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Back to School

With Bert Barnhurst

Although many schools use our website to study local history (www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk) we have not had direct contact with any of our local schools for some time and so it was great to learn that one of our volunteers - Bert Barnhurst - was asked, via his grandson Austen, if he would be prepared to speak to his Year Six Class, named Chestnut, at Woodmansterne Primary School about his time during WW2, that being their project for the term. And so it was that Bert found himself going back to school again.

When talking to some 30 ten year olds you can never be too sure of the range of questions or interest shown come to that, so lots of back up material was the order of the day. It was considered essential to take lots of books, maps, copy leaflets, as well as items from our own holdings, to demonstrate the extent of V1 (Doodlebugs) attacks in the Epsom area. Although Bert was in South London at the time our V1 chart gave them a very good idea of the extent of the attacks over a relatively small area, which came as a surprise to some of the children.

Bert told me that he was surprised by the variety of the questions that Chestnut Class put to him and the interest shown including life at school, pets, my family, clothing, gas masks, barrage balloons, the Americans arrival, you name it they wanted to know about it.



Photo courtesy of Austen Barnhurst, age 10 and a half, Chestnut Class, Year Six

It was just as well that the talk was found to be interesting because Bert was also asked to give his talk for a second time to the other Year Six Class, Maple (all the classes throughout the school are named after trees). The amount of interest may be judged from the accompanying photo taken by one of the members of Chestnut Class, namely Austen Barnhurst.

As well as the thanks of the children and teacher at the time, Bert also had the proud privilege of a mention in Woodmansterne Primary School's weekly newsletter, as follows;

"This week we have been continuing our work on WWII and were lucky enough to have a very special visitor. Mr. Barnhurst (Senior) came to talk to both classes about his experiences during

WWII and how the outbreak of war affected him and his family. He also brought in some books and maps to share with us. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and were really engaged."

Since this was written, Bert has learned that he now has an entry on 'Facebook' based on his talks; now that's real fame. Well done Bert.

Amazing what you discover in the Census . . .

From Glenda Charman

No matter what state you are in, you get recorded

Whilst helping a client record his family history, I came across the following record in the 1861 Census covering a place called Croft in Cheshire, which is 4 miles north of Warrington.

Simon W Wilcox. Died 6th April.

It so happens that the 1861 census was taken on the night of the 7th April. The body of the deceased was still in the house when the enumerator called and duly recorded the fact.

1	Simon W Wilcox	Head	41	Single	Labourer
2	Married	Wife	36	Married	Labourer
3	Thomas Wilcox	Son	17	Single	Labourer
4	Simon W Wilcox	Son	15	Single	Labourer
5	Married	Wife	35	Married	Labourer
6	Married	Wife	34	Married	Labourer
7	Married	Wife	33	Married	Labourer
8	Married	Wife	32	Married	Labourer
9	Married	Wife	31	Married	Labourer
10	Married	Wife	30	Married	Labourer
11	Married	Wife	29	Married	Labourer
12	Married	Wife	28	Married	Labourer
13	Married	Wife	27	Married	Labourer
14	Married	Wife	26	Married	Labourer
15	Married	Wife	25	Married	Labourer
16	Married	Wife	24	Married	Labourer
17	Married	Wife	23	Married	Labourer
18	Married	Wife	22	Married	Labourer
19	Married	Wife	21	Married	Labourer
20	Married	Wife	20	Married	Labourer

Incidentally, the enumerator also recorded, on the same page, two 2nd wives and a 3rd granddaughter. Seems our Croft area enumerator was a stickler for detail.

Somebody was very upset and got their own back

I also came across the following entry in the 1911 Census. I have left out the family name to save possible embarrassment.

The record is for a family of seven living in Hastings – husband, wife, two sons and three daughters. But, it's the details listed under 'Infirmary' on the far right of the record that are so fascinating:

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
Head	47	Married	16	7	5	2			Butcher's Shopman	Truck trade	Wishes		Hastings	1911	Bad Temper
Wife	37	Married	16	7	5	2			Cooking & Washing	in own house	non accus. at home		Hastings	1911	Long Tongue
Son	15	Single							Barber Assistant	Wardman	Wishes		Hastings	1911	Quarrelsome
Daughter	13								Attends School				Hastings	1911	Stubborn
Son	11								Attends School				Hastings	1911	Greedy
Daughter	7								Attends School				Hastings	1911	Vain
Daughter	3								Attends School				Hastings	1911	Noisy

Husband:	Bad Temper
Wife:	Long Tongue
Son, age 15	Quarrelsome
Daughter, age 13	Stubborn
Son, age 11	Greedy
Daughter, age 7	Vain
Daughter, age 3	Noisy

I leave you to judge if this gives a better insight to the character of this family, but I guess you wouldn't want them as a neighbour.

