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Cover Picture: The Family Records Centre, Islington
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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As this latest journal is likely to be short of space I will be brief, if only to introduce the new Editorial Team of Rosemary Roome who as you know is the Barnet branch Chairman, Elizabeth Burling who produces the Barnet Newsletter and Barbara Haswell.

We would like to thank Lilian Gibbens for keeping the journal running over the past few years, and also for all the other work that she has undertaken on behalf of the Society. Lilian is still Chairman of the Enfield branch and I am sure she will welcome the extra time for all her other many interests.

William Pyemont

EDITORIAL

This issue of METROPOLITAN contains information about a number of changes which are taking place within the Society, especially with regard to arrangements for membership subscriptions and renewals.

Various responsibilities have also changed, as has the journal itself. With the formation of an Editorial Team there is naturally a fresh approach to both the presentation and content.

One of the new features, entitled 'Around the Branches', is intended to provide a broad range of information. Whereas the coverage of our Society can be defined, our Branches are not specified areas but places where meetings are held. Most of those who attend live locally although members are welcome to attend meetings at all five of the Society's Branches. But what about the somewhat wider area? What is, or was, happening around these points which may be of interest or use to other researchers? Background information, news of past or present events etc. from the localities *around the* places where *Branches* hold their meetings will appear here.

In this journal the contributions for this feature have come from the Branch Representatives. In future they will ask others known to them to write a

suitable piece. There is no shortage of source material available from local libraries, local studies & archives centres, museums etc. – not forgetting individuals with their personal memories – which would interest members who are unfamiliar with places in our area and life there in times past. Those further afield are encouraged to respond with their own contributions or comments.

All this will require a bit of effort by a number of people but we are convinced that there is talent ‘out there’ which just needs some encouragement - on a personal basis where this is possible.

Contributions to other parts of the journal are also welcome whether from experienced researchers or those who are relatively new to Family History. Problems are common to us all and we worry away at them, like a dog with a bone, until the solutions are eventually found.

So what triggers these breakthroughs? A chance remark perhaps, a simple question from a relative or newcomer seeking to understand the difficulty, a book or *even an item in a journal*.

Your experiences could in turn help others, especially if the contribution you send in concerns particular records which have proved useful, techniques you have employed, occupations, customs etc.

A little humour also helps from time to time so snippets such as those shown below should not be forgotten.

Rosemary A Roome



If you look at HO 107/1528 f229v (1851 Census, London City Registration District) you will find, at 10 Little Knighttrider Street, a John Parton whose occupation is listed as ‘generally useful’.

There is a ‘Factory for Beds’ at HO 107/1500 f389 (1851 Census, Islington Registration District). You may be amused to know that the enumerator noted it was ‘uninhabited at night’!

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Firstly a big thank you to all members who responded to our article in the December METROPOLITAN about a common renewal date of 1 October, as from 2007. Although only around 200 people responded, only one disagreed with the proposal and the many constructive comments were greatly appreciated.

Secondly, the 50p increase in the annual subscription to £12.00 was approved at the Annual General Meeting in March. This will make it easier to apportion subscriptions on a monthly basis during the changeover year.

Thirdly, we must ask for your forbearance during the changeover period; there will be a lot of work involved and, despite our best efforts, it is possible that the odd mistake will occur. Now for some details:-

The coloured renewal insert in this METROPOLITAN is the **last** to be published under the present system and those of you due to renew between 1 July and 30 September 2006 are strongly urged to use this form and renew as soon as possible but no later than **20 September 2006** to guarantee receipt of the December METROPOLITAN.

For the year starting on 1 October 2006, each of you will receive an individual subscription demand. This will be sent approximately 2 weeks before the first of your particular renewal month and will be followed by a reminder at the end of that month. This will give you up to 6 weeks in which to renew your membership - we think you will agree that this is ample time in which to pay.

As a slight alteration to the original proposal, members renewing in October 2006 will obviously be charged 12 months subscription; those renewing in November will be charged 11 months, and so on. From January 2007 until the following September members will be offered the option of paying either the balance of the year to 30 September 2007 or that amount plus the additional full year to 30 September 2008. This would avoid the silly situation of someone whose subscription is due in September 2007 having to pay £1.00 in that month plus a further £12.00 in October.

We would strongly suggest that, if at all possible, members should pay by banker's order - many of you who responded to our previous article seemed unaware that we offer this facility. It is also worth pointing out that we are not able to collect subscriptions by direct debit and, as we are not a charity, we cannot avail ourselves of the Gift Aid Scheme.

Thank you for your co-operation; if you have any problems with the changeover arrangements or are unsure of any points, please write to either of us - or email the Treasurer - and we will hopefully clarify matters for you.

Anne Prudames - Membership Secretary

Brian Green - Treasurer



THE FAMILY RECORDS CENTRE (FRC)

The FRC is a service jointly run by the General Register Office and The National Archives and allows free public access to some of the most important resources for family history in England and Wales. Including:

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- Nonconformist registers.
- Wills and administrations - from PCC up to 1858 - on film.
- Family history databases.
- Online indexes to Scottish registration and census records.

Birth, marriage and death certificates can be purchased and either collected after four working days or delivered by post.

The Centre has exhibitions and lectures, advice sessions, free internet access, a photocopying service and a bookshop. Down on the lowest floor is a large refreshment area.

For more information contact the FRC at 1 Myddelton Street, London,
EC1R 1UW, Tel: 020 8392 5300 or visit their website at
www.familyrecords.gov.uk/frc

DID YOUR ANCESTOR COME IN WITH THE DROVERS?

By William R Pyemont, Member No. 5639

One of the factors that influenced where people might settle was communication. Before the railways and the telegraph came a much larger system was in place and had been for centuries, a virtual grapevine linking both rural areas and towns alike. This system operated basically by the movement of cattle and their attendant drovers who moved vast quantities of livestock from the remote corners of Wales, Scotland and Ireland to the market towns, especially London.

The drove roads or drifts were part of a network of ancient tracks that have covered the whole of Britain since time immemorial. The droves could contain between 500 and 1000 cattle and they avoided villages and turnpike roads to save on costs.

