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## EDITORIAL

Many thanks to all members who have sent us photographs. There are still more that we need, so please look at page 38 for an update. The pictures are gradually being put onto the website, in the Parishes section. On page 7 there is an article about St James Garlickhythe, one of the many City churches.

Ken Gay, President of Hornsey Historical Society, has written an article for us detailing the treasures to be found in their archives. You can read all about them on page 14.

We know it has been the summer holidays and that we have all been busy watching the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, plus the Olympics and Paralympics but we really do need some articles for our future journals. Please put your thinking caps on and write something for us. *Helps*, jottings, letters or articles will all be gratefully received.

The editors do rely on contributions from others. We thank those members who have helped with this October journal and we look forward to receiving articles for the December issue. If you haven't time to write anything for the December journal, then there will be four more in 2013!

Once again the middle, yellow section has only four pages. Is it time that you re-submitted your Interests? There is plenty of room!

We are trying to think of other ways to use the journal to help our members. Do you have any old photos that are puzzling you? Would you like help to date a photo? Do you have a military photo and are unsure of the regiment or uniform? Send a copy to us and we can put it in the journal. There are many experienced researchers among our members who may be able to help. It is risky to send precious photos through the post, so it is much safer to scan photos and send them to the editors by email. If you do not have email then another way is to photograph the old photo and send that to us. See page 25 for one of our problem photos!

Many thanks to Margaret Garrod, Member No. 5792 for all the St Martin in the Fields Settlement Examination snippets in this issue

**The Editorial Team**

## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

As the seasons change, we move to new phase of the calendar year: children and students go back to school and college; Christmas products start to appear in the shops. It is also the beginning of our Society's financial year, marked by membership renewals – have you done yours?

We can look back on a summer full of celebration so there is no shortage of topics for those 'What I did in the Holidays' essays. Do you remember them? The Queen's Diamond Jubilee seemed to come upon us with relatively little publicity in advance whereas there had been years of references to *LondonTwentyTwelve* and numerous examples of things being done 'for the Olympics'. Neither event could be postponed! The Countdown Clock concentrated everyone's mind, regardless of their level of interest. Then came the Torch and its travels around the country, witnessed by enthusiastic crowds and linking them into the central focus points where the Olympics and Paralympics were to take place. Thanks to the wonders of modern television there were wider links across the world or the opportunity to record broadcasts for viewing later.

There are some comparisons to be drawn with our Society: our area is the central focus and members all over the UK are linked to it by family, as are those from overseas; just as the Games featured a wide variety of sports, so our members represent families of many different kinds; the Olympic and Paralympic athletes were a very diverse group and so is our membership – beginners, more experienced researchers, with or without internet access and with different ages and outlooks. All share a common goal of tracing their family history.

Everyone around the Games was welcoming, friendly, smiling and cheerful. The country put on great events to welcome the world to London and put a spring in our step, ready for the months ahead. Talk now is of the Games' legacy in sporting terms but have you compiled a record of your experiences to hand down to your descendants? Current accounts are important as contemporary reports of past events shed light on our ancestors' lives and our perceptions of them. So have you also used the Games to trigger memories and opinions from older generations to pass on too? As one child said: "This is history, Mum." Yes, Family History.

**Rosemary A Roome**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

The article on St Pancras Old Church in the last METROPOLITAN mentioned that Thomas HARDY was employed in moving bodies from the churchyard to make room for the railway into St Pancras Station. The reason he was sent in was that when the work started it was not done well. My grandfather Edward GARROD, aged about 12 at the time, and his father Joseph GARROD were employed in the rather gruesome work. Some of the bodies were of French émigrés and these were to be sent back to France for reburial. However, when the relatives in France examined the coffins some of them did not contain the right number of bones. There was even talk of one coffin containing two skulls. This, of course caused a great scandal and HARDY was sent in to bring order to the task. More bodies had to be moved in recent years to make room for the Eurostar tracks. I hope it was done with more respect.

**Jim Garrod, Member No. 5792**

**Note:** All the archaeologically recovered bone was studied by the Museum of London and reburied in Camden Cemetery, according to the Museum of London website.

After reading 'My Heart Doeth Ake' in July's METROPOLITAN, I was reminded of when the Channel Islands were liberated in May 1945. It was difficult to know what the enemy garrison was going to do at this tense time but in the event all turned out OK and HM ships *Bulldog* and *Beagle* landed about 200 men of the Royal Artillery. These men, of course, would have been specialists to deal with all the extensive heavy gun emplacements around the islands. However once they had dealt with all the prisoners, statements etc, plus emergency medical needs and supplies for the starving islanders, the 'gunners' must have been put to work repairing important services. One of their tasks in 1945 seems to have been repairing the harbour walls in St Peter Port and about 20 years ago when I was visiting I noticed that some of the men had marked their name in the wet cement - certainly on the big causeway. They gave the date, rank - mostly 'gunner' and name. One particular home-town I saw and still remember clearly was Leyton, East London. I have often wondered if any of that is still there or if not, was this bit of history recorded?

**Dennis Galvin, Member No. 1714**

I recently came into possession of a family chart on the William UPJOHN family. William was born in Lyme Regis, Dorset, England on 10 January 1811. He married Mary WRENCH in London on 14 February 1836 and they had 5 children before Mary died in New York, Albany Co. USA in 1861. William remarried in 1863 in Albany to Hortense WOOD of Montreal, Canada and had a son who was born 23 January 1866. I am willing to share details with anyone who is researching the UPJOHN family.

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I am a volunteer with the Female Convicts Research Centre, Tasmania ([www.femaleconvicts.org.au](http://www.femaleconvicts.org.au)) and I volunteer with Founders and Survivors. ([www.foundersandsurvivors.org](http://www.foundersandsurvivors.org)). We are currently trying to connect the female convicts who were transported to Van Diemen's Land with their birth and marriage families in the UK and their descendants in Australia.

We are searching for gaol and trial records and newspaper stories about our women. I am keen to engage volunteers in the UK who may be interested in researching the lives of some of our convict women who were from their counties. The records that your members have access to in the UK are beyond our capacity. We are currently transcribing all the records we can access in Australia into a database, bringing together the woman, her family and all records pertaining to her. Family historians and academics will use this to help them better understand the female experience of the convict system. Membership of our website is free and once a person joins [www.femaleconvicts.org.au](http://www.femaleconvicts.org.au) they have free access to our database. All our work is done by volunteers. If any of your members is interested, then I will send over a list of women from your county, along with her trial date, age, known family and stated native place.

**Colette McAlpine, Non-Member**

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Following the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936, Henry WHITLOCK brought back to England with him an acorn planted in a flower pot. He

had won the gold medal for the 50km walk and each event winner had been given by Hitler a growing acorn.

On Saturday 31 October he took his oak tree to Hendon County School, (now Hendon School) where he had been a pupil between 1916 and 1919. At a ceremony attended by the Mayor & Mayoress of Hendon, the Deputy Mayor & Mayoress and others, the tree was planted. The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Brook FLOWERS, was a Governor of the school. He spoke of WHITLOCK's time there & his sporting prowess. After this the Mayor accepted the tree and according to an account in the school magazine 'made an exceedingly able speech'.

Mr WHITLOCK spoke of his pride in winning. After some thought he had decided that planting the tree at his old school would be an ideal place. He made two requests: that the pot in which the tree was given to him should be presented annually to the winner of the House Championship in sport and that the school should have a holiday in his honour! He also apologized for the pupils having to attend school on a Saturday – and the bad weather. I'm not sure that the holiday was granted, but the pot was certainly used as a sporting trophy. In more recent years it was kept in the Head's office along with the original plaque from the tree.

**Margaret Garrod, Member No. 5792**

Note: Sadly, according to a report in *The Observer*, Sunday 19 August 2007, the 'magnificent 50ft tree' had to be chopped down because it had a fungal disease and Hendon School were worried that it would fall down and injure pupils. Ross WHITLOCK, Henry's son, has a couple of saplings grown from acorns that fell from the tree. He suggested that he could give one to the school and it could be 'Son of Hitler Oak'.

Another survivor is the one awarded to Jesse OWENS, which has pride of place at James Rhodes High School, Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

**F**urther to my article *My Bible. The Story of a Long Search*, which was published in METROPOLITAN July 2010, hopefully, I have found a home for the bible. By the miracle of chance meetings I met someone from the Gideons (Bible society) who can give Mary Georgianna TAYLOR/HULL's bible to the Plymouth Brethren, Southport, as Mary's father-in-law was one of the founders.

I am in the process of trying to condense all of my research to give a true account of its life and the family from 1874–2012.

