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## Future Meetings

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The following talks have been arranged:

September	What did they do? Records relating to trades, professions and occupations	Mia Bennett
October	Annual General Meeting, followed by: Finding Your Ancestors on Ancestry.co.uk	Robert Parker
November	<i>To be announced</i>	
December	<i>To be announced</i>	

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month.

We don't yet know when we will be able to have meetings at our usual venue of St John's Centre, so all our meetings and talks are currently delivered via Zoom. This is completely free, all you need is your internet! (A report of our first-ever Zoom meeting is in the Journal under West Middlesex Family History Society Matters)

To access the meeting, click this link <http://www.west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk/content/meetings.aspx> which will take you to our **Meetings** page. Half-way down the page, you will see the instruction **Start Zoom**. Click on this and it will take you to the **Meeting Registration** page where you can fill in your details

Our virtual doors open at 7.30pm.

**N.B.** If you're interested in attending talks by Zoom but don't trust your memory, email our Secretary [secretary@west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk](mailto:secretary@west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk) and you will be sure of getting an email reminder.

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## Want a Lift?

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**Do you find getting to meetings a bit of a challenge?**

**We may be able to help!**

Even though we cannot, at the moment, enjoy our meetings in St John's Centre, Isleworth, we hope we will be back there soon and we hope to continue our system of offering lifts.

Below are details of those who have volunteered to offer lifts to other members. Please ring or email them if you would like a lift.

If you are able to offer a lift to someone living in your area, contact our Webmaster, **Roland Bostock** (contact details below) giving your name, contact details and areas you could pick up from.

This list is also on our website under "Meetings" and hopefully more names will be added as time goes on.

**Roland Bostock**, who lives in **Teddington**, can do pickups from places such as:

***Hampton Wick, Teddington, Strawberry Hill, Hampton Hill, Twickenham.***

Email: Roland@Bostock.net

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Email: mikejpipe@aol.com

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## Contributions and Advertisements

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The WMFHS Journal is your magazine so contributions of all kinds are welcome, not to say necessary! Your contributions can be articles, cries for help, snippets of information, whatever you like.

Articles should be between 800 and 1200 words in length. Longer articles can be submitted but may have to be published in two parts depending on space. Formatting: please set the document out as an A5 document with normal margins and single line spacing.

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Copy submission dates:

15<sup>th</sup> January, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> October.

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Rates:

Full page:        £25 (members) £30 (non-members)

Half-page        £10 (members) £15 (non-members)

Quarter-page    £10 for both members and non-members.

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## Advice Sessions

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**Would you like help with your family history?** Anyone is welcome, whether or not they are new to family history research, or a member of the Society and regardless of whether your family history is within the West Middlesex area. At these sessions, an experienced member of our Society will spend about an hour with you to advise you on possible ways to move forward with your family history research.

We are not able to hold our usual face-to-face sessions at the moment, as social distancing makes it impossible. We hope that by January of next year, we will be able to restart them, but in the meantime, we can offer advice via email.

Email the Advice Session Co-ordinator: **[surgeries@west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk](mailto:surgeries@west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk)** to ask a question and give us an idea of what you want to achieve.

To make sure you don't miss the date when we can restart face-to-face sessions, please keep checking the Society website:  
**[west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk-Activities-Advice Sessions](http://west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk-Activities-Advice%20Sessions).**

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## Annual General Meeting

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As you all know, we had to cancel our 2020 Annual General Meeting at very short notice because of the Coronavirus lockdown.

We had hoped that by the autumn we would be able to reschedule the AGM in our usual venue of St John's Centre, Isleworth. At the time of producing the journal, however, this doesn't seem very likely, so we have decided to move the meeting online and conduct it via Zoom.

It will take place on **Thursday October 15th**.

Our virtual doors will open at 7.30pm.

To access the meeting, click this link <http://www.west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk/content/meetings.aspx> which will take you to our **Meetings** page. Half-way down the page, you will see the instruction **Start Zoom**. Click on this and it will take you to the **Meeting Registration** page where you can fill in your details

A number of members who can't physically attend our monthly talks have expressed interest in attending our Zoom sessions, so we hope they will attend the AGM as well. We need a quorum of at least 20 members to allow the AGM to go ahead. It will be a fairly short meeting, followed by our October talk.

Please note **Item 10** on the Agenda **Amendments to the Constitution**. The Committee are proposing a resolution that reduces the quorum from 20 members to 12.

The Agenda and Financial Statements appear on the following pages



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# Annual General Meeting

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**The Annual General Meeting of the  
West Middlesex Family History Society  
will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020,  
by Zoom.**

**(Please see website for details of how to join the meeting online)**

## **Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019
4. Matters arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Receiving of Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019
8. Appointment of Examiners
9. Election of Committee
10. Amendments to the Constitution
11. Any other business

## **Election of Committee**

Roland Bostock, Patricia Candler, Ann Greene and Yvonne Masson having served three or more years on the Committee, offer themselves for re-election.

Margaret Cunnew, Cheryl Ford, Brian Page, John Seaman, Muriel Sprott and Hilary Strudwick, having served less than three years on the Committee and being willing to continue, do not need to be re-elected.

**WEST MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**Registered Charity Number: 291906**  
**YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2019**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Year to 31 December 2019		Year to 31 December 2018	
MEMBERS' SERVICES INCOME				
Subscriptions received for current year	1785		2140	
Subscriptions received in advance last year	<u>1500</u>		<u>1350</u>	
	3285		3490	
Bank Interest	18		17	
Tax refund on Gift Aid	<u>555</u>		<u>575</u>	
	3858		4082	
LESS: EXPENDITURE				
Journal production & delivery	2145		2543	
Hire of meeting hall	788		975	
Speakers	<u>495</u>		<u>598</u>	
	3428		4116	
	430		-34	
OTHER INCOME				
Bookstall sales	828		621	
plus/minus Stock variation	-151		-10	
less Purchases	<u>-202</u>		<u>-388</u>	
	475		223	
Donations	195		80	
Isleworth baptism searches	40		0	
Marriage index searches	526		508	
Monumental inscription searches	314		218	
Protestation returns searches	10		11	
War memorials searches	112		139	
Other research income	39		29	
Raffles	170		150	
Refreshments	<u>30</u>		<u>35</u>	
	1911		1393	
	2341		1359	
OVERHEAD EXPENSES				
FFHS Subscriptions	95		94	
Genfair charges	18		12	
Equipment repairs & maintenance, incl.website hosting	131		45	
Honoraria & gifts	0		0	
Library purchases	0		0	
Postage, stationery & telephone	15		0	
Printing of Leaflets, Posters & Flyers	96		0	
Publicity, including attendance at open days	595		549	
Polo shirts & hoodies - opening stock/purchases	660		684	
Less: depreciated value of stock	-389		-660	
Sales of polo shirts & hoodies	<u>-98</u>		<u>0</u>	
	173		24	
Sundry expenses	104		191	
Travel & subsistence	109		41	
Depreciation & disposal of assets	<u>42</u>		<u>67</u>	
	-1378		-1023	
Surplus for year	963		336	

