

## Mrs Livingstone, I presume? . . .

By Hazel Ballan

Some time ago I came across an interesting article in the Daily Mail headlined “ . . . Her husband took the credit for exploring deepest Africa. But, as a major new exhibition reveals, it was all thanks to his even more fearless wife.” The article went on to highlight the life of Dr. Livingstone’s wife Mary, neé Mary Moffat, who has previously been overshadowed by her famous explorer husband.

Mary was described in a letter to a friend by her husband as “a little thick-black-haired girl, sturdy and all I want”. But she was much more than that. She was “strong, educated, fearless, spoke six African languages and was a seasoned traveller.” She was also renowned in South Africa as was her father, Robert Moffat, a famed translator of the Bible into Setswana, (spoken in South Africa and Botswana) and who inspired Livingstone to become a missionary. In fact, “in remote areas it was Mary, with her languages and connections, who opened doors for her husband and to whom tribal leaders would often insist on addressing first.” She was once described as “Livingstone’s greatest asset” and yet she seems to have been wiped out from the annals of history.



Mary Livingstone, neé Moffat



The Cedars. c. 1830. Courtesy Bourne Hall Museum

children.

But what is missing in the article is any mention of Mary’s connection with Epsom. In late 1854, Mary Livingstone had moved to lodgings in Epsom. Her children attended a small school in The Cedars in Church Street run by sisters Rebecca and Rosanne Eisdell; it was a select private establishment for young ladies. Rebecca was the headmistress and taught general literature. The teaching staff lived out, the school had a parlour maid, under house maid, cook and gardener living in. The school was small, with eight boarders and some day pupils. Most of them came from Epsom’s leading families and lesser gentry, but its best known pupils were the Livingstone’s children, whose fees were paid by the London Missionary Society. The Misses Eisdell helped care for Mary and the younger

Contrary to some suggestions that Mary Moffat had married Dr Livingstone from The Cedars, her wedding had actually taken place in January 1845 at Kuruman, Bechuanaland. In 1862, whilst camping at Shupanga on the Zambesi River, she became very ill with malaria and on the 27 April, she died and was buried there under a baobab tree.

Sources and more information

Daily Mail article 23 June 2021

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9718863/Mrs-Livingstone-presume-husband-explored-Africa-thanks-wife.html>

The David Livingstone Birthplace museum in Lanarkshire is due to reopen mid-February 2023 (according to the website) after a £9.1 million revamp. <https://www.david-livingstone-birthplace.org/museum>

Livingstone Online Digital Museum: <https://livingstoneonline.org/about-this-site/livingstone-online-introduction>

The Cedars: <https://eehe.org.uk/?p=29883>

# The Leviathan – where the wages of sin is death.

By Brian Bouchard

During 1838, a brewery on South Street Epsom was run by James and William Chandler. Three of their employees were Benjamin Chapman, a cooper, aged 58, his son John Chapman, a labourer, aged 21, and Thomas Duke, aged 33, a tunner and brewer.

The employees were charged collectively with stealing 14 and a half gallons of beer & 9 bushels of grain, valued 17 shillings, property of their masters, brewers in Epsom. The accused were brought to be tried at Surrey Quarter Sessions, Kingston upon Thames, on 16 October 1838. All were sentenced to transportation; the Chapmans each for seven years and Thomas Duke for fourteen.

Having been convicted these three, held in the Surrey County gaol at Newington, were transferred to the Leviathan, moored off Portsmouth, one of a number of prison hulks where those sentenced to transportation were held before placement on a convict transport ship. Many of the prisoners never got transported, but served out their sentence on the hulks, or died there, or were pardoned.

Later in 1838, whilst prisoners on the Leviathan, petitions for clemency were entered on behalf of the Chapmans and Thomas Duke by themselves supported by a number of inhabitants of Epsom, including, in Duke's case, William Chandler and James Chandler, his employers.

The specified grounds were: -

- Benjamin Chapman; dealt with prosecutors in course of their work for many years; first offence; distress of elderly wife and children.
- John Chapman; convicted on suspect evidence; would not have gone to brewery if guilty.
- Thomas Duke; previous good character; his family now in distress; first offence



*The Leviathan Prison Hulk*



*The Mandarin Convict Transport*

Benjamin Chapman was a son of James Chapman and Elizabeth, nee Cox, born in Epsom on 14 May 1782. He married Martha Wright at St Martins on 31 July 1803 and they had 9 children, including John, baptised in the Parish church on 27 April 1817. Benjamin died on 21 April 1839 incarcerated on the Leviathan hulk moored near Portsmouth – *see note below*.

