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## It's the small memories that are most interesting

From Jeremy Harte

The website continues to make all kinds of unexpected connections. Recently I had a phone call from a lady called Edna Viner, who had seen the picture of old Bourne Hall on the page for 'Garbrand Hall – Film Studio', ([www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/GarbrandHallFilmStudio.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/GarbrandHallFilmStudio.html)) and recognised herself among the schoolgirls seen working in the conservatory at the left. She was there for nine years, up to 1944 when she was evacuated to Scotland to escape the threat from V1s. She left school when she was 14 – 'I never paid too much attention to my education'.



Her father, Ronald Simmons, lived at 11 the Headway from 1929 until the late 60s. He had lost a leg during the First World War and worked for 35 years as freelance artist and professional illustrator; among the characters he drew was Rock-fist Rogan. Her sister was artist for the girl's magazine Crystal; their father did the big covers and the sister did the picture stories. Her uncle ran Spring Garage.

Edna remembers a little house to the left as you came off Spring Street by rose garden (where the bungalow is now) and the games field, which had greenhouses on either side. This was next to Marshalls market garden, where the school used to get its vegetables. During the war they brought in ponies to eat the grass, and she used to creep in with some of the other girls to ride them bareback. The school gym was on the right going into the building. As you went down under the stairs you came to the toilet which had the most marvellous tiles in the floor, very swish. It was always warm, which was more than could be said for the conservatory in the picture, which could be freezing. Strange the little things that people remember.



*Rock-fist Rogan from The Champion*

Sources:

Flight Lieutenant 'Rockfist' Rogan was an RAF fighter pilot who flew Spitfires during World War II and was also a champion boxer. He began life as the star of a text story in 'The Champion' comic. For more on the Spring Garage see Newsletter No. 35 dated January 2014 – 'Every picture tells a story'.

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## It's not always what it appears to be.

From Angela Clifford

Angela Clifford sent us this interesting memorial she discovered in the churchyard on St Agnes (Isles of Scilly) and thought it most appropriate for a seafarer and a bit different.



But Tommy didn't stumble and fall on his way back from the pub - wrecked. Instead, the memorial refers to a tragic shipwreck.

**Thomas W. Lawson** was a seven-masted, steel-hulled schooner built for the Pacific trade, but used primarily to haul coal and oil along the East Coast of the United States. Named for "copper baron" Thomas W. Lawson, a Boston millionaire, stockbroker, book author, and President of the Boston Bay State Gas Co. She was launched in 1902 and holds the distinction of being the largest schooner and largest sailing vessel without an auxiliary engine ever built.

The ship was destroyed off the uninhabited island of Annet, in the Isles of Scilly, in a storm on December 14, 1907, killing all but two of her eighteen crew and a harbor pilot already aboard. Her cargo of 58,000 barrels of light paraffin oil caused perhaps the first large marine oil spill.

Source Wikipedia



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## A Grand House - but OOPS! Who did that?

By Bert Barnhurst

What was the reason; Joke, Mistake or Signature item? You can decide – if you can spot it!

Most of the readers of this newsletter will know of the R A C Club in Epsom, and if you don't, then you were not paying attention to the last Newsletter in which the clubhouse featured on the front page! However, did you know that the building contains an unusual feature in its design, intentional or otherwise? But what is it and where is it? That is the question

The building has had a chequered history, both before and after it was severely damaged by fire on the 1st August 1934.



But what of our issue with the building, and can you spot it? Maybe it followed a good lunch!



WELL, CAN YOU SPOT IT? Read on to the end of this newsletter to find out what it is.

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## How Epsom was changed

From Elaine Parker

I have recently come across two differing descriptions of Epsom some 80 years apart. It shows how The Derby changed the town, if only for one day a year. The inaugural running of The Derby was in 1780.

1772. 'The Complete English Traveller' by Nathaniel Spencer.

“The next place we visited was Epsom, which although formerly a small village, is now becoming a flourishing town on account of its healthy situation on Banstead Downs, which includes not only the merchants in London, but even some of the nobility to build houses in it for their summer residences.

