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## Volunteers' Miscellanea

### Anecdotes from Parish Records – by Gillian Alford

#### The Good Time Girl

Whilst looking up parish records for Tavistock between 1808 and 1814, the regular appearance was noted of one Charity Prout who produced a bastard son or bastard daughter fairly regularly every couple of years. One wonders whether she had them baptised to save their souls or to put on record the name of the father, because each one of them had a different local surname for their second Christian name!

On looking further through the records, it was found that she was the daughter of the local Innkeeper, so there is some truth in the old tale, "She was only an Innkeeper's daughter....."

#### The Foundling

Charles Dickens gives us to understand that the 19<sup>th</sup> Century was a very cruel, hard time - think of poor little Oliver - but there was kindness too. Also in the Tavistock records was found the baptism entry of little Chance Pennington, a found child, left on a doorstep, who was taken in by the family and baptised in the church.

#### A Sad End

Despite this poor man's sad end, his is the kind of record genealogists would like for our ancestors, in the sense that instead of pondering where he disappeared to, the entire circumstances are reported for us: 4<sup>th</sup> October 1833, Combe Florey, Somerset, Entry in the Parish Register.

No. 104. A man unknown, Suicide. He was found dead in a field near the Poor House, his throat cut and the knife firmly grasped in his hand, there was in his pocket 6/6 and a piece of chalk. He wore a truss, appeared to be between 30 and 40 and was seemingly an artisan: his linen was clean but not marked. He was wholly unknown and was buried near the belfry door. There seems to be no doubt but that he had destroyed himself." S. Smith, Rector.

Thos. Lethbridge, Minister of Ash Priors, later discovered this man to be J. Jeans of the parish of Curry Rival, a carpenter; he had been deranged by a fever.

*Combe Florey, Curry Rival and Ash Priors are all adjacent to or nearby parishes to Bishops Lydeard a short distance north of Taunton.*

#### The Very Proud Father

In the Chichester records office, in the baptisms for Milland during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century the entries were often made by the Parish Clerk, a Mr. Stewart, who kept his records neat and uniform, except where his own children were concerned. He was evidently so proud of the family his wife was producing for him that every time he had to enter one of them in the parish records, he couldn't resist recounting the birth almost minute by minute; the time of day or night, how long the birth took, how big and bonny the child was etc. Whether he was more proud of his wife and child or of himself was unclear!

#### The Name is not the Whole Story

In Plymouth, East Stonehouse, in 1835 lived Thomas Scott McLean. The name doesn't seem very remarkable - and wouldn't unless you could see him. Thomas was black, which at that time made him a very unusual parishioner of the parish church.

The church record says he was baptised in the parish church on 13 February of that year and tells us he was an African, taken in infancy from the coast of Mozambique and believed at the time of his baptism to be about 16 years of age. Captain McLean had taken him under his wing it seemed, and he was a sea-boy on board HMS African.

Follow this, Mrs Bennett - by Elaine Parker

Whilst doing some research on a servant girl, Ruth Pilgrim, in Norfolk in the 1871 census I came across the Partridge family for whom she worked as a Kitchen maid.

What staggered me was the size of the household. Mr. and Mrs. Partridge, or should I say poor Mrs. Partridge, age 48, had 16 children - 12 daughters and 4 sons all living at home and unmarried.

The daughters ranged in age from 3 years up to 27. What was more surprising was that the six older daughters, age 19 upwards, were all unmarried. It made me think of Mrs. Bennet in Jane Austin's Pride and Prejudice. She only had four daughters to marry off and what a to-do that was; poor Mrs. Partridge ultimately had 12, always assuming she had no more!

Luckily, the household also included six servants to keep the house going and provided lodging for two dressmakers; perhaps they were kept busy making dresses for the girls.

