



East Surrey Family History Society

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WELCOME to the November 2015 edition of the e-newsletter.

Our Members have been very generous in sharing sources and news items so this issue is packed with ideas and suggestions to help you trace your ancestors and understand their lives.

There's even an opportunity to get yourself and your family history on TV!!

We've have Good news about our neighbours - West Middlesex FHS – who have held their Extraordinary General Meeting and volunteers have come forward to continue the Society.

There's mixed news about the Achives in our area, however. Kingston has re-opened while Lambeth now has an uncertain future. More details below.

The **Fieldwork** section looks at the Etaples Military Cemetery in northern France.

The **Sources** section looks at the British Library's electronic (e-) dissertation service called EthOS.

Sorry I'm still behind with my DNA researching.

Don't forget to check out our website at www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk, and,

Don't forget to 'Like' our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/ESFHS and if you don't know how to, please see the help document on the Home Page of our FHS website or click this link:

<http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk/members/enews/ESFHS%20guide%20to%20Facebook.pdf>

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ESFHS UPDATE

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

SUTTON – Thursday 5th November at 7.45pm. Jef Page will tell us about ‘**The Gunpowder Plot 1605 Remember Remember the 5th of November**’. Jef is a free-lance lecturer in art history and local historian for London and Essex.

Please note: The meeting hall will have scaffolding up in November so please be extra careful. I regret there will be no parking at the Hall itself but the car park opposite is open as usual (£1 flat fee in the evenings).

SOUTHWARK** - There is no meeting in November. The next meeting is on **December 14** and will be our **Christmas Lunch!!**

*** Please also check your journey to Southwark. There may be transport changes arising out of the rebuilding of London Bridge station which will continue until at least 2018! Check www.tfl.gov.uk*

RICHMOND – Saturday 14 November at 2.30p. We have a talk on “**Pleasures & Pastimes of Victorian Britain**” by Ian Waller.

With the advent of the railways many ordinary working class Victorians began to take seaside holidays. Many began to watch or participate in sport, they frequented fairs, went to music halls and the theatre as well as staying at home working on the allotment or playing parlour games. This talk examines the varied leisure pursuits of our ancestors and how their example gave us more leisure time.



CROYDON – The next meeting is on **Tuesday 17th November at 7.45pm** and Paul Blake, our President, will be ‘**Unwrapping Christmas**’.

LINGFIELD –The next meeting is **Wednesday 25th November at 2.30pm** and the talk will be ‘**The Bastards of Uckfield**’ by Allison Caffyn.

Bastardy was a problem for every parish, partly from a moral viewpoint but largely for financial reasons. There were various established procedures for handling the problem of illegitimacy. A study of baptisms in Uckfield between 1700 and 1850 finds nearly 3,000 baptisms of which only 201 were for illegitimate children - just 7%.

FFHS article in Family Tree Magazine (Nov 2015) features Lesley and Margaret and the East Surrey FHS Stand (thanks to Judith for this)



There's a lovely photo of Margaret and Lesley in the November Family Tree Magazine (page 52), illustrating an article by FFHS (Federation of Family History Societies) which gives many excellent reasons for being a member of a FHS like ours.

The photo was taken at the WDYTYA Show at the NEC last April.

Family History Reality TV programme casting for descendants of Victorian East End inhabitants (thanks to Chris Green for this)

Do you have East End ancestors? Perhaps East End ancestors who moved south into Surrey? Do you want to get involved in a new 'living history' BBC TV series? The Society recently received this email from Emily Thompson, Assistant Producer at **Wall to Wall**, the company who make Who Do You Think You Are? and living history formats such as Turn Back Time: The High Street and the recent BBC Two series Back In Time For Dinner. She says:

Dear East Surrey FHS and Ms Ramon,

I hope this finds you well, and that you don't mind me getting in touch with you out of the blue. I was wondering if someone may have the time to get back to me on my enquiry below.

My name is Emily Thompson and I am an Assistant Producer at Wall to Wall currently working on a new living history series for the BBC. The programme will look at recreating an authentic late Victorian tenement environment and inhabiting it with modern people who will live, work, and survive, in a unique Victorian East End community. We are looking for people who will relish the historical experiment and challenge of living in a Victorian slum.

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As a company we make Who Do You Think You Are? and have pioneered living history formats such as Turn Back Time: The High Street and the recent BBC Two series Back In Time For Dinner.

We are in the very initial stages of casting the programme, and are looking for people who have a genuine connection to the East End of London. We would ideally love to cast a wide range of families (10+ - 65+ yrs.), couples and individuals, who have some kind of ancestral link to the area, or are vaguely aware of having ancestors who survived the East End slums of London. It may be that the connection is through their modern trade or skill, or the fact that they currently live in the area and would be intrigued to explore its Victorian roots.

Obviously a lot of working class London (and some East End) families moved out to areas like Surrey, and in particular we will be looking for a family who moved in the 1960s slum clearances to appear at one point. I wondered if many people like this are part of your society, and if so I was wondering if we may be able to advertise the programme or put a call out through your subscribers and mailing system?

It would be great to speak with someone to have an initial conversation about this.