# WEST MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Registered Charity Number: 291906

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT:

31 DECEMBER 2019

31 DECEMBER 2018

### FIXED ASSETS

	Cost, or Value at 30/09/1994	Total Accumulated Depreciation	Value at 31/12/2019		Cost, or Value at 30/09/1994	Total Accumulated Depreciation	Value at 31/12/2018
Hamondsworth Manor Rolls	348	0	348		348	0	348
Lectern - Bought 2002	400	395	5		400	395	5
Amplification System - Bought 2006	235	229	6		235	229	6
Power Point Projector - Bought 2006	428	420	8		428	417	11
Viewing monitor for laptop B/t 2007	170	165	5		170	163	7
Display Stands & Table Cloths B/t 2008	1409	1369	40		1409	1356	53
LapTop Computer Bought 2011	915	843	72		915	819	96
	<u>3905</u>	<u>3421</u>	<u>484</u>		<u>3905</u>	<u>3379</u>	<u>526</u>

### CURRENT ASSETS

Stocks: Books		495				610	
Ordnance Survey Maps		234				270	
T-shirts & hoodies		<u>389</u>				<u>660</u>	
			1118				1540
Deposit paid for key to St John's Centre			30				30
Expenses paid in advance: 2019/2018			378				240
Cash at Bank & In Hand							
Barclays current account		700				890	
Barclays Business premium account		9505				8017	
London Capital & Finance Account		1250				2500	
Cash		<u>52</u>				<u>52</u>	
			11507				11459

Total assets 13517 13795

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Due to St John's Centre & Oxley Hall for room hire	486				594	
Due to committee member for travel to events	37				0	
Subscriptions In Advance	<u>1580</u>	<u>2103</u>			<u>1500</u>	<u>2094</u>

Total assets less current liabilities £ 11414 £ 11701

### ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance Brought Forward		11701				13865
Surplus for Year		963				336
Provision for loss of value, LC & F investment		<u>-1250</u>				<u>-2500</u>
		<u>£ 11414</u>				<u>£ 11701</u>

Note - the sum invested in London Capital & Finance (LCF) is in doubt due to LCF being placed in administration.  
The value of the investment has therefore been reduced by 75% in the interim, although doubts remain as to whether we will recover even this amount.

Muriel Sprott  
Treasurer



Ann Greene  
Chairman



8 February 2019

### **Sons of the Soil: Tracing your Agricultural Labouring Ancestors.**

*Janet Few.* July

Janet started by pointing out that Agricultural Labourer was not a well-defined term for a particular category of worker. It was a general term and could refer to any of farm servant, crofter, yeoman, farmer, wagoner, carter, shepherd, horseman, dairyman or many more roles for people who worked on the farm. There are subtle distinctions. Janet explained that a milkmaid or milkman would look after cows, but a dairymaid or dairyman would work in the dairy making butter and cheese, so these two terms should not be confused.

Janet then went through the main historical events over the period 1750 to 1950 that affected farming life. Among these events there was the Tithe Commutation Act of 1836. The Act ended the requirement for payment in kind (animals, produce etc), allowing payment in money instead. This led to the extremely detailed and useful Tithe Maps of farm areas, usually produced at the scale of 25 inches to 1 mile, which are available on The Genealogist ([www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk)) Janet reminded us that the 1851 census has additional information on farms not usually repeated in the later censuses, namely that the farm acreage and the number of employed people on a farm were given in this census.

1867 saw the introduction of the Agricultural Gangs Act. This act introduced licensing of gangs for the first time. Janet told of one appalling case where two sisters aged 11 and 8 were part of a gang. The sisters had to walk 8 miles to their place of work, work for 8 hours and then walk the 8 miles home. For this labour they received just 7d per day.

Janet went on to talk about Agricultural Surveys, and she was particularly enthusiastic about a set of county surveys commissioned by the Board of Agriculture during the period 1790 to 1819. These can be downloaded from this page on the internet - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General\\_View\\_of\\_Agriculture\\_county\\_surveys](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_View_of_Agriculture_county_surveys).

Janet talked about the Land Tax records. In particular the 1798 Land Tax returns are available at The National Archives and also on Ancestry. One anomaly she passed on was that the payer had the option of paying one year's land tax, or of making a one-off payment covering all future years. The trouble with that is that the records only reflect actual payments of tax, so it can be necessary to search back on previous years to find a one-off payment for a particular property.

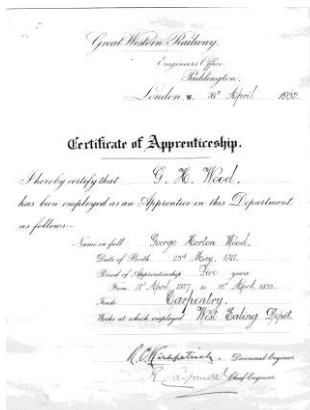
Another important set of records on property, particularly farms, is the 1910 Valuation Office Survey. This survey is also available at The National Archives. Field Books IR58 give information about a property's owner, tenant, tenancy, and a description which often includes a sketch map of a farm and its outbuildings. These records are currently being placed online by The Genealogist website [www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk), although the only county so far completed is Middlesex (including London).

A later survey, available only at The National Archives (MAF32) is The National Farm Survey of 1941. This includes all farms of 5 acres or more, and has considerable detail in it.

There was much detail in the talk that has probably been missed from this write-up but Janet has provided a free download of notes to the talk. These can be found at

<https://thehistoryinterpreter.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/sons-of-the-soil.pdf> .

