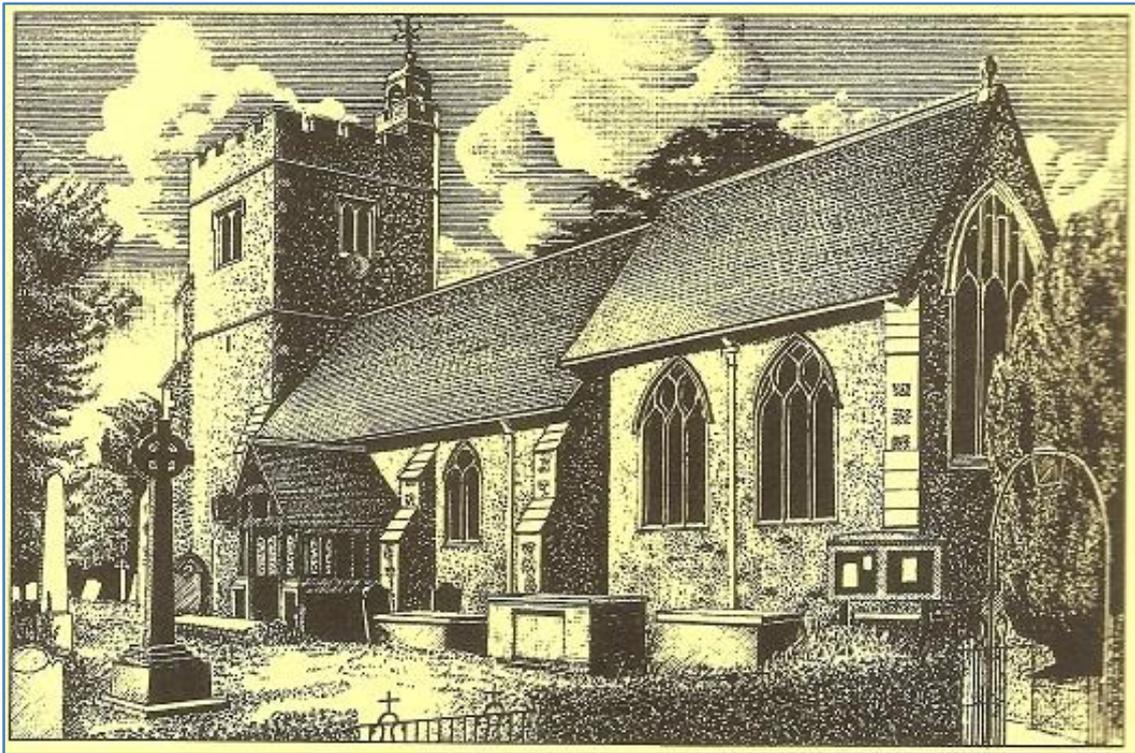




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FUTURE MEETINGS

The following talks have been arranged:

19 Mar AGM plus The History of Heathrow Airport – *Nick Pollard*

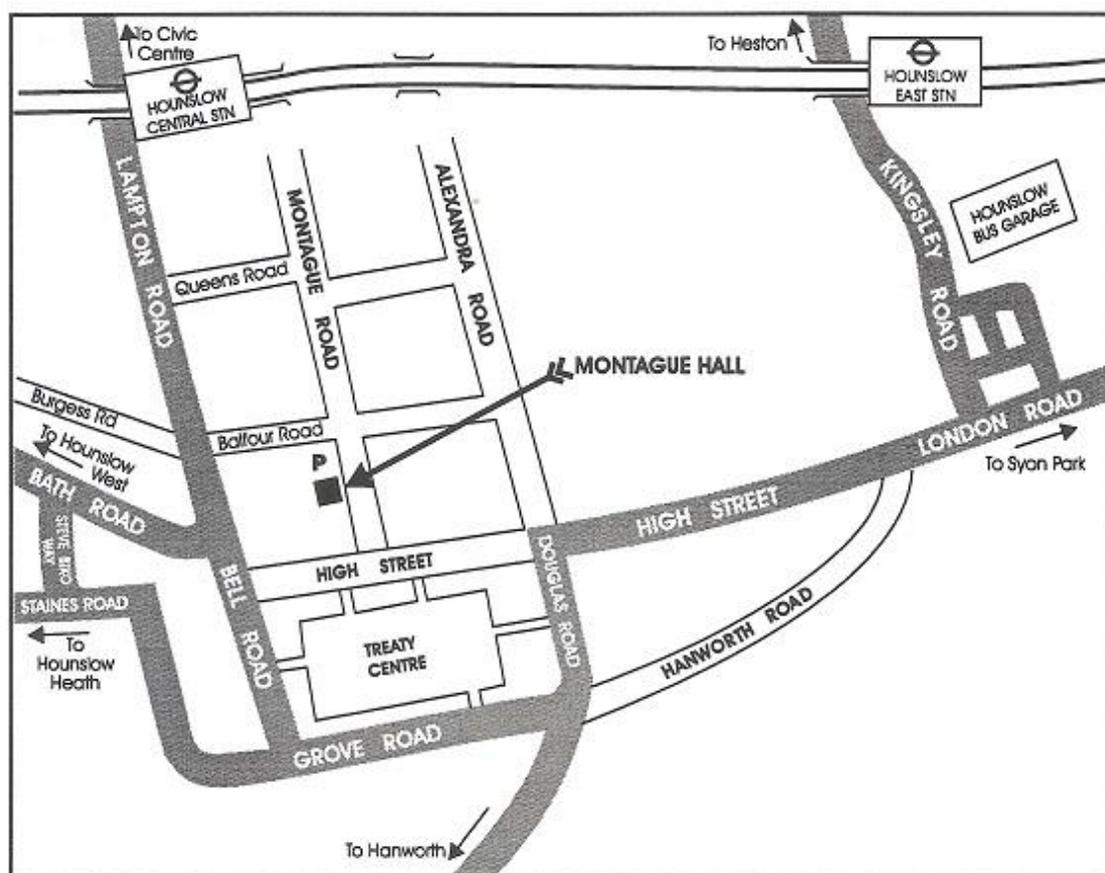
19 April Up with the Lark – *Ian Waller*

17 May The Workhouse and Poorhouse – *Colin Chapman*

21 June Railway Records – *George Yeldon*

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow, and doors open at 7.15pm. Parking is available adjacent to the Hall. Research material such as indexes (e. g. IGI, 1881 census, Middlesex marriages to 1837) and reference books, exchange journals from other societies and a bookstall, can be browsed between 7.30pm and 10pm; (talks take place between 8 and 9pm), tea/coffee, or a cold drink, and biscuits are also available. Fully Accessible.

WHERE WE ARE





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice of Agenda

The Annual General Meeting of the West Middlesex Family History Society will be held on Thursday 15 March 2007 at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow. The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 16th March 2006
4. Matters arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Receiving of Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2006
8. Constitution Amendments
9. Appointment of Examiners
10. Election of Committee
11. Any Other Business

Tony Simpson, Secretary, 32 The Avenue, Bedford Park, Chiswick W4 1HT

NEWS ROUNDUP

Diary Dates

Saturday 25 February: The Oxfordshire & Bucks Fair, Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington. 10am-5pm

Sunday 11 March: The Merseyside & Cheshire Fair, Hulme Hall, Bolton Road, Port Sunlight, Wirral. 10am-5pm

Sunday 11 March: Dorset FHS Open Day, Poole Grammar School, Gravel Hill, Poole, Dorset. Research facilities, free parking, light refreshments available. 10am-4pm

Sunday 1 April: The Stockport Town Hall Fair, Wellington Road South, Stockport. The North West's popular fair. 10am-5pm

Sunday 22 April: The South Coast Fair, Worthing Pavilion Theatre, Marine Parade, Worthing. The South Coast's largest fair. 10am-5pm

Sunday 13 May: The Kent Fair, Market Hall, Barker Road, Lockmeadow, Maidstone. Large free car park and up to 100 stalls. 10am-5pm

Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society:

Tuesday 20 March: “The Charles Brooking Collection of Architectural Detail” by Charles Brooking.

Tuesday 24 April: “Heathrow from Iron Age to Jet Age” by Nick Pollard.

Tuesday 15 May: “Kew Palace” by Ian Franklin.

Unless otherwise stated, all talks take place in the Theatre at Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton, and commence at 8p.m. Free to members, non members welcome £1.00 per head.