**Catherine Bradburne, Member No. 7560**



## ST JAMES GARLICKHYTHE

By Barbara E Haswell, Member No. 4224

St James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill, London EC4V 2AL

In the Middle Ages, the church stood on the bank of the River Thames. Its name comes from the nearby hythe or jetty where one of the chief imports was garlic (a preservative and medicine in those days) and the church is dedicated to the apostle St James of Compostela. James was martyred by the Romans in 44AD and his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain, where it lay undiscovered for 800 years. The cathedral and shrine that was subsequently built became a place of pilgrimage and travellers and pilgrims would pick up scallop shells from the nearby beach to wear and bring home to show that they had been on a pilgrimage. (See METROPOLITAN October 2008 page 18 and April 2009 page 90 for information about children in the London area making Grottoes out of scallop shells on St James' Day – 25 July)



The church was rebuilt in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century and destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666. It was rebuilt under the direction of Sir Christopher WREN between the years 1676 and 1683. A rectangular church was built and the nave has the highest ceiling of all the City churches. The large clear glass windows admit so much light that St James is called 'Wren's Lantern'. A steeple was added in 1713-1717, in the style of Wren but possibly designed by Nicholas HAWKSMOOR.

The scallop shell motif, which became the emblem of St James, appears throughout the church

and also on the turret clock which projects from the west wall. A figure of St James stands atop the clock.

The church is situated on a steep hill; the River Thames is much narrower now and further away. There is a major road, Upper Thames Street, between the church and the river.



Inside the church can be seen original ironwork and high quality wood carvings: sword-rests with the lion and the unicorn decoration; a wig stand

by the pulpit and an altar table carved with doves. A double staircase leads to the west gallery and a magnificent organ; the case was built in 1718 by Johann KNOPPELL and is thought to contain a 1697 Bernhard SCHMIDT organ. 'Father Smith' was one of the most famous organ makers of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. The pulpit and some of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century furnishings were saved from the church of St Michael Queenhythe which was demolished in 1847.

There is a bust of Thomas CRANMER (1489-1556) to the right of the chancel. Cranmer was Archbishop of Canterbury at the time of Henry VIII but later went on trial for heresy and was burnt at the stake in Queen Mary's reign. The church still uses Cranmer's *Book of Common Prayer*. Over the altar is a large painting of the Ascension by Andrew GEDDES ARA. This replaces the great east window which was found to be causing structural damage in early 19c.

During WWI a bomb dropped by a Zeppelin just missed the church and in WWII a 500 pound bomb landed in the south east corner. Luckily it did not explode. The church was closed 1954-1963 for repairs and treatment of death-watch beetle in the roof timbers. The turret clock, damaged during the Blitz was replaced in 1988, funded by the Vintners' Company.

In 1991, in a freak accident, a crane on a nearby building site collapsed and destroyed the south wall. The Victorian rose window, chandelier and pews were reduced to splinters. The rose window was replaced by plain glass and a new chandelier, recreated from original drawings and originally donated to the church in 1967, was again donated by the Glass Sellers' Company.

There are ten Livery Companies who use the Church regularly and contribute to its restoration and upkeep. The Vintners' Company has been long associated with the church - see the grapes and vine leaves on the ironwork surrounding the church noticeboard in the photo on page 7

### **Swan Upping**

On the paved area by the church is a bronze statue of a Barge Master and Swan Marker with a swan. The statue was commissioned by the Vintners' Company, made by sculptor Vivien MALLOCK and unveiled in July 2007. The custom of 'Swan Upping' dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> Century, when the Crown claimed ownership of all mute swans on the River Thames. The

swan was a prized meat for Royal banquets and feasts. Their quills were used for writing; the feathers used to decorate hats, and quilts and pillows were stuffed with featherdown. Today, swan ownership is shared by the Crown and two Livery Companies – the Vintners and the Dyers.



Swan Upping takes place each year in late July when the adult birds are in moult and the cygnets are too small to fly. It is an annual census of the mute swans on part of the River Thames. The swans are rounded ‘up’, counted, measured, weighed and marked. They are also given a health check. The Queen’s Swan Uppers who wear traditional scarlet coats are accompanied by the Swan Uppers of the Vintners’ and Dyers’ Livery Companies. This year, as there has been so much rain, the census was cancelled due to severe flood conditions. The procession, which lasts five days, starts from Sunbury Lock,

Surrey and ends at Abingdon, Oxfordshire. Six traditional Thames rowing skiffs are used and each boat flies appropriate flags and pennants.

### **St James Garlickhythe has a new ring of bells.**

The River Thames played its part in the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 3 June 2012. This was the day of The Pageant. A flotilla of 1000 vessels led by a barge carrying eight new bells, sailed along the Thames from Battersea Bridge to Tower Bridge. Queen Elizabeth II, the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the royal family travelled in the Royal Barge, the *Spirit of Chartwell*. This is a luxury Thames river cruiser, which had been transformed by the addition of ornate gilded carvings, banners and many flowers, with a colour scheme of red, gold and purple. The bells on the leading barge were commissioned by St James Garlickhythe, funded by members of the church and sponsored by

individuals from the congregation and three Livery Companies, the Vintners', the Dyers' and the Glass Sellers' Companies.

The Whitechapel Bell Foundry in East London made all the bells and these were hung, for full circle change ringing, in their own travelling belfry on the adapted barge, the *Ursula Katherine*. During the Pageant the skilled bellringers from the Ancient Society of College Youths achieved a full peal lasting 3 hours 6 minutes.

After the Pageant the bells were taken to St James' church and lined up in the nave. A dedication service was held there on Sunday 17 June 2012.



The above photo shows two bells (Elizabeth and Philip) in the nave.

Each bell bears the Royal Arms and is named after a senior member of the Royal Family – Elizabeth, Philip, Charles, Anne, Andrew, Edward, William and Henry. Elizabeth is the largest, Tenor bell and Henry is the smallest. There is also a dedication on each bell to its sponsor.

On ‘Celebrate the City’ weekend, at the end of June 2012, a small group of us spent the time travelling about the City looking at churches, going on walks and listening to lectures. On our way to St Magnus the Martyr church in Upper Thames Street, we passed St James Garlickhythe church and noticed that the door was open. Of course, we went in and it just happened to be the day when the bells were being hoisted to the belfry! Elizabeth and Philip were still in the nave; Edward and Henry were in a small corridor by the stairs waiting to be lifted aloft and the other bells were already in position in the belltower.



The above photo of the Edward and Henry bells does show how not to take a picture! It would have taken only a second for me to remove the umbrellas in the pot, but I had to hurry as the bells were about to be lifted and I just did not notice them.

### **Parish Registers. 1436-1993**

The parish records of St James are claimed to be the oldest in Britain – dating from the baptism of Edward BUTLER on 18 November 1535. The records can be searched at the London Metropolitan Archives, 40 Northampton Road, London EC1R 0HB or online via Ancestry.co.uk.

The parishes of Holy Trinity the Less and St Michael Queenhithe were united to St James Garlickhithe in 1875.

The archive includes an arbitration in a dispute involving the parish of St James Garlickhithe dated 1436 but the main archive dates from 16c. Parish registers from 1535; churchwardens' accounts from 1555 and vestry minutes from 1615. Poor rate, tithe rate assessments and parish charities and estates are 17c or later.

### **Sources and note:**

#### Books

- *London's City Churches* by Stephen Millar
- *The London Encyclopaedia 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* by Ben Weinreb, Christopher Hibbert, Julia Keay and John Keay
- *London Lore* by Steve Roud – for Grotto information

#### Websites

- [www.royal.gov.uk/royaleventsandceremonies/swanupping.aspx](http://www.royal.gov.uk/royaleventsandceremonies/swanupping.aspx)
- [www.lovesguide.com](http://www.lovesguide.com) (for information about church bells and links to St James Garlickhithe and the Jubilee Bells)
- [www.whitechapelbellfoundry.co.uk](http://www.whitechapelbellfoundry.co.uk)

#### Note

- The Ancient Society of College Youths was established in 1637 and is the premier change ringing society in the City of London

### **St Martin in the Fields Settlement Examinations**

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Rachael PRITCHARD age 58, widow of Edward PRITCHARD who died 4 October 1763. Was a yearly hired servant to Mrs Catherine BUKELEY in Poland Street, St James parish. Mistress was arrested and taken prisoner to the Fleet and the examinant (Rachael PRITCHARD) went with her to the Fleet Prison and continued in the service of her mistress about 6 months longer. Her mistress then moved to Long Acre Bagnio and the examinant went with her and served her about 2 months longer at yearly wages of ten pounds and ten shillings, diet and lodging.

Dated 1774

## **NORTH LONDON TREASURE TROVE**

by Ken Gay, Hornsey Historical Society President

Have you felt that stab of delight when you come across another possible source for your family history research? Those with connections in North London might experience this when they discover the Hornsey Historical Society.

Serving the area for forty years, the Society has built up an impressive collection of material dealing with locations which, since 1965, have formed the west side of the London Borough of Haringey. These include places such as Wood Green; Hornsey village; Crouch End; Muswell Hill; Stroud Green and Highgate. Not only that, the Society has volunteers with in-depth local knowledge who are pleased to help with enquiries.