**George Horton Wood** was born on 23rd May 1911 at 135 **Townsend Road Norwood-Southall**; he was the 5th son born to **Emily** nee **Cruttenden** and **Thomas Wood** a carpenter. He was named **George** after his grandfather with his middle name being the maiden name of his paternal grandmother. Both his parents were born in **Kent**, where the family can be traced back to the 1600's but his father, **Thomas**, showed great promise as a young boy and in due course ,work brought him to **London**. After a few years in **Kensington** with his new bride they moved their growing family out to the country town of **Norwood-Southall** - as it was then - around 1907. About a year later after years of living in rental property, as was the norm at the time, **Tom Wood** purchased the family home in a tree lined street on the edge of town, which was lived in by family until 1947.



**George** was only 7 years of age when in May 1918 his father tragically died at the early age of 48, just a few days after his young sons birthday. **George's** eldest brother had enlisted into WW1 in 1915 and was still away from home at this sad time but he somehow miraculously survived the carnage of **Gallipoli** re-appearing on the electoral rolls a year later.

These were tough times for many families in England but fortunately for the widowed **Emily** and her family of boys, the hardworking **Tom** had paid off the mortgage on the family home

shortly before his untimely death; the war ended, **Emily's** eldest son and **George's** brother returned unscathed from war, able to take over some of the work generated by their father just a few years earlier. **George** was able to remain at school until he was 16 years of age while his older brothers again built up the family business, and **Emily** took in a lodger to supplement their income.

Like his father and brothers before him an apprenticeship of 5 years was arranged for **George**. He was employed by the Great Western Railway to train

as a carpenter from 1927- 1932; fortunately for us, his certificate proudly retained in its original protective covers until his death has survived.

Despite the world-wide depression of the 1930's, **George's** apprenticeship equipped him to take on employment of varying interest which included work on the construction of The Southall Film Studios.

In a scouting capacity he also visited the Graf Zeppelin at **Hanworth Aerodrome** in 1932; flights around Britain were being offered at £40 per head - a phenomenal amount of money at that time. This airship had a perfect safety record but nonetheless was withdrawn from service in May 1937

Leading up to the outbreak of war in 1939 George is registered as being involved in early aircraft construction. It seems that this work exempted him from being conscripted as amongst his effects we also find a photo that showed that he was employed as a firefighter during this time.

Throughout these years **George** lived at home with his ageing mother. In 1935 the newly constructed **Southall Hospital**, built with funds raised by the local community, had been opened by The Lord Mayor of London. It was here in 1947 that **George's** mother, **Emily**, spent her final days.



**George** then married his long-term sweetheart and in 1948 they decided to put the long dark days of Britain behind them and emigrate to **South Africa**.

Opportunities were good for a hardworking young man and here in warmer climes **George** and his wife enjoyed the rest of their lives. For many years he was an uncle who visited us infrequently in our family home in **Hillingdon** but in his senior years as a widower he visited family in England on a regular basis. We spent many happy hours together and after his death I was able to acquire most of his interesting personal possessions, which so clearly demonstrate how so many

aspects of our lives have changed during the last 100 years.

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## Making our data work for us      Roland Bostock

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*(Ed: This article was originally written for the March issue of the Family History Federation's Member Society Newsletter)*

The hobby of tracing your family history is all about data. You discover the type of records that exist, and then start searching for those that help to build your own family tree. In the past we might have made a trip to a County Record Office to look for archived parish registers, or visited the darkened rooms of the old Public Record Office in Chancery Lane to scan through frame after frame of census records, now we expect to do most of our research from our arm-chairs using the online resources of the internet.

Ancestry and Find My Past in particular have put online the complete Birth, Marriage and Death indexes, and the Census records, for all of England and Wales. Between them, they have covered most of the available parish registers too. But is there important data held by Family History Societies that is not yet available from these favourite search engines? There certainly is. While Ancestry and Find My Past have harvested the "low-hanging fruit", the societies have access to all the fruit; the harvesting just takes longer.

Most of you will be aware that the Family History Federation (FHF) has partnered with Find My Past (FMP), securing a deal under which affiliated Family History Societies can supply data to be hosted by FMP and earn a healthy 25% of the revenue derived from that data. So what sort of data are we talking about? What do we have that is in demand? This article describes our own experience - we now expect to earn ourselves about £1000 per annum in royalties for many years to come.

### **The Middlesex Marriage Index**

The real work of visiting record offices and transcribing the marriage records for this index took place in the mid-1990s, and used the 'Slips' system. Each marriage gave rise to two slips, one for the groom and one for the bride, and these were carefully sorted and placed in 5" x 3" filing cabinets. The cabinets were brought to Society meetings, and family history fairs, where the power of a large index could be realised. By 1997 the Marriages Slips resource had grown to 60,000 slips and was getting too bulky to carry around. The Society had also obtained its first laptops so it was seen as a big improvement to get



all those slips digitised and online. It became possible to search the data using more than just the surname. The digitisation was completed in about 2000. With the data digitised, the next step was to get it in the right format to submit to FHF, who would submit it to FMP. This took place in 2003, which is the first year that our accounts show us as having earned royalties on our data. By now the Marriage Index had grown to its full size of 87,000 records.

### **Memorial Inscriptions**

Memorial inscriptions (MIs) are a better example of data that is accessible to all family history societies, but is not readily accessible to international search engines. WMFHS had been sending volunteers out to our local churchyards throughout the 1980s and 1990s to record what could be read from the gravestones. The end product of these projects was a typed volume of the inscriptions, one for the church, one for our library, one for a local library, and possibly one for the Society of Genealogists. It was a long job to get to the next stage and required retyping each MI document into an Excel file so that the data could be submitted to FHF and thus to FMP. It was 2012 before we supplied our first MI file to FHF, but we made up for lost time by continuing to visit several new churches each year, and also by re-transcribing the churches already visited. We have now submitted 56,000 lines of MI data taken from 21,600 actual memorials, and our royalties from MIs seems to be neck and neck with royalties from the Marriages Index.

### **War Memorials**

Around 2000 we started a project to collect the names from every war memorial in our area. The team not only recorded the obvious war memorials in the town centres, and in the churches, but also went to schools, factories, bus depots etc. to record what they saw. The plan was to produce a CD with everything on it, and to sell the CD. The CD was produced, but so far as I know none were actually sold. However it became apparent that with a little more work our data could be reformatted for submission to FHF and thereby to FMP. Our War Memorials went online at FMP at the end of 2016.