WMFHS NOTICEBOARD



WANTED for the Tape Library - does anyone have a cassette tape storage cabinet which you are thinking of getting rid of? If so, please let me know as I now need a second cabinet for our tapes. Will pay a small sum for a suitable cabinet.

Muriel Sprott, 1 Camellia Place, Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 7HZ

WMFHS Christmas Party

Our December party, held in our usual venue of Montague Hall, went very Well with a very high turn-out despite bad weather. Members had generously supplied a great deal of food which was enthusiastically consumed during a break in the evening’s entertainment, provided this time by John and Elaine Taylor, who had brought along their Magic Lantern equipment and slides.

John first of all gave us a short history of the Magic Lantern which goes back a surprising long way:



Pepys describes just such a show at his house in 1666, and a French traveller in England mentions seeing a show in 1663. The Magic Lantern may have been invented by Huygens, a Dutchman, in 1659, and his drawings suggest moving images.

Before electrification, light for the projections was provided by oil lamps or limelight.

Then on with the show and we were treated first of all to a version of Dickens' Christmas Carol, with a recording of actors' voices speaking lines from the book to accompany the slides. After the break came an 'interactive' show with members of the audience providing sound effects as firemen carried out a daring rescue, then Hardwick Hall provided the setting for a final drama featuring the Squire and Bill and Nellie Deane.

Hounslow Library Local Studies in 2006

James Marshall

A local history and family history day held at Bedfont Library on Saturday 1st April, proved very successful. Thanks to Andrea Cameron, the Feltham History Group and the West Middlesex Family History Society for their assistance in providing displays, and for participation in a most enjoyable event.

Feltham's new library opened on 15th July. To mark the occasion, I revised and republished a history of Feltham and its library, first printed in 1986. I also selected six postcards from our collections for reprinting and sale through local libraries: four views of Feltham town centre photographed before the First World War, a jolly autumnal view of Bedfont Green by the well-known Edwardian local postcard artist 'Jotter', and a picture of the Graf Zeppelin airship visiting Hanworth Air Park in 1931 or 1932. After nineteen years of wear and tear Hounslow Library's carpet was replaced during July. Although the work required the library's complete closure for a month it provided a good opportunity to re-organize and improve the layout of both the library and the Local Studies area.

September saw the annual Open House weekend. Once again the Local Studies and Archives staff, along with the house stewards, provided guided tours of Chiswick Town Hall, Hogarth's House in Chiswick and Boston Manor House, Brentford. Hogarth's House will be lending an original copper plate, engraved by Hogarth himself, to the Tate Gallery, which is putting on a Hogarth exhibition in the spring of 2007 at Tate Britain, Millbank. Hogarth made this plate in 1726 for his set of twelve illustrations for 'Hudibras', Samuel Butler's Restoration-era satire in verse. During 2006 two sets of most useful, but increasingly fragile scrap books have been conserved by the insertion of their pages into clear archival security pockets and clarnshell ring- binders. I am grateful to volunteers from the Feltham History Group for their assistance with this project.

Victoria, our Senior Archivist who has recently returned from maternity leave, and I, were invited to visit Hounslow's Beldam Lascar Works, on the Staines Road, just before Christmas. Sadly, this local business, which has made joints and seals for the shipbuilding and heavy engineering industries for more than 100 years, is closing down. However, Victoria and I were able

to collect some photographs and souvenirs of its existence for the library's Local Collection.

Throughout November and December I have been working with the Feltham History Group on the recording and mapping of the bombing of Feltham and district during World War Two. For both Hounslow and for Brentford and Chiswick a complete chronological record of local bomb incidents, compiled by the local authority, has survived and is kept in the Local Studies Collections. Sadly, no comparable record exists for Feltham. We have been working to recreate records from returns that the District Council sent to the Home Office Bomb Census Intelligence Unit and from maps of bombing that the Unit compiled from these returns. These records are housed in the National Archives at Kew. I hope to give a talk on this project at Feltham Library, one Saturday in April 2007.

Both Victoria, our Senior Archivist and Catherine, the Local Collection Archivist at Chiswick Library, are leaving Hounslow Library Service. Victoria's new job will be at London's Globe Theatre and Catherine will join the West Yorkshire Archives Service. Congratulations and best wishes to both of them. Until new appointments can be made Hounslow Library service will do its best to continue to provide a public service for archives and local studies collection customers. We wish all our customers a happy new year for 2007.