This treasure trove is to be found in a building dating from 1848, the surviving part of a Church of England National Infants' school, converted to meet the Society's needs. Not only does it house the archive, it has space to display exhibition material and to sell a wide range of local history publications. This includes over 40 publications published by the Society itself, plus books from other sources, copies of historic maps and postcards and even DVDs. The Society is a registered educational charity and seeks to promote local history in its area.

Go for it! This may be the opening you are looking for. Plus visiting this special part of North London can be a real pleasure. Hornsey village retains its ancient churchyard and the preserved tower from the mediaeval church, looked after by local volunteers, and Crouch End is a well-preserved late Victorian suburb.

Urbanisation began from the mid-nineteenth century over most of this territory. Muswell Hill was not built up till after 1896 and contains fine Edwardian houses and shops, in a village centre of its own. Nearby is Alexandra Palace, built in 1875 and a Victorian icon, birthplace, too, of broadcast television, and providing the best views of the vast sweep of London. Untouched woodlands can be visited on the way to Highgate, with its many period buildings, dating from the 18th Century and earlier. Crouch End has a 1930s Town Hall magnificently designed, with interiors to be



seen in some television dramas, and many actors of note live in this area. Wood Green, too, is late Victorian, and most known now for its Shopping City.

We always say we are not a family history Society, but that we can help with details of the lives of Hornsey residents, such as their neighbourhood, school, church etc. Sometimes we have a photo of their road.

The Old Schoolhouse, where the archive is held, is to be found at 136 Tottenham Lane, Crouch End, N8 7EL, on the corner of Rokesly Avenue. It is usually open on Thursdays and Fridays, 10 am to 2 pm, and on Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm. The research team is there on Fridays, but if you have a specific enquiry, it's best to make an appointment: telephone: 0208 348 8429 (answerphone) or email: [archivist@hornseyhistorical.org.uk](mailto:archivist@hornseyhistorical.org.uk). The website is: [www.hornseyhistorical.org.uk](http://www.hornseyhistorical.org.uk).

We await your visits or queries!

### **St Martin in the Fields Settlement Examinations**

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Jane HOWARD age 22 was never married, is a lewd woman, a Knightworker, has had several Bastards and falsely swore a child to Mr THORNEYCROFT in ye Strand. Upon investigation of Nurse LEWIS and others, for which she was kept in Bridewell 7 or 8 months and was not with child. She came from ye West Indias about 12 year ago and pretends she was a servant to Mr DEAN, a pewterer, at Charing Cross above a year and to yet bookseller against him.

### **St Martin in the Fields Settlement Examinations**

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Elizabeth MARTIN age 19, at Nurse HUNT's. Married to William MARTIN who was transported about 2 months ago the 4<sup>th</sup> of April last, a 12 month. He was servant with Mrs POMFREY, Bedford Bury, who sold Coals. Dated 27 April 1723

## UNWANTED CERTIFICATES

Steven Wright, Member No. 7683, has the following unwanted certificates that he is happy to pass onto a fellow member of the LWMFHS if they are of benefit to their research:

Birth: Mary Ann PRITCHARD, daughter of Peter PRITCHARD (law stationers assistant) and Eliza, née HENLEY, born 14 November 1858 at 49 Parliament Street (St. Margaret Westminster)  
GRO reference: Vol. 1A, Page 293

Birth: George Alexander Ernest NORRIS, son of Alexander William NORRIS (electrician's assistant) and Edith Evelen, née COOKE, born 29 December 1899 at 18 Canonbury Road (Islington)  
GRO reference: Vol. 1B, Page 364

Death: Joseph FIELD (ground labourer) died 25 December 1887 aged 65, at 20 Blenheim Road, Upper Holloway  
GRO reference: Vol. 1B, Page 181

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Mrs Jennifer Chilcott, Member No. 6941, has the following unwanted certificates that she is happy to send to any member if they are of use:

Birth: Boy born to Alfred LEWIS and Emma, née DODDS, on 1 July 1843 in Tottenham

Birth: William John FREEMAN, son of Charles FREEMAN and Emma, née ALFORD, born 14 April 1853 in St Lukes

Birth: Henry Thomas PHILLIPS, son of Thomas PHILLIPS and Martha, née BARNES, born 12 February 1855 in St George Hanover Square

Marriage: Henry WATSON and Mary Ann DARK were married on 20 June 1852 in St Pancras

Marriage: William James HEWITT and Hannah SHARPLEY were married on 22 February 1887 in St Lukes

Death: Thomas HEWITT died April 16th 1839 aged 47 in St James, Clerkenwell

Death: Augustus WOOD died 21 August 1860 aged 10 months in Tottenham

Death: Ann HEWITT died 27 December 1864 aged 46 at St James

Death: Ann HEWITT died 18 July 1877 aged 42 in Kentish Town

Death: Benjamin LEWIS died 10 September 1879 aged 44 at West Ham

Death: Thomas HEWITT died 4 April 1899 aged 79 in Hornsey

Death: Henry Charles WATSON died 18 June 1899 aged 5 months in Islington

Death: Elizabeth Mary HEWITT died 12 January 1930 aged 62 at Tottenham

You can contact Mrs Chilcott at: 6 Forties Close, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR30 5TU or by email at: [chilly42@btinternet.com](mailto:chilly42@btinternet.com)

### **St Martin in the Fields Settlement Examinations**

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Mary WALLER, near 80, wife of Charles WALLER to whom she was married on board a Man of War at Deptford near 60 years ago by a minister belonging to the said Man of War. He was a Plaisterer by trade. When she married him he was a sailor and did not live with her a week, the ship then sailing. She know not whether he be living or dead.

Dated 13 December 1749

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO MONTY?

by Glynice Smith, Member No. 7210

Listening to childhood recollections of Bush Hill Park, Enfield prompted my visit to the Enfield Local Studies Centre & Archive (ELSCA); where records relate to the former local authorities for Edmonton, Enfield and Southgate, Middlesex.

My friend had been a ‘butcher’s boy’ around 1953 for AJ Clark at 138 Percival Road. On Saturday mornings he would load up the heavy bicycle with meat for home deliveries. The bike seemed huge to a ten year old – a large back wheel with a small one on the front under the big basket. On some occasions as he struggled through the snow, he would fall off onto the ice – parcels of meat all over the ground. If this happened he was supposed to take them back to the shop; but he always wiped them and went on his way. Nobody knew – until now!

As well as working for the butcher, after school on Friday evenings, my friend also delivered boxes of fruit and vegetables for Brown, the greengrocer, of 144 Percival Road, pictured opposite. The heavy old bike had a flat bed over the front wheel where the goods perched precariously. In those days, before supermarkets existed, mothers purchased all they needed from local shops; where the shopkeeper knew them by name. He also had a paper round and was very busy – how did he find the time to attend Bush Hill Park School?

The story I really enjoyed was about Express Dairies, located in 62 Burleigh Road and 87 St. Mark’s Road. Milk was delivered on a cart, pulled by a horse called ‘Monty’. Monty had memorised his round by where he would be fed – every hedge, fence or gate where he stopped and put his head over the top he was guaranteed an apple or a carrot. Monty was not only intelligent but apparently attractive as he always wore a rosette in his harness. Milk was also delivered from Price’s yard, where the horses could be both seen and smelt as their carts were loaded!

It was common-place in the 1950s for children to gather around a man with a cool box on a bike; all keenly waiting in anticipation for an ice cream or lolly (no vans in my childhood). There was the onion man, and coal, bread and milk often arrived by horse and cart.



The ELSCA holds a wealth of documents and directories which will interest both local and family historians. I consulted the Ordnance Survey Maps (of which they hold 200), local history books, street and trade directories. The Centre has four computers, so I was also able to access Ancestry, Find My Past and The Genealogist free to enhance my research results. School log books; local newspapers on microfilm back to 1859, electoral registers, Middlesex Quarter Session books, a great deal on transport and a certain amount about the City of London and Essex. Archivist, John Clark commented: “We have been told that we have one of the richest collections of Local Authority archives and materials in outer London”.

My time spent in the archives was certainly worthwhile. John and his team have an excellent knowledge of their area and collection. They proved extremely friendly and helpful. If members do plan to visit the archives, it is recommended that you book time in advance; especially if wanting to use a computer.

By writing down our own memories we can not only interest and entertain our families but also inspire future researchers. Including social and local flavour to family history research often brings the characters alive. Stories may not always be accurate but they can provide vital clues when trying to break down brick walls. The ELSCA staff have been involved in a reminiscence project about Bush Hill Park and found the experience both informative and enjoyable.

From internet research, it appears that Express Dairies was taken over by Arla Foods then purchased by Dairy Crest; so it has not been possible to locate any company archives. Does anyone recall Express Dairies and whatever happened to Monty?

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Photograph of Percival Road, Bush Hill Park after 1921, ELSCA

Map of the Administrative County of Middlesex from *Middlesex* by Sir Clifford Radcliffe

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Note 1: I also remember the milk float and especially the carthorse. I was a pony-mad child and used to feed the horse. There was a Home of Rest for Horses in Borehamwood, Hertfordshire. The Home looked after retired working horses such as milk float and coal cart horses. Perhaps Monty went there! The Home closed in 1971 when the land was sold for a housing development. With the proceeds of the sale, 130 acres in Buckinghamshire were bought and today at Speen Farm, there are 200 animals being cared for by the Horse Trust charity.