### **Protestation Returns 1641-42**

The Protestation Returns of 1641-42 is also known as the 17th century census. This was another project started early this century by our then projects manager, Brian Page. Brian had to visit the House of Lords, which owns the originals of the Protestation Returns to obtain from them an official copy of all the returns for Middlesex. This consisted of the names of 16,300

men and 388 women written on 328 pages, and is estimated to be 80% of the original pages for Middlesex. Once Brian had completed the hard work of deciphering the names onto an Excel spreadsheet, it was not very hard to convert the file into a format that could be submitted to FHF and on to FMP. Our Protestation Returns went online with FMP in June 2017.

### **Memorial Inscriptions again**

Up to 2018 our effort on MIs had been partly visiting churches and burial grounds that we had not been to before, and partly transcribing MIs that had been recorded previously. We didn't really wish to be distracted by the possibility of taking photographs as well, but we were advised by Find My Past that we would receive double royalties whenever a researcher called up one of our inscriptions and the photograph that goes with it. So from 2018, we decided it was time to include photographs of all the gravestones from now on.

### **And then... Baptisms**

Our next data project came as quite a surprise, and taught us not to make assumptions. We thought that all our parish registers had gone to the London Metropolitan Archives, and from there to Ancestry with access to the parish register pages online. This was not the case with All Saints, Isleworth, as Hounslow Local Studies pointed this out to us. A volunteer from our Society had, with great dedication, transcribed the complete set of baptism records from 1566 to 1919, providing us a library copy. On checking Ancestry's dataset of baptism records, they only claim to hold records from 1715 to 1769 and from 1808 to 1830. Time to do some re-transcribing, this time to an Excel file. It was a large dataset of 22,500 records, which we sent to FHF in several pieces with the last section emailed off on leap year.

### **A summary of revenue – Jan-Mar 2020**

Which brings us to the position we are at today. The royalties for each type of data vary by a surprising amount each month, so I have added the last 3 months figures together to avoid reporting very large or small results.

The following page provides a summary of the data that gained us royalties as received January to March this year.

Name	No of records	3 months revenue	Revenue per month from 1000 records
The Marriages Index	87,000	£117	45p
Memorial Inscriptions	53,700	£113	70p
Baptisms *	17,700	£14	26p
War Memorial inscriptions	21,700	£20	31p
Protestation Returns	16,700	£3	6p
National Burials Index	?	£6	?

You will see I have noted the revenue we get for each 1000 records for each type of data per month and it is very clear that the MI records are earning us more, record by record, than the other types of data. The addition of photographs to the MI dataset is likely a main contributor to this.

*\*The baptisms record count is shown as 17,700 as the final batch of 4,800 records is still to be added to the dataset by Find My Past.*

### **And is there more?**

There certainly is more data to be transcribed!

While we have now captured the memorial inscriptions from 33 locations, we still have more churches and burial grounds to be visited over the next 2 years. We will also be revisiting all our previously completed churches to add in photographs which seem to contribute significantly to the royalties. Then there are the Poor Law records. We have made a start, but they are slow to transcribe, and there are very many of them. Although less than 10% of the original Settlement Examinations and Removal Orders have survived from the period up to 1834 that we are interested in, that still leaves us with something like 7,300 Settlement Examinations to transcribe, and 3,500 Removal Orders. I will let you know when they are done.

*Continued from the June 2020 issue of the Journal*

**Harry**, born in **Chiswick** in 1891, had emigrated to **Canada** and returned to Europe in 1916 in the Canadian Mounted Rifles (CMR). He was in **France** with them in December 1916.

In early 1917, he was probably involved in the mud and slaughter of the continuing Battle of the Somme, and then the Canadians were concentrated for the successful April 1917 attack on **Vimy Ridge**, north of **Arras**, in which nearly 4000 Canadians died and 7000 were injured. **Harry** may have been one of those as he reported himself sick, with pain in the back and legs, on 29 April, was transferred to a Casualty Clearing Station in **Barlin, North France** and was admitted to the British Red Cross in **Wimereux** near **Boulogne** on 30 April. He was in the Edinburgh War Hospital, **Bangour** on 6<sup>th</sup> May, diagnosed with myalgia. He was there for 43 days, complaining of poor appetite on 9<sup>th</sup> June. His record card is marked '*alright now*' on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. He was then in a Red Cross Hospital in **Ramsgate** on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, with his record showing '*Recovered*'.

On 28 September 1917 **Harry** was again 'Taken on Strength' in a 19<sup>th</sup> Reserve battalion and absorbed into the 15<sup>th</sup> Reserve in **Bramshott Camp, Hampshire** on 14 October. He was back overseas with the 1<sup>st</sup> CMR on 25 March 1918, and in the field again by 2<sup>nd</sup> April. He moved between fighting units, but was back with the 1<sup>st</sup> CMR by 15<sup>th</sup> September. Interestingly he was sent on a course on 13<sup>th</sup> October and only rejoined the CMR on 13<sup>th</sup> November, two days after the Armistice and the War ended. He had been in the field of battle from 12 December 1916 to 30 April 1917 (139 days) and 2 April to 12 October 1918 (193 days) – 332 days in all. It is entirely possible that **Harry** was part of the huge September-October 1918 Canadian offensive on the **Canal du Nord**, in which his Canadian cousin **Arthur James Caswill** died. **Harry** remained in France till 16 February 1919, when the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles went back to **England**. He was in a Reserve Battalion in **Ripon, Yorkshire** in March, then moved to London and '*discharged in the British Isles*', to 16 **Windmill Road, Chiswick** between 20 March and 7 April. He didn't return to **Canada**.

He seems to have found it difficult to get work, as he was still only a 'temporary civil servant' by 1924.

His cousin **Ernest Caswill** had returned to **Canada**, disembarking at **St John** on 1 March 1919. **Harry's** two older brothers had rather different wars. **Percy** had struggled hard since 1916 conscription to keep out of the war and had only been called up at the end of 1917. He was in the Royal Army Service Corps in 1918 till the war ended. Family lore has it that he took the opportunity to buy up Army Surplus lorries after the war, which became the basis of his removal business and the 'Cas-Will-Do-It' slogan. "Thousands of soldiers who had learnt to drive in the war, were able to turn themselves into one-man freight businesses by buying cheap ex-army vehicles with their demob money" (*Christian Wolmar. Fire and Steam. Atlantic Books, 2007, p.229*) He returned to 159 **Acton Lane**, and to his two children, **Frederick** and **Gladys**, and wife **Mary** - who had presumably kept the greengrocery business going. She was still running the greengrocer business in 1939.

