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The Society **Research & Advice centre** is at Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield. It is open every month (except August and December) on the second Saturday from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., and on the fourth Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

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The deadline for the September Journal is 10.00 a.m., 1st August
All contributions should be sent to the Editor, whose contact details appear opposite

Group meetings

June

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| 1 | Online resources for professions and occupations | Peter Christian | Sutton |
| 12 | The Museum of London Archive
at Docklands Museum | The Archivist | Southwark |
| | <i>A major part of the collection is the archive of the Port of London Authority and its predecessors, the private companies who set up the enclosed docks. The collection includes records from the Surrey Docks.</i> | | |
| 20 | Croydon Minster | David Morgan | Croydon |
| 28 | Immigrant ancestors | Sue Gibbons | Lingfield |

July

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|----|--|---------------|-----------|
| 6 | Nonconformist ancestors | Alan Rushton | Sutton |
| 8 | The aircraft industry in Richmond,
Ham and Kingston | David Hassard | Richmond |
| 18 | Kenley Airfield Revival Project | Amy Todd | Croydon |
| 26 | Mediaeval Village | Jane leCluse | Lingfield |

August

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| 14 | My Brick Wall just fell over! | | Southwark |
| | <i>Members' presentations. The use of Excel, treasures found, etc.</i> | | |

September

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| 7 | Treasures of the SoG | Sue Gibbons | Sutton |
| | <i>Major, largely unique, collections and accessing them</i> | | |
| 9 | The Impact of Online Family History Companies
on Archives | David Thomas | Richmond |
| | <i>Report on Research and Discussion</i> | | |

Group meetings

19	Funeral Records	Emma Sparre-Slater	Croydon
	<i>A talk about the history of funerals and Francis Chappell (now part of Dignity), and the few funeral records they have from the past</i>		

27	Coroners' Inquests	Kathy Chater	Lingfield
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October

9	Discover Discovery	tbc	Southwark
	<i>The fount of knowledge at TNA</i>		

17	Surnames	Celia Heritage	Croydon
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25	TBA		Lingfield
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November

2	I've lost my ancestors before 1837	Celia Heritage	Sutton
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13	Visit to the Parliamentary Archives		Southwark
	<i>There may be one or two places on a waiting list. Contact the Southwark Secretary</i>		

Croydon: United Reformed Church (small hall), Addiscombe Grove, Croydon CR0 5LP
3rd Tuesday (except August and December); 8.00 p.m.
Secretary: Liz Moss 020 8686 8962 croydon@eastsurreyfh.org.uk

Lingfield: Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield RH7 6AB
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Richmond: Vestry House, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond TW9 1SA
2nd Saturday of alternate months; 2.30 p.m.
Secretary: Veronica McConnell 01372 363015 richmond@eastsurreyfh.org.uk

Southwark: Southwark Local History Library, behind John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1JA
Second Monday of alternate months; 12 noon (except August when the meeting dates will vary – see the Journal and the Society website). There will be no meeting in December.
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1st Thursday; 8.00 p.m.
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Doors usually open 30 minutes before the start of the meeting. Please check the Society website www.esfhs.org.uk for future meetings and last-minute alterations.

The Chairman's Address

I want to start my first Chair update by saying thank you to everyone who has stepped down from the Committee at the AGM. I know that the membership appreciates you giving up your time. So, thank you to Lesley Barker (Treasurer), Judith Mitchell (Secretary), Brenda Hawkins and Rob Cambridge (committee members) for your hard work and dedication. Hopefully you will continue to be involved with the Society in some form.

I also want to acknowledge those who are joining the Committee: Carolyn Barclay (Treasurer) and Don Knight

(Secretary) (Don stepped forward despite having numerous other commitments). Others who joined the Committee, following the AGM, are Peter Heather, Liz Moss and Monica Polley, who are joining current Committee members Sue Adams and Joanna Reynolds. The Committee has changed considerably this year, so it is good that we have stability there too.

One of the things I want to do, as Chair of the Society, is to have more succession planning, so that stepping into these key Committee roles is planned rather than done in a panic. The way forward, as I see it, is to invite the membership to shadow the committee members (but not in a stalker kind of way) to learn what the role entails. This will allow the members coming forward to be supported and also for the post holders to have potential deputies.

So if you are interested in a role(s), but want to know more before you make the commitment, do contact me. I will ensure you are supported and paired up with the current post-holder – even if you are thinking about being the next Chair.

If you want to contact me about this, or any other issue, my contact details are inside the front cover.



Portrait of a School

Mark Hughes

Last November a charity shop in Chelmsford contacted the Society, as it had a framed panoramic photograph from a Croydon school. The picture was approximately 4 feet long, in colour, of Croydon High School from 1994. The photo was taken to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the school.

Although the picture has more to do with local history than with family history, it was felt that the society should collect it and present it to the school, or the Croydon Archives.

The school is an independent girls school which was founded in September 1874. The first Headmistress was Dorinda **Neligan**. Dorinda opened the school with just 88 pupils, but this increased to 230 some six years later when it moved to a purpose-built site in Wellesley Road, Croydon.

Dorinda (1833-1914) was born on 9 June 1833 in Cork, the fifth daughter of Thomas Neligan, a lieutenant in the army. She was educated at home by her mother, a woman of great culture, and later in Germany and Paris before becoming a 'finishing governess'.

The school's website at <http://www.croydonhigh.gdst.net/> tells of Miss Neligan as being 'a formidable character who had served with the Red

Cross in France during the Franco-Prussian War in 1870 and legend has it, had been left in sole charge of the wounded at Metz. She remained Head of Croydon High for twenty-seven years and after retirement, so incensed at the long delay in giving women the vote, she became a militant suffragette. On one occasion, she protested by refusing to pay her rates and on another she assaulted a policeman but escaped prison, presumably because of her age! We like to think that this sense of justice and equality of opportunity has been passed down through the generations of Croydon High girls – although we always stress the importance of operating within the law!

In 1966 the school moved to Selsdon, where the picture was taken in 1994.

When the Society contacted the school they were pleased and readily accepted the picture and, in return, they sent a token of thanks of some information about the school, a bookmark, wrist band, small card holder and a three-colour pen.

Among the former pupils of the school were musician Jacqueline du Pré, architect and town planner Dame Jane Drew, television presenters Susanna Reid and Anneka Rice.



Website round up – SoG special

Brian Hudson

There is a lot going on at the Society of Genealogists, so a visit to their website at www.sog.org.uk is highly recommended, and the first place to visit is their newsletter page at www.sog.org.uk/about/newsletter.

In March this year it was revealed that two major collections would soon be arriving at their premises in Goswell Road, London.

The first will be the microfilm collection from the London FamilySearch Centre (<http://londonfamilyhistory.org>) which has been temporarily housed at The National Archives. The collection has about 60,000 microfilms and includes many thousand copies of original church and local records from the United Kingdom and Ireland as well as probate records for England and Wales before and after 1858.

The second will be from the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain (JGSGb), www.jgsgb.org.uk, whose library will move to the Society. The library will remain separate with its own space in the building and will be staffed by volunteers from the JGSGb. It will be open to both JGSGb members and visitors. The library contains more than 1,000 books and other items such as journals, pedigrees and manuscripts.

To fit these collections into the SoG building the ground floor is being

remodelled, the locker room is being moved and refitted with new lockers, and the whole area repainted and recarpeted.