. . . And in other old records

From Elaine Parker

Careful where you lay your head

Whilst conducting my family research in the www.wiltshirerecordsociety.org.uk website, specifically reports of the Coroner's Inquests, I came across the following:

13th August 1767. Elcombe in Wroughton. Thomas Duck was leaning his head upon the muzzle of a gun loaded with gunpowder and shot and it accidentally went off and shot him through the head.

I guess he should have ducked. It gives a whole new meaning to duck shooting. One for the Darwin Awards I think.

Incidentally, a minor detail but the record also showed the Coroner travelled 18 miles for this inquest and charged £1 13s. 6d in expenses. Such wonderful detail.

What's in a name?

Whilst perusing the Online Parish Clerk records for Dorset – www.opcdorset.org - I came across the following entry under baptisms for St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury 1624-1680:

8th September 1661: Ann, daughter of Shadrach Poop.

What a great name. He could have been a character from a Charles Dickens novel.

If any of our readers come across similar amusing, peculiar or startling items from Birth/Marriage/Death (BMDs), Census, Parish Records or any other such records, please let us know for future issues of 'Lives & Times'. Contact us at EpsomandEwellLHC@yahoo.co.uk - Ed.

So much History, so many Memories - out of the blue.

From Glenda Charman

In the latter part of last year I found a letter addressed to 'The Occupier', with the correct address, pushed through my letterbox. Here is what it said.

*19th September 2017
To the Occupier
Wallington*

Dear ????

It is a very long story but your house is where my grandmother and grandfather lived before the last World War – possibly since the house was built, up to about 1944/45. Their names were Florence and George Saltmarsh. And for a latter part of that time I lived there too with the family, including my mother. Formerly we lived in Demesne Road (242) but my father died in 1943 and it became economic for mother and I to move up to Stafford Road.

In those days, the house was called Jason and there was a propeller over the front door, which purported to be one of those used by Amy Johnson and flights from Croydon aerodrome.

Big question: what happened to that propeller??? Amy's plane was called Jason.



Next door where I can see there is a bungalow now, there was an old-fashioned tea rooms, run by a couple of old spinsters, I recall.

My grandfather, grandmother and their two daughters went to North America in 1912 and returned in about 1919. Part of that time my grandfather worked for the Wright Brothers in Dayton Ohio, making propellers. Earlier, the family were in Hamilton Ontario – and other places. Grandfather was essentially a carpenter and cabinet maker and had a business in Croydon.

I am already 82, widowed but still busy – can see the old house on Google and thought I would take the plunge and write to you, to see what you know of the history of the house and its occupants.

The Battle of Britain is always in the news and I remember so well my grandfather building a magnificent air-raid shelter in the garden, and shored up the back room of the house to make it very safe and airtight as my grandmother had heart trouble and would never have been able to wear a gas mask.

The lounge in the front room had a magnificent oak fireplace, with sort of gargoyles in each vertical pillar and in those my grandfather put glass eyes, which could be lit up green – just fascinating when I was little.

Many were the dog-fights overhead during the blitz as the fighters went up from Kenley and Biggin Hill etc. to head off the German bombers before they could reach London. The skies were full of barrage balloons too. And of course Croydon aerodrome was a major target.

Should be delighted to hear from you and to know if you have any history of past occupants – it is unlikely the house is still called Jason, but I should love to know!

All good wishes

Jo

PS Have enclosed a photo of the house in about 1931

Would you believe there is so much history and so many memories in this short letter – Amy Johnson, the first female pilot to fly alone from Britain to Australia; the Wright Brothers, pioneers of manned-flight; the Battle of Britain; not forgetting the personal family memories of propellers, glass eyes and not forgetting Jason – and yet it is written in such a delightful, friendly and straightforward style. All of this came out of the blue. I have since been in touch with the writer to follow up.

Sky High - a first for the Derby

Peter Reed has come across this interesting fact regarding the Epsom Derby. It is from the National Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian Institution in the USA.

