



The Great War dead commemorated in Epsom and Ewell Who are they and where are they from?

By Clive Gilbert

On Remembrance Sunday 2005 I watched a wreath being laid on Bourne Hall's Dog Gate memorial, followed by a wreath being laid on the memorial in St. Mary's churchyard. The St. Mary's churchyard memorial repeats all the 80 names on the Dog Gate memorial plus two others. The leader of the wreath laying group was not aware that the names were repeated. Due to this lack of awareness I decided to research as much information as possible on all the 82 men commemorated on the St. Mary's churchyard memorial, and Peter Reed agreed to add the information to the website www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk



The Great War Memorial at the Dipping Well outside the Dog Gate at Bourne Hall, Ewell.

Little did he know that from researching only the St. Mary's churchyard memorial, my self-imposed labour of love grew to include all the Borough's Great War memorials that could be identified, including those that were known to have existed but have been lost, and the names that we later found remembered on family headstones.

History Centre volunteer Liz Manterfield was an early collaborator but now spends much time and effort in researching the fallen of Epsom College. Sue Leather and Linda Clark both helped find information in the early days. But my main and star collaborator is Hazel Ballan who is excellent in putting together the genealogy aspects of the research.

This year it will be 13 years since I started my quest, and between us we have researched all of the names on the

memorials with the exception of the men listed below whom we can find no link to Epsom and Ewell, other than they are named on a memorial.

Frank Atkins, Thomas Burchell, L Cook, Edwin Harris, F Jackson, EH Lancaster, AC Lander, CF Lilley, E Nevill, LA Page and Thomas Sheppard. *(If any of our readers can provide any information on these persons and their connection with Epsom and Ewell, please contact us – Ed.)*

Whilst researching the fallen of the Great War, who are commemorated in some way in the Borough, I have found that surviving records do not always 'add up'. For instance, there are eleven people buried in Epsom Cemetery who died whilst providing some kind of war service but are not recorded by the CWGC as war dead. Some of these were nurses who died through accident or influenza: Some are soldiers who were discharged from service but who died later because of their wounds. On the Borough's memorials some 728 individuals, including those remembered on a relative's grave, have been identified but because many of them are commemorated on several memorials, if you added up all the names on every memorial a total of 1,177 is reached.



The CWGC Memorial Plot in Epsom Cemetery, Ashley Road. Photo courtesy Clive Gilbert.

The CWGC website records the names of 181 people buried in Epsom Cemetery. Of these 181 names, 147 are buried in the 'CWGC Plot' whilst the other 34 are scattered throughout the cemetery. Some of those scattered have the standard CWGC headstone whilst some have private gravestones. Only overseas burials were compelled to have the standard CWGC headstone. In the UK the next-of-kin could decide the form of the headstone.

Whilst the CWGC website records the names of 147 men who are buried in the CWGC Plot, there are in fact 148. The man missing from the website is Private John William Brown who died on 23 September 1922 in Dr. Cope's surgery from injuries sustained in a motor accident in Monger's Lane, Ewell. He had served with the Norfolk Regiment from 11 December 1915, been wounded in Mesopotamia (Iraq) and was honourably discharged on 9 March 1918 and issued with a Silver War Badge 'For Services Rendered'. Despite dying well after the end of the war and from accidental injuries he was buried in the CWGC plot and commemorated on the Screen Wall, dedicated on 17 May 1925. Sometime after the 1925 dedication, the date for being commemorated by the Commission was fixed as 31 August 1921, which explains why he does not appear in the Commission's website.

The 148 men buried in the CWGC plot died in the following places:

Horton War Hospital	94
Manor War Hospital	30
Long Grove Asylum	19
Old Rifle Range Chalk Pit, Epsom	2
Dr Copes Surgery, Ewell	1
Military Hospital Newport, Monmouth	1
Military Hospital Brighton	1

Epsom's Horton War Hospital was the biggest War Hospital in the country and the Manor Hospital was also converted to a War Hospital. Long Grove remained as a 'Lunatic Asylum' but admitted Service personnel. It's not surprising then, that the majority of the Commission Plot burials were men who died in the hospitals. The two who died in the chalk pits, one in 1916 and one in 1919, were returning to the Woodcote Park Convalescent Camp after a night out and managed to fall into a chalk pit and died from the injuries they sustained. The remaining two, who died in Monmouth and Brighton, are also commemorated on Epsom's civic memorial in Ashley Road.