Thomas Duke, brewer, expired, 10 June 1840, aboard the Mandarin convict transport which sailed from Spithead Portsmouth on 25 February 1840 bound for Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania). Also on board were the Chartist leaders John Frost, Zephaniah Williams and William Jones whose death sentences for High Treason had been commuted to transportation after a public outcry. The Mandarin was a 425-ton sailing ship built by Horton in 1834, captained by James Muddle.

Evidently the young John Chapman survived pestilential detention on the Leviathan to be reprieved because he was able to marry Harriet Kitcherside at Epsom on 8 September 1844. He lived on, fathering 5 children, until his death was registered in Epsom for the June Quarter of 1861. Martha Chapman (née Wright) was buried at St Martins on 31 March 1856, aged 76.

As an afterthought, stimulated by a recent repeat of 'Flog it' on BBC2: Benjamin Chapman is presumed to have been interred in an unmarked grave on Burrow (alias 'Rat') Island off Portsea; he could have been one of the lately uncovered skeletons on the island. Click the link to find out more.

<https://www.strongisland.co/2018/05/03/uncovering-secrets-burrow-rat-island-portsmouth-harbour-exercise-magwitch/>

More about life aboard a convict ship can be found at:

<https://staffblogs.le.ac.uk/carchipelago/2017/10/10/a-day-in-the-life-convicts-on-board-prison-hulks/>

Sources: National Archives reference HO 17/48/110 and Reg. Alverstoke, Hampshire 6/1839

Images: Leviathan Prison Hulk: <https://www.gouldgenealogy.com/?s=Leviathan+Prison+Hulk>

Mandarin Convict Transport: <http://www.our-artist-heritage.co.uk/2018/07/22/the-convict-ship-mandarin/>

# More Crime and Punishment . . .

## A Gentleman from Ewell at the Old Bailey, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1838 - by Angela Clifford

Whilst perusing the *Old Bailey Proceedings Online* website I came across this report about a theft concerning a Gentleman of Ewell.



William Lyons was indicted for stealing, on the 7th of September, one key, value 3d.; 3 shillings, 1 sixpence, and 1 four-penny piece; the goods and monies of Herbert Joseph Champion de Crespigny, from his person.

HERBERT JOSEPH CHAMPION DE CRESPIGNEY: "I live at Ewell, in Surrey. On the 7th of September, I was driving my gig in Weymouth Street. My gig was overturned, and I broke my leg in two places. I was carried on a shutter to a house, and when in the bedroom I saw the prisoner there. He helped to take off my things. I had a key and about three or four shillings in my waistcoat pocket. I looked very hard at the prisoner. He seemed to look as if I should know him. He wanted to take my pin out of my shirt. I would not let him. I asked if he was a tailor living near there who had done some things for me. He said he was, but he is not. He was taken for something else, and then my pockets were searched and this money was missed. There were two sixpences and a few penny piece that I had marked, and this key of my writing desk. I had marked one sixpence and one fourpence, the other sixpence I had not marked, but I can swear to

it".

ROBERT KEBRUNT (POLICE-CONSTABLE D 56): "The prisoner was given to me. I found on him a sovereign and several shillings, sixpences, and four pence. I found these that are identified, and the key. He was taken on another charge."

PRISONER: "I had been out drinking and assisted to take the gentleman to the house. I did not know what I had about me then, but I did the next day. I said I had been taking various small change. I am a glove-cleaner. I picked up the diamond pin belonging to the gentleman and gave it him. I was very much intoxicated when I was taken."

WITNESS: "He was drunk."

SENTENCE: GUILTY. Aged 25. Confined Six Months.

Mr de Crespigny was born in Westminster, London on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 1806. He was 32 at the time of the accident/robbery. He is listed under the Nobility, Gentry and Clergy section of the Epsom and Ewell entry in the 1839 Pigot & Co's Royal National and Commercial Directory. <https://eehe.org.uk/?p=71827> He died on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1881.