“As the houses have been built at different times, and at a considerable distance from each other, the whole has a most delightful appearance, especially to those who are fond of rural life, the gardens, inclosures (sic), meadows and Downs being so blended together, that one would at first sight imagine it to be a town in a wood. It was famous in the last century for its mineral waters, but they are not so much valued in the present day.

“The Downs, so famous for its mutton, begins where vast numbers of sheep are fed, esteemed superior to any other in England.”

1851. 'A Sketch of Epsom on Derby Day' by Charles Dickens.

C.J.Swete. 'Handbook of Epsom' 1860.

“A straggling street, an undue proportion of inns, a large pond, a pump, and a magnificent brick clock-case make up, with a few more touches not necessary to be given here, the picture of the metropolis of English racing, and the fountain of Epsom Salts.

“For three hundred and sixty-four days in the year a cannon ball might be fired from one end of Epsom to the other without endangering life.

“On the three hundred and sixty-fifth, or Derby Day, a population surges and rolls and scrambles through the place, that may be counted in millions.”

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## 'Battle of the Somme' booklet honours Epsom and Ewell's fallen.

The Battle of the Somme, the largest and bloodiest of all the battles on the Western Front during WW1, took place between 1<sup>st</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> November 1916.

Clive Gilbert has produced a 52-page booklet honouring the 45 men who died in this battle whose names appear on Epsom's Ashley Road War Memorial and Ewell's St Mary's Church War Memorial. There are brief biographies and, where available, photographs of each of the 45 men featured including when and where they joined up, where they served and when and where they died.

The booklet also contains information on the conflict including details of trench maps, tunnelling, the 'Pals' Battalions, Victoria Crosses won, Campaign medals, the Lochnagar Crater and much more.

The booklet is an accompaniment to a 16-panel display that was featured in Bourne Hall, Ewell during August 2016.

The booklet is available for £5.00, inc. p&p (£7.50 for overseas orders) from Bourne Hall Museum Shop, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF. Email: [bhallmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:bhallmuseum@gmail.com). Copies are also available from the Local History Centre in Bourne Hall Library.

This booklet is part of a much wider piece of research on WW1 memorials that features on the History Centre's website. More information can be found at [www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorials.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorials.html)

*From what we hear the booklet is selling well and might soon need a reprint. Great job Clive – Ed.*

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**100th Anniversary of the Battle of THE SOMME 1916—2016**

**Including:**

The Great War begins	Captain Nevill's Footballs
The Chantilly Conference	Ewell Men Lost
1,000,000 by the end of 1914	Epsom Men Lost
Verdun	Purple Dot Maps
Chronology of the Battle	Victoria Crosses Won
The Pal's Battalions	Death Plaques
Trench Systems	Memorial Scroll
Trench Map example	Campaign Medals
Tunnelling Under Trenches	Silver War Badge
Mining on the Somme Front	On War Service Badge
Fighting Underground	Canadian Memorial Cross
Lochnagar Crater	Memorials to the Missing
Tanks on the Western Front	

# So how did You get Your name?

By Hazel Ballan

Brian Bouchard has recently written an interesting article about the Clipper Epsom [www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/ClipperEpsom.html](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/ClipperEpsom.html) which contains a reference to a child born onboard in 1855. This intrigued me so I decided to do some further research on this baby girl born on a Clipper.

On 14 May 1843 John Wall, a carpenter, married Sarah Jane Darrall in St Bartholomew's Church, Edgbaston, Warwickshire, England. By the time the 1851 census was taken they had three children, William, Mary and Sarah.



*A Clipper – Birthplace of Epsomia Wall*

The circumstances that caused John and Sarah Jane to decide to undertake the long voyage to a new life is unknown but the family left Liverpool dock aboard the clipper Epsom on 21<sup>st</sup> January 1855, destination Australia. Sarah Jane was pregnant at the time and during the voyage gave birth to her third daughter who they named **Epsomia** in honour of the ship she was born on. Epsomia's birth was registered as 'At Sea' when the clipper docked in Geelong, Victoria, Australia on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1855.