Alongside these building changes the SoG's own digitisation programme continues. This not only frees up valuable physical space in the library but enables much more of their collections to be accessed without visiting London. One of the reasons to search the SoG Data Online records is that many smaller and niche collections are available that the 'big boys' can't be bothered with. Members can search records for free or non-members will pay per view. Use the search box on the home page or just browse the directories. Do you want the Portuguese Embassy Chapel christenings 1663-1844? Then look no further than SoG Data Online.

There is no room here to list all the help and advice on the website but one last thing to mention is the Library talks page {www.sog.org.uk/the-library/library-talks}, where there are links to PDFs of some of the talks about the library. They are the next best thing to actually attending a talk. These days they are given by Else Churchill as Tim Lawrence has moved on to pastures new.

For the latest SoG news go to www.sog.org.uk/news.

Front Cover

You may have noticed that the front cover is different this time! The reason for this is that in order to celebrate our 40th Anniversary, we have used a copy of the cover of our first ever Journal issued in September 1977. The article below, written by Kim Cox, is also reproduced from that edition.

How the Society's original emblem was designed

Some of you may be wondering how we chose the Society's emblem, featured on the front cover. We wanted an emblem that would convey the family history aspect, but at the same time feature something relating specifically to Surrey. We discovered that our county's name is Anglo Saxon in origin, and in 823AD was referred to as 'the Suprigia' meaning 'people of the southern region'. This suggested the use of some indication of the compass point south in our design, hence the large S with the downward

pointing arrow beneath it. Conveniently the same letter stands for the present name of the county, so conveying both the modern name as well as its ancient meaning. Of course no genealogy emblem is complete without a tree, so what better than the good old English Oak? Finally we inscribed the name of the Society around the edge of the design, and put the whole emblem in a circle to finish it off neatly, and our design was complete.



Journals on offer

I am a former member of the ESFHS and have a number of printed journals that I no longer have room to store. I wondered if they would be of any interest to the society. They are volumes 26, 27 and 28 (all issues 1-4) covering 2003 to 2005.



A son on the Somme

Peter Heather

All seven of my grandmother's brothers served in the armed forces in the First World War, and all but one survived. I have been trying to put together their collective experiences from the extensive records now available to us.

While I was trying to track down one great-uncle I came across the service record for a Reginald Walter that I thought could be his. As it turned out, this was for a much younger man, but my natural curiosity got the better of me and I delved into the details of a young man who fought on the Somme 100 years ago.

Reginald Walter lived with his aunt in Hammersmith, as his mother, Florence Walter, was living in Bruges in Belgium and his father was dead. On 6 September 1915 he left home to travel to Epsom to join the 28th Reserve Battalion Royal Fusiliers. He gave his age as 19 years and under the heading 'Trade' put 'Just left

college'. At 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing 12 stone with a 37 inch chest he was a fit young man whom the adjutant of the battalion would have been glad to enrol.

After receiving his infantry training in England, Reginald was posted to the 18th Battalion of the regiment, which was part of the British Expeditionary Force, and he travelled to France on 9 February 1916 to join them. He did not stay long with the Royal Fusiliers, because on 16 June he was attached to the 7th Battalion East Kent Regiment. The East Kent (the Buffs) Regiment needed reinforcing for the offensive on the Somme at the beginning of July.

The East Kent's first day of the battle went well compared with elsewhere in the offensive, when the British army suffered 60,000 casualties, but things became more difficult a few days later in the Battle of Albert when the regiment took part in the fight for Trones Wood.

Up to now Reginald's family had apparently been under the impression that he was still in England, but word had clearly reached his aunt in Hammersmith that he was now in France because on 19 July 1916 she wrote to the Secretary of State for War:



28th Battalion training

A son on the Somme

Sir, I wish to make application for my nephew Private Reginald Walter 8656 D Company 7th Buffs BEF to be placed in reserve, he being 17 years of age, proof of which I beg to enclose a certificate of birth.

His father, Francis Walter, is dead, his mother has been in Bruges since the commencement of the war.

I feel that were she in England, as he is her only son, she would not consent to his being in the firing line.

Yours respectfully,

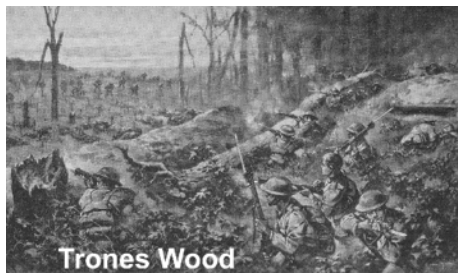
F Shelley

It was now clear that Reginald, in a fit of patriotism to serve his King and Country or just in a spirit of adventure, had lied about his age the previous year in order to join the army. It is even more remarkable because by late in 1915 it was becoming clear that the fighting was far worse than the walkover that many had envisaged.

The army did not send men under 18 to the front and Reginald should have been returned to England immediately. However, the story does not have a happy ending: Reginald was already dead. On 13 July 1916, just six days before his aunt posted her letter, Reginald had been killed in action.

The day before, General Rawlinson ordered that Trones Wood, on the Montauban ridge, had to be taken 'at all costs' as part of preliminary operations to reach ground from which to begin the second British general attack of the Battle of the Somme. The East Kents and

three other battalions attacked on the evening of the 13th after a 2 hour bombardment. The fighting was intense and the British troops were met with massed German machine-gun and artillery-fire, despite a British gas barrage. The wood had dense undergrowth which restricted movement and made it difficult to keep direction. During the battle the trees were brought down by shell-fire, becoming entangled with barbed-wire and strewn with German and British dead. The attack failed and the survivors had to withdraw, taking the wounded with them, but Reginald would have lain



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where he had fallen. It was not until the next day, when the attack was renewed, that the wood, or what remained of it, was taken. Tree trunks, barbed wire and human remains lay everywhere, the ground open and easily observed from German positions.

Reginald's mother clearly had no idea he was involved in the fighting and the first she would have known about it was the arrival of the telegram some time later informing her of her son's death. The shock can only be imagined, not made any easier by the arrival still later of a package of his possessions – a disc, letter, testament, dictionary, pocket chess set and a wallet.

In a final rather bizarre move, the army decided to tidy up their records by officially transferring Reginald from the Royal Fusiliers to the East Kent Regiment on 15th July, 2 days after his death!

Reginald's body was never recovered or identified and he probably remains somewhere in the wood. He is commemorated on the Thiepval memorial unveiled in 1932 among the 72,000 who died in the Somme offensives and who have no known grave.

There are many sad tales of men snatched away from their families by the First World War but the death of a 17 year old when he should not have even been there is particularly poignant.



Some of the sources worth consulting when researching soldiers in WW1:

British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920

British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920

Chelsea pensioners British Army service records

British Army WWI Pension Records 1914-1920

Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901-1929

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919

The National Roll of the Great War, 1914-1918

UK, De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour, 1914-1919

British Army unit war diaries 1914-1922

News from Surrey Heritage

Julian Pooley

Those of you who visited us in October and November last year may remember being invited to take part in a Survey of Visitors. This is a national survey, organised every two years by the Archives and Records Association in partnership with the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).