On Sundays, a 'sea-food' seller used to cycle past our house. I believe he sold shrimps, cockles, mussels, whelks and winkles. My mother would sometimes buy winkles for a teatime treat. Sold by the half pint, they were not my idea of a treat and I would not eat them.

Barbara E Haswell, Member No. 4224

Note 2: Do I remember Express Dairies? Yes, and for two reasons. Like many in Greater London, our milk was delivered by an Express Dairy milkman with an electrically-operated milk float.

From time to time we travelled past their College Farm at Finchley and saw the cows and horses in fields adjoining Regents Park Road (A 598) near its junction with the North Circular Road (A 406) at Henly's Corner. This 'rural scene', only about 5 miles from central London, was always an attraction to suburban children and it can still be seen today. Although the name lives on, there are fewer animals to see and the farm is currently a saddlery and tack shop etc.

These were my immediate reactions. Then I remembered I'd once seen a booklet about the farm. Its title and author were long forgotten so I started some research, found a name here, a date there, and an interesting story started to emerge - the roots of Express Dairies are firmly embedded in various parts of the area covered by our Society. The booklet (written in 1983 after access to company archives) was traced while I was drafting an article for December's METROPOLITAN. This authoritative text resolved some anomalies I had found and had information about the horses. They were housed at College Farm and at Frith Manor Farm, Woodside Park, North Finchley where the Welsh cobs in particular were kept. The company, with its own farriers, bought the cobs as 4 or 5 year-olds and after working for about 9 years they were retired to Frith Farm. Jimmy, a 5 year-old bay gelding, made the last horse-drawn delivery in 1959. He then 'went to a ceremonial post with the Ranger of Wimbledon Common'.

The last serving horse died in 1972, aged 20. The previous year he appeared by special invitation at the *Horse of the Year Show*, accompanied by the last of the team of farriers, then aged 95.

Rosemary A Roome, Member No. 2985

## JOTTINGS

### **Second World War Portraits**

In 1939 Sir Kenneth Clark, Director of the National Gallery, formed the War Artists' Advisory Committee (WAAC) which, funded by the Ministry of Information, commissioned and acquired an outstanding collection of British war art. Portraits played an important role as the committee was keen to represent everybody's contribution to the war effort and to show Britain and the world 'what sort of a people we are'.

After the war, over half of the 6,000 works collected were allocated to the Imperial War Museum (IMW). Today, in addition to the WAAC collection, the museum holds a significant number of World War II portraits produced outside the official scheme. A free exhibition of some of these portraits is on until 1 January 2013 at the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ.

A second exhibition featuring the photographs, drawings and books of Cecil Beaton is on at the same time at the museum Cecil Beaton was also commissioned by the Ministry of Information, in July 1940, to cover the Second World War. He travelled throughout Britain, the Middle East, India, China and Burma and. Admission to this exhibition costs £8.00, with reductions for concessions. There is also a series of linked events including curator talks and an evening panel discussion.

The museum is open daily from 10am-6pm. For more information visit: [www.img.org.uk](http://www.img.org.uk)

### **Alan Turing: Computing Pioneer and WW2 hero**

To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, the Science Museum is holding a new exhibition celebrating the life of pioneering computer scientist Alan Mathison TURING (born 23 June 1912 at Maida Vale, died 7 June 1954 at Wilmslow, Cheshire).

*Codebreaker – Alan Turing's life and legacy* will examine the achievements of the man whose influence on computer science is still felt today and whose wartime code-breaking helped take years off the length of World War II. It will include machines he devised and devices that influenced him and his colleagues.

This free exhibition is on daily from 10am-6pm until 31 May 2013 at the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DD. Telephone: 0870 870 4868 or visit: [www.sciencemuseum.org.uk](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk) for more details.



## **Open Day Visits**

The Buckinghamshire Family History Society Open day was held in Aylesbury on Saturday 28 July where Alan Baldwin, Eileen Bostle, Doreen Heywood and I set up our stand in preparation for visitors. For some time they were rather few in number which was unusual. Perhaps people had decided to do other things on such a fine day? It was a general effect and as numbers picked up markedly after the first lecture we concluded that the late running of the London 2012 Opening Ceremony on the previous evening had resulted in a leisurely start for many. (Apologies if any of us seemed a bit slow at first!)

The queries we dealt with covered many aspects of general family history research and were presented by beginners and more experienced people alike. The area we cover is complex, with records in many locations so there are many matters which cause puzzlement to newcomers. We made use of our collective knowledge and our wide range of books to suggest lines of enquiry and found that sales figures were definitely higher than in previous years. A sign of an increasing interest in our subject, perhaps?

A report about our next open day visit, to the West Middlesex FHS event on Sunday 23 September (see page 30) will be included in the next issue of METROPOLITAN.

## **Ladies of Kenwood**

Kenwood House is currently closed for a major restoration, during which the roof will be mended, the Robert ADAM's interiors will be restored and the house will be re-presented to feel more like a home. This closure gives the opportunity to display some of the House's lesser known artefacts and to tell some of its lesser known stories.

An exhibition, 'The Ladies of Kenwood', will explore the lives of the House's 18th century Mansfield Countesses and also those of their female servants, including the story of the woman caught between the two – Dido Belle, the mixed race great-niece of the first Earl of Mansfield.

The role played by the three Countesses - from the first whose taste was praised by the aesthete Horace WALPOLE, through to the third to whose decision the decorators deferred for works in the Dairy – will be revealed. The Ladies of Kenwood will feature a selection of female portraits collected by Lord Iveagh (the brewing magnate Edward Cecil GUINNESS) who left Kenwood and its collection to the nation. Also on display will be

the gifts to Kenwood by influential women collectors, including 400 of Lady Maufe's collection of decorative 18th-century shoe buckles.

The exhibition is on at the Quadriga Gallery in the Wellington Arch, Apsley Way, Hyde Park Corner, London W1J 7JZ and is open from 10am to 5pm, Wednesday to Sunday until 28 October. For more information see: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/wellington-arch/> Kenwood House will reopen in Autumn 2013; however you can still visit the gardens and café and there is a small exhibition providing further information about the work being carried out on the House in Mansion Cottage.

### **London Cornish Association**

The Family History Group of the London Cornish Association holds two one-day conferences each year - in April and October. These full-day conferences provide an opportunity to hear talks on topics which are of interest to family historians with Cornish links. The next event takes place on Saturday 6 October, from 10am-4.30pm at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8EP. The cost is £15 for the day for Cornish FHS and LCA members, £20 for non-members, who are welcome but booking is essential. A Cornish pasty lunch is provided along with a cream tea at the end of the day.

For more information, or to book a place, contact Francis Dunstan by telephone: 01494 531703 or email: [cornish@francisdunstan.plus.com](mailto:cornish@francisdunstan.plus.com) or Lorna Leadbetter at: [leadbetter@lineone.net](mailto:leadbetter@lineone.net)

Thanks to Barbara Hubbarde, Member No. 5283 for this.

### **Broadsides! Caricature and the Navy 1756–1815**

This exhibition, at Royal Museums, Greenwich, will explore the history of the Royal Navy during the late 18th and early 19th centuries through the lens of contemporary caricature. This was a period of intense naval activity encompassing the Seven Years War, the American War of Independence, and the wars against revolutionary and Napoleonic France. It also witnessed the emergence of a new and popular form of graphic satire, as caricature developed into a highly sophisticated art form, typically representing contemporary political and naval events with an acerbic wit and a journalistic concern for current affairs.

For more information visit: [www.rmg.co.uk](http://www.rmg.co.uk)

## A PROBLEM PHOTO

By Elizabeth Burling, Member No. 4992



The only thing I know about this photograph is that it depicts Charles and Ann CURTIS; at least, that's what my great grandma told my father in the early 1940s. We don't have any Curtises in our family as far as I know but I would still like to know more about them. It might be possible to locate them on a census if I could date the image. Just what can be learnt from a photo?

Obviously, the picture shows two adults and four young children, almost certainly a family group. The oldest child is a girl, maybe aged between 5 and 7. The two children nearest Charles are both boys, despite one wearing a dress and they look younger than the girl, perhaps aged 4 and 2. The baby, sitting on its mother's knee, could be a boy or a girl. Ann's finger is firmly holding down the baby's hand, no doubt to stop it wriggling during the long exposure.

Clothing can give many clues to help date a photograph. Ann looks to be wearing a blouse and jacket with a plain skirt. This emphasis on the top

half of the body came about 1890 – perhaps everyone was fed up with all the palaver of bustles and hooped skirts. Leg-of-mutton sleeves were very popular from 1890 with a narrower cut taking over from 1900. It is hard to see the exact shape of Ann’s sleeves in the image, so that information cannot really help us here. However, her high-buttoned neckline and the bun on top of her head would also indicate a date in the 1890s.