Two more siblings were born in Victoria; Arthur, born in 1860, who died within his first year, and Ophelia, born in 1863.

In 1867 Epsomia's name was 'given' to her sister Sarah's daughter, Epsomia Jane Wong Tack.

John Wall, aged 52, died on 9 December 1872 in Blackwood, Victoria and two years later on 15 December, his widow Sarah Jane also died.

On 12<sup>th</sup> May 1875 Epsomia, aged 20, was admitted into hospital by Ballarat Benevolent Society House Committee to be treated for Epilepsy. Her religion was noted on the admission form as Roman Catholic. Also noted was the following:

Her sister at Blackwood sent down to her Grandfather for Medical treatment with old Dr. Ray, and wrote to her, stating that she had no right to be in this Benevolent Asylum, as it would be an Imposition she was directed to be discharged by the President and was sent to Grandfather's. Mr. Webb, by one of the female inmates.

Epsomia was duly discharged on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1875.

The following year Epsomia married a Chinese man, Ah Quin Quan. There are several records connected to a man of this name but no details of how their marriage ended. In 1886, aged 32, Epsomia appears to have married another Chinese man, Ah Lin. Again no other details of their life after their marriage have been found.

No official death record has been found but it seems that Epsomia may have died in 1901 when she was 46.

*That's quite a story, and quite a life. Ed.*

*Other sources for Epsomia Wall*

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[www.marriage-divorce-records.mooseroots.com/d/c/Epsomia-Wall](http://www.marriage-divorce-records.mooseroots.com/d/c/Epsomia-Wall)

[www.birth-records.mooseroots.com/d/b/Epsomia-Wall](http://www.birth-records.mooseroots.com/d/b/Epsomia-Wall)

[www.ancientfaces.com/name/epsomia\\_wall](http://www.ancientfaces.com/name/epsomia_wall)

*The wooden ship, Epsom, of 556/619 tons was built by G. W. & W. J. Hall, of Bridge Dockyard, Sunderland, in 1853 for Temperley & Co. of London.*

*No direct link has been found of this vessel's name, Epsom, to the town in Surrey but its voyages carried migrants from England to the Antipodes and it could be a reference to Epsom, Auckland, New Zealand, a*

suburban district established during 1840. Charles Terry, author of *New Zealand: Its Advantages and Prospects as a British Colony*, published in 1842, caustically remarked:  
'The towns of Anna, Epsom, etc., with reserves for churches, market places, hippodromes, with crescents, terraces and streets named after heroes and statesmen, were then advertised with all the technical jargon with which colonial advertisements are characterised'.

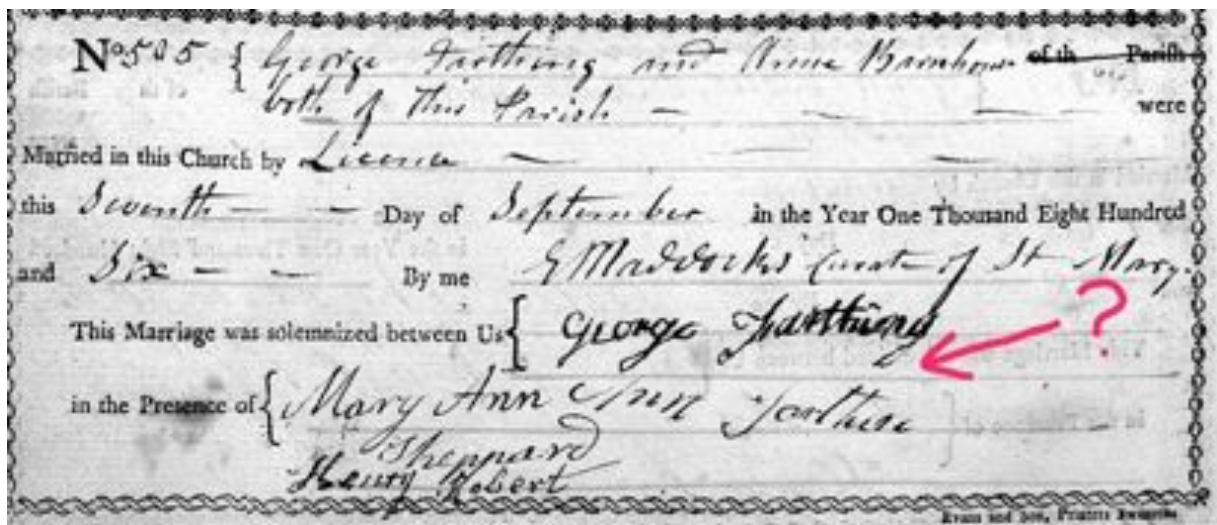
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## Well, is She or isn't She?