Nothing is so far known of brother **Arthur Edward's** time in the war, except that he married **Elsie Winifred Bishop** in the middle of 1914 and that they had a son **Dennis Daniel Arthur**, born on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1916. In 1921 **Arthur** and his family were living at **1 Cunnington Street, Acton** with **Elsie's** parents, **William** and **Annie**, and her sister **Blanche**. **Arthur** and **Elsie** stayed there till 1930.

**1 Cunnington Street** and **159 Acton Lane** were just a stroll apart, down **Antrobus Road**, and conveniently past **The Swan**, where **Harry's** brothers **Percy** and **Arthur** may well have met for a pint. **16 Windmill Road** is also in walking distance but a bit further and – importantly perhaps – on the other side of the railway and tube lines. So probably less regular contact with **Harry**, and Uncle **Walter**, though **Percy** was a witness to **Harry's** wedding in 1925.

At **16 Windmill Road** their mother, **Caroline**, was apparently a strict believer in the Bible, which she often quoted. She may not have encouraged socialising in the pub! **Caroline** died on January 9<sup>th</sup> 1923, and is buried in the churchyard of the Anglo-Catholic **St Nicholas, Chiswick**, where she will have attended regularly. **Walter** died shortly after on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1924, and was buried there too. **Harry** was Executor for **Walter's** will and was left his tea and dinner service and table silver. **Harry** and his two brothers equally

inherited the residue. The total estate was valued at £118, or about £7200 in today's money. There was no mention of 16 **Windmill Road** (where Harry continued to live) and it's reasonable to assume it was rented.

Shortly after his father died, Harry married **Maud Caroline Ransome** on 27 August 1925, at **St Michael and All Angels Church, Bedford Park, Acton**, a different church just north of the railway line.

**Maud** was born in **Kings Lynn, Norfolk** in September 1897. Most of her family remained there but **Maud** came to **London** as a nurse at the **Marylebone Workhouse, 1 Northumberland Street**. During the 1918 Spanish flu epidemic, nurses at the St Marylebone Hospital had suffered terrible casualty rates.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/apr/05/nurses-fell-like-ninepins-death-and-bravery-in-the-1918-flu-pandemic>

It's not known if **Maud** was working there at the time. **Harry** and **Maud** continued at 16 **Windmill Road** but had no children. However in 1929,



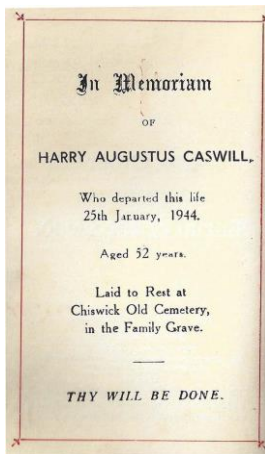
Harry and Maud Caswill

**Maud's** sister **Ellen** died in **Kings Lynn** at the age of 37. **Maud** and **Harry** then took in **Ellen's** six-year-old daughter **Ellen Sybil**, who lived in **Chiswick** till she got married **James Mowatt** in 1947. As a civil servant, **Harry** probably travelled up to central London on the Tube from the nearby **Turnham Green Tube** station on the District Line, walking there up **Windmill Road** and across **Back Common**.

Shortly after he married **Maud**, **Harry** lived through the 1926 General Strike. Civil servants were not called out but train drivers were and its likely he couldn't get to the office. After the fall of the Macdonald Labour Government and the Conservative 1935 General Election victory, he would have had to cope with severe public sector salary reductions. It may be that **Maud** helped out by continuing to work as a nurse. By 1939, **Harry** had been posted as a clerical officer in the Ministry in **Manchester**, living at **25 Cavendish Road** with a Mr and Mrs **Green**. **Maud** still lived at 16 **Windmill Road**, and **Harry** gave it as his address when he wrote his will in 1940.

**Harry Augustus Caswill** died suddenly and unexpectedly in 16 **Windmill Road** on 25 January 1944, just short of his 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday. He died of lobar pneumonia, one of the most deadly infectious diseases and heart failure - perhaps a long-term effect of his WW1 experiences. **Ellen Sybil** was listed on the death certificate as 'attendant' at his death. According to **Maud's** great nephew, Len Mowatt, **Maud** and **Harry** were very close and she was devastated by his death. She was probably too upset to go through the formalities. Soon after **Maud** moved back to **Kings Lynn**, to 3 **Ferry Road**, where she lived for some years with her niece, **Sybil** and her husband **James Mowatt**.

Maud was in **London** in December 1962 for the funeral of her brother in law, **Percy Walter Caswill**. **Percy** left her £100 (just over £2,120 in 2020). After **Harry's** death, Maud had continued contact with the **Caswills** in **Acton**. She died in Kings Lynn on 30 July 1986, and left money in her will to **Gladys Clark** (nee **Caswill**) who lived in Acton and was Harry's niece.



Many years ago, my husband and I went to look at **St George's , Hanworth**, where my grandparents were married in 1878. Poking around in the churchyard we found a headstone lying flat, but since re-erected, for my paternal great grandfather, **William Phelps** - ".....for 33 years in the service of Mr **Thomas Barnett** of **Kempton Park Surrey** ..... died 1887"

Now my father had said that his grandfather (he of the above MI) had featured in a novel, he thought as "Old Will, the gardener". Take that with a pinch of salt, I'd thought as a girl; I decided it was just one of those family stories!

But, having seen this headstone, I decided to follow up the reference to **Kempton Park**, in pre-racecourse days, using the booklet "The Royal Manor of Kempton from 1086 to 1993". Here I read that **Edith Barnett**, a daughter of the house, had many years later written a memoir of her childhood years at **Kempton Park**, entitled "*A Garden of Eden: Kempton Park once upon a time*" in which she and her sister are called Adam and Eve!! I obtained a copy of this book, through inter-library loan and there, sure enough, was Good-Will (not Old Will) the gamekeeper (not the gardener) with tales of his showing the sisters around the estate and even a picture of him taking them on the lake in a punt. She also talks about Good-Will's pretty wife\* and his children "Young Will" and "Pretty Mary", who would have been my father's uncle and aunt. The author then goes on to say that Good-Will's father, "Old Shepherd" had once lived in the lodge. And we already knew that my 2 x Gt.Grandfather was a shepherd, born in **Dorset** in 1792.