The trouser press was invented in the 1890s, leading to a fashion amongst men for a centre crease in the trouser leg – clearly shown by Charles. Laced shoes for children came in the late 1880s and a lace is definitely visible on the little boy wearing a dress. The girl is wearing a yoked dress, a practical and comfortable garment which was quite a departure from previous styles.

The photographer can also help date a photograph with the information he has included on the print. In this instance, ‘Day and Electric Light Studios’ is written as the first line on the front of the photograph. Electric light only became prominent in the 1880s so this photo was taken after that date. The photographer, F W WOOD, gives two addresses: 22 Bishops Road, W and 347 & 349 Edgware Road, W. Frederick William WOOD was at these addresses from 1895-1908.

All these clues would lead me to hope to find the family in the 1901 census somewhere in West London, with the parents born 1870ish. After close perusal I found the following at 190 Shirland Road, Paddington:

Annie CURTIS	Head,	46		born Kentish Town
	widow			
Lillian G CURTIS	daughter	20	Dressmaker	born Harlesden
Sidney CURTIS	son	18	Laundryman	born Harlesden
Albert G CURTIS	son	15	Greengrocer	born Harlesden
Ernest J CURTIS	son	11		born N Kensington

Shirland Road rang a bell. My Grandma told me that she had lived at 21 Shirland Road in about 1912. They had had the ground and first floor of a 4-storey house. (She also said there was a Mrs Wagner living downstairs who used to chew her baby’s food for it!) I suspect that my Grandma has her dates slightly wrong as her family had moved to Walthamstow by the time of the 1911 census but Shirland Road may be the link from the CURTIS family to my HAYNES.

However, the children in that census snippet are much too old to be the ones in the photo and so, despite the satisfaction of the Shirland Road coincidence, must be disregarded.

Further searching in the 1901 census discovered the following family at 18m Langford Road, Fulham (18m? On the census page there is written 18b, 18m and 18t; perhaps indicating the bottom, middle and top of the house.)

Charles CURTIS	head	47	House Painter	b Marylebone
Annie CURTIS	wife	41		b Stepney
Charles CURTIS	son	14		b Fulham
Maud CURTIS	daughter	12		b Fulham
Annie CURTIS	daughter	10		b Fulham
Joseph CURTIS	son	7		b Fulham
William CURTIS	son	5		b Fulham
Emma CURTIS	daughter	3		b Fulham

The four youngest children would fit well with the ones depicted in the photograph and would give it a date of about 1899. I think it is more likely that this is the family in the photograph, even though the elder two children are not present. If this is the case, how did they know my great grandparents? I have no idea.

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*Understanding Old Photographs* by Robert Pols

*Victorian Cartes-de-Visite* by Robin and Carol Wichard

[www.rogerco.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.rogerco.freeserve.co.uk)

[www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk)

**Please remember that the copy date for the next issue of  
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**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO A FAIR?**

By Rosemary A Roome Member No. 2985

This question may conjure up a picture of swing-boats, roundabouts with galloping horses, etc or possibly, as a family or local historian, a hiring fair - once a fair or market where servants were engaged for the next 364 days.

One dictionary definition is ‘a large market held periodically for one kind of merchandise, or for the general sales and purchases of a district..’ That explanation covers the idea of a family history fair or a society’s open day. A typical comment from a first-time visitor is: “I’ve only been doing family history for a little while and I’ve never been to one of these things before. I’m overwhelmed. There’s so much to take in. I didn’t know it would be like this!”

So what can you expect? Fairs are held in schools, sports halls, village halls, community centres, leisure centres or even exhibition halls so each fair has its own character and atmosphere. Some will offer many features, others relatively few; there is no standard formula laid down. All offer help and information to beginners and the more experienced alike so there is no need to worry about a lack of knowledge – we were all beginners once, we are all still learning new ways to pursue our fascinating hobby and family historians are keen to help others.

On arrival there will be some form of registration of visitors. You will find a plan of the venue, a list of the societies and organisations present, their locations in the hall/s and arrangements for booking talks if these are part of the programme. The host society will have information about itself and the area it covers, together with some of its own research material which is made available to visitors on an open day. Those on the stand may deal with this or a separate area or room could be set aside for research queries and help with problems. Similarly there could be just one ‘Help Desk’ or several, to deal with separate subjects.

Other organisations will be there too: other Family History Societies, various local history groups, some suppliers of family history related goods and services, such as booksellers, printers, postcard sellers, software providers, map sellers, etc.

If you have an interest in any of the areas covered by the visiting societies you can talk to people with knowledge of that area, show them your documents and discuss the difficulties you have encountered. Questions

will be asked and you may then learn about useful records and where they can be found. A book from the wide variety of those on sale at the stand may be recommended and new lines of enquiry could open up.

Our Society will be visiting the West Surrey Family History Society's Open day and Family History Fair in November (see page 30 for details) and their publicity information suggests that if you have an ancestor in Germany, Italy, Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Dorset, Essex, Glamorgan, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Hillingdon, Huntingdonshire, London, Manchester, Middlesex, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Somerset, Suffolk, Surrey Sussex or Wiltshire then you should visit their event! What wonderful coverage.

This is one of the larger fairs, with good transport links to it but some helpers on stands representing such faraway places have not necessarily travelled from there but are members who live locally. However, some visitors to our stand at Woking last year had travelled considerable distances - from Devon, Isle of Wight, Hampshire and one overseas visitor to London made a special detour. It's always good to meet some of our out of town members

Finally, some things to remember to make your day a rewarding one:

- ~ Do take the relevant details about your queries with you – such as dates, full names, places
- ~ Do keep your papers together in an orderly way so that you can find the information you need – and don't drop them
- ~ Do your homework before you go!
- ~ DO NOT take original documents (photocopy them). If originals, such as certificates, are lost replacements are costly
- ~ Put your name in your notebook for identification in case it is lost.

Enjoy your day at the fair wherever it may be.

## West Surrey FHS Open Day

Saturday 3 November 2012 from 10am-4.30pm  
Woking Leisure Centre, Kingfield Road, Woking GU22 9BA

Free entry and free parking

Hall 1 is the Research Room, which will contain a wide range of resources from Surrey, computer help and lookups provided by Jeanne Bunting and her team, Help Desks specialising in adoption, army research, reading old documents, Irish records, Scottish records and much more.

There will be a series of talks throughout the day.

Hall 2 contains the Family History Fair and will feature many FHSs including **London Westminster & Middlesex FHS**, plus a large number of local history organisations and suppliers of family history products.

For more details visit: [www.wsfhs.org](http://www.wsfhs.org)

**Note:** We have received the following information from West Surrey FHS with regard to their Open Day and Family History Fair 2012.

The work on the main Leisure Centre car park, which caused some problems last year, has been completed.

The restaurant and bar area of Woking Leisure Centre is being restructured and work is due to begin the week before the Open Day. The Leisure Centre is planning to have temporary facilities on site to provide tea and coffee, sandwiches and snacks in addition to the normal vending machines and will also put extra seating around where possible. Hot meals will not, however, be available but from 8.30am the next door Pool in the Park restaurant, a couple of minutes walk away, will be open. This restaurant will provide Anytime Breakfast (including choice of full English, bacon and eggs and veggie breakfast, bacon or sausage sandwiches, porridge and toast) as well as lunch options of toasted Panini, salads, jacket potatoes, soup, burgers, pasta dish, chips etc.



## WEBSITE NEWS

### **Family Search Wiki**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are well-known for transcribing Parish Registers and providing them for anybody to use, first via the International Genealogical Index (IGI) and then by their free website: [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). Currently they are adding actual images to their transcriptions but today we want to tell you about their Research Wiki. The Research Wiki is a free and extremely easy-to-use collection of family history articles from all around the world about more-or-less anything you might wish to know more about. (A Wiki, by the way, is a website which allows anyone who has access to it to contribute or modify it.)

To get to the Wiki you click on the 'Learn' button which is located to the left hand side of the top information bar of the Home Page. From this screen, click on 'Research Wiki', which brings you to a page with a search bar into which you can put any term you wish to investigate.

If you are just wondering what is available for a particular area, you can click on the link underneath: 'Browse by Country', which contains an alphabetical list of countries. For example, if you go to 'England', there is a Beginner's Corner with information on how to find, for instance, a birth, christening or baptism, another section has news and events and a third section has topics. One topic is probate records and clicking on this gives information on types of probate records, general historical background, pre-1858 records, determining the Court, Estate Duty and Administrations and much more.

On the right-hand side of each page is a 'New to Research Wiki' link which includes videos on how to use the site for beginners and other such help.