The image shows three promotional posters for the BBC Living History Series 'The Victorian East End'. The left poster is a vertical flyer with a white background and a brown header. It features the 'wall to wall' logo at the top, followed by text from the makers of 'Back In Time For Dinner', 'Turn Back Time - The High Street and Who Do You Think You Are?'. The main headline reads 'NEW BBC LIVING HISTORY SERIES WILL RECREATE THE VICTORIAN EAST END'. Below this, it says 'WE ARE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO MOVE IN'. The text continues with 'Do you have an ancestral connection to the East End of London?', 'Maybe you live in the area and you'd like to explore the history of your streets...', and 'Would you like your family to experience the reality of life for millions of Victorian children?'. A brown box contains the text 'THIS LANDMARK LIVING HISTORY EXPERIMENT WILL REVEAL WHAT LIFE WAS REALLY LIKE FOR THE VICTORIAN POOR AND HOW THEY CHANGED OUR NATION FOR THE BETTER'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'If you think you have what it takes to survive the Victorian slum, email casting@walltowall.co.uk / call 020 7241 9228 or visit www.walltowall.co.uk (take part) for more information'. The middle poster is a horizontal flyer with a white background and a brown header. It features the 'wall to wall' logo at the top, followed by text from the makers of 'Back in Time for Dinner, Turn Back Time - The High Street and Who Do You Think You Are?'. The main headline reads 'New BBC Living History Series will recreate The Victorian East End'. Below this, it says 'The search is on for families and individuals to set up home in 1870s East London. Their aim - to live, work and make ends meet exactly as the Victorian poor would have done. They'll be expected to find work, master old trades and sell their wares in order to put food on the table and to make the weekly rent.' It then asks 'Do you have what it takes to make it in a Victorian slum?', 'Would you like to experience the life your East End ancestors once lived? Do you live in East London and you'd like to explore the history of your streets?', and 'Do you have a traditional trade that could be put to good use? Would you like your family to experience the reality of life for millions of Victorian children?'. A brown box contains the text 'Wall to Wall Television is casting for a landmark living history experiment that tells the story of what life was really like for the Victorian poor and how their plight changed our nation for the better.' Below this, it says 'We're looking for strong, determined contributors who think they could survive life on the Victorian bread line. The series is due to be filmed over three weeks in Easter 2018 and the new Victorians will relocate for the duration of the filming to East London.' 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Are you a resident of East London and fascinated by its past? Does your trade have its roots in the Victorian era? Are you part of an extended family (with children over ten), a retired or newly married couple or a single parent? Would you like your children to have the ultimate living history experience?'. At the bottom right, it says 'For more details email casting@walltowall.co.uk / call 020 7241 9228 or visit www.walltowall.co.uk / TAKE PART

Thank you so much for taking the time to deal with our request, and I look forward to hearing back from yourselves. All the very best,
Emily

Let me know if you'd like me to help you get in contact with her.

Local News Items

Local Societies–The Sutton and Cheam Society www.thesuttonandcheamsociety.btck.co.uk

This Society was founded in 1959 and aims to stimulate public awareness of, and interest in the local built environment within the area of the old Borough of Sutton and Cheam i.e. Sutton, Belmont, Cheam and Worcester Park. Monthly meetings are held from October to March to discuss local matters and to hear talks on a wide range of topics. Meetings are held at The Friends Meeting House, Cedar Road, Sutton, SM2 5DA. Subscriptions are: Individual £5 per annum; Family £6 per annum but talks are open to anyone interested and the cost is £2 for members and £3 for non-members.

For further information contact the Honorary Secretary: Frances Drake on 020 8647 2688

Good news - Kingston History Centre opens at the Guildhall

Gillian Butler, Heritage Team Leader and Kingston Borough Archivist emailed us on 28th October 2015 to say:

'Dear Users,

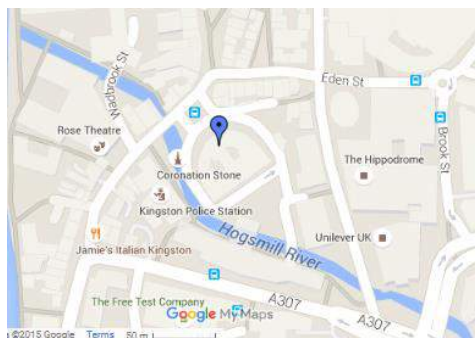
I am pleased to announce that the Kingston History Centre will be open for business as of 10am today! It has been a busy few weeks but we are now ready to welcome you all back in to research, or even just to say hello!

We won't have all the collections on site, and some will need to be ordered in advance of research and we ask for two weeks' notice for these. However, the Kingston History Centre will have a lot of its core resources back on the open shelves or in our store here, including the street directories, books, maps, photographs, Surrey Comet microfilms, volumes of the Kingston Borough News , journals, electoral rolls, oral history transcripts, parish registers and more.

If you are unsure whether what you want will be available, please pop in to see us, drop us an email to local.history@kingston.gov.uk or give us a call on 020 8547 6738.

Our opening times will be Wednesday - Saturday 10am-5pm, and on Thursdays we will be open until 7pm. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

*Gillian Butler, Heritage Team Leader and Borough Archivist e: gillian.butler@kingston.gov.uk
t: 020 8547 6735*



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

Worrying news - Lambeth Archives at the Minet Library

The Council proposals for Lambeth Libraries and Archives have been published and a public meeting was held in mid-October. Councillor Jane Edbrooke's report about what should happen to Lambeth libraries was discussed - see this link:

<http://moderngov.lambeth.gov.uk/documents/s77362/Culture%202020%20Cabinet%20Report.pdf>

Here are some extracts which refer to Lambeth Archives which are currently housed in the Minet Library (I have highlighted key dates in **BOLD**).

“This report recommends that an options appraisal into the long term home for the borough archives, which are currently located in the basement of the Minet library. These options will include, whilst not exhaustive:

- 1. Brixton more generally.*
- 2. A split site arrangement with front of house to the service maintaining high use stock and bulk archive stock situated elsewhere. This option might include maintaining storage at Minet library as part of the redevelopment of the site.*
- 3. Any other option that has the capacity to fulfil the criteria in para 9.12*

*9.8 Interested parties are invited to **submit options** they would like the council to consider as part of the options appraisal **by January 2016***

9.9 The Culture 2020 consultation proposed the relocation of the archives to Brixton Library and to work more closely with Black Cultural Archives. This would then establish Brixton as the key destination in the borough for anyone interested in archives and information on heritage...

In response to this proposal, UNISON is seeking reassurance that the future of the archives would be planned with care. They believe the suggested location, Brixton Library ... cannot accommodate another service without severe reductions in the library service. They also believe that there is no possibility of co-working with the Black Cultural Archives because it is a national service, differently funded and with a completely different remit.any proposal that falls back on an 'out of borough storage and front of house provision' solution would not be acceptable to them (UNISON). ..