“Skywriting, defined as the process of writing a name or message with smoke from an aircraft against a blue sky, began in England after World War I, the brainchild of Major John C. Savage, RAF.

“His first successful demonstration was at the Derby at Epsom Downs, in May 1922, when Captain Cyril Turner wrote ‘Daily Mail’ above the racecourse.

“Turner then went to the United States in October 1922 and wrote ‘Hello U.S.A’ above New York City.”

But we had it first in Epsom!

Source: S. Sidney Pike Skywriting Corporation of America Collection at the Smithsonian: National Air & Space Museum <https://airandspace.si.edu/collection-objects/s-sidney-pike-skywriting-corporation-america-collection-1920s-1940s>

Sad to say we can't find any pictures of the above messages – Ed.

Where in Epsom was this? - Now we know

In the previous issue of 'Lives & Times' we featured this postcard, which Jeremy Harte of Bourne Hall Museum had recently acquired. But where was it taken?

Jeremy knew the house must be somewhere in the Epsom area as it had been taken by the prolific local photographer, J.G. Tillett of Church Street. It is recognisably the left half of a semi, part of a street where the properties front quite closely onto the road. It's Victorian, with the two-storey bay windows ornamented by rosettes carved in the stone lintels and what are presumably terracotta capitals. The balustrade over the front door is distinctive.



We are pleased to say that two people have correctly identified where it is. They are Joanne Helen Ascough and Elaine Parker. Sorry to say there are no prizes to be won except the satisfaction of being right. Well done to both.

Oh yes, before we forget, the house is in Randolph Road between College Road and Burgh Heath Road, although today it does look slightly different.

Electoral Register Codes

By Ian Parker and ElectoralRegisters.org.uk

I was recently checking the electoral registers whilst researching some family members for a friend. The Registers are now available on Ancestry. I found the people I was looking for quite quickly but then saw various codes alongside all the names on the various pages I was looking at. Nowhere on the page did it explain these codes so I did another search for their meanings.

On the www.electoralregisters.org.uk/codes.htm page I found the following explanations and how they changed over the years and thought it might be useful to share them with others.

Until 1948 when a simple one person, one vote finally arrived, the electoral registers usually contained a reason or reason codes against electors showing the basis on which they qualified for the vote.

1885

There is usually a description of what entitles the person to be on the electoral register. This may include extra information such as for lodgers, the landlord's or landlady's name, the weekly rent and how many rooms were rented. Where someone had moved house during the last 12 months, the word "successive" often appears

followed by his or her previous address to show that each was of a sufficient rateable value to qualify its occupier to vote.

1918

POLLING DISTRICT C.					PARISH OF ENFIELD.
272	R	—	Thurlow, Albert James	131	BERTHAM ROAD <i>Cont.</i>
273	R	—	Thurlow, Charles Henry	131	
274	HO	HO	Thurlow, Clara E.	131	
275	R	O	Thurlow, Edward B.	131	
276	R	—	Thurlow, John	131	

Against each person are two codes, the first giving the qualification for Parliamentary Elections, and the second for Local Elections. Where there is a dash the voter could not vote in that election.

R	Residence qualification
BP	Business premises qualification
O	Occupational qualification
HO	Qualification through husband's occupation
NM	Naval or military voter

Note: 'O' means Occupation of a Property and is nothing to do with Employment.

1928

POLLING DISTRICT CA.					ENFIELD—BUSH HILL PARK WARD
79	Rw	Dw	Thurlow, Clara Ellen	181	BERTHAM ROAD— <i>contd</i>
80	Rw	—	Thurlow, Edith Florence	181	
81	R	O	Thurlow, Edward Bernard	181	
82	Rw	—	Thurlow, Ethel Cordelia	181	

Against each person are two codes, the first giving the qualification for Parliamentary Elections, and the second for Local Elections. Where there is a dash the voter could not vote in that election.

R	Residence qualification (man)
Rw	Residence qualification (woman)
B	Business premises qualification (man)
Bw	Business premises qualification (woman)
O	Occupational qualification (man)
Ow	Occupational qualification (woman)
D	Qualification through wife's occupation
Dw	Qualification through husband's occupation
NM	Naval or military voter

Against names, the following extra codes can sometimes be seen

J	Eligible to serve as juror
SJ	Eligible to serve as special juror
a	Absent voter

1945

BP	Business premises register
CI	Civilian residence register
SE	Service register
RR	Ratepayers register

Electoral Register Dates

In general, one register was produced each year although none were produced during the war years 1915 (Scotland), 1916, 1917 and 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1944.

