

# Introduction to Merrow Parish Records



Merrow Church and the Horse and Groom Pub - 1946.  
From the Guildford & District Collection of Julie Goucher

Over the years I have gathered various bits of information about Merrow. The parish is situated just a few miles from Guildford. From about the late 1880's part of my family resided within the parish.

Back in 1996 when I started looking at the records for Merrow Surrey, the archives were split between three establishments

1. Guildford Local Studies Library (GLSL) situated then on the top floor of the library. Here the parish records were held on microfilm
2. Guildford Muniment Room (GMR) attached to part of Guildford Museum
3. Surrey Records Office at Kingston Upon Thames

Once the Surrey Records Centre was built at Woking, all three archives merged into one wonderful building!

This is an index of the material that I researched:  
(Please note that it is not a full transcription of the parish records)

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1. Marriages 1930 – 1939 – PSH/MER/3/3
2. Burials 1887 – 1902 – PSH/MER/5/3 (This was a rough notebook of Burials and Baptisms and was transferred to the main Register)
3. Marriages 1939 – 1949 – PSH/MER/3/4
4. Marriages 1946 – 1952 – PSH/MER/3/5

School Admissions Records 1882- 1905 – PSH/MER/14/1

School Admissions Records 1913 – 1932 – PSH/MER/14/2

A Microfiche of the earlier Births, Marriages and Deaths (1538 – 1875) is available from the West Surrey Family History Society. Surrey Records are now available on [Ancestry.co.uk](http://Ancestry.co.uk)

## Merrow Baptisms 1890 – 1921

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1. 1890 27 July: Minnie Amelia dau of John and Amelia BEAGLEY of Merrow. Father's occupation Labourer
2. 1892 28 Feb: Lilian dau of John and Amelia BEAGLEY of Merrow. Father's occupation Labourer
3. 1895 14 April: Cecilia dau of John and Amelia BEAGLEY of Merrow. Father's occupation Labourer
4. 1895 11 Aug: Louisa dau of Henry and Mary BUTCHER of Merrow. Father's occupation Gardener
5. 1897 26 Dec: Ellen Mary dau of Henry and Mary BUTCHER of Merrow. Father's occupation Labourer
6. 1898 4 Sep: Harry son of Mary MATTHEWS of Merrow
7. 1899 23 April: Charles Edwin son of Henry and Mary BUTCHER of Merrow. Father's occupation Labourer
8. 1901 27 Jan: Rosey May dau of Alfred and Rose ELSTONE, of High Path Road Merrow. Father's occupation Labourer
9. 1902 23 Feb: Minnie dau of Henry and Mary BUTCHER of High Path Road Merrow. Father's occupation Labourer (Born 13 Oct 1901)
10. 1904 25 Sep: Edith Minnie dau of Alfred and Rose ELSTONE of High Path Road Merrow. Father's Occupation Labourer (Born 6 June 1904)
11. 1909 27 June: Lilian May dau of Alfred and Rose ELSTONE of High Path Road Merrow. Father's occupation Labourer
12. 1917 25 Feb: Louise Mabel dau of Alfred and Rose ELSTONE of High Path Road Merrow. Father's occupation Labourer at Powder Mills
13. 1919 20 April: Rosamald May dau of Frank Herbert and Catherine Jane MATTHEWS. Father occupation Police Officer at Merrow
14. 1920 25 July: Lilian Alice dau of Albert and Louisa GOACHER of Merrow. Father's occupation Labourer
15. 1920 25 July: Alice Irene dau of Alfred and Rose ELSTONE of Merrow. Father's occupation Labourer
16. 1921 3 April: Monica Audrey Jean dau of Frank Herbert and Catherine Jane MATTHEWS. Father occupation Police Officer at Merrow.

## Merrow Marriages 1847 - 1887

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- 1847 3rd Jan: George BUDD aged 26, bachelor and Labourer of Merrow. Son of William BUDD to Hannah STEDMAN aged 21, spinster of Merrow. Both Signed.
- 1849 9th July: John NORMAN aged 23, bachelor and Labourer of Merrow. Son of John NORMAN, bricklayer to Sarah ELSTONE, aged 21, spinster of Merrow. Daughter of John ELSTONE Pensioner. Both Signed. Witnessed by James SMITH and Mary SMITH
- 1857 21st April: Richard DEWITT of Full Age. Bachelor. Occupation Nobleman's steward, of Merrow. Son of Francis DEWITT, Farmer to Sarah ELSTON aged 20. Spinster. Of Clandon. Daughter of Farmer ELSTONE. Both Signed. Witnessed by Samuel ELSTON and Hannah ELSTON
- 1887 20th Feb: Henry MATTHEWS, aged 30, bachelor and Labourer of Merrow. Son of John MATTHEWS, Labourer (deceased) to Amelia SEAL, aged 30, Widow. Daughter of George PITT, Gardener. Both signed. Witnessed by George SHEPHERD & Martha SEAL.

## Merrow Marriages 1897 - 1900

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- 1897 16 Oct: Henry William BLAKE, 21 and bachelor. Labourer of Merrow. Son of William BLAKE to Mary BUTCHER, 19 and a spinster. Daughter of Henry BUTCHER, Labourer. Both Signed. Witnessed by Henry STONARD and Emily BUTCHER
- 1899 11 Feb: Alfred ELSTONE, 23 and a bachelor. Labourer of Merrow. Son of James, a Labourer to Rose BUTCHER, 19 and a spinster of Merrow. Daughter of Henry BUTCHER. Both Signed. Witnessed by Henry BAILEY and Annie BUTCHER
- 1900 1st Dec: John MATTHEWS, 25 and a bachelor. Labourer of Merrow. Son of John MATTHEWS and Mary Elizabeth ELSTONE, aged 21. Spinster of Merrow. Daughter of James ELSTONE, Labourer. Both Signed. Witnessed by Alfred ELSTONE and Eliza PARSLOW

## Merrow Marriages 1903 - 1907

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- 1903 May 30, Albert Henry NEWTON, Aged 30 Bachelor of this parish. Labourer. Son of James NEWTON, Carter to Anna Maria BUTCHER, aged 32 Spinster of this parish. Daughter of John Butcher, Shoemaker. Both signed. Witnesses Kate Adelaide BUTCHER & Alice Marion NEWTON
- 1905 Dec 25, John Charles ALDER, aged 23 Bachelor of this parish. Soldier. Son of Daniel ALDER, gardener to Annie BUTCHER aged 22. Spinster of this parish. Daughter of Henry BUTCHER (Deceased, a general labourer). Both Signed. Witness Frank BLAKER and Lizzie BUTCHER

- 1907 May 18, William KNIGHT 45, Bachelor of this parish. Gardener son of George KNIGHT shepherd to Mary BUTCHER, 48 Widow. Daughter of James WEST (deceased labourer). William KNIGHT signed and Mary BUTCHER signed X. Witnesses George William and Mary HOUGHTON (X)

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