Influence of the Drover

Throughout Britain certain inns catered for drovers with overnight accommodation for the head drover or dealer and any special people accompanying the drove, leaving the younger men outside to look after the cattle. Many of these hostelrys were marked by Scots Pine trees, which were visible for miles around.¹

Travellers seeking security joined the drove and fathers despatched sons who were taking up apprenticeships or jobs in the City of London. Bullion and messages were sometimes transported even though the drovers were known as a crafty bunch; nevertheless the drover had to be over the age of 30 and licensed.² The drovers would more than likely pass on knowledge to landlords and locals alike relating to availability of work, accommodation and wages in other parts of the country. Although difficult to prove, it is inconceivable that the movements of the drovers did not result in the migration of people to both London and the Home Counties, even if they eventually travelled by other means such as road, water, or railway.

1 Burnby J, Drovers and Tanners of Enfield and Edmonton, Edmonton Hundred Historical Society Occasional Paper (No. 51) p2.

2 Godwin F & Toulson S, The Drove Roads of Wales, Whittet Books (1987) p13.

Admittedly only a small proportion of Welsh-born people appear on the local census returns for Kingsbury and Little Stanmore but other parishes were touched on by the drovers, such as Edgware and others along Watling Street. Watling Street, otherwise known as the Edgware Road and the A5, is the old Roman Road that runs straight down the middle of our Society's area.

One of the Welsh Routes

Cattle from North Wales destined for the London market were taken to Pwllheli to be shod ready for the long journey. Geese were also equipped with stilts and had to be reshod at Aylesbury. The teams first went through Criccieth and had to wait for the tide so that they could cross the estuary at Traeth Bach near Porthmadog and thence onto the drove-roads. Cattle from the Llanstumdwy area would come via Trawsfynydd and Bala. Those coming from Anglesey had to swim the Menai first.

En route the drovers would call out 'haiptrw ho' to warn farmers to get their own beasts clear otherwise the farmers' cattle, once integrated with the drove, would be irretrievable. Milk was sold on the journey.

The drovers wore wooden clogs, which were transferred to their hands to fight off the bandits who assailed them on their way back to Wales with their gold. This led to the inauguration of the Bank of Wales where the money was transferred through the banking system. One of the Welsh Banks was known as the Bank of the Black Sheep, another as the Black Ox.³

Once across the Welsh border the cattle were driven at 2 miles per hour along the drove-roads through various English counties. One route from Builth Wells passed through the counties of Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire and then on perhaps to Barnet Fair, which had existed since the 15th century, or to the fattening fields of the Home Counties. If the cattle were in good condition a decision was sometimes made to head for Edgware, which was the last stopping place before Smithfield.⁴

3 Jones I W, *Arian I Bawb (Money for All)*, Cwmni y Ddafad Dhu Gymreig Limited (1969).

4 Bonser K J, *The Drovers: Who They Were & How They Went*, Macmillan & Co. University Press (1970).

After 1855 they could come to the new Caledonian market. The 1871 census for Kingsbury and Little Stanmore indicated that 6 people came from Wales, 2 from Worcestershire, 2 from Warwickshire, 11 from Oxfordshire and 43 from Buckinghamshire.

This was one particular route, and some of those that migrated to Little Stanmore could have been influenced by the drovers. Migrants to Kingsbury in the same 1871 census show 4 coming from Wales, 4 from Gloucestershire, 10 from Berkshire and 31 from Buckinghamshire which also suggests contenders for the drovers' influence.

Scottish Routes

Apart from the Welsh connections there were the Scottish cattle coming through Yorkshire. Cattle entered England and were sold at northern markets such as Hexham and Settle. Some of the purchased cattle were fattened in Leicestershire and Lincolnshire after which they were driven down from the southern edge of Nottinghamshire on a route slightly to the east of the Great North Road and on to London and the Home Counties for further fattening prior to being sold in the London markets. There was also the subsidiary connection with East Anglia and Essex.

There were 6 local drovers listed over the period in the 1861 – 1891 censuses within the rural parishes of Little Stanmore and Kingsbury:

| | | | | |
|------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------|---------------|
| 1861 | Benjamin Nichols, lodger | The Alley, Hyde | age 53 | b Hendon |
| 1861 | John Sharp, lodger | Nr White Hart | age 30 | b Edgware |
| 1861 | George Whitemill, head | High Street | age 24 | b Harrow |
| 1871 | Henry Norris | | age 17 | b Lt Stanmore |
| 1881 | Frank Allen, lodger | White Lion | age 25 | b Burnt Oak |
| 1891 | James Abrey, lodger | Chad Yard Hyde | age 41 | b Kingsbury |

The surnames above give some indication of their forebears' origins because the name Nichols was in frequent use in Pembrokeshire in the 18th Century.⁵ The name Allen was well established in the same county in the Tudor period⁶ as, since the conquest, was Awbrey or Aubrey. The name Norris is Scots, Sharpe with an 'e' (easily dropped) is also of Scottish

⁵ Rowlands J&S, The Surnames of Wales, Federation of Family History Societies, Birmingham (1966) p136.

⁶ Ibid.

origin. The remaining very unusual name Whitemill is the only one that cannot be easily explained. Although not evidence, the majority of the foregoing names do give very strong hints of family origins.

Cattle droving as a whole had been gradually diminishing throughout the 19th century, to be replaced by railway transportation, but the process was slow. There are still hints of drove routes preserved in place and road names even in our built-up area. For instance, just off the Kenton Road (Harrow) there is Gooseacre Lane and Gooseacre Parade. This is where the geese were penned overnight on their way to the London markets. If you have a Green Lane in your vicinity this was undoubtedly one of the old drove routes used to divert around the toll. The drovers may well have influenced the plethora of Welsh dairies prominent on many a street corner in London.



THE FAMILY HISTORY SHOW

Royal Horticultural Society New Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster
29 May 2006

Another year, another Family History Show.

Talking of years, as far as I can ascertain, the Society attended the first event, then called the SoG Fair, which was held in the Royal Horticultural Society's Old Hall, Vincent Square, on the Saturday of the May Bank Holiday weekend 1993. From the year following, until two years ago, it has been held on both Saturday and Sunday at the New Royal Horticultural Society Hall in Greycoat Street.



Anne Prudames and Joan Pyemont

The majority of our members will never have attended this annual event but, if they regularly watch the 'News' on BBC1, they will be familiar with the ceiling of the hall from which acrobats hang suspended on long red streamers.



Janet Trickett helps a customer

Commercial firms and family history societies both attended the Family History Show, which appeared to be busier than usual and the crush around our stand in between the scheduled lectures kept us all on our toes. In spite of this the sales, considering the amount of time, effort and expenditure involved, were disappointing and several hundred pounds down for the third year running. Profits from sales no longer cover the costs of what has virtually become a Society PR Exercise.