9.11 The Lambeth Local History Forum (LLHF) believe that Brixton Library does not provide adequate space and, even if it had, there is no prospect of rendering the Victorian accommodation compliant with current standards in the timescale envisaged

9.12 It is generally recognised that the present location for the borough archives, the basement of Minet library, is not fit for purpose. Following reflection on the consultation feedback this report recommends that an options appraisal be undertaken on a wider range of options concerning the future of the borough archives....

*9.13 The council notes the concerns about the archives being located at Brixton Library, but without objective, technical and financial appraisal it must at this stage remain an option for consideration..... **This report recommends that options appraisal on the future location of the borough archives is be undertaken and completed no later than September 2016.**”*

We are keeping a close eye on developments.

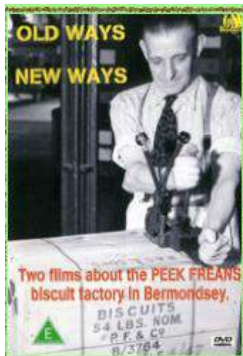
New Alan Godfrey historical maps www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk

London area: two new maps, sheets 115 Clapham Common 1914 with an introduction by Pamela Taylor; and 120 Eltham Green 1867, with an introduction by Richard Oliver. The Eltham Green map is magnificently rural, and Dr Oliver uses the opportunity to tell us something about the OS and its large scale mapping.

****If you buy your Alan Godfrey maps through ESFHS, either via GENFAIR or at Shows, the Society earns a small commission. See our website for more information.**

Rotherhithe Picture Research Library/Sands Films – Peek Freans biscuit factory documentary DVD (thanks to Jackie for this)

The Research Library has a range of DVDs you might find of interest. Jackie found this one on the Peek Freans biscuit factory. Food processing was a major industry in the Rotherhithe area. http://www.sandsfilms.co.uk/Sands_Films_Studio/Shop.html



A 30 minutes documentary about the Peek Freans biscuit factory in Bermondsey and its closing down in the late 1980's. This film looks back at over 100 years of the factory's life and shows footage of an earlier 1906 documentary.
Also included: the complete 1906 silent documentary made by Crick & Martin

DVD: £7.00 P&P £2.00

Add to Cart

OTHER NEWS

The Shorncliff Trust – a day of Military talks and a Book Fair on 14th November 2015 10am – 5pm (thanks to Judith for this)

The Shorncliffe Trust is organising another day of talks at the Tower Theatre at Shorncliffe, only feet from where the originals were given in 1803. Their website says:

'Shorncliffe redoubt has the unique attribute of being the original home of the modern British Army. It is here around 1802 that Sir John Moore and others set up the training camp which trained the world famous 95th Foot and then introduced the light infantry methods of fighting to whole regiments for the first time.'

Tickets: £18.00 or £15.00 Concessions
 There is a bar; bring lunch with you, or sandwiches can be ordered on the day.

Discover over 200 years of Shorncliffe's international links and the Gurkha, Canadian and Belgian Military Connections

THE SHORNCLIFFE MILITARY LECTURES
 Saturday 14th November 2015
 at The Tower Theatre, North Road, Folkestone CT20 3HL • 9.30am

Speakers for the day:

- Dr Stephen Summerfield** Loughborough University
 "The Netherlands and the Defence of Kent"
- Andrew Bamford** Historian and Author
 "With Wellings: Outposts: The Peninsular and Waterloo letters of John Vandeleur."
- Gavin Edgerley-Harris** Curator of The Gurkha Museum, Winchester
 "The Brigade of Gurkhas over 200 years: 200 Years' Service to the Crown."
- Stephen Head** - Trustee and Educational Lead: The Shorncliffe Trust
 "The Canadian Expeditionary Force at Shorncliffe in the Great War."
- Stephen Head and Christopher Shaw**
 "Introduction to Operation Vincent Project."

TICKETS AND INFO:
 Tickets £18.00
 Concessions £15.00
 For further information and booking, call the Tower Theatre Box Office on: 01303 223925
 For more information contact the Shorncliffe Trust (details below).

www.shorncliffe-trust.org.uk
 Email: secretary@shorncliffe-trust.org.uk
 Facebook.com/TheShorncliffeTrust
 Twitter @shorncliffe95th



Booking is through the Tower Theatre and can be done on line or by calling the Box Office. There are good public transport links and free car parking.

See more information on the web site. http://shorncliffe-trust.org.uk/event_sl2015.html

FindMyPast – Two significant new sources:

- 1) **The England and Wales Electoral Registers 1832-1932 live 9th October 2015** www.findmypast.co.uk/electoral-registers

FindMyPast and The British Library have announced the online publication of an estimated 220 million records of English and Welsh voters. These are **the England and Wales Electoral Registers 1832-1932**. They can be searched by name and

constituency, as well as by keywords which will allow you to discover the history of your family home in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. They are available online to Findmypast subscribers or can be accessed for free in the British Library's reading rooms in London and Yorkshire.

Electoral Registers are listings of all those registered to vote in a particular area. The lists were created annually to record the names of eligible voters and their reason for eligibility, such as their residence or ownership of a property. Registration for voters in England has been required since 1832, and registers were typically published annually.

Highlights include:

○ Records of the first eligible voters enfranchised by the great reform act of 1832. The act increased the voting population by allowing all men who occupied a property with an annual value of £10 to vote. After the act passed, one in seven men could vote.

○ The first working class voters following the Representation of the People Act of 1867. The act doubled the electorate of one million voters, allowing two million of the seven million adult males in England and Wales to vote.

○ The first female voters in British history. The registers document one of the most remarkable changes of the twentieth century, the extension of the vote to women on equal footing with men. The franchise was extended to all women over the age of 30 by the 1918 Representation of the People Act, and all women over the age of 21 by 1928 Equal Franchise Act.

○ Lists of absent voters from 1918 to 1921 containing the records of registers of soldiers and sailors who were on active service during the First World War.

