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## Calls for assistance

We recently had a visit from Kirstie Arnould who is looking for people to interview about the *Epsom Hospital Cluster*.

We also received an email from Dr. Kirsty Bennett at the Surrey History Centre regarding the *Surrey in The Great War Newspaper Indexing Project*.

Please read both appeals below and, if relevant to you, give all the help you can.

### *Were you connected with the Epsom Hospital cluster?*

*From Kirstie Arnould*

I am a local volunteer for Epsom-based mental health charity Love Me Love My Mind. I'm leading a project called Keeping Us in Mind to collect the stories of people who lived and worked at the Epsom cluster of mental hospitals, as well as people who lived in the town and remember the impact of the hospitals. The eventual aim is to organise an exhibition, feature the stories online and possibly produce a publication.



The idea behind the project is to represent as wide a range of views as possible about what daily life at the hospitals was actually like for people who experienced it. It originated in the recognition that the hospital cluster was unique, and shaped both the town and the lives of individuals, but its history is not well known.

One of the first steps will be to record interviews with people who knew the hospitals well. Would you be willing to be interviewed? The interviews would last at the most a couple of hours, but if you find you have lots you want to say we could organise a follow-up. They would be recorded on an unobtrusive audio recorder and I would provide you with a CD copy. I would seek your permission for the use of any interview at every stage and would respect your wishes if you did not wish for the interview, or parts of it, to be archived or shared.

If you would like to be interviewed, or know someone who might, please email me, Kirstie Arnould - [keepingusinmind@outlook.com](mailto:keepingusinmind@outlook.com)

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### *Surrey in The Great War Newspaper Indexing Project*

From Dr. Kirsty Bennett

Senior Project Officer, Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers

We need volunteers to index 12 digitised local newspapers for the war years. A number of volunteers are already doing fantastic work. Would you like to join them?

The indexes will be used to identify stories about Surrey during the war which can be followed up and added to the bespoke Surrey in the Great War website; as well as identifying information about Surrey people to add to the Surrey in the Great War database. In addition, the indexes will be published on the Surrey in the Great War website.

This indexing can be done at home at convenient times for you, or you can work in the search room at Surrey History Centre. The amount of time you spend indexing per week is flexible. A template is ready to use and guidance notes are provided.

We are indexing the Surrey Advertiser, Surrey Mirror, Surrey and Hants News, Farnham Herald, Middlesex Chronicle, Surrey Herald, Surrey Times and County Express, Surrey Comet, Sussex Agricultural Express, Woking News and Mail, Epsom and Ewell Advertiser and Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser.

Please contact the project team on 01483 518239 / 518238 or [surreyinthegreatwar@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:surreyinthegreatwar@surreycc.gov.uk)  
Surrey Heritage, Surrey History Centre, Woking GU 21 6ND

[www.surreyinthegreatwar.org.uk](http://www.surreyinthegreatwar.org.uk)

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*Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Surrey-in-the-Great-War-A-County-Remembers>*



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## What are the chances . . . ?

From Margaret Jones

**W**hat are the chances of arriving for your shift at the Local History Centre to find yourself, apparently, related to an attractive, young, black lady from South Africa? It happened to me, recently!

One of my 2x great grandmothers was Rhoda Crockford from Odiham, Hampshire. One of her 6 brothers, William, moved to Ewell and was living with his family next to the William 1V beer shop in Kingston Road, as a drayman. Later he was recorded as a labourer, a carman and an ag.lab. until his death and burial in St. Mary's churchyard in 1890.

One of his 4 sons, George Crockford, owned a fishmonger shop next to the Green Man in Green Man Street, now High Street. George and his wife had 8 children, one of whom was Sophia Lucy, known as Lucy.

Lucy Crockford married Edward Derby, had 3 children and moved to Natal, South Africa, in 1903. The family employed a black housekeeper.

At some point Lucy must have failed to see what was going on because the housekeeper became pregnant with Edward's son, Patrick, and was dismissed.

Patrick was the father of our enquirer. She was seeking information about the Crockford / Derby connection in Ewell. She was both delighted and puzzled by the facts we found for her, as she had no idea that her white grandfather had other children.