After buying in many new local history publications it was frustrating to observe some of those attending the ‘show’, looking inside the title page, making notes on a pad or notebook or looking at pictures and the index to see if their surname or area of interest is listed and then walking away empty handed on finding that it is not.

There was also a marked absence of Society members attending. I personally spied no more than a dozen, if that. Perhaps the travel arrangements, particularly from parts of north London, deterred some members from attending.

On the positive side Camden History Reviews, Tempus ‘Old Photographs Archive Series’ and Shire Publications sold especially well. As did the Westminster ‘Brief Parish Guide To...’ series. We were also pleased to reduce some of the stock of back copies of METROPOLITAN.

Also on the positive side we had a number of enquiries regarding membership and handed out many copies of our publicity booklet ‘About Ourselves’. We also imparted a great deal of advice and knowledge about our area of London and Middlesex which was greatly appreciated.



Elizabeth Burling and the tea

Will we do it again next year? The jury is still out on that one I'm afraid. Some of our regular helpers, now well into their retirement years and beset with either back problems or rheumatism, have indicated that this was their final year of helping.



General view of our stand

If I have painted a slightly gloomy picture of this year's 'show' it was not intended as such. In spite of the aches and discomforts experienced during the day we soon recover after a meal and a rest and we really do enjoy it.

It remains for me to warmly thank all of our regular helpers – Bill Pyemont, Joan Pyemont, Kay Payne, Rosemary Roome, Janet Trickett and Arthur Parker. Thanks also to Elizabeth Burling and Barbara Haswell who helped for part of the day for the first time and special thanks to Susan Lumas and Raymer Lofts who helped over the lunch hour to enable some of us to take a welcome respite and recharge our batteries. Thanks also to Colin Gibbens for supplying the Society's own publications and last but not least Harry, our 'Man and Van', for transporting the books, stands etc. and yours truly to the venue, unloading everything on his own, and transporting Arthur Parker and me back to Enfield after the show closed.

Anne Prudames
Bookstall Manager

Photos by Arthur Parker, Barbara Haswell and Elizabeth Burling

AROUND THE BRANCHES

Barnet Branch

We meet in Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet, Hertfordshire, an address full of history, as are local road names. Nearby is New Barnet Station which opened in 1850 following the sale of Lyonsdown Estate to the Great Northern Railway. Meadows became a middle-class residential area (then in Hertfordshire) and commuting was feasible. Other road names recall the Battle of Barnet, between the houses of Lancaster and York, which took place a few miles away in 1471. The Earl of Warwick was killed, defeated by King Edward IV.

RAR

City Branch

This is an **urgent** appeal for more people to attend our meetings, which at present are held on the last Thursday of the month at the St. Bride Foundation Institute, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, London EC4Y 8EQ. The timing is 12 noon for 12.30 pm; meetings take place in the Salisbury Room and usually last for approximately one hour. You could fit in a visit to the Family Records Centre or other sites on the same day!

We are a friendly group and we have excellent speakers, but attendances have fallen drastically in the past six months. Unless there is an increase in attendance we will have to seriously consider whether or not it is worthwhile continuing with the City Branch – its fate is in your hands. Members, whether new, young or old will be given a warm welcome.

RL

Enfield Branch

The *Enfield Independent* of 12 April carried an article about a historical society which celebrates the county of Middlesex and is looking for new members. The aptly named Middlesex Society was founded in 1953 and arranges visits to places of interest within the county's traditional borders and also organises lectures. Forthcoming visits include trips to Boston Manor in Brentford and the King's Observatory in Richmond.

The name Middlesex first appeared around 704 AD in a Saxon Charter known as 'Province Middlesaxon'. This province of the Middle Saxons was defined by the River Colne to the west, the River Thames to the south, the River Lee to the east and Grimsdyke to the north. Middlesex started to

disappear in 1889 with the introduction of county councils, although the county was granted a coat of arms in 1910. In 1965 the majority of the remaining county, including Enfield, was swallowed up by Greater London, consigning Middlesex to folk memory, the name of a cricket club and use as a postal address. Middlesex Society membership costs £5, or £7.50 for two people living at the same address. For more information send an SSAE to Mr Ian Patience, 59 St. Andrew's Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 3PF.
AP

Rayners Lane Branch

During an Air Raid on 20 August 1941 Glaxo Industries Limited at Greenford sustained damage due to a flying bomb. In The National Archives at Kew there are documents in HO 192/620 which include a tracing of a plan of Glaxo marking where the bomb hit and describing the damage. There are also 12 small photographs showing the damage at various points around the site, these points being indicated on the plan. Glaxo was a pioneer in the production of penicillin during this time.

KP

Wembley Branch

From my front door I can see the arch of the new Wembley Stadium, which on occasions is illuminated at night. In fact the structure is so large that it can be seen from various parts of London.

There have been reports of the structure sinking into the ground and looking back into history, prior to the old Wembley Stadium's construction, there was an attempt to build a replica of the Eiffel tower, only larger, which had to be abandoned due to the steel legs sinking into the soft marshy ground. The project was forever called Watkin's Folly after the builder, Sir Edwin Watkin, chairman of the Metropolitan Railway. The railway, however, was not a folly and was instrumental in the development of the suburban sprawl including Wembley and beyond.

As everyone knows the stadium was famous for the cup finals and other matches. However, few know that one of the first cricket matches against Australia was played in 1896 very close to the stadium in another part of Wembley Park which is now the London Transport Sports ground adjacent to Wembley Park Station. The result was that the Australians dismissed Wembley Park cricket team 65 and 37. In fact the first Test Match was played on this same ground.

WRP

POSTAL SALES

The Postal Sales service of the London Westminster & Middlesex FHS has two elements:

- the first concerns the Society's own publications, primarily some census indexes, monumental inscriptions, burials and directories, all on microfiche, plus a number of booklets and printed maps of Clerkenwell and Islington.
- the second covers titles published by other societies and companies.