Frederick R Partridge	Head	Male	56	Solicitor
Emma Partridge	Wife	Female	48	
Samara M Partridge	Daughter	Female	27	
Abigail S Partridge	Daughter	Female	26	
Harriet A Partridge	Daughter	Female	25	
Louisa K Partridge	Daughter	Female	21	
Frederick Hy Partridge	Son	Male	22	Solicitor's articled clerk
Margaret E Partridge	Daughter	Female	20	
Kathleen H Partridge	Daughter	Female	19	
Oswald S Partridge	Son	Male	17	Scholar
Lebanon W Partridge	Son	Male	16	Scholar
John Partridge	Son	Male	15	Scholar
Emily Partridge	Daughter	Female	13	Scholar
James Partridge	Daughter	Female	11	Scholar
Anna M Partridge	Daughter	Female	9	Scholar
Isabella R Partridge	Daughter	Female	8	
Emma B Partridge	Daughter	Female	7	
Agnes J Partridge	Daughter	Female	3	
Mary Mason	Servant	Female	28	Nurse Domestic Servant
Helen M Warner	Servant	Female	37	Cook
James Sayle	Servant	Male	27	Housemaid
Harriet Cooper	Servant	Female	26	Parlour maid
Rosanna W.lett	Servant	Female	18	Nurse maid
Ruth Pilgrim	Servant	Female	19	Kitchenmaid
Annas Beeton	Servant	Female	16	Dressmaker
Jane Beeton	Servant	Female	15	Dressmaker

George Frederick Watts. OM, RA. (1817-1904) - by Angela Clifford



G F Watts was a popular English Victorian painter and sculptor associated with the Symbolist movement. He said, "I paint ideas, not things." On a recent visit to the Watts Gallery in Compton I was intrigued to read, "he married his second wife in Epsom".

His first wife was Ellen Terry whom he married in February 1864 at St Barnabas, Kensington when she was just days short of her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday and he was 47. The marriage ended after less than a year and they divorced, the decree nisi coming through in 1877.

I checked our records at [www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk) and found George had indeed married at Christchurch Epsom. The transcribed church records show that on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1886, George Frederick Watts (artist) of full age, bachelor, of Chelbury? (difficult to transcribe from

original) Road, Kensington, married Mary Fraser-Tytler, of full age, spinster of Mounthill, Epsom. His father is recorded as George Watts, gentleman, deceased and hers as Charles Fraser Tytler, gentleman, deceased.

When G F Watts was born, his father was a poor piano teacher. George's mother died when he was young. [Mr Watts senior may have been termed a gentleman on the marriage record after retiring from his business, as he was no longer gainfully employed (The Dictionary of Genealogy third edition by T V H Fitzhugh), it seems it does not necessarily imply any high status].

I wonder what Mary was doing at Mounthill. She was artistically talented, so was she tutoring someone? Was she a friend of the family? Just renting a room? It may always be a mystery – unless any of our readers can enlighten us!

*References courtesy of Wikipedia unless otherwise noted.*

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## Fort Knox it isn't. So what were they looking for?

By Peter Reed

Around 1.30am Monday 5th January Ewell Library, Bourne Hall, was broken into but the thieves went to a lot of effort and planning for very little. They cut the padlock on the Dog Gate, drove a van through the park to near the Library Manager's office and then smashed their way through the glass door.

They were after the Library safe but found that it was bolted to the floor so trashed the room looking for the keys. As these were not to hand they somehow managed to snap the bolts and carted the very heavy safe away in their van but only after cutting through another padlock this time on the car park exit.

So what did the thieves get away with? Well, just a little petty cash, some postage stamps, the staff's tea and lottery money plus some keys including the History Centre ones. Of course they caused a lot of damage and many hassles for the staff and volunteers but really what were the thieves expecting to find in a library safe?



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## Tree Memorial for Carol Hill



At noon on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014 a memorial tree was planted by Jen and Richard, Carol's daughter and son, in the grounds of Ewell Court House.

Cathy Scott of the Ewell Court House Organisation (ECHO) said it was to remember Carol and as a thanks for her support. There will also be a commemorative plaque alongside the tree, which will also remember Carol's beloved dog, Bods.

A large group of friends and colleagues from the History Centre joined ECHO at Ewell Court House in memory of Carol and Jeremy Harte from Bourne Hall Museum gave a brief eulogy.

The tree is the delightful Pride of India (*Koelreuteria paniculata*), which was sent from The Netherlands. It is an elegant small deciduous tree with pinnate leaves, pinkish in spring, turning yellow in autumn. It has small yellow flowers in conspicuous large panicles, followed by ornamental bronze fruits.



*Photos courtesy of Bert Barnhurst and Peter Reed*

# Do You Remember When . . . ?

By Bert Barnhurst

In the good old days when one did most, if not all, of ones research 'on the hoof' by going from one Records Office to another, and when one could look up the B.M.D. Certificate index in quarterly ledgers weighing about half a ton each and which were housed in Somerset House until 1974 and then St Catherine's House on the corner of Kingsway and Aldwych, almost just across the road, and eventually Middleton Street, before the advent of computerised research; yes, so do I.