I'm lucky enough to be a member of the steering group which prepares the questions and analyses the results. The results have just been published and although I'm not going to bore you with loads of statistics, there are some trends that are worth mentioning. Firstly, although we ran the survey for two months, and everyone who visited the search room was invited to take part, just 168 people completed their forms. Ten years ago the survey window was just two weeks, and we had no trouble getting 200 responses. This shows how the ways in which people are using local record offices are changing: with so much more material now available online, people do not need to visit weekly or more in order to churn through reels of census returns, parish records and electoral registers. When they do visit us, it is to consult particular documents relevant to their research, or seek the expert advice of our staff. 20% of the 168 people who visited us

between October and November were visiting an archive for the first time. This is slightly above the national average of 18% and good to know because we are constantly striving to attract new users and widen our audience. Significantly, just 38% of the 168 told us they were researching their family history. Ten years ago that figure was 72%. Family historians are no longer our overwhelmingly core customers: they have been joined by more local historians, academics and professionals undertaking landscape and archaeological surveys. There may be several reasons for this. Some of those who were previously researching family history may have gone on to study the towns and villages where their ancestors lived; our work to promote the wider use of archives to new audiences may be starting to pay off and the general improvements to our own online finding aids – SURCAT, Exploring Surrey's Past and the amazing range of indexes prepared by our volunteers and now accessible via our website – may be attracting researchers who, ten years ago, had no idea that we held the very archives they were looking for.

Like most record offices, we score highly on customer service. Our visitors gave us an average of 9.7 out of 10 for the welcome they received, the

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availability of staff and the quality and appropriateness of staff advice. This is the same as the national average, but it is very welcome news. Although only 75% of customers were satisfied with the general performance of our public computers, this is helpful because we can use that low figure when we ask for improvements to be made by Surrey County Council's IT department! Surveys like this can often appear dull, but the information that we gather helps us to improve our service and also show Surrey County Council how much we are valued by the community. The questionnaire is not completely made up of tick-boxes; there is space for customers to comment personally on the service. Grumbles about the lack of parking on busy days, the slow speed of the public computers are as helpful as nice comments such as 'A first class

county archive – and I have visited many' are pleasing. If you took part in the survey last year, thank you very much. If you'd like to take part this year but are unable to visit us, don't worry – this year the survey will be of 'Remote Users' and anyone emailing or writing to us between October and November will be asked to comment on our enquiries service.

Our work to improve access to our collections is ongoing. The most recent addition to the finding aids on our website are indexes to Guildford workhouse births (1866-1910), deaths (1887-1914) and infirmary deaths (1933-1939) that have been prepared by our volunteer, Nick Kurn. They can be found under 'Poor Law Records' in our section called 'Archives and History Research Guides.'

New Accessions

New material continues to come in to the office on a daily basis. Highlights over the past few months include:

6780add3 St Mary Magdalene, Richmond, additional records: service register, 2008-2013; St John the Divine, Richmond, additional records: registers of baptism, 1941-1988; marriage, 1982-1991; banns of marriage, 1943-1979; and services, 1971-2013; Parish of Richmond: confirmation register, 1962-1997

7947add1 Richmond, later Mortlake, Petty Sessional Division: additional records, including minute book, 1858-1862; chairman's book, 1898; register of cases for

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which Legal Aid certificate granted, 1953-1972; register of cases under the 1879 Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1955

8323add1 All Saints, Crondall: additional parish records including registers of baptisms, 1867-2004; marriages, 1889-2014; confirmations, 1920-2005; and services, 1924-1928, 1937-2013; churchwarden's records including accounts and rate books, 1822-1982; PCC minutes, 1891-1995; and records relating to benefice and incumbent, 1837-1975; fabric and property, 1921-2009; overseers, 1867-1874; Standing Committee, 1997-2005; Andrew's Charity, 1832; Fellowship of Young Givers, c.1927; and flower festivals, 1979-1988

8933add2 St Luke's, Grayshott: additional records, including baptism register, 1953-1986; marriage registers, 2000-2013; service register, 1994-2011; PCC minutes and papers, 1997-2013; and correspondence and papers concerning church fabric, 2000s

9715/- Copyholds of the manor of Nutfield, including Warners, Salmons, Capenor or Chillmeads etc, later part of Mercers Farm, Nutfield Marsh: copies of court rolls, 1752-1865

9716/- Lucy Broadwood of Capel, folk song collector: album of verses and drawings, 1893

9719/- Pyrford Court Estate of Rupert Guinness, 2nd Earl of Iveagh (1874-1967), including Lady Place, Hoebridge, Roundbridge and Park Farms: farming diaries, 1928-1937

9723/- All Saints, Headley, Hampshire: additional parish records, including registers of baptisms, 1963-2007, marriages, 1967-2007, burials, 1962-1982, and confirmations, 1963-1992

9725/- Herbert Henry Spender-Clay (1875-1937), politician and soldier of Ford Manor, Lingfield: albums of photographs and news cuttings relating to his political career, to his First World War army service, and to the American Red Cross Convalescent Hospital at Ford Manor, 1900s-1920s

9726/- Byfleet Brewery: deeds and papers 1909-1939

9727/- Michael Leishman (d.2016), local historian of Farnham: collected papers relating to Lower Bourne and to George Sturt, writer of Farnham, 19th cent-21st cent

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- 9728/- New Zealand Military Hospital, Mount Felix, Walton on Thames: autograph book kept by Pansy Irene Seaby, 1912-1919
- 9731/- Charlwood Chapel, Charlwood: deeds and papers, 1816-1930s
- 9733/- Duplicate marriage registers for the following churches: St Nicholas, Peper Harow, 1838-2016; St Mary, Chiddingfold, 2008-2016; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Epsom, 1999-2011; Sacred Heart Church, Cobham, 2003-2009; Shalford Methodist Church, 1992-2009; St John's Free Church, Westcott, 1989
- 9735/- The Walters family of Farnham: papers, including correspondence and photographs, 18th cent-21st cent
- 9736/- St Peter and St Paul Church, Godalming: annual reports and accounts, 1873-1935; Moss Lane National School, Godalming: annual report and accounts, 1841-1864; photographs of Albury and Guildford, early 20th cent; photographs of march to save Royal Surrey Hospital, 1990s
- 9737/- Ewhurst Women's Institute: list of founding members, 1919; Ewhurst Nursing Association: records, 1932-2001, including minutes, 1932-1993, and papers relating to the Association's Amenity Fund including committee minutes, 1994-2001, annual accounts, 1974-2001, and other related papers, 1952-2001
- 9742/- Arthur Horwood (1928-2003) of Woking, director, actor and producer in amateur theatre: photographs, newspaper cuttings and programmes relating to Woking Electric Social Club, Old Woking Theatre Group, Woking Congregational Youth Club and the Rhine Army Theatre Club, 1944-c.1968
- 9744/- David Sowerbutts, local historian of Shackleford: collected papers relating to Compton, Peper Harow and Shackleford, including photographs, deeds, and DVD of recorded oral histories, 20th century-21st century
- 9745/- Guildford Area Gay Society (GAGS); records including meeting minutes, publicity material, newsletters and photograph albums, 1977-2016
- 9748/- Estates of the Myers family of Mitcham Grove, Mitcham, including relating to The Buck's Head, Mitcham: deeds and papers, 1739-1932
- 9750/- Epsom Cluster of Mental Hospitals: deeds, maps and papers, 18th-20th cent

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- 9752/- Mickleham and Westhumble Local History Group: collected records including plans of Mickleham churchyard, 1886-c.1966, photograph album, 1873-1940, including photographs of church restoration and temporary iron church, 1890s, copies of 'Our Parish in Olden Times' by Samuel Wood, 1879-1892; 'Mickleham War Memorial: historical profiles' compiled by the Group, 2014-2016
- 9754 Robert Anthony Merson (1950-2016), local historian of Farnham and Frensham: collected papers, 19th cent-20th cent
- ESR/25/SCRI/1/ADD1 Private Malcolm Scrivener, 9th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment: letters, 1917-1918
- P49/100/add Survey of graves, St John the Evangelist, Redhill, 2015
- SGW/11 Emma Ada Gabb (née Price) (1854-1916) of Guildford: scrapbooks recording her sons' military service and general events during the First World War, 1914-1916
- Z/672 Bramley Cemetery: photocopy of plan, 1891
- Z/673 Greenwell family of Marden Park, Woldingham: photos, c.1910-1915
- Z/675 Walton-on-the-Hill Infant School: log book, 1907-1974

Forthcoming events

Who Do You Think They Were? Discovering the Lives and Experiences of our Ancestors

Tuesday 6th June

A talk by Julian Pooley at Caterham Valley Library for Caterham & District Local History Centre's AGM. Doors open 7.00 p.m., AGM 7.30 and talk starts about 7.50.