So that's how close I came to having South African relations!

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## Missing Historic Great War Naval Flag Mystery

Hazel Ballan informed us of this blog on the web.

18th February 2014

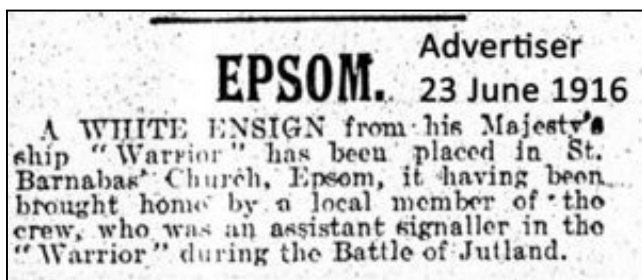
By Alice Foster, Reporter, Epsom Guardian

<http://exrn-znnavclub.org.nz/index.php/articles/personal-blogs/john-currin-s-blog/post/15213-missing-historic-great-war-naval-flag-mystery.html>

Mystery surrounds the disappearance of a historic flag donated to a church after the biggest naval battle of

the Great War.

A local historian, who started the campaign to get St Barnabas in Temple Road, Epsom, to reinstate its rolls of honour discovered that the same church was given a white ensign from HMS Warrior that sank after the Battle of Jutland in May 1916.

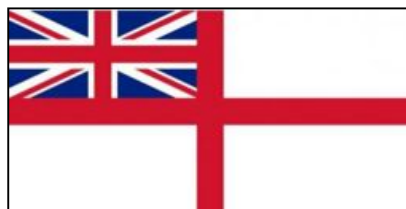


An article in the Epsom Advertiser, dated 23 June 1916, said a white ensign from the Warrior had been placed at the church after being brought back by an assistant signaller who was on the 500ft armoured cruiser.

The unknown sailor, who lived in Epsom, was one of the 743 survivors rescued from the burning ship after the battle, during which was hit by 21 shells fired at close range by four

German battleships.

The white ensign is the symbol of the Royal Navy, flown on all ships when at sea. The missing ensign – which carries the red cross of St George on a white background with the Union Flag in the top left corner – could have been the one flying on the yardarm of the Warrior during the battle.



The church is planning to create a new memorial this year after Clive Gilbert, a volunteer researcher at Epsom and Ewell Local and Family History Centre, found its rolls of honour from the two world wars in an archives in Woking.

Mr Gilbert (*pictured below at a meeting at St Barnabas*) discovered a reference to the white ensign while looking at microfilm at Bourne Hall Library in Ewell.



Mr Glibert said: “The Battle of Jutland was the big naval battle of the Great War. The British and German fleets clashed in the North Sea. “The battle cost the lives of over 6,000 British sailors and 2,500 German sailors. Although British losses were greater, the British navy was much bigger than the German navy, which did not engage in any large battle again.”

Of the ensign, he said: “I contacted the church about three years ago and was told no one had seen it. I don’t know what happened to it.” Asked about the missing ensign, Rev Michael Preston, the retired vicar of St Barnabas, said: “There is no reference to it whatsoever. We have not got records that go back that far.”

*If you have any information on the missing flag or the sailor who placed the flag in the church we would be most grateful if you would contact the Epsom & Ewell Local and Family History Centre at the address on the front of this newsletter.*

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## It’s nice to be appreciated.

We’ve recently received the following two emails, which are much appreciated by the volunteers.

From David Evans  
To: Epsom & Ewell History Centre  
Subject: WW1 Anecdotes - Epsom and Ewell Local and Family History Centre

Good Morning,  
I have just found your wonderful website and under the title 'WW1 Anecdotes' [www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WW1Anecdotes.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WW1Anecdotes.html) was amazed to find a series of photographs entitled "Three Hall Brothers" who survived the Great War. Even more amazing was a photograph of the Hall family, which shows a photograph of my grandfather Willie Lyons and grandmother Lilian Lyons nee Hall, and my father William Gerald Lyons as an infant.

The photographs are courtesy of David Hall. Obviously I would like to make contact with David Hall if at all possible through your group. I am hoping you have his contact details. Would it be possible to pass on my details to him in order that he may make the decision to e-mail me.