*I wonder what treatment Mr de Crespigny had for his broken leg; it seems to have had little mention in the court case and it seems to have done him no real harm as he lived for a further 43 years to the grand age of 75. The fascinating 'Old Bailey Proceedings Online' can be found at [www.oldbaileyonline.org](http://www.oldbaileyonline.org)*

## Sheepstealers - \*Wether hung for a sheep - from Brian Bouchard

From the Middlesex Session Rolls record: - 18 May, 7 Elizabeth (that is 18 May 1565 – see weblink below)

True Bill that, at Hounslow co. Midd. On the said day, Thomas Gregory late of Cheam co. Surrey laborer and Richard Hyde late Of Ewell co. Surrey laborer stole fifteen wether sheep worth four pounds ten shillings, of the goods and chattels of Walter March and thirteen wether sheep worth fifty - three shillings, of the goods and chattels of William Blake, eight wether sheep worth thirty- six shillings and fourpence, of the goods and chattels of Thomas Killik, and six wether sheep worth twenty - four shillings, of the goods and chattels of Robert Shott.

Putting themselves Guilty, both sheepstealers were sentenced to be hung. But afterwards it appears from a clerical note at the Gaol Delivery of 20 Jan., 9 Eliz. (20 Jan 1566/7) it was adjudged that:

*"Richard Hide iret inde sine die virtute actus libere perdonacionis de anno octavo Domine Regine nunc."* In other words: *"Richard Hide would go from there without a day by virtue of the act of free pardon in the eighth year of the Lord Queen now."*

So, Richard Hyde walked free. But we're not sure what happened to Thomas Gregory

Sources and further information:

- Wether sheep are castrated male sheep and are less aggressive than Rams and are used for wool production: <http://www.sheep101.info/sheepandlambs.html>
- Middlesex County Records: <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/middx-county-records/vol1/pp52-56>
- Dates based on regnal years refer to the year of the current monarch's reign and usually have the format "year + monarch" (e.g. "7 Elizabeth"). Link to calculate Regnal years: [https://aullis.org/Calendar/Regnal\\_Years.html](https://aullis.org/Calendar/Regnal_Years.html)



Image: Alfred Morris from [www.artuk.org](http://www.artuk.org)



# The Enigma of the Badge and Brooch

By Ian Parker

This is the 21st anniversary year of the founding of the Epsom & Ewell History Centre. Whilst perusing some old files to review our activities over this period, volunteers Margaret Jones and Meg Bower came across this image of the 'Lady from Bletchley and two ladies from Scarborough' who met up at the party we organised in May 2005 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WW2 VE Day – yes, that long ago!



One of our lady visitors had worked as a machine operator at Bletchley Park, the famous Enigma code-breaking centre. At our event she met two ladies who had been based in Scarborough as Wireless Telegraphists (Interceptors) and who recorded the Enigma radio messages to be passed on to Bletchley Park. The three sat and swapped stories for an hour or more on how their jobs were connected, something they had not been able to do for 50 years after the war because of the Official Secrets Act.

The image shows the lady on the left with a blue badge on her hat, which looks like it could be a military style hat, and the lady in the middle wearing a brooch on her left lapel. This intrigued us and we decided to find out what the badge and brooch were for and if they could tell us more about the ladies.



WW2 Royal Navy WRNS Tricorn

Thank goodness for medals expert Bill Owen, a friend of the History Centre, because he was able to inform us that the blue badge was affixed to a WW2 Royal Navy WRNS Tricorn Hat worn by Petty Officers.

The brooch required more digging but thanks to Google we were able to discover it was a WW2 WRNS Sweetheart Brooch. Further enquiry showed that wives, sisters and girlfriends commonly wore pin-



WW2 WRNS 'Sweetheart Brooch'

brooches depicting miniature badges of units in which male loved ones were serving. The phrase 'sweetheart brooch' is commonly used, but is misleading, as it was not only 'sweethearts' that wore them. Post-war, many veterans themselves wore miniature pin-badges of their former regiments, ships or arm of service.

It would have been quicker and easier to ask the ladies at the time what their badge and brooch, were for but then we wouldn't have had the fun of cracking the enigma, but we still don't know which is the lady from Bletchley Park although we suspect it might be the lady on the right with no badge or medal – still being very secretive.