Of the 148 men named on the bronze panels, 59 are Canadian, 6 are Australian, 2 are Ghurkhas, 1 is from Burma and 1 from India. The other 79 are from a variety of units from the UK, mainly army but there are 3 from naval forces. Some of the UK graves were dug to a depth of 22 feet and contain up to nine bodies. All the other soldiers are now buried in separate graves. This was not always the case, as initially the Australians and the Canadians were also buried in multiple graves, but after intervention from their Governments, those in multiple graves were exhumed and reinterred in individual graves.

- The man from Burma, the two Ghurkhas and the man from India all came over in 1919 to join in with the Victory Celebrations and all died from influenza.
- Of the six Australians, four died from wounds and two from illness.
- Of the 59 Canadians, 25 died from wounds and 27 from influenza or pneumonia. The other 7 died from disease or accidents.
- The 79 men from the UK are more difficult to classify because so many records were destroyed during the Blitz. But 28 died from wounds, 13 from GPI, 9 from influenza or tuberculosis, 2 from accidents and 15 are just recorded as having died. The other 12 died from various diseases.

It seems fitting then, as this is the 100-year anniversary of the end of the Great War, that we can now truly say of all these men and women who died for us 'We will never forget them'

For more information on the War Memorials of Epsom and Ewell and the people recorded on them got to

www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WW1WarMemorials.html



It's nice to be appreciated

Doesn't it give you a slightly self-satisfied smile when your research on a customer enquiry is appreciated by the enquirer. Here's a few things to smile about.

From: Sarah Holden
To: Lucy Ewell
Subject: 1940's Bombing in Epsom
 Hello

I visited your library recently to try to find out some details of a bombing which took place on the 8th of November 1940 in Carters Road, Epsom. I looked through the newspaper of that time but could find no conclusive evidence of any casualties/fatalities.

I lived at 15 Carters Road a few years ago and knew that my house and the adjoining house had been bombed during the war. I am now trying to find out what happened to the people living in the house at the time of the bombing.

If this is something that you may be able to help with. I would like to make an appointment to come in to see you on a Saturday.

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards
 Sarah

From: Lucy Ewell
To: Sarah
Subject: Re: 1940's bombing in Epsom
 Dear Sarah,

Re your enquiry regarding the bombing of 15 Carters Road in 1940, we can confirm it was an incendiary/anti-personnel bomb, which features on our bomb map on the Epsom and Ewell History Explorer website.

Living in the house at the time were Annie Jane Baxter and George Arthur Grinstead. Both were single.

Annie was born March 1872 in Highworth, Wilts. She and her parents had moved into number 15 Carters Road by 1901. She had had 2 illegitimate children William J and Hilda Kathleen Baxter.

Following the bombing the next record we have shows that she and George Grinstead had moved to 35 Christchurch Mount, Epsom.

Annie died aged 73 and was buried in Epsom Cemetery on 9 February 1946 in grave number is Q165.

George Grinstead was born 26 May 1872. At the time of the 1939 Register he was a bricklayer.

After the bombing, he moved with Annie to Christchurch Mount. He died in Epsom Hospital aged 74 and was buried in Epsom Cemetery on 9 April 1947, grave number P228.

If you would like to know more, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

Hazel and Ian

Volunteers

From: Sarah

To: Lucy Ewell

Subject: Re: 1940's bombing in Epsom

Dear Hazel and Ian

Thank you both so very much for the information. It was even more than I had hoped for. I was extremely pleased to hear that no-one had died at the time of the bombing.

When I lived there, we had a death in the family. For some strange reason, just recently it became very important to me to find out if the site on which our home now stood had been affected with fatalities from the war.

Once again, many thanks

Sarah.

For more information on the incendiaries, bombs, and 'Doodlebugs' that fell on Epsom and Ewell between September 1940 and June 1944 visit the 'WW2 Composite Bomb Map' which shows where they fell in the Borough, and the date where known. It also includes the location of Air Raid Facilities and Defence - Ed

www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WW2Maps.html

And there's more



Earlier this year Hazel posted a link for Lives & Times issue no.44 (June 2018) on the Epsom, Ewell, Ashted, Leatherhead Facebook Page and received the following comments:

"Thank you for this Hazel, I found it most interesting even reading it whilst on holiday in Berlin – Anthony T."