In celebration of the London 2012 Olympics a new online guide to tracing ancestors in London has been published in the Research Wiki. You may already have seen this mentioned on our website Home Page, which contains a link straight to these London pages. Features there include articles on each of the City of London's 109 historic parishes loaded with photographs, maps and descriptions of records available online at major websites such as: [Ancestry.co.uk](http://Ancestry.co.uk); [British History Online](http://BritishHistoryOnline.com); [BritishOrigins.com](http://BritishOrigins.com); [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org); [FindMyPast.co.uk](http://FindMyPast.co.uk); [Google Books](http://GoogleBooks.com); [TheGenealogist.co.uk](http://TheGenealogist.co.uk); [Internet Archive](http://InternetArchive.org); [London Lives](http://LondonLives.com); [ParishRegister.com](http://ParishRegister.com) and others. This is a fantastic finding aid for our capital city and should prove very useful to anyone who had ancestors there.

### **Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild (ISTG)**

The ISTG was established in 1998 and now boasts searchable transcripts of more than 12,000 passenger manifests of immigrant ships from around the world to the USA. You can search the website for free with the usual phrase, Boolean, and wildcard searches or browse lists by port of departure/arrival, ship's name or date.

'The Compass' section holds information and images of some of the ships and other images related to migration to North America. This section is home also to a map of ship passenger routes and a wealth of other information and links (albeit a little hit or miss from my experience) relating to: immigration and naturalization; maritime resources; and further ancestral resources. All of this further information is tailored to the US market but much of it is still of interest and could provide further leads.

Not the tidiest of websites but nonetheless a good one to bookmark and dip into from time-to-time: <http://www.immigrantships.net/>

**Mike Paice, Member No. 7728**

### **18<sup>th</sup> Century London Lives**

London Lives 1690 to 1800 – Crime, Poverty and Social Policy in the Metropolis (to give it its full title) is an online database which makes available a wide range of primary sources with a particular focus on ordinary Londoners. These people mainly turn up in parish records and when they were forced into the criminal justice system, sought poor relief or medical treatment. The database currently gives access to 3.35 million names which originate from eight archives (namely Bridewell, Carpenters' Hall, the Middlesex Sessions, the Old Bailey Sessions, St Botolph Aldgate, St Clement Danes, St Dionis Backchurch and St Thomas's Hospital) supplemented by 15 datasets which were created by other projects..

It is very easy to search the site using a keyword but you can also browse the archives, which means you can look through any individual archive page by page. You choose which archive you would like to see and then you can select a date to view.

If you register with the website, facilities are provided which allow you to link together records related to the same individual and to compile biographies of the best documented people. Registration, which is free, also gives you access to advanced searching and the Wiki.

Do you have London ancestors? Then you should have a look. The website is at: [www.londonlives.org](http://www.londonlives.org)

## National Portrait Gallery

The National Portrait Gallery was founded in 1856 to collect portraits of famous British men and women. There are currently over 175,000 images dating from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century to the present day and include both conventional painted portraits and photographs too. The portraits are contained in a database which is available to search for free on the internet. You can search by either the name of the sitter or the name of the artist and whilst most our ancestors will not appear in this database it is worth a look because you never know!

If you do find a picture you are interested in, you can order a digital copy of it (in various sizes and finishes) from £12.50 to £45, which will be delivered to UK addresses in about 3 days. The collection can be accessed at: [www.npg.org.uk](http://www.npg.org.uk)

Thanks to Eileen Blythe, Member No. 2, for telling us about this site.

## Updates

The Royal Air Force Muster Roll 1918, containing records for more than 181,000 men who were with the service when it was formed on 1 April 1918, has been added to FindMyPast. So, too, have the records of 2,328 men who received facial plastic surgery from Dr Harold GILLIES between 1917 and 1925. Also available are records for 8,900 prisoners held captive on prison ships, also known as hulks, during the period 1811-1843.

Until 2 November, Ancestry.co.uk has **free access to the 1911 census**. You will need to register with them, by providing a name and email address, to access these records.

The Articles of Clerkship 1756-1874, containing details of thousands of people who hoped to become barristers and solicitors is now available for searching on Ancestry.

TheGenealogist.co.uk has added a series of Kelly's *Post Office Directories* for London from 1856-1939 and also 147,000 individuals to their London Parish Record transcripts.

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

## BUTLERS AND OTHER SERVANTS

By Elizabeth Burling, Member No. 4772

‘The number of the male domestics in a family varies according to the wealth and position of the master, from the owner of the ducal mansion with a retinue of attendants, at the head of which is the chamberlain and house-steward, to the occupier of the humbler house, where a single footman, or even the odd man-of-all-work, is the only male retainer.’ At least, so Mrs Beeton tells us in her *Book of Household Management*, first published in 1861.

My London family employed no male domestics; indeed, one of my great grandfathers, Edmund Richard HAYNES (pictured right) *was* a male domestic. He appears in the 1891 census as a footman at 82 Portland Place. The tasks of a footman (again from Mrs Beeton) were to clean the knives, shoes, furniture and plate, to trim the lamps, to answer the front door, the drawing room and parlour bells, and to do all the errands. He also had to help set the table and serve the meals.



82 Portland Place was the London dwelling of Alban George Henry GIBBS (merchant, banker and MP) who was not at home on the night of the census. Alban GIBBS was the second Baron Aldenham. He had married Bridget BERESFORD-HOPE on 18 February 1873 and they had three children: Catherine Louisa, born 1875; Mildred Dorothea, born 1876 and Gerald Henry Beresford, born 1879. The children appear in the 1891 census at Aldenham Vicarage, staying with their uncle Kenneth F GIBBS who was Vicar there. Alban GIBBS and his wife do not seem to be in the UK. Baron Aldenham’s seat was Aldenham House (formerly called ‘Wigbournes’ after the family who had built it) at Aldenham in Hertfordshire, which is now the home of Haberdashers’ Aske School. The only people at the House in the 1891 census were a stableman, Charles A WATTS, and a carpenter, William EAST, and his family who were all living in rooms above the stables.

As the GIBBS family were all away, the only people at 82 Portland Place were eight servants. The only other male servant was the butler. He was 50-year-old Irishman called Bernard GAFFREY. He was also at 82 Portland Place at the time of the 1881 census (although only aged 34 then!) and still there in 1901 so must have been with the family for at least 20 years. Bernard GAFFREY is a surprisingly rare name but I cannot find him in any other censuses. The 1901 census stated that he had been born in Dublin so maybe he retired to Ireland? Family rumour reports that he died 'when a gun accidentally went off' but I cannot find a death record for him either.



gun accidentally went off' but I cannot find a death record for him either.

The word 'butler' comes from the French 'bouteleur' meaning cup-bearer and originally the role of a butler was to care for the alcoholic drinks in a household, from looking after them in the cellar to serving them at table. Mrs Beeton tells us: 'The domestic duties of the butler are to bring in the eatables at breakfast and wait upon the family at that meal, assisted by the footman, and see to the cleanliness of everything at table. On taking away, he removes the tray with the china and plate, for which he is responsible.' At luncheon,

dinner and tea the butler had further duties at table. The lamps, candles, gas burners and fires were his concern, as was security, paying bills, superintending any other servants and, paramount, care of the wine cellar - a position of some responsibility.

The picture of Bernard GAFFREY (above) comes from my great grandfather's photograph album and it was taken between 1882 and 1908, when the photographers, Searle Bros, were at 191 Brompton Road.

All the other servants at 82 Portland Place that night in 1891 were women: Clara LOGAN, the cook; Mary HILLIER and Rhoda ORFORD, the housemaids; Sophia COLLINS, a kitchenmaid; Annie DAVIS, a scullerymaid and Mary McKAY, a lady's maid.

The lady's maid took care of everything concerning her mistress's appearance, from being a competent hairdresser to cleaning and repairing her clothes and hats. Mrs Beeton has some recipes to help a lady's maid: for cleaning ribbons you need to mix half a pint of gin, half a pound of honey, half a pound of soft soap and half a pint of water – it almost sounds good enough to drink! I wonder why Mary McKAY was not with her employer? However, according to family rumour, 'Lady Aldenham contracted cancer and went to Madeira to die'. She died 5 years after this census, on 27 February 1896, according to *The Complete Peerage, Volume XIV*. Her death does not appear in the GRO indexes so may have taken place abroad.



The task of housemaids was to keep the rest of the house 'in perfect cleanliness and order' – quite a job in a large house before the labour-saving devices we now take for granted were invented. Mary HILLIER (left) and Rhoda ORFORD (below) both came from Shaftesbury, Dorset.

What intrigues me is that Edmund Richard HAYNES' sister, Sarah Elizabeth HAYNES (born Daventry, NTH) had moved to Shaftesbury sometime between 1871 and 1881, where she was employed as a teacher. In 1881 Sarah's cousin, Sarah Elizabeth JONES aged 16 (born Twickenham, MDX) was working as a pupil teacher there too. Sarah HAYNES was 10-12 years older than Mary and Rhoda but Sarah JONES was the same sort of age. I suppose the Sarahs may have



provided Mary and Rhoda with a London connection for employment. That connection became stronger when Rhoda married Sarah's brother, Walter Hugh HAYNES in 1896. Walter was employed as a domestic groom at 4 Williams Mews, Portland Place in 1891 although as to who his employer was I do not know but it is conceivable that he, too, worked for Alban GIBBS.