There were two registers a year in 1868 and in 1885, also between 1919 and 1926 (sometimes called the spring and autumn registers), and also two in 1945 and two in 1946.

There were two key dates the "qualification date" which was the date when the voter had to qualify to be added to the register and the "effective date", the date when the register came into effect for any elections from that date on.

Between 1832 and 1915, qualification date was in July with an effective date of the beginning of December up to 1867 and then the 1st of January.

From 1918 to 1926 when there were two registers a year, the spring registers had a qualification date of 15 January with an effective date of 15 April and for the autumn registers, the two dates were 15 July and 15 October. After 1928 until 1939 the dates were 1 June and 15 October.

By the 1950s, qualification date was in October with an effective date the following February.

The strange things you find on holiday in Norfolk

From Bert Barnhurst



In the last issue of 'Lives & Times' we featured the item (pictured left), which Bert Barnhurst has taken whilst on holiday in East Anglia. It was from one of the many churches he visited in Kings Lynn. Note the hand sticking out of the pillar.

Bert asked if anyone could identify what it was for. It seems to have puzzled everyone, so here's the answer.

It is in fact a Sword Rest.

All very interesting but who would need a Sword Rest in a Church? Bert doesn't know if it is an East Anglian thing, and he has sent a copy of this to a friend of his who used to work for the Bishop of Norwich to see what turns up. He has never noticed anything similar to this in any other of the churches he has visited over the years. Apparently there are three churches in Kings Lynn with Sword Rests, namely St Margaret's, All Saints, and St Nicholas, but what is their function?

In days of yore when the Mayor or such like, went to Church he would have been preceded by his Official Sword Bearer, (these days it is usually a Mace that is carried rather than a Sword) and as sign of respect he would 'put up his sword', but still have it to hand if needed!

While he did not have time to visit all three churches, the detail in the picture as discovered with some assistance from the Kings Lynn Borough Archives is as follows starting from the hand:-

- The Hand is to hold the Sword
- The Dates represent the years of office of the Mayor
- The initials are those of Thomas Somersby, Mayor of King's Lynn 1743-44 (pictured right, by William Hoare)



- The Emblem has defied recognition, but appears not to be based on that of Kings Lynn
- The 2 G R signifies that it was put up in the reign of George the Second, 1727 – 1760.
- The Crown speaks for itself.

So now you know. It is so much more than just a hand sculpture for a resting sword. It has a story all to itself.

Where on Epsom Downs is the Monument?

From Angela Clifford

Whilst searching the '19th Century Newspapers' website for non-racing articles regarding Epsom Downs I came across the following from the 'The Morning Post' dated Friday, July 26th 1805.

Camp Epsom Downs. July 24th (1805)

The following is an account of the ceremony of erecting a monument on Epsom Downs, in compliment to the Royal Southwark Volunteers. At nine o'clock in the morning, the regiment mustered in parades consisting of 420 rank and file with their band in full uniform, and at ten o'clock proceeded from thence to Epsom Town, where they were met by a vast concourse of the first rank and fashion. Here they received the mark of honour, which was conveyed to their parade in a car drawn by beautiful horses. The following inscriptions are engraved on the four sides of the monument, viz,

- 1st. The first volunteer Regiment of the London District encamped on permanent duty, effective strength in camp 482.
- 2nd. To commemorate the Encampment of the Loyal Southwark Regiment with sharp shooters attached, John Alcock Esq. Lieut. Col. Commandant from 13th to 17th July inclusive.
- 3rd. Enrolled in defence of our King and Country.
- 4th. Also to perpetuate the memory of their attachment to the Lieut. Col. Commandant for his manly and persevering zeal in the service, and unremitting service to the honour of the Regiment.

The Camp continues to be visited by numbers of beauty and fashion, and this evening Lieut. Col. Davis gave a fete to the whole Regiment. Geo Tierney Esq. is just arrived and we expect the other Representative H Thornton Esq.

I'm rather puzzled by the reference to a four-sided monument. It suggests something permanent, don't you think? If so, where is it? If any of our readers can tell us any more of this 'Monument' we would be delighted to hear from you at EpsomandEwellLHC@yahoo.co.uk



We can find no images of the Monument or portraits of the Lieut. Cols. John Alcock and Davis.