David may be interested to see a photographs I have of William and Lilian at a Lyons family weddings in Hereford circa 1922 and William and Lilian together circa 1950.

Regards

Dianne Evans (nee Lyons)

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From: Paul Goble

To: Epsom & Ewell History Centre

Subject: EEHE website

Many thanks on your article about Archer Edward Goble

[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesG.html#GobleAE](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesG.html#GobleAE) who died in the Great War in 1918. Archer is my great uncle and his story has long interested me. You managed to uncover many interesting facts about his family as well .

I have just returned from a tour of the Western front battle fields and

managed to visit Archers grave which was very moving. Once again many thanks.

Regards

Paul Goble

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## The Man Who Never Was.

By Bert Barnhurst

**I**t must be some twenty years ago when I wrote an article for the East Surrey magazine, in a desperate cry for help, about finding an ancestor called Rodney Polglaze. Now Rodney was known to be the Chairman of the Star Music Hall in Bermondsey; my mother and her siblings knew him as uncle Rodney, and my mother had given me his silver topped cane and some of his original hand written sheet music actually signed Rodney Polglaze.

I had a copy of a sketch of him from the Entr'Acte Annual of 1895, a theatrical magazine; he existed! He had been mentioned in various books, periodicals and newspapers. The only trouble was that I could not find either birth, marriage, or death certificate in that name; so where was he?



I had even written to Roy Hudd of the British Music Hall Society, among many others but all to no effect. Yes of course he could have used a 'stage name' but if so what was it? Everything I tried drew a blank, and this was in the days before computer research when if you didn't get out of your arm chair and visit various repositories you achieved nothing.

The nearest any of the family came to a breakthrough was when the 1881 census listed William Polglaze as a 'musician vocalist author', could this be our man? Unfortunately our hopes were dashed when we got to see the next census where William is shown as 'Cutter' and in 1901 when he is shown as 'Agent for disinfecting fluid'. How could this be our man? And so a line was drawn under the research as something of a dead end; that is until a recent chance happening.

During a quiet moment on the desk early this year I was relating my story to the other volunteers who could not believe that I could not find Rodney when so much was known about him. In a gesture born more out of interest than expectation, Meg Bowers offered to have a look; and so armed with a detailed background of Rodney, Meg set to. Nothing was heard for sometime and then Meg found herself confined to barracks with not enough to cure her 'cabin fever', and thus she turned to having a look for Rodney.

Now while one would never advise the route Meg took to find Rodney as a sure fire way to success, I have never underestimated either a woman's intuition or her curiosity; but that curiosity led her to wonder about Alice Canty aged seven, the niece of William's wife, who was living with them at 31 Naylor Road in 1891.



Programme showing Rodney Polglaze as Chairman and Manager

Some five years later William and Alice, his wife, took Alice the niece to be baptised, but it is uncertain as to why. The vicar at the ceremony must have asked Alice her name i.e. Alice Canty, and he seems to have asked the adults with her their name, to which they replied William and Alice the surname not questioned as the vicar must have assumed it to be Canty. The next question was, - 'and your occupation is?' To this William gave his reply as Chairman of the Star Music Hall. When Meg told me I could not believe it! This was the only time a name and the occupation had been seen on an official document. This just had to be our man 'Rodney'.

Quite by chance I have a copy of a programme for the Star dated September 1896 which gives the Chairman and Manager as Mr Rodney Polglaze!!!

And so at long last we can bring down the curtain on *The Man Who Never Was*, Rodney Polglaze, the Chairman of the Star Music Hall, while in the wings we find his 'understudy' William !!

I was reading an article in The Midland Ancestor entitled “*Don't Believe Parish Records – they are not the Gospel Truth*” by Dianne Shenton, and thought how true! This time however I was grateful to the vicar for his less than accurate recording but not half as grateful as I am to Meg for her tenacity.

## It's a Small World. *The sequel to Rodney Polglaze* By Bert Barnhurst

There is no doubting that it has become a small world when looked at through the eyes of the genealogist. People are always looking for links, which sometimes turn up in the most peculiar ways. Elsewhere in this edition there is the story of how details of my great uncle, Rodney Polglaze, were proved in a most unusual fashion.