"Thank you for sharing this information, I found out a lot of info I didn't know about. I always wondered why the record was closed on the 1939 Register now I know – it answers a lot of things I was trying to trace whilst tracing a gentlemen's family history – Anita M."

And 'Lives & Times' can also bring forth stories and information from our readers. We recently received the following email:

From: Valerie Bushell

Subject: Re: Epsom & Ewell Local and Family History Centre, 'Lives & Times' June 2018

Hi Ian,

I've started looking at back issues (of Lives & Times) and found a link to an article on the website Riotous Epsom: "Murderous Assault on a Policeman" in the May 2011 issue which talks about the Met police in Epsom. It says 6 constables were housed in Epsom with a Sgt. covering on horseback all the neighbouring villages including Ewell.

Well my 2xgr grandfather was the village policeman for Ewell and although he would have come under the Epsom mandate he definitely didn't live in the house in Epsom. His name was Joseph Cottee. Although he was not shown on the 1841 census (possibly away on duty) his wife and two children were residing in West Street where they lived for many years. Joseph was recruited into Met police in 1840 from Mundon in Essex and sent to Ewell between Feb and May that year. He resigned in 1844 with a certificate showing his conduct had been good. He and the family remained in Ewell for several generations until I moved out of the area in 1983.

His wooden truncheon still remains in my possession.

King regards

Valerie

And another one adding to our local history . . .

From: Sarah Reay

To: webmaster@epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk

Subject: HMHS Anglia & The Half-Shilling Curate

Hello,

After reading your article regarding the sinking of the hospital ship Anglia, it occurred to me that you might be interested to learn a little more about the events on that fateful day in November 1915.

You may or may not have heard about The Half-Shilling Curate, a personal account of war & faith 1914-1918 which tells the story of my grandfather, the Rev Herbert Butler Cowl MC and his experiences as an Army Chaplain during the Great War.

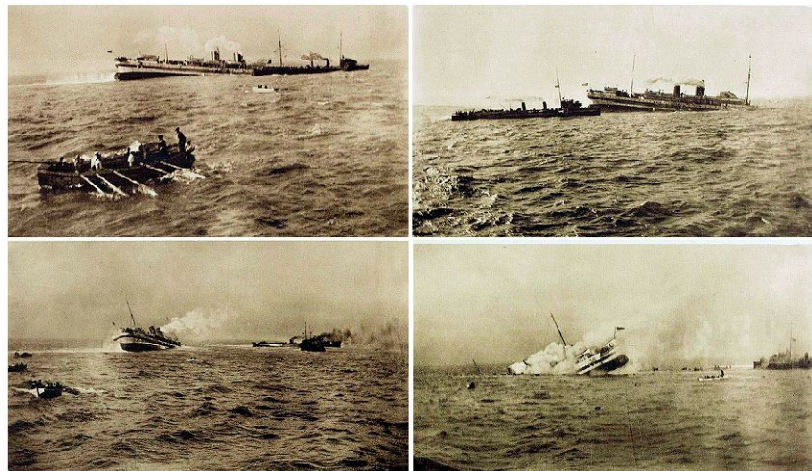
For his part in saving lives on that fateful day he was awarded the Military Cross Medal and he became the only known Army Chaplain to be awarded the Military Cross Medal for exemplary gallantry on a ship during the Great War.

If you have not heard of the story, please take a look at the website

www.halfshillingcurate.com for further information.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards and best wishes, Sarah Reay.



Sinking of the Anglia. Source Illustrated London News 08 January 1916

From: Webmaster

To: Sarah

Subject: HMHS Anglia & The Half-Shilling Curate

Hi Sarah

Thanks for your email. I have added a paragraph to our page

www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HMHSAnglia.html

"The Rev Herbert Butler Cowl, an Army Chaplain, had been severely wounded during heavy enemy bombardment at the front and was onboard the Anglia when it was attacked. For his part in saving lives on that fateful day he was awarded the Military Cross Medal. The story of his experiences during the Great War are recounted in The Half-Shilling Curate, a

personal account of war & faith 1914-1918 which was written by his granddaughter Sarah Reay - for more details see www.halfshillingcurate.com "
Peter Reed
Volunteer Webmaster

From: Sarah Reay

To: Webmaster

Hi Peter,

Thanks for adding this extra paragraph to your article - much appreciated.