Picturing the Asylum

Saturday 24 June, 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Surrey History Centre in partnership with Royal Holloway College, University of London, presents an afternoon of short talks examining the role of photography in the history of Surrey's mental asylums. Speakers include Dr Jane Hamlett, Dr Kat Rawling and Julian Pooley. £5 includes refreshments.

News from Surrey Heritage – Forthcoming Events

Please book online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents, in person at Surrey History Centre, or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737

The Rise and Fall of the English Switzerland

Thursday 22 June, 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

Talk by Dr Marion Dell at Surrey History Centre.

Hindhead was once known as a bleak and dangerous place, best avoided. From the mid-nineteenth century that reputation began to change. Its Romantic isolation, idyllic beauty and reputation for clean air, attracted writers, artists, scientists and other eminent Victorians. It was re-invented as The English Switzerland and from about 1875 to 1905 it flourished as a bohemian retreat and health resort. But Hindhead became a victim of its own success. Its popularity with increasing numbers of property developers, new residents, hotel owners and tourists caused its downfall. It was no longer desirably tranquil and exclusive and people moved elsewhere.

£5 includes refreshments. Free for all members of Surrey History Trust.

Please book online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents, in person at Surrey History Centre, or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737.

Surrey History Trust AGM

Monday 3 July

Refreshments at 6.30 for the AGM at 7.00 p.m., followed by two short talks: Barrie Higham, Heritage Manager will give an overview of the work of Surrey Heritage; and Dr Jane Hamlett of Royal Holloway College will talk about her work with Surrey's mental health records.

Please book online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents, in person at Surrey History Centre, or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737.

Family History Online!

Saturday 22 July, 10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

A workshop devoted to tips and techniques for exploring your family history using the many and varied sources available online. In addition to learning more about the large commercial websites such as Ancestry.com and Find My Past, we will also include information on using the Family Search website and hopefully introduce you to many wonderful free websites. We will also touch on how to share your information online and keep it secure. £15 includes refreshments.

News from Surrey Heritage – Forthcoming Events

Black Poppies – Britain's Black Community & the Great War

Saturday 16 September, 2.00 – 3.30 p.m. at Surrey History Centre.

Talk and book signing with Stephen Bourne.

Stephen Bourne presents an illustrated talk about his book *Black Poppies*, which has been published by The History Press to coincide with the centenary of the First World War. Entertaining and informative, *Black Poppies* explores the military and civilian wartime experiences of black Britons from the trenches to the music halls. For *Black Poppies* Stephen received the 2015 Southwark Arts Forum Award for Literature. Please bring cash if you would like to purchase the book.

Tickets are free but booking is essential.

Please book online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents, in person at Surrey History Centre, or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737.

The Family History Show

London Event - 24th September 2017. Sandown Park Racecourse, Portsmouth Road, Esher, KT10 9AJ

Run by the organisers of the Yorkshire Family History Show, the London event is attracting exhibitors and family history societies from all over the UK. Come along to meet our experts at the Surrey History Centre stand.

To book tickets, see <http://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/>

Six-week Family History Course

Autumn 2017 (Fridays, 10.00 a.m. –1.00 p.m.): 22 September, 29 September, 6 October, 13 October, 20 October, 27 October. Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND. £60 (booked as a complete six-week course).

Run by professional genealogists and archivists, this six-week course will cover all you need to know to enhance your research as well as providing many tips of the trade.

Please book online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents, in person at Surrey History Centre, or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737.

Hot off the Press: Digital Newspaper Archives and Local History.

Autumn meeting of the Surrey Local History Committee.

News from Surrey Heritage – Forthcoming Events

Saturday 7 October at Surrey History Centre.

Full details to be confirmed, but speakers will include Dr Gerry Moss on using online historic newspapers for local history, Julian Pooley on the Nichols Collection of Early Newspapers at the Bodleian Library and Dr Juliet Warren of Surrey History Centre on the vast newspaper indexing project being undertaken for our project, Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers. For full details and how to book, see www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents

Oxfordshire Family History Society Fair

Saturday 7 October at The Marlborough School just outside Woodstock, 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Come along to meet our experts at the Surrey History Centre stand. For further details, see <http://www.ofhs.org.uk/fair.html>

Hampshire Family History Society Open Day

Sunday 8th October, at The Everest Academy in Basingstoke, starting at 10.00 a.m. with a focus on WWII – Britain at Home; featuring guest speakers including: David Annal and Mark Bayley. Come along to meet our experts at the Surrey History Centre stand. For further details, see <https://www.hgs-familyhistory.com/list-family-history-articles/hgs-events/>

Surrey Heritage Showcase

Saturday 14 October, 10.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Join us for a day of free activities and exhibitions for all the family to discover more about your local heritage and meet the people who make it happen! Cranleigh Arts Centre, 1 High Street, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8AS.

Oral History Training

Thursday 19 October, 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. at Surrey History Centre.

Join Rib Davis, oral historian with over 30 years' experience, and trainer in oral history across the UK and abroad, for this informative training course on oral history.

£50: tea and coffee will be provided throughout the day but attendees will need to make their own lunch arrangements.

Please book online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents, in person at Surrey History Centre, or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737.



New members and members' interests

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Death of members

We are sorry to report that we have recently been made aware of the death of the following members. We extend our sympathies to their families.

Jeanette Spence

New members and members' interests

Surname interests in Surrey

ALCHIN	Croydon	18-19c	10491
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GODDARD	Southwark	18-19c	10498
LAMPON	Bermondsey	18-19c	10498
LAMPON	Southwark	18-19c	10498
MEAD	Southwark	18-19c	10498
MEAD	Lambeth	18-19c	10498
NEIGHBOUR	Mitcham	19c	10491
ODELL	Epsom	19c	10493
PARKER	Epsom	19c	10493
POCKETT	Clapham	19c	10490
SWANSER	Epsom	19c	10493
SWANZER	Epsom	19c	10493
WOOD	Streatham	19c	10490

Surname interests in other English counties

ALCHIN	Maidstone	KEN	19c	10491
CLARK(E)	Great Baddow	ESS	18-19c	10491
CLARK(E)	Bramfield	SFK	18c	10491
CLARK(E)	Islington	MDX	19c	10491
CLARK(E)	Lewisham	KEN	19c	10491
GODDARD	Bethnal Green	MDX	18-19c	10498
MAHONEY	St Giles	MDX	18-19c	10498
MARNEY	St Giles	MDX	18-19c	10498
NORRIS	Downham	ESS	19c	10491
OLIVER	Great Baddow	ESS	19c	10491
PERRY	Wirlesworth	DBY	18c	10490
POCKETT	All	KEN	18c	10490
POYSER	Wirlesworth	DBY	18c	10490
SCHWANGER	All	ALL	All	10493
SCHWANZER	All	ALL	All	10493

Surname interests in other countries

none

**Information relating to membership is supplied by
Ann Turnor, the Society Membership Secretary;
that relating to surname interests by Peter Grant.**

**Contact details for both Ann and Peter
appear on the inside front cover.**

Researching Relatives who served in WW1

Peter Moulin [6101]

Recently I became aware of a war memorial in Surrey that is unusual, in that 24 of the 25 names on it are women. The Surrey Red Cross VAD memorial was constructed in 1922 at what is now Farnham Road Hospital, Guildford. The statue of the nurse above the memorial (see photo) was made at Compton Pottery. I have chosen one of the names on the memorial to demonstrate some of the potential sources of information.