This list is extensive with around 250 titles and more than 150 Godfrey maps relevant to the area covered by our Society. The service is particularly useful to those of our members who live at a distance from our corner of Greater London. Some of the books are of general interest to researchers – the 'Discovering...' series from Shire Publications, for example, but the majority are about local history, which helps us to understand how our ancestors lived. The Society's area covers the Cities of London and Westminster, seven of the current London Boroughs and parts of two others and a book about these different areas is listed below to give you a flavour of what is available.

| Title | Author/Publisher | Price |
|--|---|--------------|
| The City of London Past | John Richardson Phillimore Publications | £14.95 |
| City of Westminster | Brian Girling Tempus Publications | £12.99 |
| Historic Barnet | W H Gelder Barnet & District Local History Society Publications | £6.00 |
| Brent : A Pictorial History with Wembley, Willesden & Kingsbury | Phillimore Publications | £13.29 |
| Hampstead & Highgate Directory 1885-6 | Camden Archives & Local Studies (reduced price) | £2.50 |

| Title | Author/Publisher | Price |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| A History of Enfield 3 volumes: pre 1837, 1837-1914, 1914-1939 | David Pam Enfield Preservation Society | £16.95 £17.95 £18.50 |
| Haringey Before our Time | Hornsey Historical Society | £2.70 |
| Harrow | Brian Girling Tempus Publications | £12.99 |
| The New River Walk | Mary Cosh Islington Archaeological Society | £4.95 |
| Greenford, Northolt & Perivale Past * | Frances Hounsell Phillimore Publications | £14.95 |
| Ickenham & Harefield Past ** | Eileen M Boulton Phillimore Publications | £14.95 |

* includes coverage of parts of **Ealing**

** includes coverage of parts of **Hillingdon**

All prices quoted above exclude post and packing which depends on the size of your order. Details are included in the Postal Sales list. For a copy of this list please send a stamped self-addressed A5 envelope to the Postal Sales Manager whose address is on the inside front cover.

Anne Prudames

Postal Sales



THIS MAY MEAN SOMETHING TO YOU

By Doreen Heywood, Member No. 1694

Not long ago I visited the London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) to search for baptisms of some of my DAY family. While trawling through the Register for St. Ann, Stamford Hill, Middlesex I came upon a page of **Adult Baptisms**, all of which took place on **5 April 1882**. Dates of birth are not recorded in the Register but if you have been searching without success for a baptism of an infant then Adult Baptism is always a possibility (as is a baptism in the parishes from which the parents came).

LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

| Name | Parents | Surname | Abode | Trade or Profession |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Emily Maria | Josiah & Mary Ann | ROBERTS | Shoreditch | Musical instrument maker |
| Amy Lucretia Fanny | George & Lucretia | CONSTABLE | 51 Plevna Road | Solicitors Clerk |
| Adeline Elizabeth | John & Elizabeth | WILKINS | 5 Albion Cottages | Draper |
| Gertrude Emily | John & Elizabeth | WILKINS | 5 Albion Cottages | Draper |
| John Ernest | John & Elizabeth | WILKINS | 5 Albion Cottages | Draper |
| Florence | William & Francis | SYMONDS | Chestnut Cottages | Traveller |
| Esther | Joseph & Emma | DAY | 28 ECKINGTON ROAD | Butcher |
| Maria | George Bardolph & Maria Wylie | ANDERSON | 4 Tinsley Terrace | Solicitors Clerk |
| Arthur Albert | Richard & Annie | LEE | 32 Russell Road | Traveller |
| William Edward | Lewis Irwin & Elizabeth | KENDRICK | 10 Watcombe Villas | Boot Maker |
| Henry William | Frederick & Jane Eliza | RICKARDS | Greenland Villas | Law Stationer |
| William James Harker | William Bonner? & Sarah | MANNOCK? | 3 Osborne Villas | Master Mariner |

Incidentally, I did not find the DAY people I was looking for, but Esther is one of mine – and I knew nothing about her. She has now been added to my ‘tree’ and I hope someone out there may also find a connection with one of the families shown above.

Source: LMA Film X082/009

Miss Doreen Heywood

46 Churchill Place, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 1XY

Note: Most of Stamford Hill is in the London Borough of Hackney, in the area covered by the East of London FHS.

LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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Payment must be in sterling only and cheques (drawn upon a London bank if from overseas) made payable to:

LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX FHS.

Send your renewal payment of £11.50 and the completed form opposite to:

**Membership Secretary
2 Canonbury Cottages, Churchbury Lane
Enfield, Middlesex EN1 3LR**

to arrive no later than **20 September 2006**.

If you require a receipt in the form of a new Membership Card please enclose an SSAE.

Following receipt of payments and renewal forms, the Membership Secretary processes them and updates membership records. These records are then used to produce address labels for the printer to distribute METROPOLITAN.

If your renewal is not received by the due date given above you will not receive your journal on time, you will cause extra work for the Membership Secretary and extra expense for the Society.

Please help everyone by renewing your membership in good time.

If your renewal date falls between the dates shown above and you have already renewed your membership then please ignore this notice.

**LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS (*Delete as necessary)

Name: (*Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr).....

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.....

..... Postcode

Telephone

Email:

I wish to renew my membership of the LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX FHS and enclose my cheque for £11.50.

Signed Date2006

Membership No. Renewal Date2006

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We hope that your research in our area has been successful.

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When you send in your Members' Interests you should use the Chapman County codes shown below.

These codes, devised by Colin Chapman for the Federation of Family History Societies in the 1970s, were designed to give each county its own unique three-letter code for easy identification and are used by all family historians.

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| | England | SAL | Shropshire | ANS | Angus |
| BDF | Bedfordshire | SFK | Suffolk | ARL | Argyllshire |
| BKM | Buckinghamshire | SOM | Somerset | AYR | Ayrshire |
| BRK | Berkshire | SRY | Surrey | BAN | Banffshire |
| CAM | Cambridge | SSX | Sussex | BEW | Berwickshire |
| CHS | Cheshire | STS | Staffordshire | BUT | Bute |
| CON | Cornwall | WAR | Warwickshire | CAI | Caithness |
| CUL | Cumberland | WES | Westmoreland | CLK | Clackmannanshire |
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| ESS | Essex | NRV | Yks North Riding | INV | Inverness-shire |
| GLS | Gloucestershire | WRY | Yks West Riding | KCD | Kincardineshire |
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| HEF | Herefordshire | | Wales | KRS | Kinross-shire |
| HRT | Hertfordshire | AGY | Anglesey | LKS | Lanarkshire |
| HUN | Huntingdonshire | BRE | Brecknockshire | MLN | Midlothian |
| IOM | Isle of Man | CAE | Caernarvonshire | MOR | Moray |
| IOW | Isle of Wight | CGN | Cardiganshire | NAI | Nairnshire |
| KEN | Kent | CMN | Carmarthenshire | OKI | Orkney Isles |
| LAN | Lancashire | DEN | Denbighshire | PEE | Peebleshire |
| LEI | Leicestershire | FLN | Flintshire | PER | Perthshire |
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| LND | London | MER | Merionethshire | ROC | Ross & Cromarty |
| MDX | Middlesex | MGY | Montgomeryshire | ROX | Roxburghshire |
| NBL | Northumberland | MON | Monmouthshire | SEL | Selkirkshire |
| NFK | Norfolk | PEM | Pembrokeshire | SHI | Shetland Isles |
| NTH | Northamptonshire | RAD | Radnorshire | STI | Stirlingshire |
| NTT | Nottinghamshire | | | SUT | Sutherland |
| OXF | Oxfordshire | | Scotland | WLN | West Lothian |
| RUT | Rutland | ABD | Aberdeenshire | WIG | Wigtownshire |

**LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006**

The following are the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the above Society held on the 11 March 2006 at Radnor Hall, Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London.