Geo. Tierney (left) was M.P. for Southwark from 1796 to 1806 and then represented in turn Athlone (1806-1807), Bandon (1807-1812), Appleby (1812-1818) and Knaresborough (1818-1830). Seems he was a bit profligate careerwise.

Henry Thornton Esq. (right) represented the borough of Southwark in parliament since the year 1783 and was a partner in the banking-house of Down, Thornton and Free.



Sources:

'19th Century Newspapers' website can be accessed through Surrey Libraries online services - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/libraries-for-learning-and-research/adult-online-reference-shelf#newspapers> - if you have your library card number and pin.

Images from Wikipedia (Tierney) and The History of Economic Thought (Thornton). The New Monthly Magazine 1815.

16th Annual General Meeting.

The 16th AGM of the Epsom & Ewell Local and Family History Centre took place at Bourne Hall on Wednesday, 18th April 2018 commencing at 6.30pm. Diane Tidd took the chair and welcomed volunteers and

visitors, particularly Rosie Everitt from Surrey History Centre, our speaker, and Deborah Tuddenham from the Surrey Library Service. Diane also thanked Tony and Linda Laker for their kind donation of a computer printer.

With regards to the agenda, we are pleased to say the following volunteers were unanimously elected to the committee: Diane Tidd – Treasurer; Judith Mitchell – Minutes Secretary/Secretary; Linda Clark, Glenda Charman, Margaret Jones, Linda Laker and Janet Painter. Tony Laker agreed to continue as Accounts examiner. Thank you to all.

March of the Women – Surrey’s road to the vote

Following the meeting, Janet Painter introduced Rosie Everitt, Project Archivist at Surrey History Centre, for their “March of the Women – Surrey’s road to the vote” project, which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Rosie took us through the various legislation, which had an impact over the years from the 1832 Reform Act, right through to 1958. Her role is to catalogue County-wide archives and in doing so, she and her assistant have discovered much of interest in small collections such as the Dorothy Hunter Papers – listed as bundle of letters. Rosie is also cataloguing items found opposing women’s suffrage, such as a leaflet advertising a meeting by the Dorking Branch of The National League Opposing Women’s Suffrage - with music and amusements!

Three schools have been involved in the project producing three short plays which will be part of a free on-line learning resource for schools – which was launched at Epsom Racecourse on 8th May. A travelling exhibition will tour the County and a number of public events are planned. The grand finale will be on 24th November.

Volunteers to help with the project are welcome and full details of the project are available at

www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk/themes/people/activists/road-to-the-vote



Our thanks go to Rosie for an excellent and illuminating presentation which was very well received.

Changes, Amendments and Additions to the Website

www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk

By Webmaster Peter Reed

New website contributor Paul Le Messurier has written a great series of articles on the local Home Front in WW2. You can find them at www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk/HomeFront.html and they are an interesting and enjoyable read (*as are all the hundreds of articles on the website – Ed*)

Linda Jackson has continued her work on identifying and researching some of the sitters in Cuthbert Hopkins glass plate studio portraits taken between the 1860s and 1880s. Some very interesting pages have been added this time. You’ll find them at www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk/StudioPhotos.html

Jeremy Harte - Bourne Hall Museum - has added some pages based on earlier work by members of the Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society:

• The Dent Transcripts www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk/DentTranscripts.html and

• The Gadesden Papers www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk/GadesdenPapers.html

The WW1 Memorials Team - Clive Gilbert and Hazel Ballan - have recently researched & updated the following people:

BARNETT, William J

BOWMAN, Edward Talbot

GRANVILLE, Joseph

LEPPARD, Frederick Henry

MACMURCHY, William Crozier

MCBURNEY, James T

MILLER, Hilton MM

PENSON, Henry Lowe

REEVES, Letitia Alice

STEWART, Webster

You can find the rest of the WW1 memorials at

www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk/WarMemorials_SurnamesA.html

The WW2 Memorials Team - Roger Morgan and Brian Bouchard - are beavering away and made a huge number of changes to the entries; it would take me far too long to list every person they have researched/amended but you can find them at www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk/WW2BookA.html

For a full list of new and amended pages on the website go to www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk/WhatsNew.html

Thank you to Linda Jackson, Clive Gilbert, Hazel Ballan, Roger Morgan, Paul Le Messurier, Peter Lemon, Brian Bouchard and especially to Peter Reed for all your hard work – Ed.