Elizabeth Marjorie (Elma) **Gordon** is listed in De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour which is available in some libraries and on findmypast. This was started during the war and includes 26,000 names with varying biographical details included. It is always worth checking as there are 7,000 photographs of individuals.

Given that Elma was a VAD, her record card also appears on the Red Cross website, which is at www.redcross.org.uk. I also found her in the 1901 and 1911 censuses and she has a medal card. Medal cards for women are not available in the WFA ones scanned on Ancestry, so incur a cost on The National Archives.

Elma was born on 14th March 1874 in Simla, India, the oldest daughter of Harriet Elizabeth née **Steuart**, and General William Gordon of the Indian Army. She was educated by private governesses and then in Düsseldorf, Germany.

By 1901 Elma was living with her parents and other family members at 9, Tavistock Road, Croydon, where they were still in 1911. She became a VAD nurse at Henham Hall Military Hospital, Wangford, Suffolk from 16th July to 24th July 1917 before arriving at 65 General Military Hospital Salonika on 28th July 1917.

Elma was infected with malaria and died of malarial fever at 43rd General Hospital, Salonika on 11th September 1917. She is buried in Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria. Her Matron wrote to her family: "She was a good worker, and I thought highly of her".

Many of the VADs on the memorial died from disease such as tuberculosis, influenza or pneumonia.



The Hinton Brothers of Croydon (part 4)

Darleen Wolfe [3256]

The final brother to enlist was 18-year-old Frederick **Hinton**. His Attestation at Croydon on 19 February 1917 in the Surrey Recruitment Registers shows he fell into the conscripted men category. His address of 78 Old Town, Croydon was the same given by brother George in February 1916. He married Ethel Kate **Andrews** on 8 March 1916 at Croydon Register Office. Frederick's next-of-kin is Ethel Hinton, 153 Church Street, Deptford, later changed to 11 Oscar Street, St John's.

Initially assigned to the 9th YEO Cycle Regiment, Depot East Surrey Regiment under recruitment no. 3873, Pte Frederick was transferred to the Labour Corps on 21 February 1917 to Agriculture Company 649 Winchester, then to Agriculture Company 441 Winchester, and posted to East Surrey Depot on 17 August 1919 before being demobbed on 18 November. His Record of Service Paper shows his assigned number changed from 3873 to 240741, 29262, 500138, settling finally with regimental no. 50359.

During his military service, records show Frederick was subject to ill health, suffering from fatigue, bronchitis/chest problems, renal colic, and eyesight problems. His Medical category was listed as B1. When the Labour Corps was formed in January 1917, men who were

medically rated below the required A1 condition (that required for the front line) were assigned to the Labour Corps. Pte Frederick Hinton's Class was changed to Class Z upon demobilization. This Class allowed the government to recall any demobilized soldier.

On 21 October 1919, a 'Protection Certificate & Certificate of Identity' stamped at the Dispersal Unit in Crystal Palace indicates that Pte Frederick Hinton, Regtl No. 50359 of Depot East Surreys, is granted 28 days furlough, bringing him to his demobilization date of 18 November 1919. His forwarding address was given as Homehurst, Ross Road, Wallington, Surrey (the home of his grandmother, Caroline **Howarth**).

I have not found reference to Frederick and Ethel Hinton being together after the War and believe they may have separated. In the 1922 and 1938 Electoral Registers there is an Ethel Kate Hinton at 59 Berthon Street, Deptford. Ethel's address on Frederick's Service Paper indicated she resided in Deptford, first at 153 Church Street and then at 11 Oscar Street, St John's.

The Electoral Registers for 1936 & 1937 show a Frederick Hinton listed (by himself) at 8 Kimble Road, Mitcham.

In 1944 Frederick's mother and brother Ernest lived at 299 Sydenham Road, Croydon. It may be that Frederick

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also lived with them as on 17 May 1946, he was found dead at the address. Frederick was killed by his nephew, Bill **Clarke**, who was found criminally insane and sent to Broadmoor Prison where he died in 1955.

During WW2, while serving with the Merchant Navy, Bill Clarke's ship was sunk and he was one of a handful of survivors. Due to his military encounter, Bill suffered from post-traumatic stress. Family history has indicated that Frederick Hinton may have ridiculed his nephew, causing Bill to pick up a flat-iron and hit him.

With the end of conflicts it would have taken some time to adjust, both for those serving and those at home. The War had driven debts equivalent of 136% of Britain's gross national product with the effect that Britain lost its

standing as the world's strongest economy. Strikes occurred in 1919, with unemployment reaching its highest point in 1921. Women were forced to give up their jobs to returning soldiers, the working class began to organize and society underwent a change of class attitudes. The Representation of the People Act of June 1918 gave all men over 21 years and women over 30 years the right to vote for the first time.

The three returning Hinton veterans felt these post-war effects and gradually found their positions in the new society.

Although the two younger brothers probably escaped serving in WW1, WW2 was waiting for them. For those who fought and lived through WW1 then climbed out of the post-war effects, the rumblings in 1939 must have seemed surreal.



Can you help?

Wilcocks

Yvonne Harris {yakharris@btinternet.com}

I have traced my husband's family from Fordington near Dorchester in 1826 to the family of Frederick Wilcocks and Annie née Garton in West Croydon. Their children were born (in Croydon) between 1915 and 1922.

I should like to contact anyone who is descended from this family.



Tech Topic

Brian Hudson

Moving FTM data from a Windows PC to an Apple computer

A member has enquired about the 2005 Family Tree Maker (FTM) program that they have been using on a Windows PC. Having now bought an Apple MacBook, they want to transfer their Family Tree information into a new program on the MacBook. The question was - should they stay with Family Tree Maker and how could the data be transferred?

The answer to the first part is that there are programs around that work on Mac computers but few that have a UK version. Fortunately there is a new Mac version of FTM for the UK and there is probably no practical reason to change from a familiar program. FTM has been much updated since 2005 and is now under the new ownership of Mackiev.com so there is still life in it.

Another option is to use the online family tree facility in Ancestry, FindMyPast, TheGenealogist etc.

The standard method for moving family tree information between different computers and programs used to be to export the data as a standard gedcom file and import it into the new program. Most manufacturers now

include a facility to import the actual data files produced by the other company's software. The advantage of exporting the original data file is that it will retain specific things like pictures, charts and reports that would not be transferred using gedcom.

As regards moving FTM data between Windows and Mac programs, it is straightforward. There are relevant articles on the support page at support.mackiev.com, where a search for 'transferring' will bring up a relevant article that states:

"FTW and FBK files from past versions of Family Tree Maker versions 5-16 can be imported directly into Family Tree Maker for Mac."