Over the weekend I received a phone call from a friend with whom I served in the RAF; his call was a cry for help on his family tree (the details of which are far too involved to relate here). He related his story during which he mentioned the name Rayment, which happens to be known to me.

Rayment is the maternal name of a distant cousin of mine who is related through my maternal grandmother's line, Polglaze, the family name of my great uncle to whom the previous article refers. On relating the background to my cousin; she knew much of the convoluted story of Edward Saltmarsh and so I put them in touch with each other.

The outcome of this contact was to find that my friend's cousin lives in the same road as my fellow Polglaze researcher in Billericay, just a few miles away from where the Saltmarsh tale started, Pleshey in Essex. This possible means that my ex RAF friend and I may well be related – if we can ever work out how many times we are removed from each other. And my friend's name, Thomas Gilbert; but please don't tell Clive - this is involved enough as it is!

Still lightning doesn't strike twice; does it?

## ‘Talking Newspaper for the Blind’ links to History ExplorerWebsite

The following emails are self-explanatory and a pleasure to read.

*From: Richard Wheeler                      To: webmaster@epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk*  
*Subject: Request to link to your website*

*Dear Peter,*

*I am a volunteer with the Epsom and Ewell Talking Newspaper for the Blind, a local charity that produces a weekly sound file of news and general interest articles for about 120 blind and partially sighted people in the Epsom and surrounding areas. One of my responsibilities is the website.*

*I had a meeting today with one of your members, Angela Clifford, to discuss several matters including the possibility of our reading items from your newsletters to include in our weekly sound file.*

*However, we also felt that it could be useful for readers of our website to have a link to yours. May I have your permission to create one, please?*

*If you would like to visit our website it is at [eetm.org.uk](http://eetm.org.uk).*

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*From: Peter Reed                              To: 'Richard Wheeler'*  
*Subject: Request to link to your website*

*Yes of course you can link to the website and feel free to use anything from the website or our newsletters that you think will interest your users. I will put a reciprocal link to your website from our site in the next day or so.*

*My late mother lived locally, was registered blind and became a user of your service. It helped her keep in touch with local events so I know what a useful and important job you and your fellow volunteers do.*

*Incidentally have written the vast majority of our pages in 100% valid html code so that they are as accessible to as many machine readers as possible but a few pages may be challenging to some software packages. If any of your computer literate users have problems with any of our pages it would be useful to get feedback so that I can try and resolve the problems.*

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## Dietary Practices in Early Victorian Ewell

From Jeremy Harte

*From A Book of Nonsense 1846: from Edward Lear, The Complete Nonsense of Edward Lear, ed Holbrook Jackson (Faber & Faber, London, 1947) p56.*



**There was an Old Person of Ewell,  
Who chiefly subsisted on gruel;  
But to make it more nice, he inserted some mice,  
Which refreshed that Old Person of Ewell.**

# The Im-possibilities of Photography

By Peter Reed

David Knights-Whittome was a photographer who had studios in Sutton and at 24 Station Road (later renamed Upper High Street) Epsom in the early 1900s. He was well respected and in a 1911 advert he states that he had photographed 13 Kings and Queens!

For many decades the Knights-Whittome collection of around 10,000 glass plates lay untouched in a damp and dusty Sutton Shop basement. The collection contains a large number of military portraits and while some were local men, there were also a huge number of soldiers from the University & Public Schools Battalions (UPS) and others posted to Woodcote camp. Nurses also make up a significant number of the photographic postcards or cartes de visites that were sent by and to soldiers, sweethearts and families.

When the plates were discovered many of the wooden shelves they were stored on had collapsed so many plates were broken or shattered. The surviving plates were passed to Sutton library where they were stored, mainly un-touched for many more years. With the approach of the WW1 centenary the archivists started looking at the collection in detail, quickly realising what an amazing asset they had but also the enormity of the project that was needed to make the collection accessible.