If you or anyone in your Local History Centre would like any further information on The Half-Shilling Curate, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes, Sarah.

Boxing and its reporting aren't like this anymore Brutal but with Classical aspirations

By Ian Parker

I recently received a cutting from The Morning Chronicle, dated Monday 22 July 1805 headlined 'Pugilism' which was highlighted with a reference to Epsom Downs. On reading it I was struck by the knowledge and literary style of the unknown journalist reporting on the machinations leading up to a boxing match in July 1805 and of the brutal bare-knuckle fight itself.

I have transcribed it below because I can't think of a modern-day boxing match report as eloquent and interesting as this. And after all, it does have a training camp reference to Epsom Downs.

Here's the report from The Morning Chronicle, Monday 22 July 1805

Pugilism



The noble and gentle patrons of the above-mentioned art have for some time past been using their utmost endeavours to finish a rich treat for the admirers of that species of *sport*, as they call it. In the exercise of this desire to cater for the public amusement, they have certainly evinced a considerable degree of taste; for these gentlemen undoubtedly do possess a considerable degree of taste in their line. It was said by some that "*When Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug of war*".

Upon this principle it was, that a man of the name of Gully, who had been born and brought up close to the place of Henry Pearce (the Chicken's) nativity, was released from the place of his confinement for debt and selected as a proper match for the Chicken. Some young sprigs of nobility, who chanced to recollect so much of their school learning, observed that it would be something grand and classical, to have such a combat exhibited, as would remind everyone who had read Virgil, of the sentence in that author *Dares entellus provocat*. •

Following up this idea, old Caleb Baldwin was matched against young Jack Ryan. A third fight was made up between Dutch Sam and Tom Ryan, in order that the amateurs might be gratified with the sight of the hard fighting and long experience of Caleb contrasted with the scientific skill of the descendant of Slack. A purse was made up for each and Saturday was appointed for the decision of these different battles.

The men had been kept in training for these five or six weeks past, each one of them, and their seconds, at the Wheatsheaf, Virginia Water, and the other three and their coadjutors, at **Epsom Downs**.

Some Noblemen, several Gentlemen, the whole pugilistic Corps, from Jim Belcher and Dan Mendoza down to the meanest pretender to a knowledge of the art, assembled at various places of rendezvous at first light; and though the scene of action was said to lie upwards of twenty mile off, and notwithstanding it was Saturday, a day on which many working men hope to make amends for their idleness at the beginning of the week, there was a great crowd of spectators of all descriptions. It was said that the fight was to be near Virginia Water, but this idea was set afloat merely *ad captandum* **, as it was hoped that the *posse comitatus**** would consequently be assembled at that place, while they might fight in peace some miles from that.

As Dutch Sam and a friend were driving down a hill in full canter, they pulled the reins tight to keep the horse's head up - the traces broke, the horse plunged, broke the shafts, and overturned the chaise. The horses were desperately cut, and Sam received so much injury in one of his legs that his match with Young Belcher was put to a stop. The company, however, went on over a part of Bagshot Heath, Cobham Common, and to a place called Little Heath, near Five Elms, where a ring was formed.

While there was some argument between the Gentlemen who patronise the art, a Magistrate came up and put the combatants under the necessity of quitting the county. They then went over a long range of Surrey Hills, a distance of about 12 miles, and stopped at a place a little beyond Blackwater, which is in the county of Hants, and about 32 miles from London.

The dispute about terms was renewed, and some went so far as to say that a *cross* was intended. In consequence of this the Chicken and Gully did not fight, though from some old grudge the parties were very willing to come to trial of their powers. Caleb Baldwin was called for in the ring, but from some accident he did not appear. Thus, all the business of the day was spoiled.