Well do you know what, you still can search in the old way, in a manner of speaking! And you don't have to hump those ledgers about; the info is on micro fiche; and these records are more recent than those found on the more usual websites, up to about 2013 for births, 2012 for deaths and marriages, and even Civil Partnerships from 2005 to 2012; if nothing else it's nice to know.



Admittedly on most occasions the web will come to your rescue, but it is nice to know that there is an alternative: but where? The nearest would seem to be Westminster City Archives, although there are a few other locations around the country - The British Library, the Central Library in Birmingham are but two.

You are required to sign up to a library card for Westminster but this is not a problem and is done very quickly. The card is valid for three years even though it does not say so on the card. Also we have a number of their leaflets in our rack by the front desk, but they do not list this facility on their leaflet.

Are there any problems? The only one I found was that the system was much in use by some professional research from a firm of 'Heir Hunters'. Still it is nice to know that the information can still be found, if needs be. But if you are thinking of going or advising others, go after the 20<sup>th</sup> January. They are refurbishing the Library until then. Happy Hunting.

Contact details: City of Westminster Archives Centre, 10 Saint Ann's Street, London SW1P 2DE.  
Tel: 020 7641 5180 [www.westminster.gov.uk/archives](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/archives)

## WW1 'Unknowns' on Epsom War Memorials. Can You Help?

By Clive Gilbert

There are now 587 names on my spreadsheet of the men commemorated on our local war memorials (these figures exclude the 140 names on the Epsom College memorial).

But, despite checking all known sources of information, it has proved impossible to establish why the names of the twelve men below should appear on Epsom's War Memorials.

Surname	Name	Memorial
Atkins	Frank	St Barnabas & Ashley Road
Burchell	Thomas	St Barnabas & Ashley Road
Cook	L	Ashley Road
Harris	Edwin	St Barnabas & Ashley Road
Jackson	F	Ashley Road
Lancaster	E H	Ashley Road
Lander	A C	Ashley Road
Lilley	CF	Appears twice on Ashley Road. Two men or a repeat?
Nevill	E	Ashley Road. <i>An E. Nevill No. SR/7223, 2nd Middx Regt. Died 2 Oct 1915, buried Bailleul Communal Cemetery, France, appears in the CWGC website, but no link to the Borough has been found for him.</i>
Page	LA	Ashley Road
Prattenton	B	Ashley Road
Webb	R	Ashley Road



*C.F. Lilley appears twice on the Ashley Road memorial. Is it two men or a mistake?*

If any of our readers can give us any information or guidance on the connection between these people and Epsom we would be most grateful. Please contact Clive Gilbert at the Epsom & Ewell Local and Family History Centre in Bourne Hall Library (see the end of this newsletter for contact details).

## A Welcome Return of the ‘Rolls of Honour’ to St Barnabas Church

The Rolls of Honour, which list soldiers from both WW1 and WW11, were removed from St Barnabas Church in Temple Road, Epsom in the 1990s. Clive Gilbert and Hazel Ballan discovered the old Rolls at Surrey History Centre last year and Clive initiated a campaign, publicised by the Epsom Guardian, for their return to their rightful place in St Barnabas Church.