Collection Electoral registers 1832-1932 Image

Electoral registers 1832-1932 Image
 Constituency in full **Parliamentary Borough of Camberwell, Peckham Division**
 Constituency **P B of Camberwell, Peckham Division**
 Year **1900**
 Season -
 Register type **Parliamentary Borough**
 Polling district or place **Peckham**
 County **Surrey, London**
 Country **England**
 Archive **The British Library**
 Archive reference **SPR.Mic.P.258/BL.C.4**
 Image number **71**
 Record set **England & Wales, electoral registers 1832-1932**
 Category **Census, land & surveys**
 Subcategory **Electoral Rolls**
 Collections from **Great Britain**

Names of Electors in full. Surname being first.	Place of Abode.	Nature of Qualification.	Name and Situation of Qualifying Property.
2093 Crawcour, Isaac Henry	313 Southampton street	House	313 Southampton street
2094 Field, Thomas Joseph	315 Southampton street	House	315 Southampton street
2095 Carliss, Richard Newham	317 Southampton street	House	317 Southampton street
2096 Shepherd, Giles	319 Southampton street	House	319 Southampton street
2097 Farmer, Frederick William	323 Southampton street	House	323 Southampton street
2098 Hague, Samuel, Dr.	325 Southampton street	House	326 Southampton street
STAFFORD STREET			
Postal District: High street, S.E.			
2099 Franklin, William Henry	7 Stafford street	House	7 Stafford street
2100 Alexander, Archibald	9 Stafford street	House	9 Stafford street
2101 Wadley, Alfred William	11 Stafford street	House	11 Stafford street

2) The '1939 Register' goes live Monday 2nd November 2015

The 1939 Register contains the **names, addresses and occupations** of everyone in England and Wales at the time, and was used as the basis for rationing, identity cards and, in post-war Britain, the NHS.

The Register – often likened to a census – was compiled on 29 September 1939 to help the Government plan for war against Germany, which had been officially declared just weeks earlier. It contains the names, addresses and occupations of more than 41 million people across England and Wales, which information was also instrumental in the creation of the National Health Service in 1948. Although details of people born within the past 100 years will be censored, the digital dataset will be the most extensive record of the civilian population to hit the web since the 1911 Census.

Access to the 1939 Register will not be available as part of a Findmypast subscription, but will cost £6.95 per household record, or £24.95 for a bundle of five household records. Existing Findmypast subscribers will receive an "exclusive" code that will enable them to claim a discount.

Home Movie Day London 2015 – Saturday 7th November 2015, 11am to 4pm, at the Cinema Museum, 2 Dugard Way, Kennington SE11 4TH

<http://www.cinemamuseum.org.uk> They say...

“Don't throw your films away; bring them to Home Movie Day!”

For the eighth London Home Movie Day on **Saturday, November 7**, film archivists will take time out of the vaults to help the public enjoy and save their home movies. Home Movie Day shows how home movies on 8mm, Super8, 9.5mm and 16mm offer a unique view of past life in London and of family history. There will be a free Film Clinic, staffed by volunteer film archivists, to which members of the public may bring their films for examination. The archivists will give feedback about the condition of the films, and advice on how to store them properly in the home. Information will also be available on donating films to archives and how to transfer films to digital formats for easy home viewing, whilst stressing the importance of preserving the originals. For the first time, Film London's KinoVan will be visiting Home Movie Day and screening a special programme of London home movies.

Expert projectionists will be continuously screening home movies throughout the day. This can be the most enjoyable part of the day, as often people will have inherited films but no equipment to watch them on. Home Movie Day is held at the Cinema Museum in Kennington, itself a shrine to the glory days of cinema. It's a **free event**, children-friendly and anybody is welcome. You don't need to bring a film to attend and enjoy the event; everyone has the chance to win fabulous film-related prizes and can attend the free special screenings.

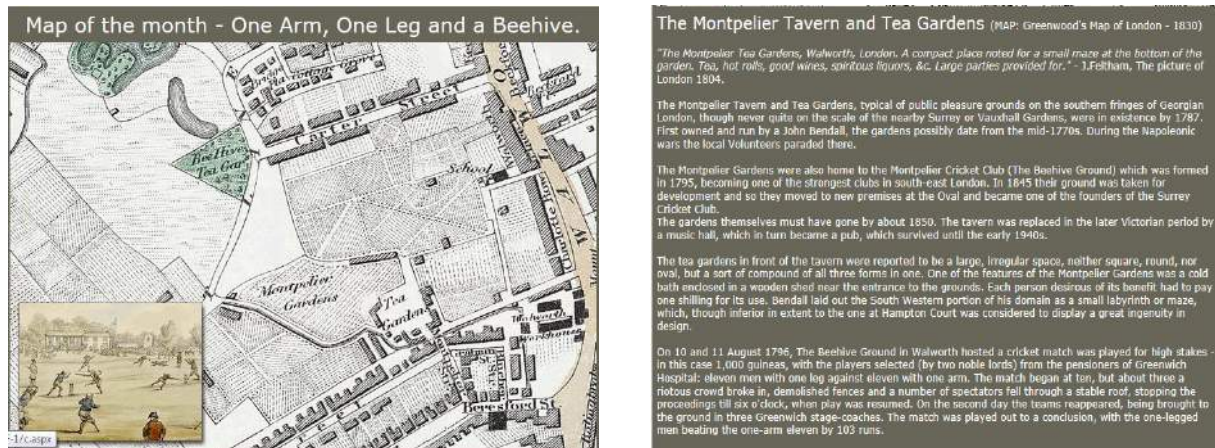
Website: <http://www.homemovieday.com>

Contacts: Lucy Smee (07515 888465, dearoldsmee@gmail.com), Lisa Kerrigan (07817 503001, lisa.kerrigan@gmail.com)

Nearest tube: Kennington. Free parking, access via Renfrew Road. Tea and cake will be available.

Cassini Historical maps www.cassinimaps.co.uk/

I can look at maps all day (!) so this website is always a treat. Cassini sell maps of all sorts and their online catalogue has wonderful sample images of the maps available or parts of them. I spotted this item recently where not only was there part of a map but also a local history of the place – the Montpelier Gardens in Walworth.