But a match was soon made up between Tom Cribb and one Nicholls, a Bristol man, who was never before seen on a London stage, as it is called, from the spectators being inhabitants of London. They



fought for an hour and ten minutes during which time there were fifty-two rounds. Cribb was the favourite, and considerable odds were laid on his side. He was the first down, however; but the amateurs thought nothing of it, as it is so well known that he so repeatedly contrives to throw himself back in order to evade the full force of a blow.

In the course of a few rounds he cut the Bristol man under the right eye with his left hand, as if it had been cut with a knife. The latter was still very cool and good humoured and, as the fighting men express it, he was quite gay and full of spirits throughout the contest, frequently pointing his finger and lolling out his tongue at Cribb.

About the 20th round Cribb had one of his eyes entirely closed up, notwithstanding he shifted and sprung about with a great deal of skill and agility. But what did him the most material injury was several cutting blows he received on the left side, and the neck, by the other drawing his arm in a horizontal line across him when he gave these favourite blows. The Bristol man was also very expert at *breaking* on his adversary, a method that was first brought down from Norfolk to Bristol by Slack and is done by projecting the arm suddenly against the opponent's face when he swings forward with a violent blow.

Cribb, however, though he evidently had the worst of it, made several excellent rallies. But when he had fought 40 rounds, it was obvious he was winded. He had been up all night and had walked several miles on his way down. He recovered the sight of his eye, and fought on, though rather shy, as he frequently made short hits, and fell back from his own blows. Several knowing ones were taken

in by this fight, as hopes were entertained of him till it was too late and he gave in at the close of the 52nd round. Dick Hall was one of his friends, and Tom Jones was for Nicholls, who is now pronounced to be a prime man.

The company came from the field at a little before six in the evening, having then a distance of 32 miles to travel back after their day's amusement.

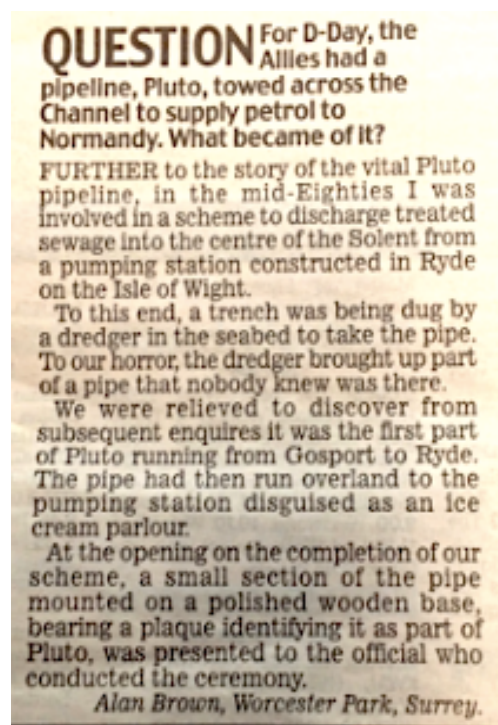
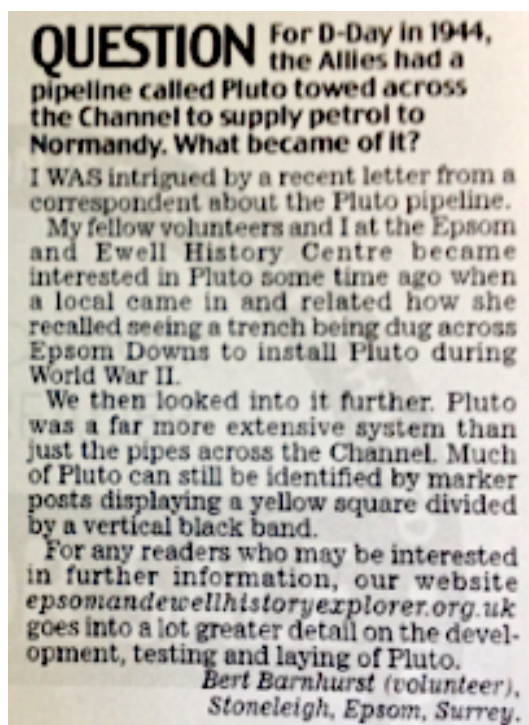
And just think, no telephone or cell to phone this report in, no email to download it, just a pen and some paper, I think this reporter earned his wages, don't you?