The article has a link to an item called 'Import a tree' from an existing file. Firstly export the data from the existing Family Tree Maker on the Windows PC on to a memory stick: next, on the Mac, open the FTM program, insert the memory stick into a usb socket, go to the File menu, Import a file and follow the instructions.



Face 2 Face – Family History art exhibition

I am an artist living in Surrey and in the past few years I have combined my two passions, Family History and paper mâché. I use my art to tell all those fascinating stories you find whilst doing family history.

I used to be a textile artist, and two years ago I changed my medium to sculpture, using paper mâché to make the heads of family members. I had to have a story for the first workshop I attended and I realised I had hundreds of stories to tell in the family history I had discovered. This developed into heads which you hang on the wall, a little like animal hunting trophies, and I use Birth, Marriage and wedding certificates on their faces as their 'skin'. I was making

these for my own amusement and clients saw them on-line, and I have since done some commissions. Recently I have sent two to Greece.

I am having an exhibition at Cranleigh Arts centre in June along with two other photographers who specialise in faces of people and animals. There is a coffee bar at the arts centre.

If anyone is interested to meet me to discuss family history and the various heads please contact me at ancestryheads@gmail.com. I am always happy to talk family history.

Cranleigh Arts Centre, 1 High Street Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8AS from Tuesday 13th June – Saturday 1st July (closed Sundays and Mondays).



Have you come up against a

Brick Wall?

Send your request for help to the Editor for publication in the next issue.

Society's Open Day and AGM 2017

Mark Hughes

Although I have been a member of East Surrey Family History Society for many years I have not been to an Open Day and AGM before. As I was standing for the role of Chairman, I thought I ought to attend this one (especially as it was the 40th anniversary of the Society) and to tell you, if you have yet to attend an Open Day and AGM, why you ought to consider attending the next one.

I arrived about the same time as an army of volunteers, who carried in all the equipment. With near military precision tasks were assigned and the equipment set up.

By the time the Open Day was due to start there was a significant queue at the door of the reception room.

The Talks

There were three interesting speakers. The first, Jacqui Moon from *The National Archive*, spoke about the identification and preservation of images in their collection. She illustrated her talk with the history of image quality, by zooming into pictures to show their make-up and potential deterioration. Jacqui spoke about the army of volunteers, including our own newsletter editor, Anne Ramon, who shared her own experiences of helping at TNA.

The second speaker of the day was the always interesting Ian Waller, who spoke about the changes that have happened to family history research over the past 40 years since the East Surrey Family History Society was created.



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Many of the changes revolve around the advent of the internet; however, he believed something has been lost over the years, mainly around the appreciation of examining records at first-hand and overcoming transcribing errors for mass-market consumption. He still felt that there was a place for family history societies, but that they needed to evolve for the new generation.

The final speaker, before the Society's AGM, was Neville Lyons; he gave a fascinating talk on Joe Lyons and the rise and fall of the Lyons Tea Rooms. A good speaker, with amusing anecdotes and some fascinating pictures of the tea rooms themselves.

The AGM

Without a Chairman, Judith Mitchell (the Society's Secretary) did a marvellous job of summing up the year of events before Lesley Barker presented the Society's accounts. Both of these ladies have been a safe pair of hands but both are stepping down from the Committee along with Brenda Hawkins, having done their maximum term. Bob Cambridge was also

stepping down, so it feels like it's all change for the Committee. The previous incarnation will be a hard act to follow, however I'm sure Carolyn Barclay (Treasurer) and Don Knight (Secretary) plus Peter Heather, Liz Moss and Monica Polley will make the roles their own.

Paul Blake, President of the Society, was the master of ceremonies and held everything together, ably assisted by Geoff Fairbairn who managed the sound and technology. Sue Adams deserves a special mention for organising the whole event.

Summing up

For my first Open Day and AGM this one would be hard to beat. Yes, there were niggly problems, such as the sound at the beginning when there weren't any microphones, but all in all it was a very enjoyable event. All this, family history books galore, the help desk and cake too.



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40th Annual General Meeting held on 22 April 2017 at Croydon Park Hotel, Croydon

Paul Blake, President, welcomed members, especially Vice-Presidents Sheila Gallagher and Maureen O'Sullivan.

Unfortunately, Vice-President Patrick Stanbridge, member number 001, was unable to attend but had sent an email with his apologies, stating, "It was fun for the first Committee getting the Society started all those years ago, but there was plenty to do, including non-genealogical tasks such as obtaining charitable status. But it worked out all right, and we had many enjoyable meetings. I will certainly be raising a glass or two to the continued success of the Society on 22 April. With best wishes and good luck to all."

Commenting on Ian Waller's talk earlier at the Open Day on 40 years of genealogical research, Paul said that family historians had a lot to be thankful for but the success of genealogical websites brought new challenges, with fewer people joining family history societies and visiting archives. He suggested that group meetings should involve members in more discussions of their own research rather than simply listening to talks.

Apologies for absence: Gill Alford, Robin and Zoe Barnes, Veronica Crellin, Michael Dalton, Chris Green, Keith Moore, Brian Myring, Monica Polley, Anne Quigley, Glynice Smith, Peter Spooner, Pat Stanbridge, Ray Wheeler and June White.

Minutes of the 39th AGM held on 23rd April 2016 were approved by the meeting and signed by the President. (Proposed: Hilary Blanford; seconded: Rob Cambridge.)

Matters arising: none

Secretary's address

presented by Judith Mitchell

"Good afternoon. I hope you have enjoyed today's event celebrating our 40th birthday. I would like to thank everybody who has helped to make the day such a success, particularly Sue Adams, Lesley Barker, Liz Moss and Joanna Reynolds who were on the organising committee, and Peter Heather who compiled the quiz and created and organised the displays; also Rosemary Turner for meeting and greeting our VIPs (those members who joined the Society in its first year),

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Margaret Jones and Mary Gill for overseeing the tea and coffee, Sylvia Dibbs and Liz for overseeing the signing-in book, as well as Rita Russell and Peter for running the Help Desk, Geoff Fairbairn for overseeing the IT for the talks, Brenda Hawkins and Anne Ramon for running the Bookstall, and Paul Blake for being Master of Ceremonies. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to Mary Gill and her sister Susan for providing and decorating the Society's delicious birthday cake.

"This year, as Secretary, I am giving the annual report on behalf of the Committee, as for the past year we have been operating without a Chairman. At last year's AGM Sue Adams was elected on to the Committee, joining Rob Cambridge, Brenda Hawkins and Joanna Reynolds. The following members kindly agreed to be co-opted onto the Committee during the year: Don Knight (after the AGM), Mark Hughes (after the September meeting) and Carolyn Barclay (at the November meeting). I am pleased to say that Mark, Don and Carolyn have agreed to stand for election today as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Lesley, Brenda and I have now come to the end of our five years on the Committee and Rob Cambridge's move to Wales means that he is also stepping down from the Committee. I'd

like to thank Brenda, Rob, and Lesley for their work over the past few years. Lesley, in particular, has been a wonderful, efficient Treasurer and played a vital role in the smooth running of the Society. Thankfully Brenda will continue to run the Bookstall and Rob will continue to be the Society's Webmaster and develop the website, particularly the Members' Area which continues to grow.