Family gathering - Liddiard/Lydiard/Lediard / Liddard Gathering August 2016 at Aldbourne Wiltshire

This is Advance Notice for a Family Meeting next year, in August 2016 at Aldbourne, Wiltshire. For further details please contact Karen Rogers (nee Liddiard) at

Liddiard@one-name.org

LAMAS (an Affiliate Society) Local History Conference on 21st November 2015 at the Museum of London. 'Middlesex: Our Lost County'

ESFHS is affiliated with the London and Middlesex Archaeology Society and we will have a table at this event. See <http://www.lamas.org.uk/conferences/local-history/localhistory2015.html> for more details.

Manorial Documents Register on Discovery at the National Archives

The Manorial Documents Register (MDR) identifies the nature and location of manorial records. Originally a paper-based register, the MDR is gradually being updated and made available online. See <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/manorial-documents-register.htm> for progress updates.

Manorial Documents Register

We are coordinating an ongoing programme to revise, update and computerise our paper-based Manorial Documents Register (MDR) on a county by county basis, working in collaboration with external partners.

The MDR is an index to English and Welsh manorial records, providing brief descriptions of documents and details of their locations in public and private hands.

Manorial records include court rolls, surveys, maps, terriers and all other documents relating to the boundaries, franchises, wastes, customs or courts of a manor.



View the Manorial Documents Register counties map below, which shows the progress of the project across the counties.

[Manorial Documents Register counties map](#) (PDF, 0.43MB)

Work is currently progressing on a further eight English counties:

- Cambridgeshire
- Devon
- Herefordshire
- Huntingdonshire
- Northamptonshire
- Northumberland
- Wiltshire
- Worcestershire

The [MDR online](#) is far more detailed and accurate than the original paper indexes, improving both the quality and quantity of the information, and providing wider access to this resource. This benefits researchers wherever they are based in the world, enabling them to search for manorial records by manor, parish, type of record, or by date, and identifying the relevant records.

New Search tool for the Manorial Documents Register in Discovery

You can search only the data held within the Manorial Documents Register by using the new MDR home page within Discovery, our catalogue: discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/manorial-documents-register

Listen to our [podcast](#) which provides an introduction to the various types of manorial records and offers a practical guide to using the MDR.

TNA Documents Online to be free at seven selected archives

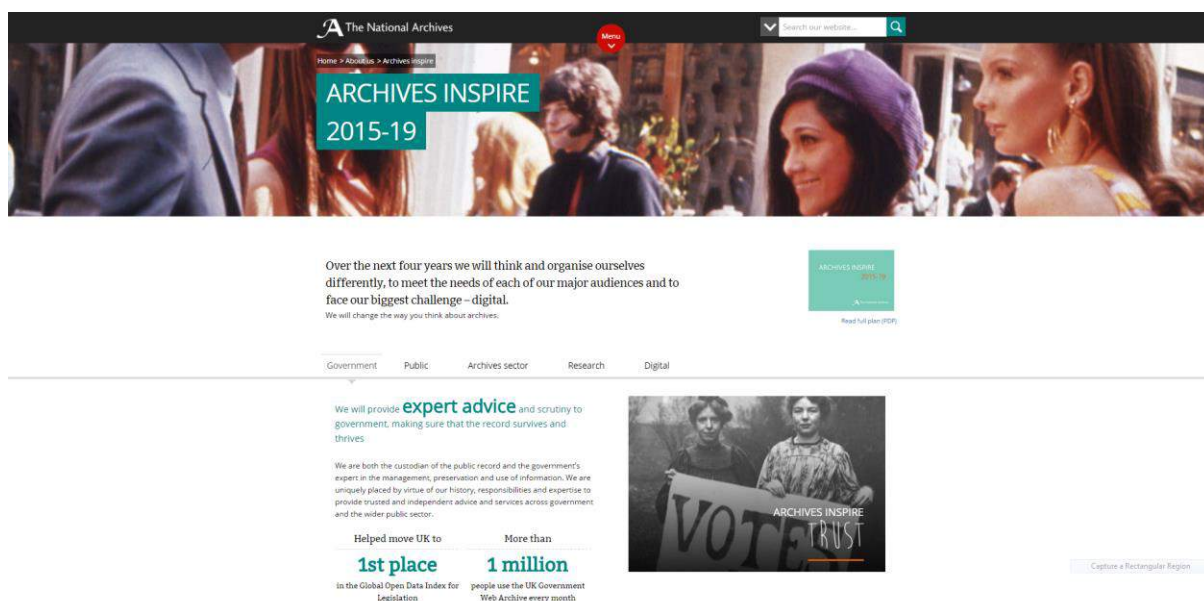
The National Archives have announced that they are trialling free access to their Documents Online service (normally £3.50 a document) at the following archives:

Birmingham Archives and Heritage Centre,
Devon Record Office,
National Library of Wales,
Manchester Archives and Local Studies
Norfolk Record Office
Nottinghamshire Archives
Tyne and Wear Archives

Try it out or they may change their mind!!

The National Archives – new Four Year Plan ‘Archives Inspire 2015-2019’ (thanks to Paul for this)

In October, The National Archives launched its new four-year plan, **Archives Inspire 2015-2019**. You can read all about TNA’s vision for the future at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/the-national-archives-launches-archives-inspire-at-dcdc/> and by downloading a copy of its booklet www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/archives-inspire-2015-19.pdf