*The Rt. Rev Ian Brackley, Bishop of Dorking, dedicating the Roll of Honour*



*The ‘For the Fallen’ plaque In the Church Garden.*



*Clive Gilbert and Hazel Ballan With the Roll of Honour.*

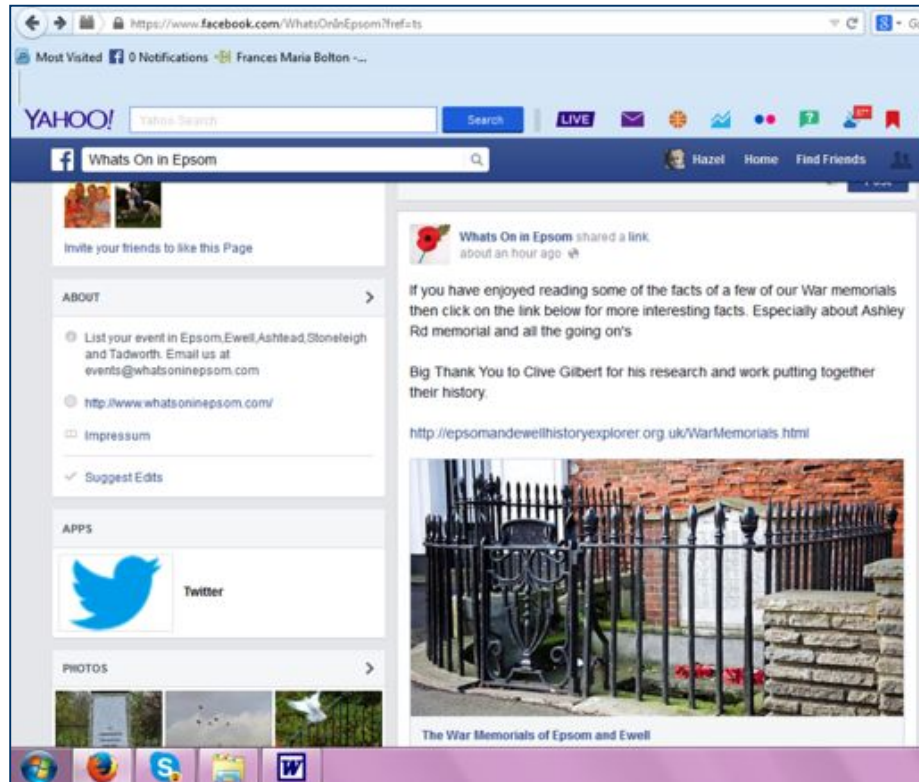
The replica Rolls of Honour, comprising a stone plaque reading For the Fallen and a memorial case containing copies of the rolls and information on its war dead, were unveiled at a special remembrance service on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Bishop of Dorking, Rt. Rev Ian Brackley led the service and dedicated the memorials, accompanied by the Rev. Sue Bull from St Barnabas, in front of relatives of the dead soldiers and members of the Epsom & Ewell History Centre. The service was followed by a celebration lunch.

*Photos courtesy Clive Gilbert and Hazel Ballan. Additional sources: Epsom Guardian.*

## A New Publicity Source on Social Media

The History Centre has finally made it on Facebook. Hazel Ballan has informed us that in November she posted the War Memorials research featured on the History Explorer website on the ‘What’s on in Epsom’ Facebook page.

It is no longer on the site but it reminds us that we must include this source for promoting future displays and events, such as the ‘Who Do You Think You Are?’ days?



The ‘What’s On’ Facebook page can be found at [www.facebook.com/WhatsOnInEpsom](http://www.facebook.com/WhatsOnInEpsom)

## Who Do You Think You Are? . . . In Ewell

The last 'Who Do You Think You Are?' day was held in Ewell Library, Bourne Hall on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2014 and was another successful day. Volunteers welcomed some 50 plus visitors and handled over 75 enquiries on family history.

We are also delighted to say we received £107 from Donations and Book Sales and a further £20 for Map sales. A welcome addition to our funds.



*Epsom WDYTYA? In May 2014*

### Where Next? . . . Epsom!

We have proposed another 'Who Do You Think You Are?' day to Epsom Library in the Ebbisham Centre and are delighted to have a positive Yes. See Forthcoming Events, below, for details.

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## Forthcoming Events - Make a note in your diary

### Re-enactment of Kitchener's March - Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2015

On 22 January 2015 it will be 100 years since the day that Lord Kitchener and the French minister of war reviewed thousands of soldiers of the 2nd London Division on Epsom Downs.



To mark the 100th anniversary of this event, the march and review of troops is to be brought to life once more by WW1 re-enactors, including the 10<sup>th</sup> Essex plus Territorials, cadets and a Drum & Fife Band, at Epsom Grandstand from 12pm on the 24th Jan 2015.

The march will leave Bourne Hall in Ewell at 10.00hrs and proceed to Epsom Town Hall where they will form up. At 11.00hrs the men will march to the Grandstand via Ashley Road, arriving approximately 12.00hrs for a short service in front of The Queens Stand.

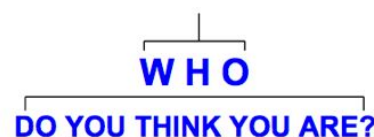
Further information from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum. Email [dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)

### Herald of Spring - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015, Bourne Hall

The theme this year is a festival of parks, gardens, open spaces, green issues and wildlife.

### Family History Day - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015, Epsom Library

Please make a note of the date for the 'Who Do You Think You Are?' day in Epsom Library, Ebbisham Centre - 10am to 4pm. Volunteers are needed to help visitors with their family history research and enquiries.



### Echoes of the Past - Weekend of 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May, Rosebery Park

The theme for this event will be the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. The museum will be putting on an event to support this and will welcome any volunteers interested in helping.