*Just part of the collapsed shelving in the Sutton Shop basement*

The Sutton team are now looking for additional volunteers to help research the many thousands of sitters but this is complicated by just having a name and perhaps a date. As the portraits were taken in both Sutton and Epsom I was invited to the Sutton Archives to see the project and discover ways that the two groups could cooperate.

I should make clear here that the Sutton team are not attempting to poach our volunteers merely encouraging cross border collaboration. So I have agreed that should their initial research suggest that the sitter was an Epsom or Ewell resident or had a strong connection with our borough they would pass the details over to us to carry out the more detailed research.

They will also provide a list of the 2000+ images that they have scanned so far and I have said I will put it on our website with a link to the images they have online. In way we will raise awareness of the amazing collection and hopefully find some inter local stories to add to our website.

I strongly recommend that you take a peek at the Project's blog

<https://pastonglass.wordpress.com/>

and their flickr pages

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/pastonglass/>



*David Knights-Whittome*

*<https://www.facebook.com/The-Past-on-Glass-David-Knights-Whittome-Photographic-Archive->*

Each plate needs to be carefully cleaned, scanned, catalogued and placed in an archival grade sleeve. The plates were stored in a course paper envelope with a number and a name hurriedly scrawled in fountain pen ink. The damp cellar conditions made the ink run so interpreting the handwriting which is essential for cataloguing is very difficult. The archivists backed up by a team of volunteers are carrying out this conservation and recording work.



*Dr Oscar Phillips Napier Pearn,  
medical officer post at the Horton  
Hospital  
photographed by David Knights-  
Whittome, 11 Aug 1911*

## Harry Richard Foulger - Now a Recognised Local Hero.

By Bill Owen

**M**y chance discovery of a group of World War One medals in a dealer's list has led to a casualty of the First World War having his bravery recognised for all to see nearly one hundred years after his death and the subsequent award of the Military Medal.

Private Harry Richard Foulger of the 26th Battalion Royal Fusiliers was killed in action on the 25th of October 1918 aged nineteen, seventeen days before the signing of the Armistice. The award of the medal did not appear in the London Gazette until the 23rd of July 1919, nine months after his death. The date of this gazette covers period October/November 1918. Harry was one of eleven men of the 26th who were killed in action on the 25th of October in the action at Ootegem, Belgium.

He lies in a Commonwealth War Grave in nearby Heestert Military Cemetery. His original headstone showing his name, rank, number, regiment and date of death had no mention of his military medal.

Local historian Clive Gilbert, of The Epsom and Ewell History Group, contacted The Commonwealth War Graves Commission and pointed out the oversight earlier this year and on the 8th of October he received a letter saying that the details had now been amended.

Harry was one of ten children: four girls and six boys. All six brothers served, two were killed in action and a third died not long after the war ended.



*Private Foulger's headstone with the M.M. added.*

For more details of this family and others who appear on our local War Memorials see The Epsom and Ewell History Explorer website. <http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorials.html>

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## Wing Commander R.J.O. Compston, RAF - Another Real Hero

**B**rian Bouchard sent us this information about a real Air Ace. It came from a 1995 Spinks catalogue of sale for medals and memorabilia of Fighter Ace, Wing Commander R.J.O. Compston, Royal Air Force, late Royal Naval Air Service.



The medals offered by Spinks included:  
Distinguished Service Cross, G.V.R. with Second Award and Third Award Bars  
Distinguished Flying Cross, G.V.R.  
1914-15 Star Flt. S. Lt. R.N.A.S.  
British War and Victory Medals M.I.D. Oakleaf;  
1939-45 Star; Atlantic Star; Defence and War Medals M.I.D. Oakleaf Naval

With regard to the DSC and DFC, the London Gazette recorded the following details:

D. S. C. 12 May 1917. Flight Lieutenant, Royal Naval Air Service 'For conspicuous skill and gallantry during the past nine months, in particular when attached to the Royal Flying Corps, when he had numerous engagements with enemy aircraft and certainly destroyed one'.

Bar to the D.S.C. 11 August 1917. Flight Commander, Royal Naval Air Service. 'For gallantry in action and for very good work in driving away German artillery aeroplanes. On June 12th, 1917, with three other



machines, he attacked six hostile scouts. He got close to one, and shot it down out of control. On June 16th, 1917, he attacked two Aviatiks, which he drove down and forced to land'.