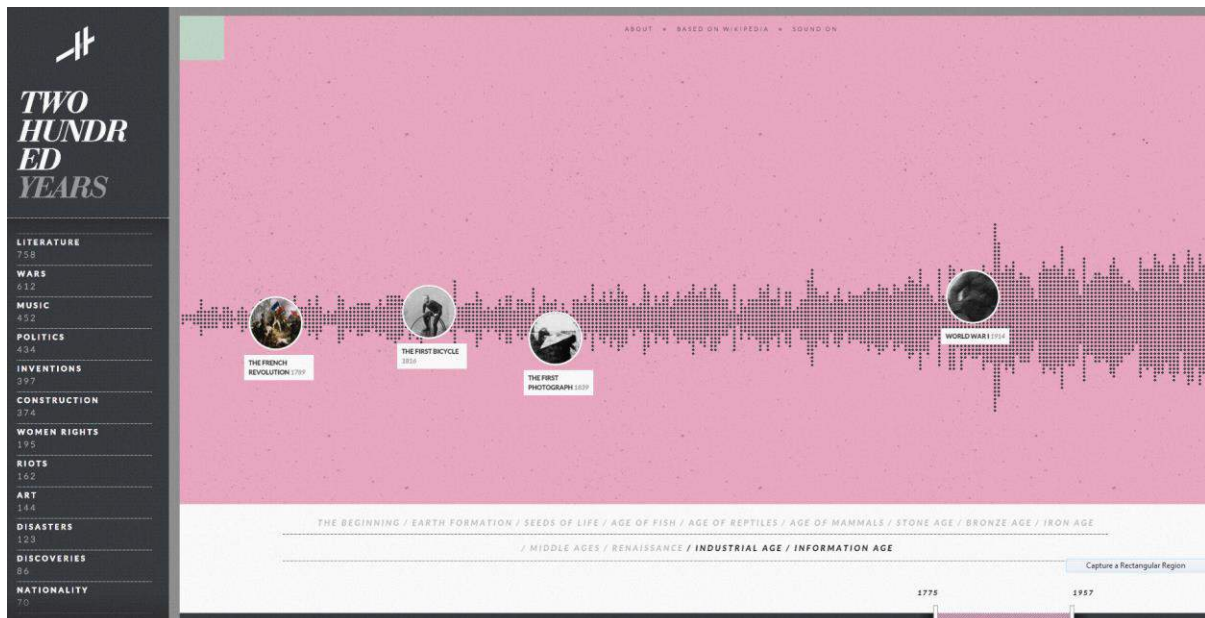
Timeline of History from Histography.io (thanks to Paul for this)

Possibly the most comprehensive timeline ever produced has been launched <http://histography.io> so you can set your ancestors lives against the historical events of the time. The timeline itself commences with the Big Bang and continues until today – new events will be automatically added as the timeline scans Wikipedia for new pages. The slider at the bottom of the page lets you scan through time or you can chose a period from the list provided. You can also filter by category from a list on the left hand side of the page. See screenshot below.

Each event in history is represented by a dot which, when you hover your mouse over it, will open a photo. Click on the photo and you are taken to the relevant Wikipedia page, plus videos and related events.

An extraordinary website. Just pity about the irritating background ‘noise’ – make sure you know where your mute button is.

(Ed – You need to use Chrome or Safari browsers to open this website)



FIELDWORK

Etaples Military Cemetery. Pas de Calais, France

I recently visited northern France to see the battlefield at Agincourt (1415, it's the 600th anniversary this year). On the return journey I made a very brief visit to the WW1/2 memorial and graveyard at Etaples, which is about 27 km south of Boulogne. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website says there are 10815 identified Commonwealth casualties here plus 662 Non Commonwealth burials, mainly German, including 6 unidentified. This is the largest Commission Cemetery in France and is untypical in its number of unidentified burials but this is due to the area remaining under Allied control throughout the War.

Etaples was remote from attack, except from aircraft, and accessible by railway from both the northern or the southern battlefields. In 1917, 100,000 troops were camped among the sand dunes and the hospitals, which included eleven general, one stationary, four Red Cross hospitals and a convalescent depot, could deal with 22,000 wounded or sick. In September 1919, ten months after the Armistice, three hospitals and the Q.M.A.A.C. convalescent depot remained. *(Right is the gravestone for Matron E M DAWSON, Q A Imp Mil SCE, 10th April 1917. Daughter of Albert DAWSON Ballymena Ireland. One of 20 female burials.)*

Etaples was also a major re-training centre for soldiers who had been invalided home for recuperation but who were now fit enough to return to the Front. With the passage of time we are discovering that the military regime here was very harsh, with soldiers so badly treated and terrified that they



preferred going to the Front than staying in the Camp. I have just read in a Pas de Calais Commemoration brochure that there was even a week's rebellion against this cruel authority by the British soldiers. These are facts that have been air-brushed from history and are only being re-discovered now.

Right are the gravestones of:

9845 Lance Cpl William A
LEADBETTER East Surrey
Regiment 4th May 1917

253560 Private W RANSON 3rd
Bn London Reg CR Fus 16th Feb
1917

R.I.P



SOURCES

[British Library EThOS - Search and order theses online](https://ethos.bl.uk) *ethos.bl.uk*

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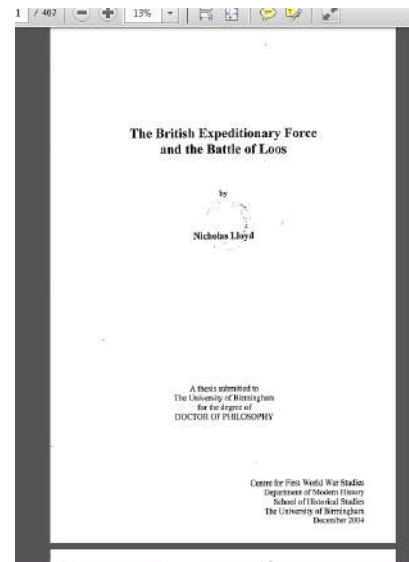
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You have to register to use the service. I found registration and searching quick and easy to do, and as an example I was able to download, for free, a 407 page thesis on the WW1 Battle of Loos and the PDF is searchable. A search on 'family history' retrieved 150 items but many were medical so you'd have to enter some more specific terms or names.