By Bert Barnhurst

While researching my ancestors in the early 1800's I came across a reference to an Ann Barnhurst who was married to a George Farthing on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1806 at St James at Swansea Glamorganshire. My problem was that while the name was known to me there seemed no reason for her to be in Wales, as far as I knew,

Having obtained a copy of the original certificate of marriage, courtesy of Find My Past, I was surprised by the result and if you look carefully you will see that Ann's name appears to be Barnhouse so she is not one of mine - problem solved, but a reminder not to rely on transcripts.



Now, if you look again you will find that there isn't any signature by the bride, not even her mark. So what did the witnesses witness? Is Ann married or not? You tell me. Meanwhile I'm off to check the signatures on my own certificate, just in case!

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## Where there's a Will . . . how long is 'In Perpetuity'?

From Elaine Parker

### Mr. Henry Smith - 1620

"By Deed, dated 20<sup>th</sup> October, gave to various parishes in certain proportions, the rents and proceeds of an estate in Sussex, the produce of which is uncertain.

"The proportion payable to Epsom, is annually due at Michaelmas, and is distributed in clothes, bread, and meat, to aged and infirm poor – married persons having more children than their labour can maintain – poor orphans, and such poor persons as keep themselves and families without parochial assistance.

"The sum received last year was £23.4s.0d."

### Mrs. Elizabeth Evelyn – 1691

"By her will dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January, gave the sum of ten pounds per annum, secured as a rent charge on the manor of Ebbisham, for clothing six poor widows or women of Epsom for ever. And which sum is annually laid out at Easter by the minister for that purpose . . . £10.0s.0d."

### Mr. John Brayne – 1693

"By his Will dated 5<sup>th</sup> January, bequeathed the sum of £500 to be laid out in the purchase of freehold lands, the annual produce of which to be disposed of as follows, namely, two-fifths parts to the

vicar for his own use; and the remaining three-fifths parts for teaching poor children, inhabitants of Epsom, to read and write, and for binding them out apprentices.

“The above £500 has been accordingly laid out in the purchase (sic.) of freehold lands at Fetcham, which are now let on lease . . . and the present rent of £23.17s.6d. after deducting two-fifth parts for the vicar, is applied towards the support of the National School in the parish . . . £14.6s.6d.”

#### Mr. David White - 1725

“By his Will dated 20<sup>th</sup> January, gave a sum of money to be laid out in purchase of a freehold estate at the yearly value of £30; the produce thereof to be applied towards instructing the charity children of Epsom in reading and writing.

“This estate not having been yet purchased, the money is invested in South Sea Annuities, in the name of the Accomptant General, who by decree of the Court of Chancery, is directed to pay the said sum of £30 annually to the trustees of Brayne’s Charity in augmentation of the funds thereof . . . £30.0s.0d.”

#### Mrs. Jane Rowe – 1803

“By her Will dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 1803, gave to the minister and churchwardens of Epsom, £188-18s-11d in £4 per cent Bank annuities; the dividends of which to be applied in purchasing bread, meat and firing for distribution at Christmas annually, among such persons as may not have received alms from the parish . . . £7.11s.0d.”