For the story of the VE Day party and other events organised back in 2005 for 'World War 2 Remembered' click on the link to our newsletter and turn to pages 2 to 6:

<https://eehe.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/NewsletterSept2005.pdf>

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## Commemoration of George William Einchcomb by the CWGC

By Clive Gilbert

The last issue of *Lives & Times* (no. 55, published July 2022 - <https://eehe.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/NewsletterJul2022.pdf> - see page 7) carried an article about a casualty of the Great War, George William Einchcomb and the pathway to achieving him being commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Just to remind you, George attested on 5 May 1916 into the Royal Flying Corps. His attestation form recorded his address as 8 Maisonette, Manor Green Road, Epsom, Surrey, and that he was a 41year old British subject who worked as a printer. He was stationed in the Recruits Depot at Farnborough and attained the rank of 2nd class air mechanic. His descriptive report on enlistment shows that he was 5 feet 4¼ inches tall and had a chest measurement

of 33 inches with an expansion of 3 inches. His next of kin was his wife Charlotte and that his only child was daughter Muriel.

George's medical report dated 20 April 1917, states that he was suffering from 'sub acute combined degeneration' originated on 1 July 1916 at the Farnborough camp. He was described as:

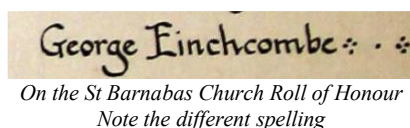
*Poorly nourished, pale and anaemic. Motor loss, active reflexes. External planus responses. Incontinence of urine. Bedridden ataxia. Not caused but aggravated by ordinary military services. Permanent. Total.*

A year later, on 11 May 1917, George was discharged as *permanently unfit for war service*. He was issued the 'Silver War Badge for Services Rendered', but as he did not serve overseas, he was not awarded any medals.

George died on 9 December 1917, aged 42, in the Workhouse Infirmary Epsom. He was buried on 14 December 1917 in Epsom cemetery, in the same plot as his daughter Doris.

Paragraph 5.1 of the CWGC commemorations policy states that:

*"We commemorate people who served in the Commonwealth armed forces during the First or Second World War, whose death occurred during the official war period; and was the result of wounds inflicted or accident occurring during active service; disease contracted or commencing while on active service; or disease aggravated by active service."*



Although George is commemorated on Epsom's Ashley Road War Memorial and on St. Barnabas church Roll of Honour, he was not recognised by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) as a casualty.

In September 2021, I emailed the CWGC that he might be eligible for commemoration and attached the relevant research which was submitted to the Commission and approved by the Ministry of Defence (MOD).

At last, it was agreed that Air Mechanic 2<sup>nd</sup> Class George William Einchcomb should be commemorated. He can now be found in the CWGC website database <https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/75467780/george-william-einchcomb/>

Although George is buried in Epsom Cemetery, his CWGC website entry records that he is commemorated in the 'United Kingdom Book of Remembrance', which is held at the Commission's HQ in Maidenhead. However, his grave site is not yet recognised. This is because very stringent procedures are followed whenever a possible omission is found. First the CWGC examine the submitted evidence and if they agree with the findings, the evidence is submitted to the MOD. Only if the MOD accept the findings will the man be commemorated. George's burial in Epsom cemetery will only be recognised by the CWGC once they have completed their investigations and satisfied themselves that the grave is genuine. Once this is done I will again update.

*Well done Clive. Please keep us informed of progress with the CWGC - Ed*



Plot A452, Epsom Cemetery  
George and Doris' grave

## A bridge to where – can you identify it?

Angela Clifford sent us this photograph of bridge building/repair in Epsom and Ewell and asked if anyone can identify where it is and when it was taken. There aren't that many bridges in Epsom and Ewell, we've counted nine, so hopefully one of our readers can give us more information.

Answers please by email to [EpsomandEwellLHC@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:EpsomandEwellLHC@yahoo.co.uk)



## Australia's fascination with aspects of life in Ewell, Surrey?

Webmaster Peter Reed, in his search for stories and articles about Epsom and Ewell for the *Epsom & Ewell History Explorer* website (<https://eehe.org.uk>), has come across these three articles from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century on the *National Library of Australia* website.