INDEX

Every year we produce an Index (see the yellow-coloured insert in the Journal) based on the four editions of the Journal published during the previous year. The Index is aimed at providing references to the topics covered both in the Journal and at monthly meetings, and at facilitating your search for places and names that appeared in print during 2006. The Index, then, lists the 17 printed Articles on Family/Local History, 5 Reports on Talks, 12 Photographs, the 117 Place Names and 99 Individual Names appearing in the 17 Articles, and finally 189 Surnames culled from the regular "HELP!" and "Members' Interests" sections throughout the year. There should be enough material here to merit all readers' curiosity! Copies of the 2006 Journals are available from the Membership Secretary, or the Editor can supply a copy of a particular item.

Footnote

Following our recent talk, it has been brought to our notice that TNA has 100 miles of storage in its on-site repositories and almost 25 km of off-site storage. There are about 25 repositories. In case of misunderstanding, the photograph needed for the reader's ticket will be done at point of issue.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES

In line with our statutory requirements to inform members of any changes to the Constitution prior to such changes being voted on at an Annual General Meeting (the next AGM to take place on 15th March 2007 in Montague Hall at 8pm) members should note that the Executive Committee are recommending certain amendments to the Society's Constitution (aided by a model Constitution provided by the Federation of Family History Societies to help bring family history societies in line with the recent new Charities Act) the new Constitution to read as per the Constitution dated 1st November 2006 and printed in this edition of the journal. The former Constitution, originally dated 17th December 1998 and amended 21st March 2002, is also printed here. We would point out that changes occur between the two documents in the following clauses:

Clause 2 (a)

Clause 3

Clause 4 (b) (c) and (d) Clause 5

Clause 6

Clause 7 (a) (a, 2)(b)

Clause 7 (c) (d) have been added.

Clause 8

Clause 9 (a)

Clause 10 substitution of the word 'shall' instead of 'may' in the line beginning 'Such a resolution...'

Clause 11

We would urge all members who are able to, to attend the AGM and vote on these amendments to this important document. As you can see, the new Clause 8 CONSTITUTION requires two-thirds of those present to pass any suggested amendments, so we would hope this would be a significant number! If those numbers who have been attending our monthly meetings of late attend this AGM, we would certainly have a good number voting.

Yvonne Masson

Chairman

**The CONSTITUTION of the
WEST MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

approved by the Annual General Meeting on 17th December 1998 and amended at the Annual General Meeting on 21st March 2002

1. NAME

The name of the society shall be the WEST MIDDLESEX FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the society shall be to promote and encourage the public study of Family History, Local History, Genealogy, and Heraldry. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the Society shall have power to:

- (a) Promote, maintain and encourage the practice of, and dissemination of information on Family History, Local History, Genealogy and Heraldry, by means of education or lectures or otherwise.
- (b) Promote and maintain research into all aspects of Family History, Local History, Genealogy and Heraldry.
- (c) Preserve records, archives and any other sources of material by transcription or otherwise.
- (d) Publish literature.
- (e) Collaborate with other similar organisations and with such bodies as churches libraries record offices and educational institutions.

3. AFFILIATION

The Society may affiliate to the Federation of Family History Societies and other bodies whose aims are similar to its own.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Society shall be open to all persons who are interested in the objects for which the Society exists. Application for membership shall be made in writing on the prescribed form. The classes of membership shall be as follows:

- (a) Individual Membership
- (b) Joint Membership
- (c) Corporate Membership
- (d) Honorary Membership

Joint Membership shall mean two people residing at the same address, each of whom shall be entitled to one vote at Annual General or Special General

Meetings. Individual Members, Honorary Members and the representative of a Corporate Membership present at Annual General or Special General Meetings shall be entitled to one vote each. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to elect Honorary members. The Executive Committee may suspend from membership any member whose activities, in their opinion, are likely to be to the detriment of the Society. Such members will have the right of appeal to the A.G.M.

5. SUBSCRIPTION

Subscriptions shall be payable at the time and at the rate recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by members at the Annual General Meeting. Any member who is three months or more in arrears with their subscription shall be deemed to have resigned from the Society.