### Battle of Waterloo - 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - TBA

Later this year Bourne Hall Museum will be presenting an exhibition/event for the bi-centenary of this famous battle. Jeremy Harte would appreciate help from volunteers in

- researching Waterloo veterans
- others involved in the Napoleonic wars
- life on the home front of the time, especially in Epsom and Ewell

Incidentally, 'The Waterloo Roll Call' with biographical notes and anecdotes can be viewed, and even downloaded, for free at <https://archive.org/details/waterloorollcall00daltuoft> It runs to 324 pages. Recipients of the Waterloo Medal can be searched on both [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) and [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk)



## Praise for the Website

Bert Barnhurst has provided an email from Denise, the niece of his cousin, which he thinks makes her his second cousin. Bert promises that he did not prompt her in what to say!! It was a genuine and spontaneous response, so well done again to the website team.

To: Bert Barnhurst

From: Denise

Hi Bert,

I'm gob smacked! WHAT an amazing website. Absolutely brilliant. You have some very clever techy person, putting in all the pictures and links. And OH, what a lot of work has been done by your transcribers. I was blown away by the Memorial bit. All the detail about each chap, and their family. Surfed around a bit and founds all kinds of interesting bits ..... dead baby up a tree, lightning striking the crowds on Epsom Downs, Dolly's (or Doris?) War Diary, and I randomly picked a Pub and found your name on it. Oh yes, it was a Stoneleigh pub, so not surprising, and all your 5 photos too. Just wonderful information and SO well set out. HUGE congratulations to every one of you who is involved with this.

### And an unusual request for information

Brian Bouchard has provided us with the following information request

To: Epsom and Ewell Local History Centre

Subject: Anyone For Cricket

Hi,

In the article on your website entitled "Anyone For Cricket" by Brian Bouchard the author refers to a poem about the cricketers of Islington Albion in reference to A.W. Schabner. I would very much like to see that poem in connection with my own research on Cambridgeshire cricket. Is it possible that Mr Bouchard could let me know the source for it? I would be very grateful.

Yours

Willie Sugg, Cambs Cricket History

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To: Willie Sugg

From: Brian Bouchard

Always a pleasure to be able to assist - as requested by Peter, my source was The Olio: Or, Museum of Entertainment - Volume 4, 1830.

It names a number of other players.

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To: Brian Bouchard

From: Willie Sugg

Thank you. 1830 was the first of two years in which the Islington Albion played Cambridge Union Club. It is unusual, and most welcome, to find so much detail.

If you would like to see the poem Willie Sugg was interested in you can find it at-

<http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=7HtPAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA8&lpg=PA8&dq=%22Islington+Albion+Cricketers%22&source=bl&ots=NLz6CoUsA2&sig=3BjJQ4ASAjm2uzykChARuL18a4&hl=en&sa=X&ei=I4VgVLr6G4PB7ga8r4G4Dg&ved=0CCcQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q=%22Islington%20Albion%20Cricketers%22&f=false>

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## New Additions to the History Explorer Website

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

Since the last newsletter in September 2014, Webmaster Peter Reed and the team - Linda Jackson, Nick Tanner, Lynne Mason, Jeremy Harte and Bill Eacott - have added a wealth of new information and pages to the website covering some 30 different subjects as well as 10 major updates.

They include, for example, business records, manorial records, racehorse training in Epsom, family histories and reminiscences and Epsom Quarter Sessions and much more. They are too numerous to mention here so we suggest it is easier to look at the 'What's New' page at [www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WhatsNew.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WhatsNew.html) and enjoy browsing. There will surely be something to interest you.

In the same period the War Memorials Team, - Clive and Hazel - have continued beavering away and have researched & updated the following 60 names on the borough's WW1 war memorials and 15 names in the WW1 Book of Remembrance.