"Similarly, our Facebook page has gone from strength to strength over the past year, and achieved 500 Likes the week before this AGM. We are grateful to Anne Ramon and Nick McDonald for adding new and interesting items (including videos) to the page, helping to publicise the Society and local archives to a wider (and younger) audience. Anne has also kept busy producing the Society's e-newsletter containing the latest family history news and developments. Many Society members have told us how much they enjoy receiving her monthly updates.

"Members have also enjoyed reading the interesting articles in our quarterly Journal, edited by Chris Green. Our thanks go to him, and to Peter Moulin for writing and editing the World War One section.

"Unfortunately, this last year has seen the reorganisation of Sutton

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Archives culminating in the loss of the post of full-time archivist, and the redundancy of Kath Shawcross. The Society protested to Sutton Council about losing the services of such an experienced archivist as Kath, but to no avail. It remains to be seen how the Council will be able to maintain its current archival collection without a qualified archivist. Kath has been a good friend to the Society for many years, and we will miss her.

“On an even sadder note, another good friend of the Society, Stephen Humphrey, died in November last year at the age of 64. Stephen was a gentle and courteous man, with an immense knowledge and enthusiasm for Southwark and its history, and he is sorely missed.

“On a happier note, our five meeting centres at Croydon, Lingfield, Richmond, Southwark and Sutton have provided full programmes of interesting talks on family, local and social history, with such diverse topics as *Agricultural Unrest and the Swing Riots in Surrey*, *100 Years of Aviation in Kingston*, *Tudor Christmas Cookery*, *Tracing Ancestors who Fought in two World Wars*, and *Writing up your Family History*. We thank all the Chairmen and Secretaries for their hard work in organising the events, as well as those who come early to the meetings

and help to set up the rooms and provide the refreshments.

“Over the past year, Rita Russell, Peter Heather and their small team have worked hard at the Lingfield Research Centre, answering family history queries from members and non-members, as well as continuing to transfer all the handwritten and typewritten research carried out in previous years on to the Super Name Index database. Some of the work is carried out by volunteer members who actually visit the Research Centre once or twice a month but other work is carried out by volunteers in their own homes. So if any member has a home computer and would like to help with the work, please contact Rita.

“The Research Centre’s Help Desk and the Society Bookstall have attended a number of Fairs over the past year, concentrating on local events where we can show our support for local history societies and local archives. At these events we can also make our presence known to the wider public, not just those already interested in family history. These events have included Nunhead Cemetery Open Day, Merton Heritage Discovery Day and the Surrey Heritage Showcase in Lingfield. Moreover, we did have a two-table stand at the NEC in Birmingham for the *Who Do You Think You Are? Live* Show two weeks ago.

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Nevertheless, it is expensive to promote the Society further afield and the new Committee will be considering whether to continue to attend this bigger event, especially as there is a new Family History Show taking place at Sandown Park on Sunday 24 September at which we will be exhibiting. Sue Adams has taken on the task of organising our Volunteer List of those members who are willing and able to help out at such events. If you would like your name added to the list, please contact Sue.

"We have also provided help and advice to newcomers to family history at Kingston Archives' new Family History Workshops, and we plan to continue this collaboration. In addition, we are helping Sutton Archives with their *Sutton Remembers World War One* project, helping to research the 126 men who were buried in seven Sutton cemeteries and graveyards and have Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstones. If any member would like to get involved in this, please let me know.

"Members of the Society may remember that a little while ago the Society received a donation of £100 from the Nationwide Building Society as part of their Community Match Scheme. As one of the objects of the Society is to preserve records, we have donated this £100 to Kingston Archives to put towards

the digitisation of their historical directory collection. This will help to preserve the original directories. You will also hear in Lesley's report about our donation towards Sutton's *Past on Glass* project. In addition, at the end of last year we were contacted by the staff of a charity shop in Chelmsford, Essex, who had been given a large framed photograph of Croydon High School, celebrating their 140th anniversary. Mark kindly drove to Chelmsford to collect the photo and pass on from the Society a £20 donation to the charity, which provides country breaks for disadvantaged children. We have presented the photo to Croydon High School, who were very pleased to add it to their archives.

"As every member will appreciate, the Society could not function without all those people who work behind the scenes. Two in particular who keep the Society running smoothly are Ann Turnor, our Membership Secretary, and Peter Grant, who runs the Members' Interests database. Thank you to both of them, and to our overseas reps who help our overseas members to pay their subscriptions.

"As we have seen today, life has certainly changed over the past 40 years, and in order for the Society to continue to flourish, it needs to adapt to these

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changing circumstances. For this reason, the Committee decided to make some minor changes to the Society's Constitution for the twenty-first century. We would like to thank Anne Ramon for her work in incorporating these changes and liaising with the Federation of Family History Society's legal department and the Charity Commission. As advised in the December Journal, copies of the old and proposed Constitution have been available on the Society's website for perusal, and have been made available to those requesting printed copies. I have received no comments about the changes, and trust that means that members will be happy to adopt the new Constitution later in this meeting.

"Finally, I'd like to wish the new Committee all the best for the forthcoming year, as the Society embarks upon the next 40 years."

The President thanked Judith for her report and work for the Society.

Treasurer's report

presented by Lesley Barker

"Good afternoon Mr President, ladies and gentlemen.

"I think you all should have a copy of the financial accounts for 2016 which, I hope, you've had a chance to look through. If you have, you will no doubt have noticed that we had a deficit of

nearly £4,000 in 2016, an increase of £600 on the previous year's deficit.

"This was as a result of the following:

1. Our overall income was around £1,000 less than the previous year, due to reduced membership, which in turn means less Gift Aid rebate, and also reduced income from the bookstall.
2. Despite this our overall expenditure was £400 less than the previous year. This was mainly due to the reduction in the cost of producing the quarterly Journal, a positive effect of the reduced membership and also helped by those members taking the Journal electronically, especially some of the overseas members as this reduces the postage costs considerably. So if anyone here feels that they would prefer to take the Journal electronically please either speak to, or contact, Ann, the membership secretary, who will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.
3. Those of you who attended the Open Day last year at Bourne Hall will have heard the fascinating talk by Abby Matthews regarding Sutton Library's *Past on Glass* project. The Committee felt that this was a very worthwhile project, in keeping with our aims to preserve records and of

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course very local, so a donation of £1,000 was made towards their next phase. This donation is included within last year's expenditure figures and reflected in our reduced reserves.

"Finally, as this is my fifth and final year of presenting the financial accounts I'd like to say thank you to my fellow Trustees throughout the past five years for all their guidance and support and I'm confident that your finances will be in safe hands with my successor.

"Thank you."

The President thanked Lesley for her report and work for the Society. There were no questions.

Appointment of Examiner

Graham Moore, the present examiner, was recommended to continue.

Proposer: Lesley Barker; seconded: Don Knight – carried unanimously.

The Committee recommended the Society to adopt the new Constitution. Seconded: Colin Barclay. Carried unanimously.

Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee

Chairman: Mark Hughes	Proposed: Rob Cambridge; seconded Sue Adams
Secretary: Don Knight	Proposed: Sheila Gallagher; seconded Anne Ramon
Treasurer: Carolyn Barclay	Proposed: Hilary Blanford; seconded: Peter Heather
Existing Committee members: Sue Adams, Joanna Reynolds	
	Proposed: Liz Craig; seconded: Mary Gill
New Committee members: Peter Heather, Liz Moss, Monica Polley	
	Proposed: Rob Cambridge; seconded: Brian Hudson

All were elected unanimously by the membership.

Any other business

The question was raised why so many people were joining U3A with fewer people joining family history societies. One comment was that they held

daytime meetings and activities when people could use buses. They were also locally based, as opposed to county based.

