; and has also had Presbyterian and Wesleyan chapels. The SHS in Woking holds the marriage registers of the Congregational church in the Vineyard for the period 1917-1972, records of Kew Road Wesleyan Chapel (1882-1977), and some records of the Duke Street Baptist church (1870-1969). Copies of some of the baptism entries for St Elizabeth of Portugal are available at the Society of Genealogists.

Other material relating to Richmond is available in the Local Studies Collection at Richmond Old Town Hall. These include books and pamphlets, microfilm copies of local newspapers from 1854 onwards, maps from 1635 onwards, local publications such as parish magazines, photographs, prints and drawings.

Sources

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The Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Richmond: A Brief Guide
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Richmond Local Studies Collection (<http://richmond.gov.uk/depts/ops/leisure/libraries/history/default.htm>)

Website Update

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

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News

Tickets for **Who Do You Think You are? Live** at the NEC 6-8 April 2017
East Surrey FHS will be there!! See the WDYTYA website:
<http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/ticket-information>

Twile is now free to all users. It is a UK-based interactive timeline of everything that's ever happened in your family. The timeline consists of photos and milestones—such as births, marriages, and deaths—that tell the story of your family from your earliest known ancestor right through to today. Family historians can import their family tree from any online genealogy service and then add more recent events from their own life before inviting family members to explore and contribute.

(I reviewed Twile in the enewsletter of August 2015. It was a free product then but later it went commercial and you had to subscribe. It's now become free again so you might like to have another look at it. Ed.)

ON THE MOVE. The **General Register Office of Northern Ireland** (GRONI), along with its Public Search Room, has moved to Stranmillis, about one and a half miles away from its former city centre home in Chichester Street, Belfast. General Register Office Northern Ireland, Colby House, Stranmillis Court (off Stranmillis Road), Belfast BT9 5RR.

Website updates

FindMyPast (£) www.findmypast.co.uk/ has added:

- Catholic Heritage Archive
- Early Emigration Records
- Britain, Royal African Company, 1694-1743
- British Royal Navy Allotment Declarations 1795-1852
- Norfolk Bishops transcripts and electoral registers
- Northampton General Hospital Admissions 1774-1846
- Northamptonshire Baptisms
- Warwickshire Monumental Inscriptions
- Pennsylvanian records

The Genealogist (£) <https://www.thegenealogist.com> has added:

- Hampshire Police Letter Books
- Northumberland Colour Tithe maps
- War Memorial Index
- New records from Essex, Cumberland and Norfolk

Ancestry (£) www.ancestry.co.uk/ has added:

- Scotland, Rolls of Male Heads of Families, 1834-1842
- Moray, Scotland, Local Heritage Index, 1632-2014
- Prussian Provinces, Selected Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1661-1944
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Source Information

Ancestry.com. *London, England, London Transport Staff Registers, 1863-1931* [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2017.
Original data: Staff Registers, TfL Corporate Archives, London, England.

About London, England, London Transport Staff Registers, 1863-1931

Within These Records

These staff records date from the opening of the earliest underground line, the Metropolitan line, in 1863, and cover underground, bus, tram and some clerical staff.

The staff records that are held are primarily found in registers, with varying amounts of information contained therein. While some provide quite extensive information, including the height of the employee, disciplinary issues, pay and previous position details, others contain no more than a name, date of commencement of service and a badge number.

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- [London, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1965](#)
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 - [London, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1921](#)
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Description

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 Metropolitan Railway: Staff Register (11 Aug 1863 - 20 Aug 1902)

No.	NAME	Age	Date of Entering the Service.	Rank.	Previous Employment.	Date, and Particulars of Promotion.	Date, and Cause of leaving the Service.	Disposal.
14	Anderson George	19	Decr 25 th 1865	Porter	Army porter	Transferred to Station 1866	Transferred to Station 1866	Left
16	Stoddley Alfred	22	Decr 25 th 1865	Porter	Plasterer	Transferred to Station 1866	Transferred to Station 1866	Left
53	Smith John	24	Decr 25 th 1865	Porter	Army porter	Transferred to Station 1866	Transferred to Station 1866	Left
48	Simpson George	25	Jan 5 th 1866	Porter	Army porter	Transferred to Station 1866	Transferred to Station 1866	Left
5	Smyth John	31	Jan 1 st 1866	Stationman	Army	Transferred to Station 1866	Transferred to Station 1866	Left
7	Shelton John	21	Jan 25 th 1866	Porter	Army	Transferred to Station 1866	Transferred to Station 1866	Left
16	Shee Michael	29	Oct 2 nd 1866	Porter	Soldier	Transferred to Station 1866	Transferred to Station 1866	Left
17	Shannon William	28	April 19 th 1866	Stationman	London	Transferred to Station 1866	Transferred to Station 1866	Left
25	Shee George	19	April 26 th 1866	Porter	Laborer	Transferred to Station 1866	Transferred to Station 1866	Left
20	Southam John	25	Mar 10 th 1866	Porter	Army	Transferred to Station 1866	Transferred to Station 1866	Left

- Scotland, Rolls of Male Heads of Families, 1834-1842
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- Prussian Provinces, Selected Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1661-1944

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

- British Newspaper Archives Obituaries
- Australia, Victoria, Outward Passenger Lists, 1852-1924

RootsIreland www.rootsireland.ie/ has added:

- Armagh Diocese Marriage Licence Bonds 1727 - 1845
- Rathganon, Wexford RC baptism and marriage registers, 1803-1890s

Families in British India Society - FIBIS <https://www.fibis.org/> has added:

- East India Company Recruits 1843-50 Returns made by Dublin district recruiting officers

Memento-Mori www.memento-mori.co.uk has added:

Cemeteries in central, east and west Scotland. Gravestone inscriptions and photographs.

- Glasgow cemeteries

You Tube videos

Christine Woodcock has posted a YouTube version of a talk "Criminals, Lunatics and Paupers: Finding Your Inmate Ancestors in the Scottish Records." It's a 58 minute presentation which you can find at <https://youtu.be/D-FxhDkb6XU>

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ATTACHMENT - Sutton's Living Memories: Spreadsheet of Casualties