You probably all remember your Virgil and Latin from school days but just to remind you:

- *Dares entellus provocat*: refers to a famous boxing contest between Entellus and Dares, as described in Virgil's poem, The Aeneid, written sometime between 29 and 19 BCE. The older Entellus went on to win the fight against his younger opponent from Troy.
- *ad captandum*: designed to attract or please the crowd, used often of an argument directed chiefly to the emotions.
- *posse comitatus*: in [common law](#), is all able-bodied males over the age of 15 within a specific county, when mobilized in whole or in part by the conservator of peace – usually the sheriff – to suppress lawlessness or defend the county.

Pluto Question goes public in the Daily Mail

Earlier this year Bert Barnhurst responded to a Question in the Daily Mail about the World War 2 pipeline, Pluto, that crosses Epsom Downs and on to the Channel and France. Bert's response was also backed up with further information by another local man, Alan Brown. Here below are the two responses from the newspaper.



More about Pluto can be found on our website at www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/PlutoPipeline.html

History Centre's WW1 display at St. Paul's Howell Hill to commemorate the ending of the Great War

Clive Gilbert was recently contacted by the Rev. David Senior of St Paul's Howell Hill about borrowing the A1 display boards that volunteers produced about WW1 and Epsom and Ewell's involvement. Clive readily agreed that he would show them a selection of the boards and received the following reply:

Hello Clive

Thanks so much for your help in relation to our remembrance commemorations. I have just showed the folder of 61 posters to my colleagues and everyone is absolutely thrilled with them. We have decided to exhibit the full A1 size prints of all 61 posters, if we may, and it will be great if we could collect them by the last week of October in order to have plenty of time to prepare the exhibition.

With my best wishes and thanks for all your help,
David

On Saturday the 10th November the church will hold their commemoration. The exhibition will be opened at 10.30am and then, from 7.00 pm there will be a wine reception, exhibition viewing, a special free showing of the acclaimed WW1 feature film, *Journey's End*, and interviews with the producer of the film, Guy de Beaujeu, and Colonel Ben Baker from Surrey's local regiment, the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment.

Entry is by ticket (free) although there may now be limited places available. You should contact saintpauls.co.uk/journeysend or call 07710 313749 to find out more.

In addition, the exhibition can be viewed at St Paul's Church Centre, 15 Northey Ave, Ewell SM2 7HS from Wednesday 7th and Friday 9th November between 9.30am – 3.30pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm.



Website Changes

www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk

Peter Reed

It's been over 6 months since my last list of website changes. This does not suggest that the website contributors have been idle – far from it I have been snowed under with web work.

Linda Jackson has continued researching the sitters in Cuthbert Hopkins photographs and produced some excellent work. Roger Morgan has been doing sterling work on the WW2 fatalities and he is over halfway through his third pass of the individual entries. Clive Gilbert and Hazel Ballan have been mopping up the WW1 stragglers and I believe there is just one name they have yet to identify. As you can let from the list below Brian Bouchard continues researching various topics and he tells me he has several ready for me, but he has been holding some of them back till my work load has eased.

The following pages have been added/amended:

www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WhatsNew.html

Lead Person	Page
Peter Lemon	A Bus Named Henry Wicker
Linda	Blandford And Jafferson
Linda	Charles & Mary Bischoff
Linda	Cicely Marion Ellis
Jeremy	Ebbisham Sports Club

Linda	Gillespies
Linda	Jenkins
Peter	Kelly Epsom Street Directory 1936
Peter	Kelly Ewell Street Directory 1936
Brian	Martin Wright of Epsom

Linda	Mrs Mary Ann Cooper and The Perrins
Linda	Rebecca Eisdell And Family
Linda	The Brooks Family
Linda	The Dyers
Linda	The Head Family
Linda	The Millett Family
Linda	The Moates Family
Linda	The Pagdens
Linda	The Rasch Family
Linda	The Sharpe's
Brian	William Woodford
Brian	Willmore, Epsom
Brian	Abele Grove
Peter	About Us
David Brooks	Bourne Hall Museum Club
Peter	Diary
Peter	Epsom History Centre
Peter	Family History

Linda	Glasers
Roger	Hunter Archer
Ian	Newsletters
Clive & Hazel	Other WW1 Fatalities
Peter	Sitemap
Peter	Studio photos
Brian	The Durdans
Linda	The Trittons
Peter	Theme Arts
Peter	Theme Society
Brian	University and Public Schools Brigade
Roger	War Memorial - Christ Church WW2
Clive & Hazel	War Memorial - Parents Grave
Clive	WW1 War Memorials
Roger	WW2 War Memorials
Roger	WW2 Book

I apologize in advance if I have overlooked an article or two but do let me know.