We have no further comment except to ask why these three stories of local interest – reproduced in the Australian, Perth, Western Australia, the Northern Star, Lismore, New South Wales and the Geelong Advertiser, Victoria - warranted column inches some 9,500 miles away across the far side of the world?

### Unwanted War Trophy.

#### German Gun a "Nuisance."

Some time ago the Ewell (Surrey) Parish. Council accepted a captured German gun, and now most of the members are sorry they ever heard of it.

It was first placed in the recreation ground (says "The Daily Chronicle," London), but lads played with it and injured it, and one of the wheels sank into the ground. It was removed to another spot, but the occupier of a mansion close by objected because his wife had lost a son in the war, and every time she passed the gun it reminded her of her loss. It was then taken to the Grove, where Mr. George Ross had taken a wheel from it.

In a letter to the council he referred to the gun being dumped near his cottage, but said it was not so much the gun he complained about as the nuisance caused by children banging it about and throwing stones at it. He had taken off a small wheel 'because, apparently, it wanted oiling and made a hideous noise.

A councillor said they ought to be proud of the gun, captured by men fighting at 3/- a day, while many men stopped 'at home making fortunes, including some of the working classes, who made three or four times as much, money as ever they had before.

It was decided to have the gun moved to another spot, mounted on a concrete base, and railed off as a protection against children.

Source: National Library of Australia  
*Australian* (Perth, WA: 1917 -1923),  
Friday 3 December 1920

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/210692596>



### Village Summoned

#### Road out of repair

The inhabitants of Ewell, Surrey, will be summoned at the Surrey Assizes (says an English paper) for suffering and permitting the highway known as Fir Tree Road to be out of repair.

But this does not mean that the entire population of Ewell will have to attend the assizes. They will, in fact, be represented by the Epsom Rural District Council; but, in accordance with the Highways Act of 1835, the Inhabitants of Ewell Have to appear on the "indictment".

This old Act, under which a whole village is technically summoned, also deals with penalties for baiting bulls.

The prosecution has been undertaken by the Epsom Races Grand Stand authorities on the understanding that Fir Tree road is one of the approaches to the racecourse.

Source: National Library of Australia  
*Northern Star* (Lismore, NSW).

Wednesday 10 August 1921

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/93103598>

### Official Noise Maker

The parish council and inhabitants of Ewell (Surrey) are petitioning the Post Office authorities to terminate an arrangement which, while not without a humorous aspect, is causing much annoyance. A few weeks ago, the telegraph instrument was removed from Ewell Post Office — a sub-office in the Epsom district — thus causing the sub-postmistress to telephone all telegrams to Epsom for transmission. But customers in the Ewell office being able to overhear what was being telephoned, the parish council protested to the Postmaster-General that the secrecy of telegraphic messages was endangered. The Post Office authorities met the complaint by placing outside the telephone cabinet an electric bell which "chatters" all the time anyone is inside, and is intended to prevent persons from over hearing what is said. A piece of paper has also been stuck on the glass of the cabinet, so that no one can peer through and read the telegrams. While the sub-postmistress is in the cabinet, persons wishing to buy stamps have to wait. Many people are now sending their telegrams from the railway stations.

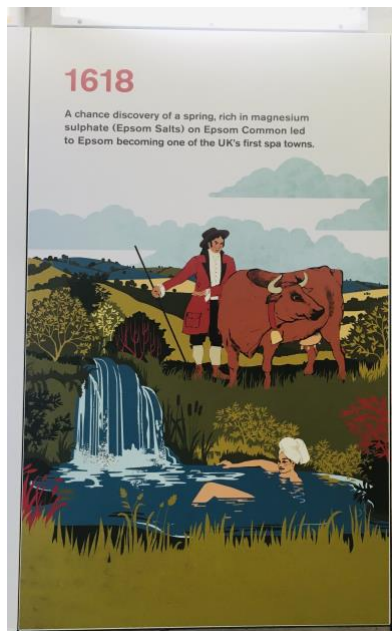
Source: National Library of Australia  
*Geelong Advertiser* (Vic. 1859 - 1929),  
Wednesday 12 February 1913