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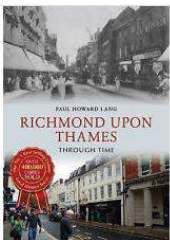
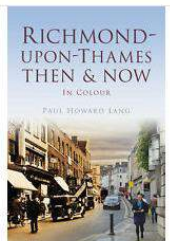
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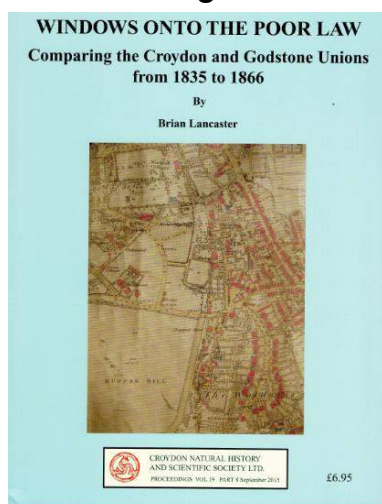
Richmond through time – books by ESFHS member Paul Lang

Paul has written two books on the historical development of Richmond -upon-Thames. They are very detailed guides, richly illustrated, all you need to know about Richmond! The Then and Now book contrasts past and present views of the same places. The books are available through ebay.co.uk (Prices shown as at 14 October).

	<p>Richmond Upon Thames Through Time by Paul Howard Lang (Paperback, 2015)</p> <p>£9.87 RRP £14.99</p> <p>Buy It Now</p> <p>Free Postage</p> <p>Popular</p> <p>eBay Premium Service</p>
	<p>Richmond-upon-Thames Then & Now by Paul Howard Lang (Hardback, 2013)</p> <p>£16.69</p> <p>Buy It Now</p> <p>Free Postage</p> <p>eBay Premium Service</p>

Windows Onto the Poor Law. Comparing the Croydon and Godstone Unions 1835 to 1866, by Brian Lancaster.

Proceedings of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society Vol 19 Part 8 September 2015 ISBN-13: 9780906047309



A detailed examination of the Workhouse system, its administration and its place in the community, the role of the Guardians and the staff, the stories and fates of the inmates, all illustrated by 'windows' or case studies, with contrasting experiences across the two Unions.

116 pages; two illustrations inside and two on the covers.

Highly recommended.

Website Update

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

Please be careful! You have to subscribe, and pay, to use some of these web sites. If you need any help or advice please speak to a Committee member at any of the Society meetings. To open a site, click on the blue address then press both the CTRL key and Click on your keyboard simultaneously.

News

The Monumental Archive Project is being created by Katherine Cook at the University of York. It is a new mapping project is being created on an open-access website with a database of monumental records, a curated collection of research projects (connecting data to methods and interpretations), and an interactive means of contributing data and commenting on research. It is not planned to be a database of all the cemeteries in the world. Instead, it will provide information about the more historic cemeteries. See <http://goo.gl/wtqSdY>

Website updates

Children's Homes www.childrenshomes.org.uk has added :

- Records now include all of London's Certified Industrial Schools

FamilySearch (free) www.familysearch.org has added:

- **England and Wales Census, 1841** (the records are supplied by FindMyPast)

Mary Smith England and Wales Census, 1841	
Name	Mary Smith
Event Type	Census
Event Date	1841
Event Place	St George The Martyr, Surrey, England
Residence Note	St George Row
Gender	Female
Age	6
Age (Original)	6
Occupation	Null
Birth Year (Estimated)	1835
Birthplace	Surrey
Registration District	St George The Martyr Southwark
Book Number	2
Parish	St George The Martyr
County	Surrey
Page Number	22
Registration Number	H0107
Piece/Folio	1086/15
Affiliate Record Type	Institution

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ENGLAND AND WALES CENSUS, 1841

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- **Warwickshire Parish Registers 1535-1984**

- BillionGraves Index (the records are supplied by billiongraves.com)

Mary Ann Smith
BillionGraves Index

Name	Mary Ann Smith
Event Type	Burial
Event Place	Kingston upon Thames, Greater London, England, United Kingdom
Cemetery	Kingston Cemetery
Latitude	51.40538
Longitude	-0.28894
Death Date	09 Jan 1881
Affiliate Create Date	2013-05-10 19:50:43
Affiliate Image Identifier	3840442

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- Italy Potenza Civil Registration (State Archive) 1697-1923
- Italy Rieti Civil Registration (State Archive) 1840-1945
- Italy Trapani Civil Registration (State Archive) 1906-1928
- US Passport Applications, 1795-1925
- US Pennsylvania Civil Marriages 1677-1950
- US 1915 New Jersey State Census
- US South Dakota Department of Health Birth and Marriage Indexes 1843-2014
- US Utah Eureka and Payson Births and Deaths 1898-1903
- US Virginia Richmond City Birth Index 1870-1912

Deceased Online (search free then £) <https://www.deceasedonline.com/> has added:

The London Borough of Lewisham is an inner South London borough, bordered by Southwark to the west, Greenwich to the east (both of which also have all burial and cremation records on Deceased Online) and Bromley to the south. The north of the borough in Deptford has a short stretch bordering the River Thames immediately opposite the Isle of Dogs.

Lewisham, created in 1885, covered parts of London, Kent, and Surrey, and included the boroughs of Deptford, Penge, Lewisham and Lee. At the time, the Lewisham Parishes were Blackheath, Sydenham and Lewisham. Deptford St. Paul was divided into North, South, East and West. Deptford St. Nicholas and Lee went on to become part of Greenwich.

In 1889 Lewisham and Deptford became metropolitan boroughs in the County of London. Penge remained in Kent and Surrey. Further reorganisation took place when Deptford Metropolitan Borough Council and Lewisham Metropolitan Borough Council were joined to become Lewisham London Borough in 1964.