PRESENT:

All Members of the Executive Committee were present.

There were 31 Members of the Society present.

WELCOME:

The President, Mr Michael Gandy, welcomed all present and requested a tribute to be paid to Janet Lewis of Enfield Branch, who died recently. Janet joined the Society in May 1981 and became Secretary in the July. She was in office for 12 years until she retired at the AGM 1992. She died on the 19 February 2006. Tribute was also paid to Mrs Barbara Weare of Rayners Lane branch who died on 18 January 2006. She was a valued member of the Westminster & Central Middlesex FHS Executive Committee. The Society extends its sincere condolences to their families.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Elizabeth Burling

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM:

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting 2005 were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

There were no Matters Arising.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Chairman's Report

The past twelve months has been a busy time for your committee, who have been involved with reviewing procedures involving the running of the Society. One of the main items earmarked has been the proposal to create a common membership renewal date and thereby easing the burden on the Membership Secretary. It will also rid the membership of the uncertainty of when subs should be paid. I understand that there has been a huge response following the two articles published in METROPOLITAN. All have been in favour of the change and I trust that this Annual General Meeting will support the committee in this endeavour.

Another change in progress is that of the website where we have experienced a few difficulties. With this in view we are in the process of changing our provider and by now we should have our own domain name as do other Societies.

The new proposed web site address is <lwmfhs.org.uk>

It has not been easy to change our host due in part to the inability of providers to accept payment by cheque or bank transfer. Payment must be paid by credit card and up to recently the Society has been unable to obtain such a card. However this has now been resolved by the opening of a Co-operative Society Community Account which includes a debit card. The account itself is to be administered by the Wembley branch.

Up to the present time our archive and surplus journal store has been housed in a garage in Enfield. Our Treasurer has negotiated some storage space at Avenue House, Finchley at a greatly reduced cost. On a note of historical interest this was the home of 'Inky Stephens'.

As usual last May we set up our stall at the SoG May Family History Show where under Anne's guidance we made a healthy sum on our sales table although not enough to cover the standing cost of attending the show. Nevertheless we have decided to attend again this year when we hope to see our usual band of willing helpers but there is still room for more.

On the back cover [of the AGM programme] there is a mock up of a logo which could be referred to as 'here is one I made earlier' which is a compilation of the two old logos. If anyone can come up with ideas please let the Secretary have your design for committee perusal.

The Committee would like to thank everyone for their support over the year and trust whoever is in office this coming year will also have that same support, and bearing in mind that previous Committees consisted of far more members than we have today, can I make a plea for more help on the committee because more hands make lighter work. We are aware that you have no time, none of us has unlimited time, but what time you give can be very rewarding.

Thank you all for attending today.

William Pyemont

Chairman

Secretary's Report

This AGM marks the end of my 2nd year as Secretary of the Society. We received no Nominations for a change of Secretary or for the other Officers up until the

deadline for the return of the Nomination Forms. If need be, I am prepared to continue for a further year, but beyond that, I have my doubts.

Since I took this post there have been a few changes within the Society with further changes in the pipeline. This past year has produced less complaints regarding Membership. This is due to Anne's efficiency in response to Applications and her prompt responses. I extend a vote of thanks to Anne on behalf of the Society Executive Committee.

Correspondence received over the past year has dropped slightly but a large number of emails are coming through. The series on TV 'Who Do You Think You Are?' seems to increase people's interest in their own Family History, but unfortunately, lots of initial interest is lost when they discover that it is not as easy and a lot more expensive than the series indicates.

The Executive Committee has met six times since the last AGM, at which Branch Chairmen each produce their own reports. I feel that a large 'Thank-you' must be extended to all Branch Members who help to make each Branch run smoothly and efficiently. The running of bookstalls and supplying of refreshments is so important from the social point of view and a warm welcome to new Members and Visitors is vital.

Our grateful thanks on behalf of the Executive Committee must also be extended to the various Members of our Society who are always willing to give their time to attend and 'man' a table or two on behalf of the Society, at the various fairs etc. to which we are invited by other Societies. Also to those individuals who are continually prepared to visit Conferences and Seminars.

Our Treasurer, Brian Green, also deserves a big 'Thank-you' in his efforts to save the Society money. A change in the storage facilities for Society documents etc. has produced a nominal saving in rent. The proposed slight increase in Subscriptions next year will also help to raise funds a little. No doubt, some of you will question 'Why increase subscriptions, if we are making savings elsewhere?' The answer lies in the ever increasing costs involved in Branch Meetings. Rents for venues are regularly raised and Speaker Costs increase annually. In addition to the Speakers' Fees, the rising costs of fares and petrol, etc. puts up the Speakers' Expenses.

Lastly, I thank all of you present here today at our 2006 AGM for attending. Have a pleasant summer and Good Luck to you all with your personal Family Researches.

Joan Pyemont
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

This has been the third successive disappointing year, although there are some glimmers of light amid the gloom. Expenses continue to exceed subscription income, with a resulting drain on bank balances. Bookstall and postal sales profits, although making a valued contribution, are only about 60% of previous years' figures and are not sufficient to cover the initial deficit. As I mentioned in my two previous reports, current cash balances will support the Society for a few more years, but expenses generally still need to be reduced.

The glimmers of light I mentioned include the cost of the Members' Interest booklets which has fallen over the past two years and your Committee is looking at ways of reducing the cost even further. Additional small savings should be made during 2006 when we reduce the cost of our storage facility and remove the expense of the Carol Service. I must also recommend that the subscription be increased to £12.00; this was your Committee's original intention at its meeting in December 2003, but was somehow reduced to £11.50 at the AGM in 2004. The individual difference may be only 50p, but it has resulted in a loss of revenue estimated at £1400 over the last two years.