#### Mrs. Elizabeth Culling

“By her Will gave £150. £3 per cent reduced annuities; the interest of which should be applied as follows, viz. £2.2s.0d. every alternate year for painting the iron rails round her tomb; 10s.6d. yearly to the sexton for cleaning it; and the annual surplus for the relief of deserving persons, in clothing and bread . . .

“She also gave £50 of like stock to accumulate for the repairs of the vault; and that when the said sum of £50 should increase to £100 stock; she directed £20 to be sold out to poor children, apprentices and other charitable uses.

“She also gave £100. £3 per cent reduced annuities; the interest of which to be received by the minister for his own use for ever.

“And the like sum of £100. Stock for the benefit of the church-wardens for ever.”

*Source: 'History of Epsom' by Henry Pownall. 1825. Pages 46,47,49,50,d*

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## Yet another ship named Epsom

By Hazel Ballan

In December 1916, the Epsom and Ewell Urban District Council noted in their meeting minutes that they had received a card with the 'Compliments of the Season' from H.M. Minesweeper Epsom. They directed the Clerk to convey in return the hearty good wishes of the townspeople.



H.M.S. Epsom was one of the 32 'Racecourse Class' paddlewheel coastal minesweeping sloops design during the First World War by the Ailsa Shipbuilding Company. H.M.S. Epsom was delivered for service in May 1916 to the Royal Navy by George Brown & Company, Greenock.

HMS Epsom was 74.9m long and 8.8m breadth (17.7m across paddleboxes).

She had a draught of 2.1m and displaced 810 tons.  
She was finally sold and scrapped in 1922 at Inverkeithing.

#### *Sources*

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Photo: <http://www.clydesite.co.uk/clydebuilt/viewship.asp?id=15811>

## We're now on Facebook.com



I know we covered this in the last edition of the newsletter, but I want to bring it up again. If you like Facebook and you like Local and Family History then let me refer you to two interesting, interactive and constantly evolving groups.

The first is 'What WAS on in Epsom and Ewell'. The 'What's On In Epsom' team has joined up with Bourne Hall Museum to bring back images of the past. Lots of lovely old (and some new) photos of Epsom and Ewell with interesting facts to go with them. You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/whatswasoninepsomandewell/?fref=ts>

Secondly, the 'Epsom, Ewell, Cheam, Memories, Local History and Genealogy' Facebook group was launched in March 2016 and now has over 341 members, including two of our volunteers Hazel Ballan and Angela Clifford.

In fact, Hazel regularly, even daily, posts items and, where practicable, refers them to the Epsom and Ewell History Explorer Website. If you remember from the May edition of our newsletter, the puzzle of the picture of Woodcote Park was resolved when Hazel spotted that the picture one of the group had posted wasn't actually in Epsom but turned out to be in Scotland.

This second website is a closed group and requires you to join Facebook. It will cost you nothing and is great fun. You can sign up at <https://en-gb.facebook.com/>

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### An electronic edition of John Strype's **A SURVEY of the CITIES of LONDON and WESTMINSTER** Version 1.0 (ISBN: 0-9542608-9-9)

John Stow's Elizabethan classic, *A Survey of London*, was first published in 1598, with a second edition following in 1603. Stow (c. 1525-1605) was a chronicler and antiquary who transcribed manuscripts and inscriptions relating to English history, literature and archaeology, but his *Survey* is perhaps his most famous work, with its evocative 'perambulation' of the streets of the Tudor capital, which forms the main framework of the book. In 1908, C.L. Kingsford produced a scholarly edition of the 1603 text, which still remains authoritative, although Stow the scholar and antiquary has continued to be investigated by historians since that time.

In the century following Stow's death, however, the Tudor capital so lovingly depicted and recorded in Stow's *Survey* was dramatically transformed. The huge growth of the metropolis, the devastation wrought by the Great Fire of 1666 and the subsequent rebuilding of the City made an updating of the *Survey* highly desirable. It was to answer this need that John Strype (1643-1737), the ecclesiastical historian and biographer, published a new, hugely expanded version of Stow's Survey of London in 1720.