The meeting closed at 4.10 p.m.

70 members signed the attendance sheet for the AGM; 108 people (including 13 non-members) signed the attendance sheet for the Open Day.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2016

	Note	2016	2015
		£	£
INCOME			
Subscriptions	2	10741	11198
Gift aid tax rebate		1719	1808
Bookstall & publications	3	1709	1933
Donations & searches		840	1112
Pay per view		57	63
Journal sales & advertising			
Bank interest		555	483
		15621	16596
EXPENDITURE			
Bookstall & publications	3	853	899
Journal costs	4	7173	8378
Meetings & events		7148	6315
Abortive conference costs		-	-
Projects		40	-
Research centre		1140	1200
Website,CD-ROM & software		191	296
General running costs:			
Secretarial,stationery,room hire	349		726
Equipment repairs and renewals	50		-
Advertising	20		181
Federation	-		44
Insurance	5	157	238
		576	1189
Affiliation fees,royalties	5	514	552
Independent examiner's fee		460	450
Depreciation		416	570
Donation		1050	100
		19,561	19,948
Deficit of income over expenditure		-3,940	-3,352
General fund brought forward		58,992	62,344
General fund carried forward		55,052	58,992

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2016

	Note	2016		2015	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		717		1,133
Current assets					
Publication stock	7	1,312		1,510	
Debtors	8	525		1,080	
Bank and cash	9	53,362		55,719	
		55,199		58,309	
Creditors:					
falling due within one year	10	864		450	
Net current assets			54,335		57,859
Net assets			55,052		58,992
Unrestricted funds					
General fund:					
Balance brought forward			58,992		62,344
Excess of income over expenditure for the year			-3,940		-3,352
Balance carried forward			55,052		58,992

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2	Subscriptions	2016	2015
		£	£
	United Kingdom	10,150	10,546
	Overseas	591	652
		10,741	11,198
3	Bookstall publications	2016	2015
		£	£
	Sales and on-line publications	1709	1933
	Less: Purchases and costs	655	473
	Stock movement	198	426
	Bookstall profit	856	1,034
4	Journal costs	2016	2015
		£	£
	Printing	4,189	5,182
	Packing & mailing	2,984	3,196
		7,173	8,378
	less sales and advertising income	-	-
		7,173	8,378
5	Affiliation fees and insurance	2016	2015
		£	£
	Insurance	157	238
	Subscription	514	552
		671	789

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6	Tangible fixed assets	2016	2015
	Equipment, fixtures & fittings		
	Cost	£	£
	at 1/01/16	20,167	20,167
	Additions	-	-
	Disposals	-	-
	at 31/12/16	20,167	20,167
	Depreciation		
	at 1/01/16	19,034	18,464
	Eliminated on disposal	-	-
	Charge for the year	416	570
	at 31/12/16	19,450	19,034
	Net book value at 31/12/16	717	1,133
	Net book value at 31/12/15	1,133	1,703
7	Publication stock	2016	2015
		£	£
	Books,CD-ROMs,publications	1,312	1,510
8	Debtors	2016	2015
		£	£
	Prepayments	525	1,080
9	Bank and cash	2016	2015
		£	£
	Bank current account	5,975	6,586
	Cash floats	355	355
	Bank deposit accounts	47,032	48,778
		53,362	55,719
10	Creditors: due within one year	2016	2015
		£	£
	Accruals	864	450

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WDYTYA? stand set up and ready to go - Anne, Judith and Brenda

*Cutting the Cake: Three Vice Presidents
(L to R) Sheila Gallagher, Jean Tooke and Maureen O'Sullivan*



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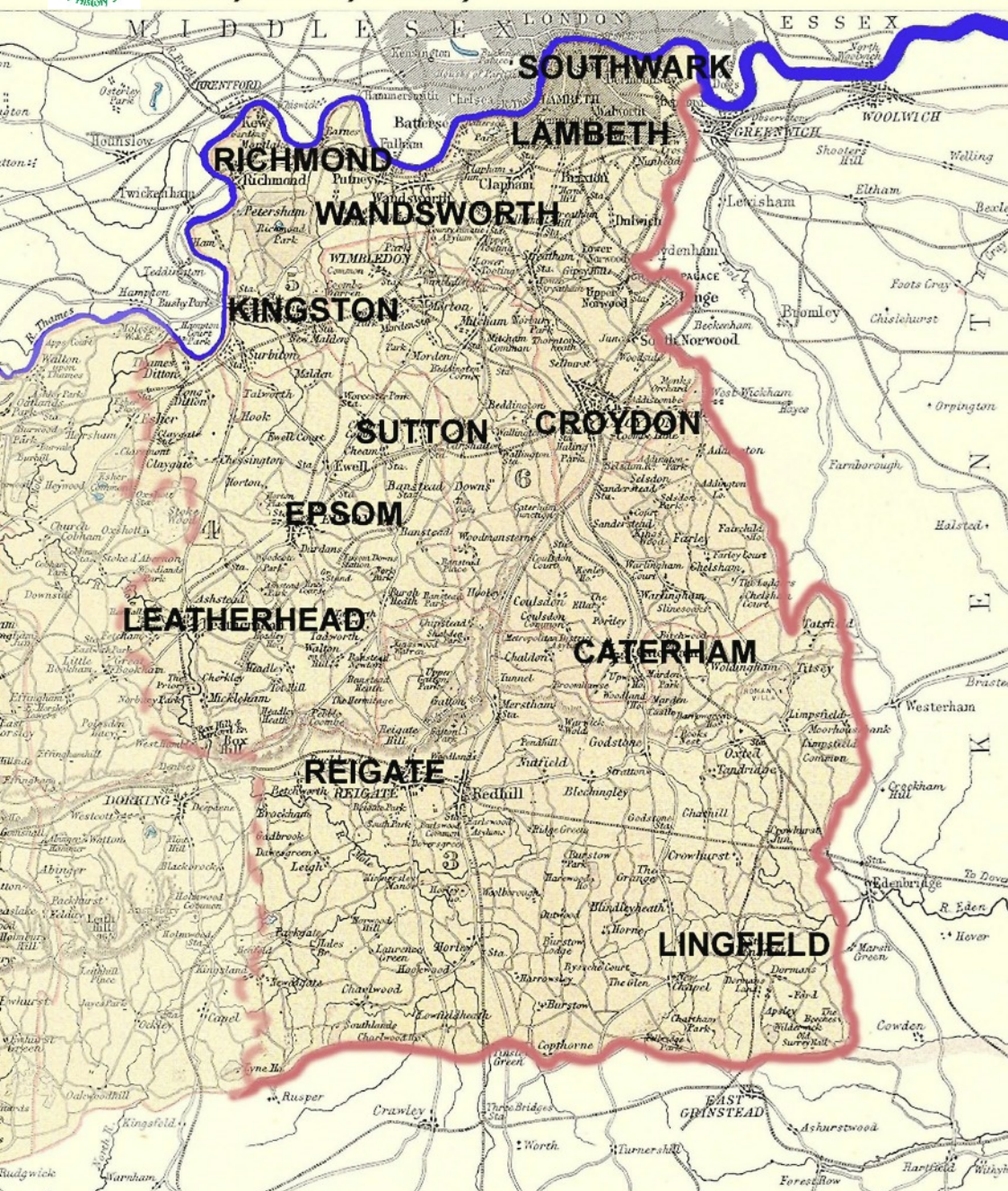
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