Some time later I saw the birth certificate of my grandfather's younger sibling - "Place of Birth - **The Lodge, Kempton Park**" - "Occupation of Father - Gamekeeper", this certificate was on display at the Surrey Northern Register Office, to illustrate the former rural nature of the area.

So, "Sorry, Dad!". I'm sorry to have doubted you as this has brought my forbears wonderfully closer to me. And I've learnt the lesson that we shouldn't necessarily discount all these family stories without at least checking them out.



I'm delighted to say that the aforesaid headstone can be seen, if not easily read, on the Society's website, the MIs at St. George's having recently been recorded. Many thanks to the WMFHS recorders.

\* I should say here that I have been unable to find a marriage for this couple, in spite of having, as I thought, all the relevant facts. But as Colin Chapman said, when I asked him about this at a WMFHS meeting years ago - "They almost certainly were married, so you're looking either in the wrong parish, at the wrong date or at the wrong spelling - keep trying! - and I do.

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## Lady Jane Coke, Anna Maria Draycott and Lord Pomfret John Seaman

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On 25 January 1761 *The Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette* reported '*On Monday morning the body of **Lady Jane Coke** was taken from **Bath** to be buried in the family vault at **Sunbury***'. It is unclear whose family vault this is as no association with the **Coke** family and **Sunbury** has been located apart from Miss **Draycott**, mentioned in **Lady Jane's** will, who owned **Sunbury Court**.

A memorial on the north wall of **Saint Mary's Church, Sunbury** records that she was the eldest daughter of **Thomas, Marquess of Wharton** and his wife **Lucy** and the sister of **Philip, late Duke of Wharton**. She first married **John Holt** of **Redgrave, Norfolk** and secondly **Robert Coke** of **Longford** in **Derbyshire**. She died on 4 January 1761 aged 54. The inscription ends '*This memorial was erected by Anna Maria Draycott as the least honor that gratitude could pay to her memory*'.

On 17 January 1761 *The Ipswich Journal* reported '***Lady Jane Coke** who died at **Bath** was sister and co-heiress of the late **Duke of Wharton** who was attainted and died in **Spain***'. An interesting family! *The Scots Magazine* of January 1761 stated that **Lady Jane** was the widow of **Robert Coke**, younger brother of the late **Earl of Leicester**. It was also reported '*... leaving no issue she bequethed an estate of £4000 per ann. and £10000 in money to Miss **Draycott**, a young lady who lived mostly with her*' Miss **Draycott** had previously been **Anna Maria Delegarde**, the daughter of **Charles Delegarde**

and his wife **Anne**. She was already a wealthy heiress, having inherited her grandfather, **William Draycott's** fortune on the condition of changing her name. In 1755, she bought **Sunbury Court**.

On 12 May 1764 the *Newcastle Chronicle, or General Weekly Advertiser* reported '**The Earl of Pomfret and Miss Draycott of Saville Row were married at St James Church. She had a fortune of £120000. They set out with a great retinue for their seat at Sunbury**'. (The **Earl of Pomfret** was **George Fermor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Pomfret**) The parish register of **St James Piccadilly** records they were married on 3 May 1764 by licence issued by the **Bishop of London**.

On 16 January 1768 *Jackson's Oxford Journal* reported that the **Countess of Pomfret's** son had been born at **Sunbury**. But the story of riches and celebrity did not last. The Earl had previously run into financial trouble in 1753 and had allegedly been forced to sell the furnishings of the family seat in **Easton Neston, Northamptonshire**, in order to meet his debts. **Anna Maria's** fortune would have become the property of her husband when they married and probably helped to keep him afloat financially for a while. However, *The London Gazette* in its issue of 29 June to 3 July 1773 informed the creditors of **Lord Pomfret** that his estate at **Sunbury** had been transferred to trustees for their benefit. The Earl and his wife and children would have returned to the Pomfret family seat in **Northamptonshire**.

A memorial inscription in **Saint Mary's** church in **Easton Neston, Northamptonshire** records that **Lord Fermor** died on 9 June 1785 and **Anna Maria Countess of Pomfret** died on 24 September 1787. They were 63 and 51 years old when they died.

### Sources

Memorial inscriptions found on the FindmyPast website

Newspaper entries found in the British Newspaper Archives

Kenneth Heselton, *A History of Sunbury Court* (published by the Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society, 1981)

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## New Members & Surname Interests

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*A warm welcome to our new members! The lists below shows the names of our newest members and the latest additions to our Surname Interests.*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Membership Number</b>	<b>Address/Location</b>
Ms Susan Abel	A121	Whitton, Middx
Ms April Ashton	A76	Winchester, Hants
Ms Greta A Day	D174	Wigston, Leics.
Ms Christine Green	G156	Burton Bradstock, Dorset
Ms . Alison Standen	S300	Hailsham, W. Sussex
Mr Jonathan Timms	T98	Cochester, Essex
Mr Greg Warkentin	W264	Richmond, B.C., Canada

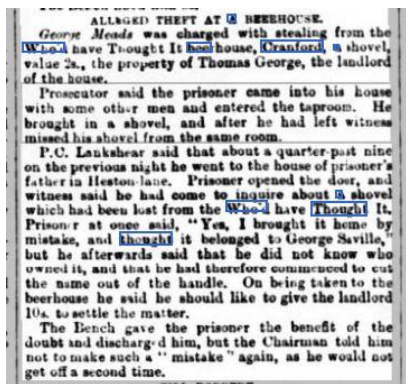
<b>Surname</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>County</b> <i>(Chapman Code)</i>	<b>Member's No.</b>
Pile	1800 onwards	St. Pancras	MDX	D174
Pile	1800 onwards	Islington	MDX	D174
Kinner	1700 onwards	Isleworth	MDX	D174
Goldsmith	1700s	Tonbridge	KEN	D174

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## The Strangest Pub Name in the World??

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In June, we received an enquiry from Trevor Catlow about a pub that he thought was in Cranford. A family tradition had it that Trevor's great-grandfather, Thomas George, lived in a pub in the Cranford area. The pub was called the Who'd Have Thought It? and Trevor wondered if we could locate it for him. He thought it was probably on the outskirts of Heathrow, but couldn't find it marked on his OS map. Sadly we weren't able to help him,



but suggested that he contact the two Local Archives in our area, Hillingdon and Hounslow. Nicola at Hillingdon came up trumps finding the proof that Thomas George was the landlord of the Who'd Have Thought It and providing a clipping from the Uxbridge and West Drayton Gazette of 1882, describing The Case of The Stolen Shovel.