If the subscription increase is not sanctioned, and if the mentioned economies are not effective, the alternative would have to be some major cost cutting, such as the closure of one of the branches, which could save around £1000.00 per annum. I know that we still have £28,000.00 in the bank, but some of this is needed to cover the periodic fluctuation in income and expenditure, and also to produce a small investment income as well as to provide funds for any future projects and the replacement of equipment, some of which is overdue for renewal.

J Brian Green

Treasurer

Accountant's Report to the Members of the London Westminster & Middlesex Family History Society

In accordance with instructions given to me and without conducting an audit, I have examined the books and records of the Society and carried out such checks as I consider necessary. In my opinion such books and records have been properly maintained and the accounts produced therefrom represent an accurate statement of the Society's affairs at 30 September 2005 and the loss for the year to that date.

Brain A Hond BSc (Hons)

Whetstone,
London N20
November 2004

LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

ACCOUNTS

LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Abbreviated profit and loss account for the year ending 30 September 2005

| | 30 Sep 2005 | 30 Sep 2004 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Sale of Publications | 3,727 | 5,943 |
| Less: Cost of sales | <u>-2,329</u> | <u>-3,876</u> |
| Profit on sales | 1,398 | 2,067 |
| Other income: | | |
| Subscriptions | 15,110 | 14,697 |
| Interest received & sundry receipts | <u>494</u> | <u>372</u> |
| | 17,002 | 17,136 |
| Expenditure: | | |
| Metropolitan Journal | 7,348 | 6,992 |
| Branch Lecture Costs | 4,599 | 4,439 |
| Members' Interests Booklets | 2,216 | 3,644 |
| Admin & general expenses | 3,916 | 4,059 |
| Depreciation | 579 | 686 |
| | <u>-18,658</u> | <u>-19,820</u> |
| Net Loss | <u>£ -1,656</u> | <u>£ -2,684</u> |

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2005

| | 30 Sep 2005 | 30 Sep 2004 |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Office Equipment | 1,484 | 2,063 |
| Current Assets | | |
| Stock of Publications | 4,262 | 4,961 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 752 | 619 |
| Cash & Bank balances | <u>28,543</u> | <u>29,200</u> |
| | 33,557 | 34,780 |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Creditors & accrued expenses | <u>-966</u> | <u>-1,112</u> |
| | <u>32,591</u> | <u>33,668</u> |
| | <u>£ 34,075</u> | <u>£ 35,731</u> |
| Financed by: | | |
| Balance Brought forward | 35,731 | 38,415 |
| Net loss for year | <u>-1,656</u> | <u>-2,684</u> |
| Members' Net Funds | <u>£ 34,075</u> | <u>£ 35,731</u> |

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

In the absence of Nominations, all existing Officers were re-elected as follows:

| | |
|------------|-----------------|
| Chairman: | William Pyemont |
| Secretary: | Joan Pyemont |
| Treasurer: | Brian Green |

SPECIFIC POINTS FOR DISCUSSION:

Nil

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Constitution:
Proposals for an amendment to the Constitution as published in the METROPOLITAN Journal Vol. 28 No. 2 December 2005 – Page 51. Following discussion the amendment will read as follows: “To encourage the study of Family History, Genealogy and Heraldry primarily in the City of London, City of Westminster and the London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, Part of Ealing, Enfield, Haringey, Harrow, Part of Hillingdon and Islington.”
2. Honorary Membership:
It was agreed to bestow Honorary Membership on Carena (Rena) King of Enfield Branch and Mike Fountain of Rayners Lane Branch.
3. In accordance with notification in METROPOLITAN Journal Vol. 28 No. 2 December 2005, a 50p rise in subscription charges to £12 was approved by the Members present, to take effect from October 2006.
4. It was agreed that Branches will review their own publicity in order to increase Membership.
Comments were made from the floor that publicity and the quality of the METROPOLITAN Journal could be improved.
5. A point was raised by a Member regarding the lack of Computer Research within the Society. This was challenged by various Members who said the Internet was taken into account on many occasions including lectures on the subject.
6. It was agreed that the Executive Committee should find and adopt a new logo. Members were invited to submit ideas, to be sent to the Secretary by mid September.

CLOSE OF MEETING:

The President formally closed the meeting at 4.10pm.



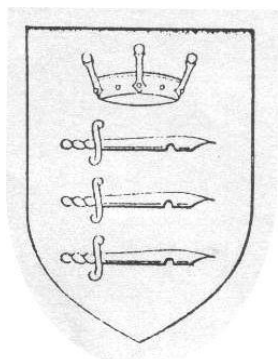
SOCIETY LOGO

The Executive Committee is seeking a design for a logo which represents our Society. Pictured here are the logos from the two Societies which came together in October 2001 to form what became the London Westminster & Middlesex Family History Society. Hopefully they may provide some inspiration.



The London & North Middlesex Family History Society used the coat of arms of Middlesex with St. Paul's Cathedral superimposed on it.

The Westminster & Central Middlesex Family History Society used the Clock Tower at Westminster, commonly known as 'Big Ben', next to the coat of arms of Middlesex.



To the left is the coat of arms of Middlesex. It consists of a saxon crown and three seaxes, which were daggers about 20 inches long approaching the form of a scimitar.

What would you like to see as our new logo?

Send your designs to the Secretary by mid September for consideration by the Executive Committee.

BUNHILL FIELDS BURIAL GROUND

By Elizabeth Burling, Member No. 4992

Our AGM took place this year at Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London. On the other side of City Road, stretching as far as Bunhill Row to the west, lies Bunhill Fields Burial Ground.

Bunhill Field was originally much larger and was one of three great fields in the Manor of Finsbury which was established in 1104. It formed part of the estate of the Prebendary of Haliwell and Finsbury, belonging to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral. From 1315 to 1867 the prebendal estate was leased by the Corporation of London and sub-let to various tenants which allowed more general public access to a large area of moor which stretched from London Wall (the boundary of the City of London) northwards to the village of Hoxton.

One of the other fields, which was set aside in 1498 to form a large area for the exercise of archers, still bears the name it was given then: 'Artillery Ground'.

The name 'Bunhill' is presumed to be a corruption of 'Bone Hill', and the area is reputed to have been the site of burials for over a thousand years. In 1549 the Charnel House in St. Paul's Churchyard was cleared and more than 1,000 cartloads of bones were removed to Finsbury Fields and buried there. They formed a large mound on which three windmills were erected and it was from these that nearby Windmill Street obtained its name.