6. COMMITTEE

(a) The Society shall be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of not more than twelve members. The Honorary Officers of this Committee shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. A quorum will consist of six members, which will include at least two Officers.

(b) The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by members who are present and voting at the Annual General Meeting and their terms of office shall commence with the declaration of such election results. Nominations for membership of the Committee must be submitted in writing to the Secretary so as to arrive not less than fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting.

(c) Members of the Executive Committee shall retire at the end of three years' service but may submit themselves for re-election on an annual basis for a further three years. No individual shall serve on the Executive Committee for more than six consecutive years; such an individual may however be re-elected after a lapse of one year.

(d) Casual vacancies may be filled by co-option by the Executive Committee.

(e) The Executive Committee may appoint annually sub committees, either ad-hoc or permanently, which under the authority and approval of the Executive Committee may nominate such persons as they consider appropriate, including persons not members of the Executive Committee.

(f) The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year, and shall determine the rules and procedures to govern its own meetings.

7. MEETINGS

(a) As from 1st April 1999 an Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held during the months of February or March to:

- (1) Receive the Chairman's Report.
- (2) Receive and approve the examined Accounts of the Society.
- (3) Appoint one or more independent examiners.
- (4) Elect the Officers and other members of the Executive Committee,
- (5) Transact any other business on the Agenda. Written notice of this meeting shall be given at least twenty-eight days prior to the event.

(b) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at the request of the Executive Committee or at the written request of not less than twenty full members of the Society, with prior notice furnished to the membership at least twenty-eight days before the meeting. A quorum at such a meeting shall consist of not less than forty-five full members.

8. CONSTITUTION

Except for matters dealing with the annual rate of subscription, the rules may be amended by a simple majority of the fully paid-up membership present and voting at a General Meeting. The Constitution shall be amended only if three-quarters of those attending and voting, vote for such amendment. No alteration or amendment can be made to the Constitution, which would cause the Society to cease to be a Charity at Law. The rules governing annual subscription rates may be amended at a General Meeting in the same way as the other rules save that the vote of half of those attending and voting shall be sufficient for such alteration. The Chairman of the Meeting shall in this instance have a casting vote or second vote. Voting shall be by a show of hands. Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all for members who are members as at December 31st but no omission to notify a member shall invalidate the Annual General Meeting.

9. FINANCE

(a) The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion and execution of the objectives of the Society as defined at paragraph (2) above, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly in any manner by way of profit to any member of the Committee or Society; providing that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper repayment of out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

(b) The Executive Committee or the Treasurer on its behalf shall cause proper books of account to be kept with respect to all sums of money received and expended by the Society and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditures takes place.

(c) Once at least in every year, the Society's accounts shall be examined by one or more independent examiners. The results of this examination shall be presented to members of the Society.

10. DISSOLUTION

The Society may be dissolved by a resolution passed by not less than three-quarters of those members present with voting rights at either an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose and for which twenty-eight days' notice has been given in writing. Such a resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by the Society after all debts and liabilities have been paid, the balance left to be transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having objectives similar to those of the Society.

11. TRUSTEES

The Executive Committee may appoint not less than six persons (and not more than thirty persons) to hold property held by or in trust for the Society.