## Southall Swimming Baths – Information Please!

April Ashton remembers that her uncle and father (**Wood Brothers of South Road, Southall**) gave a swimming cup to the Southall Swimming Club to be presented as a prize, but has no further detail. She wonders if the Club had its home in Southall's Swimming Baths which opened in the **Southall Recreation Ground** in 1912/13. The Recreation Ground still exists but the open-air pool is long gone and the internet offers no images apart from some Pathe Newsreel Clips.

Does anyone remember the Open-Air Swimming Pool or the Southall Swimming Club? If you have any pictures, or memories, please get in touch.

From Ancestry I learned that one set of my great-great-grandparents, **Edwin Hann** and **Isabella** nee **Lumber**, had all their children baptised on 24 November 1867 at **St Mark's (C of E) Church, Notting Hill**. My great-grandmother, **Amelia Ann Hann** was 22 at the time of her baptism.

On 2 March 1883 **Amelia** gave birth to a son, **Edwin Vivian**. A copy of his birth certificate supplied by the GRO shows no father's name. The names **Amelia** gave her son interested me. **Edwin** made sense, but **Vivian**? As far as I am aware, this name does not occur anywhere else in the family.

Early in 2020 Margaret Cunnew's friend, Jean, was doing some research for me using Find My Past. She found that on 9 January 1887 **Amelia Ann** took the names **Mary Ann Amelia** as she was baptised in the **Roman Catholic Church of St Francis of Assisi, North Kensington**. The baptismal register records her as a convert.

Higher up the same page of the baptismal register is an entry for **Edwin Vivian Grant** the son of **Vivian Grant** and **Anna Emilia (sic) Hann**. The words 'olim' and 'conjugam' had been crossed out. In this context 'olim' is used to depict the mother's maiden name.

So, with thanks to **Jean** and Find My Past, **Mr Vivian Grant**, I do believe that your sin has found you out.

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## Members Discounts

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### Find My Past

In May 2016 the Society signed a new contract with the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) relating to the terms under which we supply data to Find My Past. As part of this contract Find My Past has made available a discount of 15% on all new subscriptions, or Pay as You Go payments, taken out by our members. All you have to do is to enter the appropriate discount code as given below:

For Subscriptions the discount code is **XXXXXXXXXXXX**

For Pay as You Go the discount code is **XXXXXXXXXXXX**

These codes are valid up to the end of this year.

### Forces War Records

The Society has arranged a useful discount for our members of 40% when you take out a subscription with Forces War Records.

You must register your details with them in the normal way. Go to their website <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/register/> and register yourself as a user, then visit their [Subscribe Page](#) and enter our discount code **XXXXXXX** in the discount code box.

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## Passwords

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## Family History Federation News

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With the cancellation of so many fairs and with so many people still unable to go out, the Family History Federation has been looking at alternative ways of bringing Family History Societies and their users together. One solution was podcasts.

The aims are to promote awareness of the Federation and its member societies, to generate new members and to support the family history community at a time when physical presence at family history exhibitions and fairs is not possible and to carry on supporting family historians even when “normality” returns.

### **How will this work?**

The Federation will produce a series of podcasts, each with a different theme, using a Gardeners Question Time format and lasting about 30 minutes. These will be streamed on the FHF website using standard recording media (m3u8, mp4 etc). The podcasts will remain on the FHF website so you can listen to them again.

The Chairman/Moderator will ask the questions, which will have been selected before the podcasts and circulated to enable the participants to prepare. Panellists will be “proficient” in the subject under discussion and experts from other organisations may also be invited to participate.

### **Themes**

A series of themes have already been lined up, but FHF is keen to hear more suggestions from societies – anything from basics to specialist subjects. Regional and county themes are particularly welcomed.

### **What to do next**

The first podcast will be launched August/September with regular additions made to the programme. Keep your eye on the Family History Federation website.

Think about themes that you might like to see investigated and let the West Middlesex FHS Committee know!

For further information please email [admin@familyhistoryfederation.com](mailto:admin@familyhistoryfederation.com)

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## Family History Fairs.

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Most family history fairs have been cancelled this year because of Covid-19 but The Family History Show has been determined to carry on. The organisers dipped their toes into online shows in July and were so encouraged by the take-up that they have continued.

The London Family History Show was to have taken place at Kempton Park on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September. It will still take place on that date but will be online. All the usual benefits will be there, talks, advice from experts, browsing the stalls – plus the additional benefits of enjoying it all from the comfort of your own armchair and not having to queue for the loo.

The show runs from 10-16.30 and tickets are £6.

To book, or find out more about how it runs, go to:

[www.thefamilyhistoryshow.com](http://www.thefamilyhistoryshow.com) and click the **Online** option.

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## Family History News

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For devotees of the National Archives, there was welcome news that it reopened at the end of July. The less welcome news was that it would only open from Tuesday to Friday, some parts of the building were off limits and that there was no “browsing”. Timeslots have to be booked and documents pre-ordered. There is very heavy demand for the timeslots as I found to my cost. I thought I had got in pretty quickly but so far have still missed the boat. Hopefully by the time this Journal reaches you, things will have eased a little, but the message is still ***“Book Early”!***



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## West Middlesex Family History Society Matters – Our First Online Talk

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Our 2020 Talks Programme came to an abrupt end on March 17th when St. John's Centre, Isleworth advised us that the hall would be closed until further notice with immediate effect. Without a venue, and with lockdown looming, we had to cancel our meetings for March, April and May, and not long after we cancelled the June meeting as well.

The situation continued in this way until the end of May when Kirsty Gray, our Social Media officer and ex-Chairman, contacted Chairman Ann Greene and Secretary Roland Bostock to suggest that we restart the programme of Members' Meetings using Zoom. Kirsty, having excellent contacts among potential speakers, said that she could fix up speakers for the first few meetings and offered to provide the Zoom environment. Little persuasion was needed. We realised that many faithful members would lose out as they had no online access, but on the other hand many of our more distant members would benefit.

The first Zoom talk was scheduled for July. We contacted members either by email or letter, explaining about the restarted programme and how they could attend. We also offered an extra service of sending out a Meeting Reminder email on the day of the meeting and 27 people took up the option.