The WW1 Memorials Team

www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WW1WarMemorials.html

Clive and Hazel have recently researched & updated the following people:

AXTELL Thomas Alfred, Private
BLANCHETT Percy Thomas, Private
BONE Percival Walter, Private
BROOK Frederick Charles, Private
CHONEY Albert Walter MM, Sergeant
CHONEY William George, Sergeant
CLEVENDON Thomas, Driver
COOMBES, Harry Frederick, Private
CORN Harold Frank, Rifleman
COX Clarence Rupert, Captain
ELEY Samuel George, Private
GALYER Fred Mason (a.k.a. James), Private
GLADMAN John, Private
GOBLE Archer Edward, Private
HEFFERN William, Lance Corporal
HERRON Kenneth Chester, Lieutenant
HOWARD Albert Hector, Rifleman
LONG Frederick Charles, Private
MARSON John, Rifleman

MCCLELLAND Samuel George, Second Lieutenant
MCPHERSON Frederick Everon, Private
MOORCROFT Frederick John, Airman 1st Class
PARNHAM John Reginald, Second Steward
POPLETT Henry William, Private
ROBINSON William Dawson, Corporal
STEVENS Gordon, Corporal
STUART William John, Private
TENEYCKE Leslie Franklin, Private
THOMPSON Wilbert, Private
TOMS Joseph Edward, Private
TOPE John Alfred, Private
VERE Walter, Gunner
WALKER William Earling MC, Lieutenant
WALSH Michael Joseph, Private
WATKINS Frederick, Trooper
WEBB R
WONSAWITCH Nicholas, Private

The WW2 Memorials Team

Since the last update in March 2018 Roger has amended 541 of the 629 fatalities we have identified that have some local connection. There are far too many people to list here so take a look at the A to Z pages (by surname):

<http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WW2Book.html>

The Web Counters report we have recorded over a quarter of a million hits on the webpages:

	Now (24/09/2018)	Was (18/03/2018)	Difference
Home page hits since 13/07/2015	239,954	234,662	5,292
Family History page hits since 18/06/2012	250,980	242,669	8,311

Thank you all for all your hard work.

With Much Regret . . .

. . . We announce that after 12 years working at Bourne Hall as a local history volunteer Peter Reed decided to resign his volunteer post with Surrey Libraries as of 30th September.

Thankfully he will continue to run the website www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk which will carry on as a free resource for those interested in the local history of Epsom and Ewell.

It goes without saying that we are really going to miss Peter with all his knowledge and computer skills and his generosity. Things will definitely not be the same, except, thank goodness, for the website.



This montage of Peter with fellow volunteers featured on the laptop tray presented to Peter as a leaving gift..

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, Clive Gilbert, Hazel Ballan and Peter Reed. But to keep the momentum going we need more, so I make no apologies in repeating this message - again and again – Have you got news for me, please?

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

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

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

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

Ian Parker – November 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
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 Saturdays	By prior appointment

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

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

Epsom and Ewell History Explorer has numerous items of local interest including personalities, places, properties, and 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 WW1 and WW2 memorials with numerous stories of those remembered. It is a fascinating and continually growing source of information.

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If you would like to receive regular copies of 'Lives & Times' and information on forthcoming events by email, please just send your email address to EpsomandEwellLHC@yahoo.co.uk with the heading "EMAIL ME YOUR NEWSLETTER". Your email address will not be provided to any other organisation or company and will only be used to send you 'Lives & Times' and information on our future events.

Should you no longer wish to receive 'Lives & Times' and details of forthcoming events please just email "UNSUBSCRIBE ME" to EpsomandEwellLHC@yahoo.co.uk