L/Cpl WARNE ON ACTIVE SERVICE – THE SEQUEL

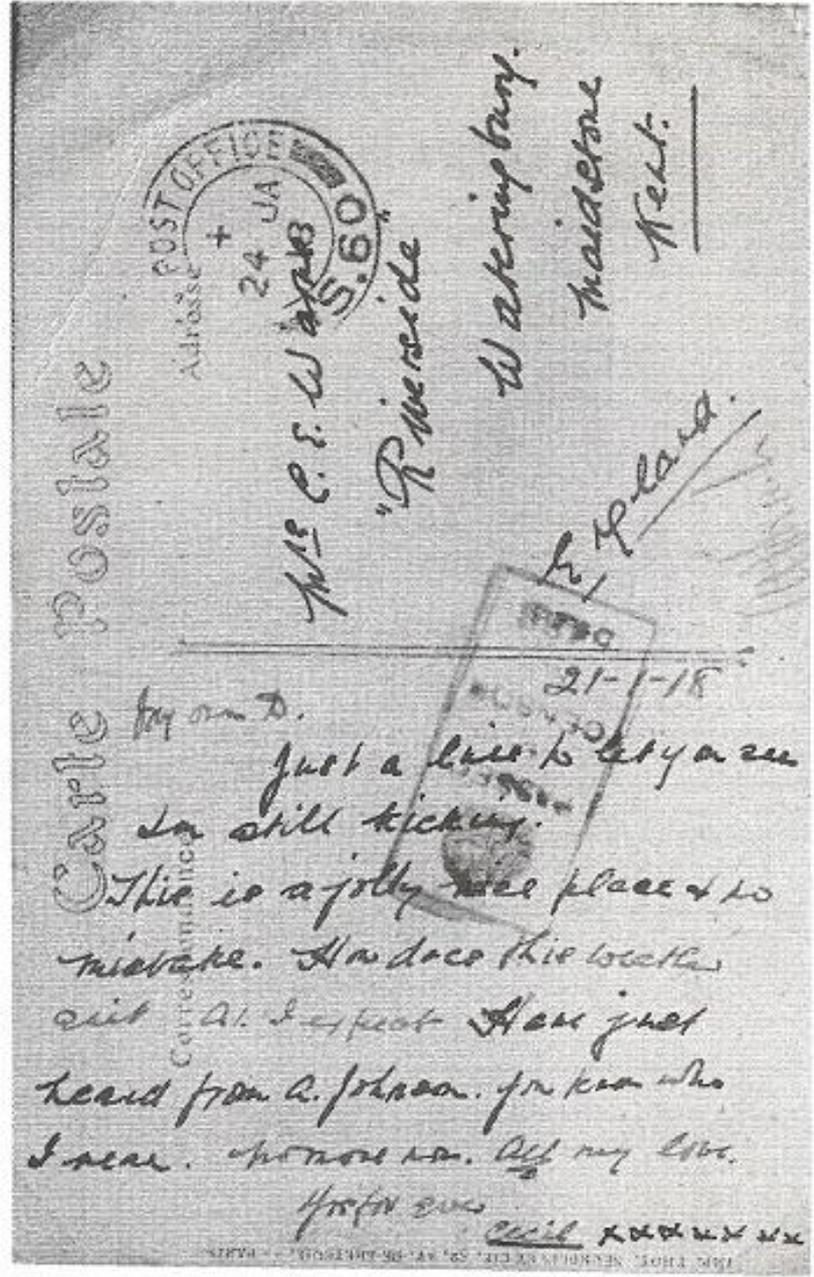
Roy Hewitt

In January 2006 I gave a talk to the Society entitled “L/ Cpl Warne on Active Service”. It was based upon about eight postcards I had bought bearing Army postal cancellations. It was only much later I realised the cards were all written by the same Great War soldier, Cecil E. Warne. Although he was not related to me nor to West Middlesex I became curious as to who he was and to whom was he writing as six of the cards were addressed to “My own D”.

Having explained the Army postal system of the time and the censorship procedure I told the audience of how the postmarks traced Cecil’s journey with his unit from a transit camp on the French coast down through Southern France and into Italy. It was here that Cecil’s Battalion were part of the British Army support for the Italians ‘fighting against the Austrians in the mountainous region of Northern Italy. Soon Cecil was promoted to Lance Corporal. The last card Cecil sent was from Genoa in 1919 saying he would be home in a few days.

A search for a marriage disclosed that Cecil Edward John Warne, a soldier, had married in Kent in 1917 to Dorothy Caroline Grace Melsted. One of the witnesses to the marriage was a Beatrice Melsted which identified the recipient of one of the cards that Cecil had sent. A search for Cecil’s birth showed that he had been born in 1895 in Norfolk where his father was a gardener.

TROUVILLE - SUR - MER JANUARY 1918.
ARMY POST-OFFICE S. 60.
 TROUVILLE CAMB, DEBOUVILLE.



"This is a
 jolly nice place"
 and no mistake.

Searching the Great War Army service records held at The National Archives, Kew can be a hit or miss affair as so many of them were damaged by fire or water when the building in which they were held was bombed in the Second World War. I was lucky, I found a complete record for Cecil starting from the time he enlisted, having been a machine minder in a flour mill, until he left the Army in 1921 as a sergeant.