#### WW1 Memorials

BAILEY Thomas	BIRNIE Gerald	CHANDLER Dorothy
CHURCH John William	COOK Henry John Hugh	COOK Kenrick Walkyn Brinsley Richard
DOWNIE George Hunter	FABER Cecil Valdemar	FERGUSON Philip
GARMAN Percy	GLADMAN John	GLOVER Albert Edward
GODDEN Edward William	GOODSHIP Charles Daniel	HEFFERN William
HODGSON William	HOPKINS Ernest	HYDE George
JENKINS George Albert	JOLLIFFE Tom Donovan	JONES George Albert
JOSEPH Sidney Herbert	KITCHERSIDE Edwin	KNIGHT Stanley Horace
LONG Frederick Charles	MACE John Martin	MILES Albert
MILNES Dennis	MUSPRATT Alfred George	NORTHEY William
OLDRIDGE John Addison	PARKER Albert Edward	PARKER Fredrick
PEARCE Ernest John	PEARSON Frederick Oliver	PETCHEY James William
PETERS James Edward	POPLETT William Henry	POWELL Edmond
ROOTE William Arthur	SEARLE George Henry	SMITH Albert
SMITH William	STRIPP William George	TOMSETT George Henry Gwillam
TUPPEN Alfred Joseph	VINCENT William Morris	WALTON Percy
WARD Urban(e)	WATTS Percival	WEALL Edwin James
WELLS Walter Albert	WHEELER Ernest John	WHEELER William Leonard
WHISKERD George W.	WILLIAMS Harry E.	WILLIS Ernest
WILLIS Raymond	WIMHURST Charles	WOOD Robert Leslie

#### WW1 Book of Remembrance

BAKER Donald	BRODERICK George Adrian Leonard	BURROUGH John Hardy
EVERETT Daniel Bulmer	FROST Rupert	GEEN Henry (properly Harry)
HAMPTON Denis Allen	HANLEY Matthew (otherwise Michael)	MOORE Harry
SANDALL Jack Francis	SMITH John Arthur	SMITH John Frederick
TELLING Robert Douglas	UNDERWOOD Paul Derek	WILLIAMS Herbert Charles

## National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914 Now on Findmypast

Surrey History Centre has advised us that pre-1914 school admission registers and log books from 154 Surrey schools are now online, offering precious evidence of the gradual introduction of universal education in England and another fascinating source to explore for family historians with Surrey connections. For many schools records begin after the great Elementary Education Act of 1870, which brought a basic education in reach of all. However, for some schools the records go back as far as the 1820s when education provision was far more haphazard and the involvement of the state far less.

The names of the children in the admission registers have been indexed; and the logbooks can be browsed to read the head teachers' daily reports on events in the schools. These reports often mention pupils by name.

Visitors to Surrey History Centre and members of Surrey libraries will be able to search these records for their Surrey ancestors free of charge in any local library in the county, and subscribers to findmypast.co.uk across the world will also be able to view them in the comfort of their own home.

Log on to <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/school-registers>

## Richmond Poor Relief Indexes Go Online

Surrey History Centre have advised us that over 103,000 names of people applying for poor relief in Richmond Poor Law Union between 1870 and 1912 are now searchable, free of charge, on Surrey History Centre's website,

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/recreation-heritage-and-culture/archives-and-history/archives-and-history-research-guides/poor-law-records/richmond-poor-law-union-application-and-report-books>



Richmond Union encompassed the parishes of Richmond, Kew, Petersham, North Sheen, Barnes and Mortlake. These fascinating books are a rich resource for the lives and experiences of people applying for poor relief in the area in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

They provide information on their immediate family, their occupations, addresses, ages and the reasons why they need to apply for help. Sometimes there is even information about family members who are not applying for relief, for example, references to desertion by spouses or individuals in gaol. The indexes can be searched by name and include the date of application and the age of applicant.



<http://www.workhouses.org.uk/RichmondSurrey/>



## Heritage Lottery Fund support for Major Surrey-wide First World War Commemoration Project

Surrey History Centre (SHC) is delighted to announce that its bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant to enable it to establish the ambitious project to commemorate the Great War has been successful. Over the course of the next four years, 'Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers' will be at the heart of the county's commemoration of the First World War and the quest to understand how the war changed the face of Surrey and the lives of its residents.

The grant of £458,800 will enable SHC to collect and publish online community-based research exploring all aspects of the impact of the war on the county and the experiences of those who served on the home front and overseas. People of all ages and backgrounds across the county will be inspired to come together with the common aim of creating a global, interactive, accessible and enduring digital resource telling Surrey's story during the war years.

At the project's heart will be a new website recording the stories of Surrey's towns, villages, organisations and individual men and women who endured the war, both those who survived and those who fell.

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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 – Gillian Alford, Hazel Ballan, Bert Barnhurst, Brian Bouchard, Angela Clifford, Clive Gilbert, Jeremy Harte, Elaine Parker and Peter Reed. But to keep the momentum going we need more, so I make no apologies in repeating this message - again and again - as it seems to encourage more people to contribute material.

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

please let Ian 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 early Autumn 2015, so you have plenty of time to think of something.

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### **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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