Funded by the Leverhulme Trust, the project has produced a full-text electronic version of John Strype's enormous two-volume edition of 1720, complete with its celebrated maps and plates, which depict the prominent buildings, street plans and ward boundaries of the late Stuart capital.

If you have an interest in the history of Elizabethan London you will find this a fascinating book well worth your perusal. It can be found at: <https://www.hrionline.ac.uk/strype/index.jsp>





## And for Military Historians . . .

I was recently researching the 18<sup>th</sup> century military history of an ancestor and came across the British Battles website [www.britishbattles.com](http://www.britishbattles.com) produced by amateur historian John MacKenzie.

It primarily describes the battles fought by Britain and its Empire forces from the 18th Century to the end of the 19th Century, illustrated and mapped. But it also has information on battles fought since Roman times and new battles are constantly being added to the long list in its collection.

There are descriptions of what took place and other essential information. Most of the battles have a map of the battle designed and drafted by their own Military Cartographer, John Fawkes.



*The Battle of Almansa by Ricardo Balaca*  
Source: Wikipedia

While the battles are primarily British battles there are many others of interest including all the important battles fought by Frederick the Great, King of Prussia in the Mid-18th Century.

It is well worth a visit if you want to find out more about an ancestor's military campaigns. And yes, I did find out that the one I was searching for was a Lieutenant in Brigadier Richard Gorges's Regiment of Foot which located in Ireland after the disastrous Battle of Almansa in 1707 (War of the Spanish Succession).

## New additions and amendments to the History Explorer website

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

Here is the list of new and amended web pages since the last update (5<sup>th</sup> April 2016). Our thanks go to Linda Jackson, Brian Bouchard, Clive Gilbert, Sheila Ross, Margaret Robins, Peter Lemon and Peter Reed for these additions and amendments.

Subject	Web Address	Author
Reminiscences of Epsom	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Andrews.pdf">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Andrews.pdf</a>	Peter Reed & the Angels
Grand Imperial Ship Canal	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Canal.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Canal.html</a>	Brian Bouchard
Conscientious Objection	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/COs.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/COs.html</a>	Brian Bouchard
Death of The Flying Saucer Boy	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/ChemistrySet.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/ChemistrySet.html</a>	Peter Reed
HMS Egret	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HMS-EGRET.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HMS-EGRET.html</a>	Linda Jackson
The Hylands	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HylandsThe.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HylandsThe.html</a>	Brian Bouchard
William Lewin	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/LewinWW.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/LewinWW.html</a>	Linda Jackson
National Kitchens	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/NationalKitchens.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/NationalKitchens.html</a>	Clive Gilbert
WW2 Memories	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WW2Memories.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WW2Memories.html</a>	Bert Barnhurst & Gill Alford
Andrews' Epsom Street Directory 1895	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/AndrewsEwell&amp;WPDiretory1895.pdf">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/AndrewsEwell&amp;WPDiretory1895.pdf</a>	Peter Reed
Andrews' Epsom Street Directory 1899	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/AndrewsEwell&amp;WPDiretory1899.pdf">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/AndrewsEwell&amp;WPDiretory1899.pdf</a>	Peter Reed
Andrews' Ewell and Worcester Park Directory 1895	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/AndrewsEwell&amp;WPDiretory1895.pdf">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/AndrewsEwell&amp;WPDiretory1895.pdf</a>	Peter Reed
Andrews' Ewell and Worcester Park Directory 1899	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/AndrewsEwell&amp;WPDiretory1899.pdf">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/AndrewsEwell&amp;WPDiretory1899.pdf</a>	Peter Reed
Brigadier Edgar Carnegie Anstey, DSO	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/AnsteyEC.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/AnsteyEC.html</a>	Linda Jackson
The Clipper Ship Epsom	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/ClipperEpsom.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/ClipperEpsom.html</a>	Brian Bouchard
The Dirty Derby (1863)	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/DirtyDerby.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/DirtyDerby.html</a>	Peter Reed
Electrotherapy at Horton	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/ElectrotherapyAtHorton.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/ElectrotherapyAtHorton.html</a>	Brian Bouchard