In the years after the war Cecil had transferred from being a infantryman to the Royal Army Medical Corps. The last item of his record was a receipt he signed in 1922 for his campaign medals. But what happened to him after that?

Our Membership Secretary June Watkins was caught up in our curiosity. My wife Pat and I sat with June whilst we searched the Internet for Cecil's death. All we had to start with was that he was still alive in 1922. After searching every quarter of each year until 1975 when Cecil would have been 75 years of age, we had not found Cecil or his wife. When I told the audience that we gave up when we were becoming cross-eyed, tired and losing our concentration there was some laughter. However we were encouraged to continue the search. Some time later I received a triumphant phone call from June saying "I have found him."

Cecil died in 1978 from cancer of the stomach aged 83 years. He had been living in the village of Gelderston near Beccles Suffolk although his wife had registered the death in the district of Norwich Outer, Norfolk. So Cecil had returned to his native East Anglia. His occupation was recorded as domestic gardener (retired) which seemed to indicate he had been employed at one of the big estates in the area. His father had been a gardener so perhaps he had helped Cecil get employment after his discharge from the Army.

But what of Dorothy ? She died in 1991 aged 96 years after suffering a stroke at Chevington Lodge, Bungay, Suffolk. The death was registered by Reginald Darwin Harvey whose qualification was given as "causing the body to be cremated". Was Reginald a son-in law? Did this mean there were children? Using Google for a little bit of detective work, Chevington Lodge turned out to be a residential home and Reginald Harvey turned out to be a local Funeral Director.

"Old soldiers never die they only fade away."

Today we are all used to using passwords, pin numbers and post codes. Our ancestors also used passwords and codes but as they kept their secrets well it is hard to find out much about this side of their lives. The Free Masons used a pigpen cipher (see below); Friendly Societies used passwords, particularly important when many of their members were illiterate; and of course for centuries codes were used for communication in wartime and decoding your enemy's codes was of vital importance.

My family for several generations worked as drapers and I believe their business codes, or ciphers as they are technically known, were handed down from father to son. My great grandfather Edwin Henry Brown (1836-1899) was born in Shepton Mallet but moved to London in about 1859 to work as a draper. His son George Clifton Brown (1865-1939) also became a draper and worked as a young man for the department store John Barker & Co Ltd. The first department store in London was William Whiteley's emporium in Westbourne Grove which opened in 1864. John Barker served his apprenticeship in the drapery trade with Whiteleys and was eventually promoted to departmental manager. Barker established his own drapery business in 1870 when he took a lease of 91 and 93 Kensington High Street. Over the next 30 or so years the business grew rapidly to include bookselling, stationery and fancy-goods although drapery was still the main stand-by. Although I do not know at what age George joined Barkers I did some research into the business and found out that in 1886 Barkers had 400 shop assistants and their working day and opening hours were 8.30am to 8pm in the three summer months, and for the six months of winter they worked from 8.30pm to 6.30pm.

In 1901 George married Kate Elizabeth Musgrove (1868-1961), who was a buyer in the glove department of Barkers, and in 1902 they moved to Southall where they opened a drapery shop called Clifton Brown at 10-11 High Street. They lived in the flat above the shop for the next 26 years. The business grew rapidly and within a few years George and Kate had four shops in the High Street selling curtains, bed linen, gloves, millinery and ladies underwear. Both worked all day in the shop which stayed open until 8pm. They employed a nanny to look after their two sons, Basil and Alwyn, who was very much part of the family. The privately published booklet 'Growing-up With Southall from 1904' by R.J. Meads, provides an interesting description of the shops in the High Street at that time. Copies are available at Ealing Local History Library.



Basil Clifton Brown (1902-1976), trained as a teacher and Alwyn Clifton Brown (1905-1978) trained as a borough surveyor. However after a few years they both joined the family business. Basil worked in the Southall business, which in 1939 was relocated round the corner to South Street, and Alwyn

opened a drapery shop, also called Clifton Brown, in The Broadway, Greenford. My brother and I both worked part time in the family business in our teens. By the 1960s small family businesses were in decline as the larger department stores were providing a wider more enticing range of products, and people had more free time to enjoy shopping and travel to Ealing and beyond. My father retired in 1969 and the business was taken over by his manager. In 1976 the business closed after 74 years.