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/150793758>



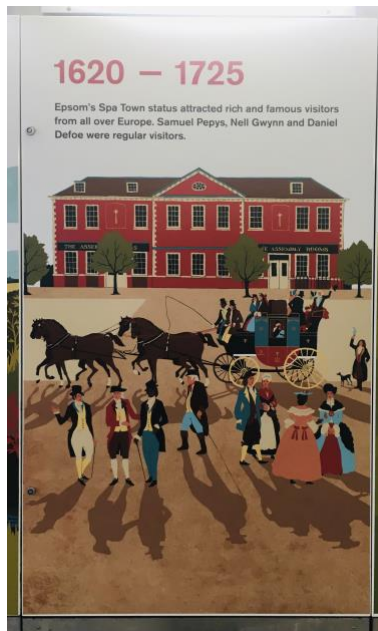
## A brief history of Epsom in six colourful posters

We spotted these attractive posters in the passenger tunnel in Epsom's Rail Station and thought you might appreciate this colourful history of Epsom. The posters were commissioned by Go Epsom - <https://goepsom.com> – and illustrated by Eliza Southwood - <https://www.elizasouthwood.com>



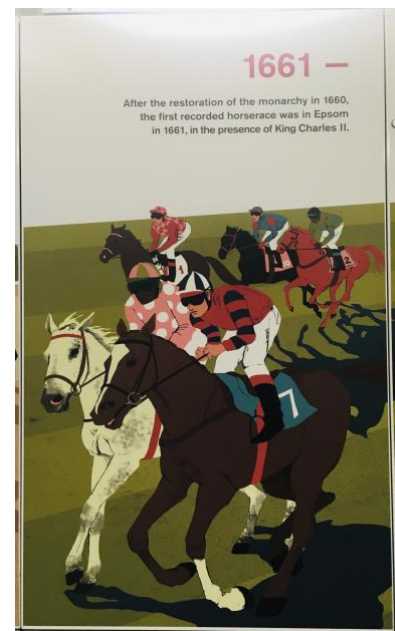
### 1618

A chance discovery of a Spring, rich in magnesium sulphate (Epsom Salts) on Epsom Common led to Epsom becoming one of the UK's first spa towns.



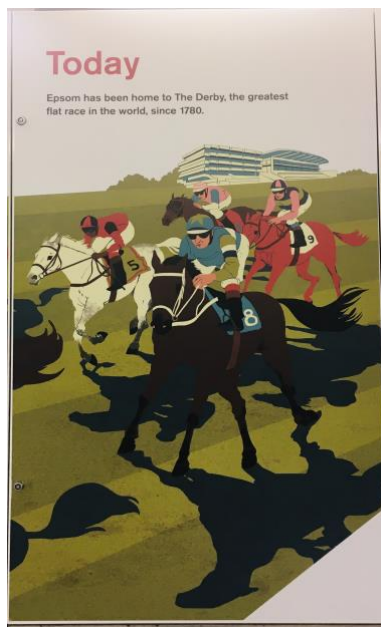
### 1620 - 1725

Epsom's Spa Town status attracted rich and famous visitors from all over Europe. Samuel Pepys, Nell Gwynn and Daniel Defoe were regular visitors.



### 1661 –

After the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, the first recorded horserace was in Epsom in 1661, in the presence of King Charles II.



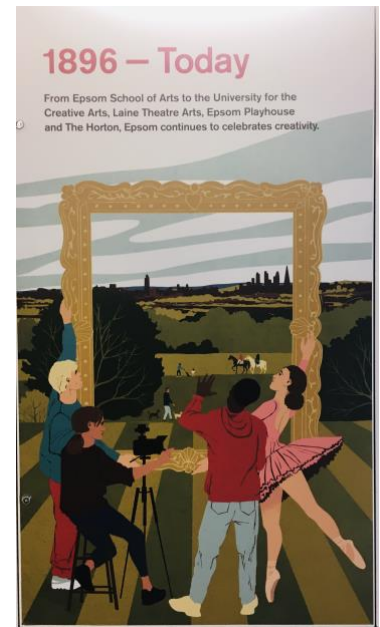
### Today

Epsom has been home to The Derby, the greatest flat race in the world, since 1780.



### 1837 – Today

Epsom, always home to pioneers, from the formidable Mrs Beeton to the UK's earliest music therapy at The Horton, it's a trailblazing town where women have led the way.



### 1896 – Today

From Epsom School of Arts to the University for the Creative Arts, Laine Theatre Arts, Epsom Playhouse and The Horton, Epsom continues to celebrate creativity.