During the Plague in 1665, the Corporation of London set aside Bunhill Field as a cemetery and had it enclosed by brick walls (for which the City's bricklayer, John Tanner, was paid £140) but it does not seem to have been used for Plague victims. Instead it was used as an ordinary cemetery under the management of the then tenant of the Finsbury Estate, one Henry Tyndall, being known for a time as Tyndall's burial ground.

No evidence of the consecration of this ground has ever been found and it became much used by Nonconformists, few of whose Meeting Houses had any space round them for burial grounds. Also they were banned from being buried in churchyards because of their refusal to use the Church of

England prayer book. At Bunhill Field however Nonconformists could bury their dead without the ministrations of an Anglican clergyman.

Additional land was added to the ground about 1700 and in 1781 the Corporation of London itself took over the management of Bunhill Fields.

It is thought that over 120,000 people were buried in Bunhill Fields before its closure, including William Blake, John Bunyan, Daniel Defoe and Susannah Wesley. The final burial was that of a 15 year-old girl called Elizabeth Howell Oliver and took place on 5 January 1854. Since 1867 the Corporation has managed the four acres of Bunhill Fields Burial Ground as a public open space.

The Burial Ground has been refurbished many times over the centuries, the last time being in 1949 after World War II bomb damage. Now, 57 years later, more attention is required and plans have been devised for 'sensitive conservation' of the area, with improved walkways, better facilities for information and repairs of tombs and headstones.

Records of the earliest burials do not survive, but those from 1713 – 1854 and various other documents are held at The National Archives at Kew, Tel: 020 8876 3444, www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

The London Metropolitan Archives houses other Bunhill material, including interment order books for 1789 – 1845, and a record of the inscriptions as they were in 1869. The LMA is at 40 Northampton Road, London EC1, Tel: 020 7332 3820, www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lma

The Society of Genealogists has burial records from 1788 – 1853 and other information at 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1, Tel: 020 7251 8799, www.sog.org.uk

Sources

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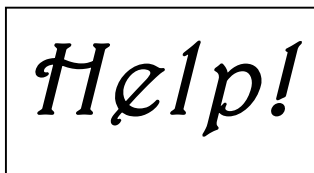
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Please set out your *Help!* request as clearly and succinctly as possible.
All surnames should be in CAPITALS.
Members may have one free entry per journal.
There is a £2 charge for each subsequent entry and for all entries from non-members.
Don't forget to include your contact details and your membership number.



BIRTHS/BAPTISMS

HART

Trying to find the origins of my Gt Gt Grandfather Edward HART. He died aged 39 in 1839 at 95 Drury Lane, where he ran a business as a Button and Trimming Seller. He married Prudence KENRICK in 1824 at St. Saviours Southwark and their 3 children were all christened at St. Clement Danes. He married his second wife Sarah McINTOSH in 1831 and moved to Drury Lane in about 1830.

Mr V A Hart, Member No. 6956

Mill House, Darsham, Saxmundham, Suffolk IP17 3QD

Email: darshamtoo@yahoo.co.uk

SCHOLEY

Trying to find the baptism of William SCHOLEY who married Susanna LANGLEY in 1780 at St. Leonard, Shoreditch. According to the IGI possibilities include baptisms in 1749 at St. Botolph Without Aldgate, 1750 at St. Katherine by the Tower, 1752 St. Nicholas Acons. Can anyone shed further light on these please?

Teresa Buckley, Member No. 6940

47 Shaftesbury Avenue, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hants SO53 3BR

Email: teresa@atbuckley.co.uk

INFORMATION

WEST KENSINGTON

Although it is not in our area, can anyone tell me the name of the little park in Glazbury Road, West Kensington and let me know the wording on the plaque there commemorating the bombing of the area in WWII?

Mrs Beryl R Baker, Member No. 4797

8 Abbey Close, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8FB

Email: berbak@btopenworld.com

MANN

I am researching the MANN family of Enfield. Richard MANN (my GG Grandfather), wife Mary Ann and family lived at 6 Baker Street, Enfield in 1851 Census. He died in 1858 and I am trying to find where he was buried. His widow remained in Baker Street as a Beer House Keeper at The Fox (1861 Census).

Also, is there any connection between the company Manns Builders of Enfield and my family?

Mrs Elspeth Bradbury (nee Mann), Member No 6939

31 Dalwood Close, Eleebana, NSW 2282 Australia

MANTON

Henry Arthur MANTON was made bankrupt, probably in the 1920s. He stood guarantor for someone who didn't honour a debt. He married Grace WICKENDEN on 8 Oct 1928 at Edmonton. The couple had a son and lived at 48 Victoria Road, Lower Edmonton. Henry Arthur MANTON was killed in Ashington, Sussex in November 1929, aged 27. Please help!

Pauline J Manton, Member No. 7060

1 Larkshill Close, New Milton, Hants BH25 5RN

email:rp_manton@onetel.com

SHAW

I am trying to find a connection between George SHAW, doctor/surgeon born possibly in Hackney and John SHAW, bookseller, publisher and photographer of 256 Oxford Street, who was a major beneficiary in George's will of 1870. George was the son of William Joseph SHAW, Gent. and lived in Battersea. Can anyone help me?

Mrs Gill L Croxon, Member No. 7042

43 Elizabeth Way, Gamlingay, Nr Sandy, Beds SG19 3NH

TOWNSEND

Where can I find any information relating to my great grandad George TOWNSEND who, in 1901, was a house painter aged 34 living at 210 Guinness Trust Buildings, Vauxhall Walk, Block H?

Marie Greenall, Member No. 6946

32 King Edward Avenue, Allerton Bywater, Castleford, WF10 2HA

Please send requests and any payment due to the Editors.

Cheques payable to: LONDON WESTMINSTER & MIDDLESEX FHS

WEBSITE NEWS

‘Visits to family history websites have almost doubled over the past year in the UK with more than four million visits in January’ according to a report in the *Financial Times* dated 1 May 2006. ‘When Ancestry.co.uk unveiled its online version of the 1841 census on 24 April over 500,000 people flocked to the site, more than four times the usual daily number. Many would-be family historians have been put off researching their trees by the prospect of going to dozens of record offices, and having digital copies of original records available online has given people a quick and easy way to gain access to them.’ Of course it is also a great boon to those living far away or unable to travel to record offices.