Clara LOGAN, the cook, said she was 42 and had been born in Marylebone. In 1901 she was cooking for a stockbroker with Emily HILLIER (born Shaftesbury so Mary's sister?) as housemaid. The cook was, obviously, head of the kitchen and in charge of preparing all the food the family ate. She was assisted in the cooking by the kitchenmaid and also by the scullery maid, whose job was to keep the kitchen and all its utensils clean.

The Shaftesbury/Marylebone connection continued because in 1901 and 1911 Rhoda ALFORD's younger sister Harriet Lydia ALFORD was working for the GIBBS household.

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Many thanks to the following members who have sent in photographs for our website; Peter Adams, Christine Dean, Hazel Duxon, Keith Marshall, Patricia Self and Maureen Ward. Our collection is growing but we still need more! Please send photos by email or post to the Editors – addresses are on the inside of the front cover.

A revised list is below:

### Middlesex Parish Churches to be photographed.

Edgware <i>St Margaret</i>	Kingsbury <i>St Andrew</i>
Edmonton <i>All Saints</i>	Little Stanmore <i>St Lawrence</i>
Finchley <i>St Mary</i>	Paddington <i>St James and St Mary</i>
Finsbury <i>St Luke Old Street</i>	Perivale <i>St Mary the Virgin</i>
Friern Barnet <i>St James</i>	Pinner <i>St John the Baptist</i>
Great Stanmore <i>St John</i>	St Marylebone
Greenford <i>Holy Cross</i>	Twyford <i>St Mary</i>
Hampstead <i>St John, Church Row</i>	Wealdstone <i>Holy Trinity</i>
Harrow <i>St Mary</i>	Wembley <i>St John</i>
Harrow Weald <i>All Saints</i>	Willesden <i>St Mary</i>
Hendon <i>St Mary</i>	Wood Green <i>St Michael</i>
Hornsey <i>St Mary</i>	

If you are visiting the Westminster area then we also need; St Anne's Soho, St James, Piccadilly and St George Hanover Square.

### St Martin in the Fields Settlement Examinations

Volume 5034, Page 343

Elizabeth BECKINGTON age 30 years. Never was married or bound an apprentice, born in Church Lane in Kensington. Father Thomas BECKINGTON, Carpenter. Lived in Church Street.

Had the misfortune of being flung out of Chaise by the horse taking flight and was killed on the spot.

Dated 7 October 1742



## OBITUARIES

It is with sadness that we report the deaths of the following members of the Society. We send condolences to their families and friends.

**Mrs Grace Georgina Cowie** (Membership number 126)

6 September 1920 – 15 July 2012

Grace joined the then London and North Middlesex Family History Society soon after it was founded in 1978. By then she had been investigating her family history for a couple of decades or so and she had strong roots in the Society's area.

Grandparents lived in Hampstead where they ran the village store in Willow Road and her parents met when her father's family went to live at Burgh House for a short time. (The building now includes Hampstead Museum.)

Grace joined the Navy, became a Wren and was posted to South Africa for the duration of the War. She met her husband there and in 1950 they came to Hampstead Garden Suburb where Grace lived for the rest of her life.

For the Society she was a 'hands on' person and transcribed the Highgate registers for example amongst other similar work over a considerable period. I first met her at a City Branch meeting held at the Society of Genealogists (SoG) and in due course we travelled together to Barnet Branch Meetings. Grace was a member of the SoG for many years and took an active part in a number of local organisations - Townswomen's Guild, The Finchley Society, Fellowship House (the social centre for Suburb residents) and the Suburb Free Church. Its Minister conducted the celebration for Grace's life at St Marylebone Crematorium, Finchley on 27 July 2012.

Marjorie Bridges, Member No. 4107, Grace's friend for many years, joined me to represent the Society.

**Rosemary A Roome, Member No. 2985**

**Mr Basil Leverton** (Membership number 1488)

**Mr Alan E Sherwood** (Membership number 3045)

**Mr K Woodbridge** (Membership number 3209)

**Mrs Jean Haynes** (Life Membership number 3643)

It is with sadness that we report the death of Jean Haynes on 23 July 2012.

Jean, a registered City of London Guide, joined the North Middlesex Family History Society at the inaugural meeting of the City Branch in the Lecture Theatre at Guildhall Library, Aldermanbury on Maundy Thursday, 30 April 1983.

From that first meeting Jean took an active role in City Branch events whether it be giving talks to members, taking them on guided walks around the City after meetings or participating in the annual Carol Service held at St Giles, Cripplegate Church each December.

One of Jean's main interests was the poet John Keats and Keats' House at Hampstead. Jean believed there was a connection between Keats and the poet and playwright William Congreve (Congreve was Jean's maiden name).

Harvey Haynes, Jean's husband, joined the Society midway through 1996 after the resignation of the then Editor. Harvey had experience working on newspapers as a senior reporter and as a news editor and was co-opted onto the Executive as Editor of METROPOLITAN with Jean as co-editor. Their first journal was the July 1996 edition and they subsequently produced METROPOLITAN from their home at Rochester, Kent for five or six years.

Apart from Jean's interests in the City of London it was inevitable that she and Harvey would become deeply involved in the annual Dickens Festival held at Rochester, not only dressing the part but playing a role in the festivities.

Jean was a lovely lady and will be sadly missed by Harvey, their family and many friends. We send them our sincere condolences.

A service celebrating Jean's life was held on 28 September at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

**Anne Prudames, Member No. 245, and Susan Lumas, Member No. 481**

**Mr Stan Horrall** (Membership number 3745)

**Mrs Valerie Lofts** (Membership number 4299)

**Mr Mike Fountain** (Life Membership number 5423)

The Society is very sad to report of the death of our Vice President Mike Fountain who passed away aged 79 on the 21 of August 2012. Prior to amalgamation Mike was both Chairman and Secretary of the Westminster and Central Middlesex FHS until 1988. Since amalgamation he was honoured with life membership for his services to the Society. He was also a very active member of the Friends of the Metropolitan Police Historical Collection. He will be remembered for his lively wit and helpful manner and above all his talks on the apprehension of Dr Crippen, and early members of the Metropolitan Police Service. His funeral took place at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. Donations to the Metropolitan and City Police Orphans Fund were sent via the undertaker Adam James Harrow.

**Bill Pyemont, Member No. 5639**

**St Martin in the Fields Settlement Examinations**

Volume F5034, Page 392

Sarah SWALE, age 22, Father John SWALE, Hackney coachman rented a cellar at the Sign of the Kings Arms and a room up 2 pairs of stairs, paid £8 pa for the cellar and £4 for the room. In the cellar was a necessary house for the use of themselves only but no water was laid on in there that being in the street before the cellar door. That there was no bed in the cellar nor any way to their room 2 pair of stairs but from the street that he continued to occupy the same 8 or 9 years and then her Father died and her Mother kept the same three months after his death and then also died.

Dated 2 December 1742

**St Martin in the Fields Settlement Examinations**

Volume 5037, Page 79

Mary COOPER age 42, born Middle Scotland Yard in the house of Mr FRANSOME who was the King's Ironmonger. Her father, Gabriel COOPER was Cook to King William and Queen Anne and died in the latter end of Queen Anne's reign.

Dated 1746

Please set out your *Help!* request as clearly and succinctly as possible.

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subsequent entry and for all entries from non-members. Don't forget to include your contact details and your membership number.



### GYMNASTICS CLUB

The article by John Peckham in the latest METROPOLITAN re-sparked my interest in father's gymnastic career. I hold some of his medals and some cloth badges you put on your jacket sleeves. He also held a Diploma from the Amateur Gymnastics Association and I have written to them seeking more information on the Diploma.



I have hunted on the Internet

but cannot find out anything about the Metropolitan and Southern Counties Amateur Gymnastics Association which seems to have been his club. I wondered if anyone in the Society could help me?

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Note: Mentions of the Metropolitan and Southern Counties Amateur Gymnastics Association (MESCAGA) are very thin on the ground. We have only found it mentioned between 1910 and 1931 - it does not seem to exist now.

You mention that you have contacted the Amateur Gymnastics Association with regard to the Diploma but perhaps you should also ask them about MESCAGA too.

**BARTHELEMY**

I have hit a big brick wall and wondered if anyone could advise me as to where I can go from here.

John Peter BARTHELEMY aka James Peter BARTHELEMY aka Peter James BARTHELEMY is my great, great, great grandfather. I do not know what year he was born, but he married Harriot Ann CROSSMAN in St Anne Soho, Westminster on 5 March 1798. The story passed down through the family was that he was a Huguenot.

I know of four children born to the couple: Henry George Peter BARTHELEMY, Charlotte Matilda BARTHELEMY, William John BARTHELEMY and my great, great grandfather, George William BARTHELEMY. Nothing more known about Henry George Peter, William John died very young and Charlotte Matilda married a John WEY.