Second Bar to the D.S.C. 16 March 1918. Flight Commander, Royal Naval Air Service. 'For ability and determination when leading offensive patrols, in which he displays entire disregard of personal danger. On January 1st, 1918, he observed a new type twin-tailed two-seater enemy machine, which he attacked, fired a good many rounds at point blank range. The enemy machine dived, but was again attacked and went down vertically with his engine full on. The wings came off, and the machine was observed to crash. Later in the day Flight Commander Compston observed two formations of ten and five Albatross scouts respectively. He attacked one of the enemy machines and sent it down in a flat spin and falling over sideways completely out of control. On numerous occasions Flight Commander Compston has destroyed or driven down enemy machines completely out of control, and has frequently had more than one successful engagement in the same day.'

Distinguished Flying Cross was established 3 June 1918 shortly after the formation of the RAF and was awarded to Wing Commander Robert John Orton Compston, D.S.C., D.F.C.

He was born in 1898 and joined the Royal Naval Air Service in 1915, took his pilot's certificate later that year and served in Home waters before being posted to No. 8 Squadron R.N.A.S. October 1916.

His first aerial combat, although indecisive, was fought above the trenches near Bapaume, 9 November 1916. During his service with 'Naval Eight', Compston took part in over 40 combats, which resulted in 25 victories.

On His own account he claimed 18 confirmed victories 15 indecisive combats and 10 enemy aircraft out of control full details with group.

When only 19 years old he commanded 'B' Flight.

His tactics were worked out to the highest degree and in spite of the great number of successful combats he held the unique distinction of never having lost a pilot over the lines.

Compston left 'Naval Eight' in March 1918 and in August was appointed Commanding Officer of No. 40 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

He retired in 1923 but on the outbreak of the Second War rejoined the Royal Air Force, as a Wing Commander and is noted as serving in Headquarters, R.A.F. Iceland.

What, you are wondering, has this to do with local history and the answer is that from 1934, and through WWII, his home with Mrs Nina (nee Barclay) Compston was in Woodgate, London Road, Ewell. He died in Worthing 28/1/1962, aged 64. The death of Nina M Compston, 71, was registered in March 1968.



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## Census Dates

We recently came across this list of Census Dates.

As I can never remember the dates of the Census and they can be important to family history research we produce it here as an aide-memoire.

Dates of all available censuses	
1801	10 March
1811	27 May
1821	28 May
1831	30 May
1841	6 June
1851	30 March
1861	7 April
1871	2 April
1881	3 April
1891	5 April
1901	31 March
1911	2 April

# New Additions and Amendments to the History Explorer Website

[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk)

Once again there are plenty of additions and changes to the website, including:

- A Nurses Story. Elizabeth McDonnell at Horton Hospital  
[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/ANursesStory.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/ANursesStory.html)
- History of Christ Church, Epsom Common  
[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/ChristChurchHistory.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/ChristChurchHistory.html)
- A History of the Hankeys of Espom [www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Hankeys.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Hankeys.html)
- The life of Sibella Stephen Morison Vernon (Mrs Arthur O'Brien Jones)  
[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/SibellaJones.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/SibellaJones.html)
- Slavery – The Epsom & Ewell Connection [www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Slavery.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Slavery.html)
- Epsom Urban District Roll of Honour 1914  
[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemEpsomUrban.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemEpsomUrban.html)
- The Elsons (23 Church Street Epsom) Wheelwrights and Coachbuilders  
[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Elsons.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Elsons.html)
- The Hardwicks of West Ewell [www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Hardwicks.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Hardwicks.html)
- History of Highfield Farm, Epsom Common  
[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HighfieldFarm.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HighfieldFarm.html)
- The sinking of the Hospital Ship HMHS Anglia  
[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HMHSAnglia.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HMHSAnglia.html)
- The History of Langley Bottom Farm  
[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/LangleyBottomFarm.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/LangleyBottomFarm.html)
- Bill Eacott's A-Z of Epsom Racehorse Trainers  
[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/RacehorseTrainersAtEpsomA-Z](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/RacehorseTrainersAtEpsomA-Z)
- Epsom and Ewell before, during and after WW1  
[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Tucker1.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Tucker1.html)
- Victory in Europe 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 [www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Tucker2.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Tucker2.html)
- Some of 'Our Boys' at the Battle of Waterloo 1815  
[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Waterloo.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Waterloo.html)