In this new section we will look at some of the large, well-known sites and also hope to introduce you to some of the smaller, more obscure ones.

If you have found a useful website perhaps you would consider writing a short review for METROPOLITAN or at the very least letting the Editors know of it? See inside the front cover for email and postal addresses.

Genes Reunited

This is the largest single genealogical website in the UK receiving over 1.5 million visits per month and is part of the Friends Reunited group of websites. As the name implies, Genes Reunited is about finding long-lost or even never-before-discovered relatives. There are currently more than four million family trees on the site containing over 68 million people, so it is almost inevitable that some will be connected to you.

The site is easy to use and a search for a name will bring up those sharing the name, their year and place of birth, the person whose tree they appear in and a button to send a message to that person. Surname and first name variants also appear. Searching this site is free but if you wish to contact anyone you will need to pay an annual subscription of £9.95. You can visit this site at: www.genesreunited.co.uk

Genes Reunited also has links to the GRO births, marriages and deaths indexes and to the 1901 census. Searching either of these resources is free but you must pay to view an original image.

From the GRO Indexes you can view 50 images for £5, valid for 7 days from purchase.

With the 1901 census £5 buys you 500 credits, again valid for 7 days. To view an image of a page from the census will cost 75 of these credits. You can also pay 50 credits for a transcription of one person and another 50 credits for the other people in the household, if you wish.

London Signatures

This new online service from the London Metropolitan Archives is a collection of 10,000 Archdeaconry Court of Middlesex Wills covering the period 1609 – 1810. The index is easy to use and free to search, and a digital copy of a will can be bought online for £4.00.

The London Metropolitan Archives will be adding wills from the Consistory Court of London, the Commissary Court of Surrey and the Archdeaconry Court of Surrey. Also to be included on London Signatures will be marriage bonds and allegations, apprenticeship indentures and settlement certificates.

This looks likely to grow into a very useful website, especially for our members who are unable to travel to London. It can be found at: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/wills/index.htm

Land Forces of Britain, the Empire and Commonwealth

This site is a historical encyclopaedia containing details of the Land Forces of Britain, the Empire and Commonwealth, including the history of the regiments of all territories and successor states that were at any time part of the British Empire or Commonwealth.

There are sections on Wars, Regiments, Formations, Tradition (badges and uniforms) and more, with links to other related websites. If you had an ancestor in the Army then it will probably be worth your while visiting this large and very detailed site at: www.regiments.org

The Regimental Warpath 1914 – 1918

An easy-to-use website that lists Army Regiments in their Battalions, Brigades and Divisions and their movements throughout the 1914-1918 War. This site is at: www.warpath.orbat.com

It also contains a page on which people can add their own memorials to friends and family lost in the Great War.

FORTHCOMING BRANCH MEETINGS

Barnet Branch – 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet, Hertfordshire

- Thursday 20 July *Cricket bats to haystacks: tracing 200 years of an Odd family* – by Paul Blake
- Thursday 17 August *Family history from an address book*
by Norman Holding
- Thursday 21 September *The Pool of London* – by John Neal
- Thursday 19 October *Finding Genealogy on the Internet*
by Peter Christian

City Branch – 12 noon for 12.30pm

Salisbury Room, St. Bride Foundation Institute, Bride Lane, London EC4

- Thursday 27 July *Proving the tree: examples from a one name study showing how the correct descent can be proved* - by Norman Holding
- Thursday 31 August *Tracing Scottish Ancestry in England and Scotland* - by Wendy Anderson
- Thursday 28 September *Call in Scotland Yard – Whitehall 1212*
by Maggie Bird
- Thursday 26 October *Appreciating Parish Records* – by Peter Lawrence

Enfield Branch – 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Church Hall, St. Mary Magdalene Church, Windmill Hill, Enfield, Middlesex

- Tuesday 4 July *The Name Game* – by Meryl Catty and Audrey Gillett
- Tuesday 1 August Members' Evening
- Tuesday 5 September *Victorian Pupil Teacher*
by Anne Simmonds
- Tuesday 3 October *The Idle Women* – by Runnals Davis

Rayners Lane Branch – 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Friends' Meeting House, 456 Rayners Lane, Harrow, Middlesex

Friday 14 July

Did he really commit murder? – by Ian Waller

Friday 11 August

No Meeting

Friday 8 September

Riots Strikes and Arson Attacks

by Wendy Anderson

Friday 13 October

*Freemen of the City of London and Liverymen
of the Stationers Company*

by Andrea Cameron

Wembley Branch – 7.30pm for 8.00pm

St. John's Church, Crawford Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex

Monday 24 July

Hogarth's London – by John Neal

Monday 28 August

No Meeting

Monday 25 September

*Damned Civil Servants – Was your Ancestor in
the Public service?* – by Alan Ruston

Monday 23 October

Family History at your fingertips – by Meryl
Catty

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418 St. John Street



Do you recognise this building? If you go to the Family Records Centre from the Angel underground station you will walk past it.

It is The Old Red Lion Pub and Theatre rebuilt in 1899 on the site of an inn dating from 1415. Tom Paine may have written the first part of *The Rights of Man* here. The theatre is a 60 seat venue which specialises in the works of new writers.

Photo by Barbara Haswell

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 29 July 2006

**Buckinghamshire Family History Society
30th Anniversary Open Day**

at

The Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury, Bucks
10am – 4pm

Attractions include the Society's databases, libraries, books and publications, a series of talks throughout the day, around 20 visiting Family History Societies including **the London Westminster & Middlesex FHS** and various other organisations.

Free Entry, Free Parking, Tea and Coffee Available

www.bucksfhs.org.uk/openday

Sunday 1 October 2006

West Middlesex Family History Society Open Day

at

The White House Community Centre, The Avenue, Hampton, Middx
10am – 4pm

The London Westminster & Middlesex FHS will be there.

Free Parking.

www.west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk

AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

- 1 To encourage the study of family history, genealogy and heraldry, primarily in the City of London, City of Westminster, and the London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, part of Ealing, Enfield, Haringey, Harrow, part of Hillingdon, and Islington.
- 2 To help to co-ordinate efforts to make local records more accessible.
- 3 To carry out such activities as are relevant to a family history society

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The standard annual subscription covers all family members living at one address, with one journal and one vote per subscription. Until 30 September 2006, the subscription is £11.50, renewable from the date of joining. With effect from 1 October 2006, the subscription is £12.00 and covers the year to 30 September 2007. Members joining during this period will receive back copies of journals.

PAYMENT BY UK MEMBERS

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