On July 16th at 7.30, Kirsty opened the "doors" and we were pleased (and a little relieved!) to see people quickly joining. Some were familiar faces, but we also saw many people calling in from all over the country. We formally opened the meeting at 7.45 and the committee introduced themselves. At 8:00 pm Janet Few was invited to start her talk. At this stage Kirsty 'muted' the rest of us so there were no distracting "noises off" once the talk got under way, but questions and comments could be typed into the **Chat** box for later.

Our first talk was an unqualified success, with some of our remote members commenting how nice it was to see people who have only been names so far.

Our next meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> September – come and join us!

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## Indexes held by members

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These indexes are intended as aids to research in the West Middlesex area. For Society members look-ups are free (please quote membership number), unless otherwise stated. For non-members there is a fee of £5. Please note that all enquirers must supply a SAE if a reply is required by post. If an email address is given, holders of the Index are happy to receive enquiries by email. Unless stated otherwise, cheques should be made payable to the holder of the index, not the WMFHS.

### WEST MIDDLESEX FHS INDEXES

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**West Middlesex Monumental Inscriptions.** Acton, Ashford, Cranford, Chiswick, Ealing, Feltham, Fulham (recorded 100 years ago), Hampton, Harlington, Hayes, Heston, Hillingdon, Hounslow (United Reformed), Norwood Green, Perivale, Staines, Teddington, Twickenham and Uxbridge.

**West Middlesex Settlement Records.** Chelsea, Ealing, Friern Barnet, Fulham, Hammersmith, New Brentford, Shepperton, Staines, Stanwell, Uxbridge.

*Richard Chapman, Golden Manor, Darby Gardens, Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 5JW*

[chapmanrg@btinternet.com](mailto:chapmanrg@btinternet.com). Cheques to West Middlesex FHS.

**Marriage Index.** Pre-1837 marriages in West Middlesex with partial coverage elsewhere in the county. Please supply places/dates/surname variants if known.

*Mrs. Wendy Mott, 24 Addison Avenue, Hounslow, TW3 4AP. [wendymott@btinternet.com](mailto:wendymott@btinternet.com)*

**West Middlesex Strays.** People from or born in our area, found in another area.

*Mrs. Bridget Purrr, 8 Sandleford Lane, Greenham, Thatcham, RG19 8XW*

[bridgetspurr@waitrose.com](mailto:bridgetspurr@waitrose.com)

**West Middlesex War Memorials.** Substantial name-list material, consisting of public, churches', schools' and companies' memorials, etc. for WWI, WWII and earlier wars where they exist; list not yet complete; information on any other memorials you know of would be welcome. When making an enquiry please include any information on village or town where you might expect a name to be mentioned.

### PARISH RECORDS

*Mrs. Margaret Cunnew, 25 Selkirk Road, Twickenham, TW2 6PS*

**Chiswick Parish Registers, St. Nicholas.** Baptisms marriages burials 1813-1901.

**Chiswick, 1801 Census**

**Ealing Parish Registers, St. Mary.** Baptisms 1779-1868, marriages 1797-1857, burials 1813-1868.

**Hanwell Parish Registers, St. Mary.** Baptisms marriages burials, 1813-1855.

**New Brentford Parish Registers, St. Lawrence.** Baptisms marriages burials 1802-1837.

**Old Brentford Parish Registers, St. George.** Baptisms 1828-1881, marriages 1837-1881, burials 1828-1852.

**G.R.O. Certificates.** A number of original GRO birth, marriage and death certificates have been kindly donated to the Society by members and are available for purchase at a cost of £1 per certificate. Please check on Society website for current list. Cheques should be made payable to West Middlesex FHS and please include a sae.

*Mrs. Wendy Mott, 24 Addison Avenue, Hounslow, TW3 4AP.*

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**Harmondsworth Parish Registers.** Baptisms marriages burials 1670-1837.

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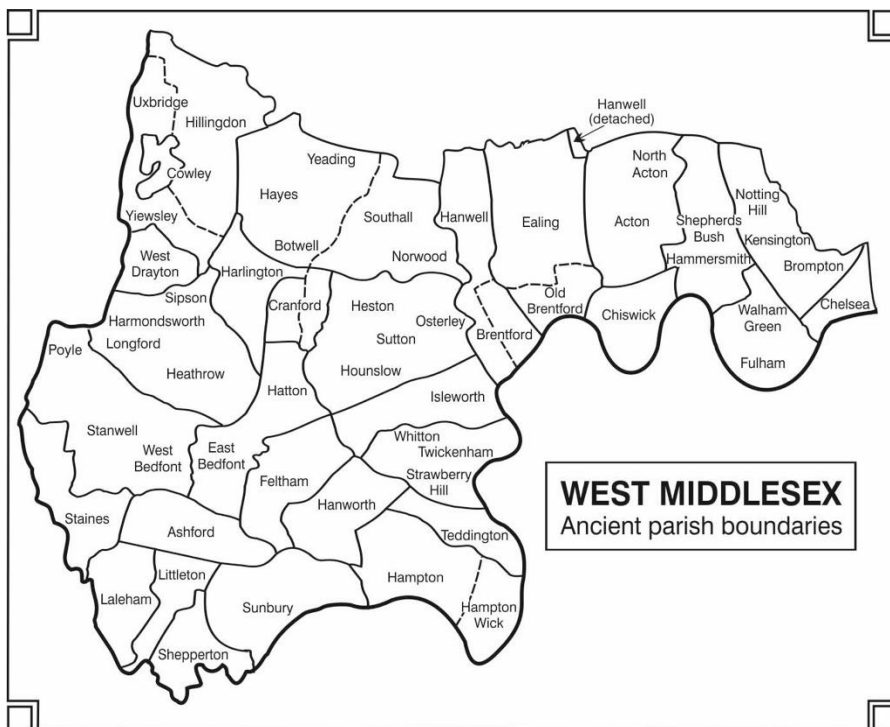
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Images: Brian Page (and spade), at St Mary's Hayes, our latest MI enterprise.

Brian has asked me to explain that he is not a grave-robber! Photographing the churchyards is not a decorous affair of sunlit afternoons, spent wandering round with a camera and a notepad, punctuated by cups of tea and sandwiches. Many gravestones have fallen over, even more are almost illegible, some are broken and we have even found one that had been put in upside down! Hence the need for the spade.

The MI team, headed by Roland, are true Society Heroes!

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