Add your WW2 Survivors to our website

Peter Reed

www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk/WW2Survivors.html

The website has an extensive WW2 memorial section listing those who died as a result of the conflict. But war is not only about the dead, it is also about the people who came through the horrors of war and rebuilt their lives. So we have produced a section dedicated to these WW2 survivors.

Anyone can submit a wartime photo and a brief outline of the person but please limit this to just the very basic of details and no more than one paragraph of text. Naturally the person has to have some connection to the borough of Epsom & Ewell.

Find out more and see what other people have done at www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk/WW2Survivors.html

Was She Dead or Alive?

Bert Barnhurst

The 1939 Register, now available on the FindMyPast website, can be a very useful source of information. The Register lists the people living at a particular address when it was compiled at the end of September 1939. But one has to remember that the listing is restricted by the 100-year rule when the details were released by the National Archives to FindMyPast to put on line in November 2015. The effect of this requirement is that most of the younger members of a family have been redacted, unless it can be proved that they have died. The redaction can then be removed.

Imagine my surprise when I looked up my Uncle Charles only to find my cousin Olive shown in full detail while her brothers, both younger and older, were still redacted. As Olive was still alive and well, living in Cornwall, I wondered what was going on?

E.D. Letter Code		Borough, U.D. or R.D.		Registration District and Sub-district					
CNLQ		Surrey Heath Boro.		31/4					
ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.	O. V. S. P. or I.	M. or F.	BIRTH-		S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION
	No.	Sub. No.				Day.	Year.		
240	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
42 Longley Lane	96	2	Mellum - Bertha		F	28 Mar	87	M.	Unpaid Domestic H.
"	96	3	Mellum - Helen G.		M.	31 May	30	S	At School
V. 40	97								
38	98	1	Barnhurst - Charles W.		M.	25 Apr	94	M.	Meat Porter H.W.
	98	2	Barnhurst - Ethel M.		F	8 Mar	96	M.	Unpaid Domestic H.
This record is officially closed.									
This record is officially closed.									
This record is officially closed.									
2283	30/7/59	54	SMITH		F	20 Oct	32	S	At School
This record is officially closed.									

If one looks carefully it can be seen that her married name of 'Smith', which is correct, has been added when the basic details of the Register were still being used by one of the National Insurance or Heath authorities up until the Register was deposited with the National Archives in 1991.

Interestingly, when I queried the situation to find out why Olive's details could be seen when she was alive and well I received the following reply:

From FindMyPast Support Team

Dear Mr Barnhurst

I have been in touch with my colleague in the 1939 Register who has advised the record for Olive was matched with a GRO Death record – likely in error, given you have reported Olive alive and well.

I have asked for this record to be closed, as it breaches our agreement with The National Archives. The image will be redacted within the next 24 hours.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Regards

Jenni

While apparently you have to prove that somebody on the register has died before their details can be revealed FMP seem to have been happy to accept my assurance that Olive was still with us; she was promptly redacted as I saw when I went on line to check.

Woodcote Millennium Green - Correction and Clarification

In the September 2017 issue of 'Lives & Times' (no.43) we carried a feature on 'Woodcote Millennium Green and Pond' from Angela Clifford. Angela has asked us to make it clear that she did not originate the article but sourced it from their website; www.woodcotemillenniumgreen.org.uk/

Have You Got News for Me?

We hope you've enjoyed reading this edition of 'Lives & Times'. Thanks to all those who provided information, anecdotes, stories and pictures – Bert Barnhurst, Glenda Charman, Angela Clifford, 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 – 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
- 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 me know - supporting photographs and pictures, if available, would be most welcome as it will make it all the more interesting for us all.

The next publication date will probably be towards the end of 2018/early 2019, as long as our contributors keep providing material, so you have plenty of time to think of something.

Ian Parker – June 2018

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 History Centre is open and staffed by volunteers at the following times

Tuesdays	10.00 am – 12 noon
1 st Wednesday of the month	10.00 am – 12 noon
Thursdays	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Fridays	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
1 st Saturday of the month	10.00 am – 4.00 pm
Other Wednesdays and Saturdays	By prior appointment

The Centre is closed on Mondays

Enquiries can also be made by email to EpsomandEwellLHC@yahoo.co.uk

Take a look at our History Explorer Website - www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk

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