John Peter BARTHELEMY, a stay maker, was living in Marshall Street, Middlesex and had a patent for a shield taken out on 18 May 1804. That is all that I know about him. I cannot find a death for either him or his wife Harriot Ann BARTHELEMY, nor can I find them on the 1841 census so I presume they were both deceased by then.

I have searched the London England Deaths and Burials for all the parishes in the Westminster Area on Ancestry. A researcher has covered the parish registers of St James, Piccadilly; St George the Martyr; Threadneedle Street; St Martin in the Fields; Burial Index for new ground at Camden Town, 1806-1857; St Margaret, Westminster; St George, Hanover Square; St John the Evangelist; Le Carre and Berwick Chapels, Savoy Chapel; The Tabernacle, Glasshouse Street and Leicester Fields; Hungerford Market; Le Petit Charenton, West Street, Pearl Street and Crispin Street; Rider Court; Chapel Royal of St James and Swallow Street; Montpellier – Huguenot Abjurations 1685-1699; National Archives Naturalisations; Poll Books of Westminster and Rate Books. Unfortunately nothing was discovered about my ancestor.

If any member could help me please I would be most grateful.

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**Note: BARTHELEMY certainly seems to be a very rare surname in the UK. Have you tried contacting The Huguenot Society of Great Britain & Ireland ([www.huguenotsociety.org.uk](http://www.huguenotsociety.org.uk)) for advice?**

**BUTLER**

W&A Butler, Building Material Dealers, The Hyde, Hendon. This refers to William and Alfred Joseph BUTLER. Alfred Joseph was my great grandfather. He was born about 1846 but I have been unable to find his birth.

He married Georgiana DRUMMY on 3 July 1867 at St Matthew's, Marylebone. They had 10 children. His father was named as Joseph BUTLER, Gun Maker.

I do not know any more about William BUTLER, or what the relationship was between him and Alfred.

If anyone has any knowledge of this family, I would love to hear from them.

***Helen Butler, Member No. 5186***

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**ADELAIDE EVELYN GATES/DARKE**

I'm having problems tracing where my grandmother is buried and would appreciate any help or advice you can give me. For most of my adult life I was led to believe that she is buried in Highgate Cemetery but after paying them to do a grave search they tell me this isn't the case. I'm not sure where to go next as I live in Scotland and have no knowledge of graveyards in London. Highgate gave me a list of other cemeteries to try (East Finchley, Hampstead, Camden, Islington & St Pancras, Trent Park, Hendon, Kensal Green, Abney Park) but I don't know how they geographically relate to where my grandmother lived and died.

My grandmother was born on the 12 February 1896 and died in St Mary's Hospital, Islington on the 15 September 1943 (from an illness, not killed during the war) and her home address was Grosvenor Avenue, Islington, so I presume she'll have been buried near to these locations.

The added complication is that her death certificate is under the name of Adelaide Evelyn DARKE but in fact she was Adelaide Evelyn GATES (she never divorced Mr GATES and took my grandfathers name of DARKE although they were never married), there is a correction on the certificate to this fact.

***Rosemary MacGregor, Member No. 7618***

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Note: Burial places are notoriously tricky to find in London. Our article *So Where Were They Buried* by Rosemary A Roome which appeared in the July 2008 edition of METROPOLITAN would be useful reading.

Of your list of cemeteries above, Islington & St Pancras has the largest number of interments of any cemetery in the UK with over 812,000 burials and 56,000 cremations. Records for this cemetery along with those of Hampstead, Trent Park and others, are available to search for a small fee via [www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com)

It might also be worth checking local newspapers for September 1943 in case there is a note of her funeral. The website for these is: [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk)

## DRAPER

I have been trying for a couple years to research the DRAPER family tree. John DRAPER died in 1928 in Hampshire. His death certificate gives an age of 75, so his possible birth year is about 1854. His parents were Warren DRAPER and Sarah DRAPER, maiden name unknown, and John was born in Shoreditch, Middlesex. I can find him in 1911, 1901, 1891 and maybe 1881 but prior to that nothing. His partner was Grace Maria ASKER but they never married despite having several children.

Can anyone help? I have checked [ancestry.co.uk](http://ancestry.co.uk) and [freebmd](http://freebmd) and there's no mention of the dates or area.

***Phil Draper, Member No. 7617***

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Note: In the 1891 and 1901 censuses, John DRAPER states that he was born in Marylebone in 1857; 1911 has Westminster in 1857. There is a birth of a John DRAPER in Marylebone in 1856 in the GRO Indexes. You have this certificate and it states that the parents were Richard DRAPER and Ellen BURDEN.

The John DRAPER whose parents were Warren and Sarah DRAPER appears in the 1861 census with a birth date of 1853 and Registration District of Shoreditch. Whilst there are no John DRAPERs born in 1853 in Shoreditch, there are two or three born around that time further east than Marylebone. It does not seem likely that Warren and Sarah were your John DRAPER's parents.

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### **Barnet Branch** – 7.30pm for 8.00pm

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Thursday 18 October	<i>Sex, Sin and Scandal in Newspapers</i> by Roy Stockdill
Thursday 15 November	<i>City Churches plus a Dragon or Two</i> by Rosemary Roome and Barbara Haswell
Thursday 20 December	No meeting
Thursday 17 January	TBA

### **City Branch** – 12 noon for 12.30pm

Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, Holborn Library,  
32-38 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8PA

Thursday 25 October	<i>The London Labyrinth</i> by Kathy Chater
Thursday 29 November	<i>Streets of Dickens</i> by Tudor Allen
Thursday 27 December	No meeting
Thursday 31 January	TBA

### **Enfield Branch** – 7.30pm for 8.00pm

St Paul's Centre, Church Street, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 6AR

Wednesday 3 October	<i>Postcard Slides of Enfield</i> by Stephen Sellick
Wednesday 7 November	Bygones Quiz with Artefacts
Wednesday 5 December	Members' Social, Christmas Party
Wednesday 2 January	No meeting



**Rayners Lane Branch** – 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Friends' Meeting House, 456 Rayners Lane, Harrow, Middlesex HA5 5DT

Friday 12 October	<i>The French Foreign Legion – a bolt hole for disappearing ancestors</i> by Ken Divall
Friday 9 November	<i>Dickens' London</i> by John Neal
Friday 14 December	TBA
Friday 11 January	TBA

**Wembley Branch** – 7.30pm for 8.00pm

St. John's Church, Crawford Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex HA0 2HX

Monday 22 October	<i>Saving Dickens' Children</i> by Dr Gillian Gear
Monday 26 November	<i>Hidden Minds Project</i> by Sylvia Thompson
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<b>ANTON</b> Frances May 'Di'	2011 age 86	1925 London	<b>PORTER</b>
<b>AUSTIN</b> John	2012 age 80	1932 London	
<b>AYLING</b> Marion	2011 age 72	1939 London	
<b>BRYAN</b> Shaughan Patrick	2012 age 83	1929 London	
<b>CALDWELL</b> Kathleen Mary	2012 age 93	1919 Hanwell	<b>LINES</b>
<b>CLARK</b> Rolland A. 'Nobby'	2011 age 91	1920 London	
<b>CRYER</b> James Ludlow	2012	London	
<b>GLAZEBROOK</b> Dr George Allan Llewelyn Griffyd	2012 age 86	1926 London	
<b>GREEN</b> Edith Kathleen	2012 age 105	1907 Croydon	
<b>KERSHAW</b> Evelyn Helen	2012 age 87	1925 London	<b>FORD</b>
<b>LATHAM</b> Patricia Ann	2011 age 77	1934 Ealing	<b>BAYLISS</b>
<b>MALONE</b> Eva Jean	2011 age 87	1924 London	
<b>McBEAN</b> Jean Mary	2012 age 64	1948 London	
<b>PURCELL</b> Geoffrey William	2011 age 79	1932 London	
<b>REED</b> Michael John	2011 age 84	1927 LND/YKS	
<b>ROBERTS</b> Ailsa Lillian	2012 age 88	1923 Kensington	<b>MERCER</b>
<b>SCHWAB</b> Grace Winifred	2011 age 89	1922 London	<b>HOLMAN</b>
<b>SOLES</b> May Gwendoline	2012	1922 London	<b>CLEAVER</b>
<b>SQUIRE</b> Yvonne	2012 age 88	1924 London	<b>HUBBARD</b>
<b>STRUTT</b> Charles Douglas	2012 age 93	1918 London	
<b>UNGER</b> James Frederick	2012 age 75	1937 London	
<b>WALKER</b> Rosalind Violet	2011 age 88	1923 London	<b>EDWARDS</b>
<b>WHITTLE</b> 'Roy' John	2011 age 92	1919 London	
<b>WILKINSON</b> Elizabeth	2012 age 82	1930 London	<b>CLARK</b>
<b>WOODWARK</b> George Millington	2012 age 89	1923 London	

Many thanks to Ms Mary Davidson, Member No. 7605.

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