War Hospital, WW1		
Ewell Buses 2016	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/EwellBuses.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/EwellBuses.html</a>	Peter Lemon
The Barque, Ewell Grove	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/EwellGroveBarque.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/EwellGroveBarque.html</a>	Brian Bouchard
Flint Family in Epsom	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/FlintFamily.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/FlintFamily.html</a>	Brian Bouchard
HMS Epsom	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HMS-Epsom.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HMS-Epsom.html</a>	Brian Bouchard
John E A Hodges	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HodgesJ.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HodgesJ.html</a>	Linda Jackson
The Hogsmill River	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HogsmillRiver.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/HogsmillRiver.html</a>	Sheila Ross
John Jesse	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/JesseJ.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/JesseJ.html</a>	Brian Bouchard
Pitt Place. A Personal Account	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/PittPlaceRobins.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/PittPlaceRobins.html</a>	Margaret Robins
Quentin Crisp. The Young Misfit	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Quentin.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Quentin.html</a>	Linda Jackson
Major General Francis Ringler Thomson	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/RinglerThomson.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/RinglerThomson.html</a>	Brian Bouchard
Osmond and Eric Tilden	<a href="http://psomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Tilden.html">psomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/Tilden.html</a>	Linda Jackson
Frederic Wood-Jones	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WoodJonesF.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WoodJonesF.html</a>	Linda Jackson
Iris Maud Wootten-Wootten, VAD	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WoottenIM.html">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WoottenIM.html</a>	Brian Bouchard

The WW1 War Memorials Team, led by Clive Gilbert, have recently researched & updated the entries for the following people:

Alderton A	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesA.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesA.html#</a>
Cooper WA	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesC.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesC.html#</a>
Culver	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesC.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesC.html#</a>
Cummings WH	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesC.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesC.html#</a>
Darling C	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#</a>
Davidson W	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#</a>
Davis GM	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#</a>
Davis HA	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#</a>
Devereux R	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#</a>
Deyell JW	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#</a>
Dumais JJ	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesD.html#</a>
Fick W	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesF.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesF.html#</a>
Foster NK	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesF.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesF.html#</a>
Freeland W	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesF.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesF.html#</a>
Hansford AV	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesH.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesH.html#</a>
Harrison T	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesH.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesH.html#</a>
Humphrey HA	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesH.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesH.html#</a>
Kemp AF	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesK.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesK.html#</a>
Laws (aka Medcalf) GF	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesL.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesL.html#</a>
Living PE	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesL.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesL.html#</a>
Lyle A	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesL.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesL.html#</a>
Martin HLA	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesM.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesM.html#</a>
Patten RE	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesP.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesP.html#</a>
Smith A	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesS.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesS.html#</a>
Thomas MW	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesT.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesT.html#</a>
Walton P	<a href="http://epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesW.html#">epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/WarMemorialsSurnamesW.html#</a>

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

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## A Grand House. Was it a Joke, a Mistake or the Builder's Signature? By Bert Barnhurst

So did you identify it? Which baluster is the correct way up, the first one or the other 99 on the staircase?



If you did not spot it, don't worry it was years before I saw it and many members of the Club still don't know of it!

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## Have You Got News for Me?

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

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

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

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

The next publication date will probably be in January 2017, so you have plenty of time to think of something.

Ian Parker – October 2016

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month	5.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Wednesdays	10.00 am – 12 noon
Thursdays	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Fridays	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month	10.00 am – 4.00 pm
Other Tuesdays and Saturdays	By prior appointment

The Centre is closed on Mondays

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

### **[www.EpsomandEwellHistoryExplorer.org.uk](http://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 WWI memorials with numerous stories of those remembered. It is a fascinating and continually growing source of information.

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