## To the Memory of Two Volunteers

It is with deep regret we report the passing of two of Epsom and Ewell History Centre's volunteers: Janet Painter and Nick Winfield. They will be much missed for their knowledge of Epsom and Ewell, for their contributions to organising the Centre's wide range of information and to researching and writing articles for the website.

### Janet Painter 1949-2022

Janet was a volunteer with Epsom and Ewell Local and Family History Centre (EELFHC) for 15 years. She preferred to work behind the scenes, assisting with cataloguing and organising the Centre's wide range of information of local interest, maps of the area and displays. In 2018 she researched and drafted the display "The Road to Women's Suffrage" to mark 100 years since women won the right to vote.



Janet was a committee member from 2016 until her passing and was always a strong and wise influence. Her practical attitude, views and quiet efficiency were widely valued and respected by her fellow volunteers.

Outside her work with EELFHC Janet was a keen walker and had been a committee member for the local U3A Walking Group. She enjoyed holidays and a good laugh.

In spite of the diagnosis and gruelling treatment for cancer over the past 11 years, Janet remained optimistic but realistic. When it became apparent that there was to be no cure she accepted that, "It is what it is and I can't change it," and stoically kept going for as long as possible.

Janet celebrated her Golden Wedding in April this year. With her passing on October 1<sup>st</sup> she has left her much loved husband, David, son and daughter and three grandchildren.

Janet was a friend who is truly missed by all who knew and worked with her.

### Nick Winfield 1956-2022

We regret the passing of Nick Winfield who died on 29<sup>th</sup> November in Epsom District Hospital from lung cancer. His partner Celia was with him at the end.

Nick wrote several articles for the website on our local railways and was a volunteer with the local Countryside Team so contributed several interesting articles on related subjects.

One of his main hobbies was music, he was a composer. Although no longer in a band he created his own style of music electronically.

Over the past 10 years he released 3 CDs raising money for the brain tumour charity in memory of Micky Jones of the Man Band. For details of his musical side see <http://www.nicknation.co.uk/>.



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## What's new on the Epsom & Ewell History Explorer website

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

From Peter Reed

Since the last issue of 'Lives & Times' in July 2022, there have been some fifty-seven additional and amended items added to our website. These new entries cover a range of subjects, listed below. A big thank you to all those who have contributed to the website.

If you are reading this electronically, you can click on the Web Address Link below to go to the article. You will also find links to these articles, and much more, on the 'What's New' page on our website at

<https://eehe.org.uk/?p=61076>

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Adams, Capt. Edward Sydney Royston	<a href="https://eehe.org.uk/?p=75544">https://eehe.org.uk/?p=75544</a>	Brian Bouchard
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Crime In Tudor and Stuart Epsom and Ewell	<a href="https://eehe.org.uk/?p=28289">https://eehe.org.uk/?p=28289</a>	Jeremy Harte
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Derek Potter's memories of Langley Vale	<a href="https://eehe.org.uk/?p=75878">https://eehe.org.uk/?p=75878</a>	Derek Potter
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## Have You got News for Me?

We hope you've enjoyed reading this edition of 'Lives & Times'. Thanks to all those who have provided information, anecdotes, stories and pictures: Hazel Ballan, Brian Bouchard, Angela Clifford, Clive Gilbert and Peter Reed. But, to keep the momentum going we need more so I make no apologies in repeating this message again – have you got news for me?

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

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

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

The next publication date will probably be in mid-year, as long as your contributions keep coming. Just send an email to [EpsomandEwellLHC@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:EpsomandEwellLHC@yahoo.co.uk) telling us what it is.

Items are welcome from volunteers, friends and readers of 'Lives & Times' wherever you are in the world.

Ian Parker – February 2023

## Researching Local History or Tracing your Ancestors?

If you are interested in the history of Epsom and Ewell or want to trace your family's history then visit us at the Epsom and Ewell Local and Family History Centre located in Ewell Library at Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell.

### Opening Hours

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

Tuesdays	10.00 am – 12 noon
Thursdays	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Fridays	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

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

## Take a look at our History Explorer Website: <https://eehe.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 and WW2 memorials with numerous stories of those remembered. It is a fascinating and continually growing source of information.

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