These are just some of the new items. The easiest way to find out more is to visit the 'What's New' page at [www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WhatsNew.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WhatsNew.html)

**The War Memorials' Team** have also researched and updated the following people, who can be found on the website at [www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorials.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorials.html)

BALLARD, Ernest	CARRIGAN, Michael
BARKWITH, Anthony George	CHAPMAN, James
BARNES, William	CLARKE, Patrick
BARRETTE, Phileas Joseph	CLEVENDON, Thomas
BEATTIE, Samuel	CUNLIFFE, Ellis
BEBBINGTON, Harry	FLANAGAN, Thomas
BISHOP, William Harold	RILEY, Edward Adams
BLEW, William Walker Humphreyson	SUTTON, Hedley Mackney
BLYTHE, James McWilliam	TOPHAM, Henry
BONNELL, Leonard	VERNEY, George
BOURGET, Amedeé	VOKES, William
BRITTON, Joseph	WATERFIELD, John
BROWN, John William	WATSON, Alfred Edward
BRUNS, Frederick Barton	WELLS, Archibald John
BUCHANAN, Oscar Leslie	WILSON, William
CAMERON, Hugh Alexander	WOODWARD, Frank Webster

Thank to you all for all your hard work in continuing to make this a valued and meaningful history and geology website for Epsom and Ewell which is available to a global audience.

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## Have You Got News for Me?

We hope you've enjoyed reading this newsletter. Thanks to all those who provided information, anecdotes stories and pictures – Hazel Ballan, Bert Barnhurst, Brian Bouchard, Clive Gilbert, Margaret Jones, Bill Owen and Peter Reed. But to keep the momentum going we need more, so I make no apologies in repeating this message - again and again – Have you got news for me, please.

I'm sure many more of you have experiences, contacts with enquirers or local or family history information that would interest us all, so let's have them - you can see from this current issue, we like gossip and comments as much as more serious subjects. So, please don't be shy. If you have any

- reports on visits to various sites or centres
- interesting facts about local history or genealogy
- intriguing Information Requests
- new research documents the LFHC has received
- forthcoming projects or events
- or just strange tales to tell

please let me know - supporting photographs and pictures, if available, would be most welcome. It will help make the newsletter more interesting for us all.

The next publication date will be in the Spring, so you have plenty of time to think of something.

Ian Parker - December 2015

### Researching Local History or Tracing your Ancestors?

If you are interested in the history of Epsom and Ewell, or want to trace your family's history then visit us at the Epsom and Ewell Local and Family History Centre located in Ewell Library at Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell.

#### Opening Hours

The Library is open on Wednesdays to Saturdays from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm and on Tuesdays from 9.00 am to 7.00 pm

The History Centre is open

Tuesdays from 10.00 am to 12 noon

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month from 5.00pm to 6.30pm

Wednesdays from 10.00am to 12 noon

Thursdays and Fridays from 2.00 to 4.00 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Other Tuesdays and Saturdays by appointment

Closed on Mondays

Enquiries can also be made by email to [EpsomandEwellLHC@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:EpsomandEwellLHC@yahoo.co.uk)

#### Take a look at our History Explorer Website - [www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk](http://www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk)

Epsom and Ewell History Explorer has numerous items of local interest including personalities, places, properties, personal reminiscences of life in bygone times and notable events. There is also an extensive and searchable collection of local birth, christening, marriage, death records, cemetery burials, gravestone inscriptions, detailed Workhouse records and WWI memorials with numerous stories of those remembered. It is a fascinating and continually growing source of information.

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## Christmas and New Year Break

The History Centre will close at 4 pm on Friday 18 December 2015 and reopen at 10 am on Tuesday 5 January 2016.

We hope you all enjoy a Happy Christmas and look forward to a bright New Year.