Burial and cremation records are being added during September and October 2015 and will include the following sites managed by the London Borough of Lewisham Council:

- Brockley Cemetery, records from 1858 - 1999
- Ladywell Cemetery (which adjoins Brockley), records from 1858 - 1999

- Grove Park Cemetery, records from 1935 - 1999
- Hither Green Cemetery, records from 1873 - 1999
- Hither Green aka Lewisham Crematorium, records from 1956 – 1995

The screenshot shows the Deceased Online website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'home', 'search', 'coverage', 'help/FAQs', 'my account', and 'about us'. A yellow banner at the top right reads 'SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE! CLICK FOR DETAILS'. Below the navigation, the search results page is displayed. The search criteria are: last name 'orgles', first names 'stanley', from year '1800', to year '1900'. The search results show a table with columns for 'name' and 'summary'. The results for 'Orgles, Stanley Charles' are: buried on: 25 March 1898, recorded at: Ladywell Cemetery (Lewisham). The website also features a 'free search' sidebar with input fields for last name, first names, and search dates, and a 'member login' section.

Deceased Online also holds records for the neighbouring London boroughs of Southwark and Greenwich.

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

- Canada WWII war dead service files 1939-1947
- Canada and U.S. Dutch Emigrants, 1946-1963
- Canada Alberta, Index to Cemeteries
- Canada, Montreal, non-Catholic Marriage and burial Index
- Canada, Quebec, Marriage Contract Index, 1761-1941
- Denmark, Emigration Index, 1868-1908
- Germany, Bremen, Passenger Lists Index, 1907-1939
- Israel, Tehran Children, 1943
- Compiled List of Jews in Concentration Camps, 1945
- Poland, Auschwitz Work Cards, 1944-1945
- Poland, Stettin, Jewish Deportation into the Lublin Area, 1940-1942
- Poland, Mszana Dolna, Census, 1942;
- Slovakia, Spisska Nova Ves, Deported Jews, 1942
- Slovakia, Vranov Transport List, 1942
- US Alabama, Civil War Soldiers, 1860-1865
- US Alachua County, Florida, Cemetery Index, 1820-2013
- US Alberta, Newspaper BMD Index, 1889 - 2012
- US California, Slave Era Insurance Policies Index, 1847-1860
- US Delaware, Land Records, 1677-1947
- US Gallatin County, Montana, vital records
- US Indiana, Marriage Index, 1806-1861
- US Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Marriage Index, 1829-2015
- US Barry County, Michigan, Marriage Index, 1839-2012
- US Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Catholic Archdiocese Burial Index, 1857-2013
- US Montgomery County, Tennessee, Obituary Collection, 1911-2009
- US New England Seamen's Protection Certificate Index, 1796-1871
- US South Carolina, Wofford College Library Obituary Index, 1837-2008
- US Troy, New York, St Mary's Cemetery Index, 1840 - 2013
- US Wills and Probate Records

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives (free) www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ has added:

- Donegal Land Rent Roll For Grove-Hall Estate 1783
- Fermanagh Land Rent Roll of the Estate of Blaney Balfour Sr & Jr Esq -1815 Rent Roll of the Estate of Blaney Balfour Sr & Jr Esq -1820
- Kerry Catholics in Barony of Clancrough, 1792
- Tipperary R.C. Inhabitants of the Town of Carrick-on-Suir - 1792, Land Rental of the Estates of Francis Mathew, Esq 1781
- Waterford Principal Catholics of Town & Parish of Dungarvan - 1792

The Cadet and Staff Registers of the Sandhurst Collection

<http://archive.sandhurstcollection.co.uk/> has added:

- RMA Woolwich Cadet Registers 1790 to 1793, 1799 to 1805 and 1820 to 1939
- RMA Staff Register 1893 and 1930
- RMC Sandhurst Cadet Register 1800 to 1946
- RMC Staff Register 1802 to 1939

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

The 1939 Register will be available from 2nd November 2015. See article above.

- England, Wales and Ireland National School Admission Registers 1870-1914



National School Admission Registers & Log-books 1870-1914 Transcription

	Print transcription View image
First name(s)	Arthur
Last name	Carlross
Birth year	1892
Birth date	24 Aug 1892
Event year	1902
School name	Haydon's Road Church of England School, Wimbledon (boys)
Town	Wimbledon
County	Surrey
Country	England
Parent name(s)	Hy
Book type	Admissions
Archive reference	8670/1/1/7
Folio / page no.	-
Archive	Surrey History Centre
Record set	National School Admission Registers & Log-books 1870-1914
Category	Institutions & organisations
Subcategory	Schools & education
Collections from	Great Britain

• **Surrey, Southwark, St Saviour's Grammar School Admissions 1690-1895**



Surrey, Southwark, St Saviour's Grammar School Admissions 1690-1895
Transcription

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First name(s)	Ernest
Last name	Charles
Birth year	-
Birth date	(-)
Admission year	1879
Admission date	? Jan 1879
Date left	(-)
Name of parent(s)	Charles Thomas Randall
Address	New Cross, Alexandra Villa, Queens Rd
Source	St Saviour's Grammar School Boys in school, 20th Jan 1851
Archive reference	SO/III/3/4
Archive	Southwark Local History Library
Record set	Surrey, Southwark, St Saviour's Grammar School Admissions 1690-1895
Category	Education & work
Subcategory	Schools & education
Collections from	Great Britain

- East Kent parish records (Archdeaconry of Canterbury)
- Prisoners of War: Napoleonic and World War Two
- Britain, Directories & Almanacs
- More Northumberland and County Durham parish records, including baptisms from Presbyterian, Independent, Wesleyan, Methodist and Anglican parishes
- British Army Casualty Index for the War of 1812
- British Army Deserters and Absentees in the Police Gazette 1914-1919
- British Jewry Book of Honour 1914-1920
- Scottish Covenanters 1679-1688
- Manchester Electoral Registers 1832-1900
- Derbyshire Hospital Admissions and Deaths c.1892-c.1913
- New York Genealogical and Biographical Society records
- New South Wales 1828 Census
- New Zealand, Nelson Petition after the Wairau Incident 1843

The National Archives of Norway - Arkivverket www.arkivverket.no/eng/The-National-Archives has added:

- 1891 Norweigan Census

Walking London's postcodes <https://londonpostcodewalks.wordpress.com/>

This site offers guided walks (£) on a London postcode basis. There are detailed descriptions of the walks, with photographs so you can explore without leaving home!!

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