I have always been interested in our family history and so I was pleased to find that my father had saved several items about the family business. These include photographs of the shop and some flyers advertising the shop sales. It is only recently that I have realised how important it is to record my own memories of the business. The shop in Greenford where I worked on a Saturday was small. My father employed two women who worked full time, and paid for additional help with window dressing and the accounts. All purchases were recorded by hand with a carbon copy and at the end of the day all these amounts were added up by hand. There was no vacuum cleaner in the shop instead a product a bit like damp sawdust (I forget the name) was scattered around to keep the dust down as the floor was swept.

Every item was priced and we spent a lot of time writing and attaching the price tickets. Each ticket had both the selling and wholesale prices on it. My father used the grid known as the 'pigpen cipher' to record the wholesale price which customers could not read. My father also had a verbal code which could be used when a sales representative was in the shop so that my father could covertly discuss with his staff what the selling price of the product might be. This was based on the words LOVE INDUSTRY with L

= 1 and Y = 12. The sound 'zee' was used to indicate a space. So four shillings and sixpence was said as 'E zee N'. He also used the code below but I have not been able to discover its origins. I would be interested to hear from anyone who has more information about business codes used before the computer age. The photograph is of George Clifton Brown outside his Southall shop; the date about 1905. I also include examples of the written codes and ciphers used in the business.

chriscelia@aol.com

Number code based on
the hash sign

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

0 = X

Number code

1	7	7	≠
2	∨	8	÷
3	L	9	Σ
4	∇	10	⊗
5	Z	11	∩
6	⊕	12	∩∨

Ditto = X



**Family History:
PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

a One Day Conference

Saturday, 29th September 2007

**St Mary's Church Hall
Twickenham
10am - 4pm**

***Book the date in your diary now
Look for the Booking Form in the June Journal***

Seven Lives Lost

A fearful explosion took place on Monday afternoon at the powder-mills of Messrs, Curtis and Harvey, near Hounslow, attended by a lamentable loss of life among the workmen present when the accident happened. The buildings are situated about two miles from the Hounslow railway-station, and about half a mile on the southern side of the public highway, and are surrounded by a belt of stately trees. They are approached by a narrow cart-road, and the situation in which they are placed appears to have been carefully selected to prevent the occurrence of a catastrophe like that which has just taken place. About half-past three o'clock, the inhabitants of the surrounding district were startled by a sound resembling the discharge of a whole park of artillery, which shook the houses to their foundations, and made the inmates rush forth in terror and dismay to learn the cause. A dense cloud of smoke was seen rising high into the air, and the bodies of men hurled aloft with portions of the building were observed to drop among the trees which surround the mills. Scarcely had this taken place when another explosion, of still greater violence than the first, was heard, and the roof of one of the corning-houses was blown upwards to a great height. A third explosion then took place, louder than all the rest, and so tremendous that its effects were sensibly felt at Brentford, Kew, and even Richmond, from which places several hundred people started to ascertain what accident had happened. It is also said that horses and pedestrians nearly a mile away from the mills were thrown down by the concussion. Several other explosions are said to have taken place after this. The scene which followed baffles all description; women rushed madly forward to ascertain the fate of their husbands, and children also hurried to the spot to know if their parents had been injured. A dreadful spectacle presented itself when the crowd of anxious inquiries reached the mills. No less than seven of the buildings were found levelled to the ground, and scattered in different directions were the miserable work-people, some bleeding profusely, while others, scorched and blackened by the explosions, could hardly be identified by their friends. Five were quite dead, and in the surrounding fields the shattered remains of three or four human bodies were found, so that the whole number killed on the spot is supposed to be eight or nine. Several of the sufferers still alive are so frightfully injured that no hope of their recovery is entertained. Respecting the cause of the explosion nothing is at present known. It is believed that the first took place in one of the corning-houses, but all the workmen employed there have been either killed or so dreadfully injured as to be unable to give

any account of the way in which the accident happened. Besides the destruction of the works already alluded to, all the small houses occupied by those employed on the premises have had the glass in their windows broken and the roofs displaced. Every exertion appears to have been made as soon as the extent of the catastrophe was known to obtain medical aid for the sufferers, and to extinguish the flames which followed the explosion. A body of police happened luckily to be at Hounslow to prevent a walking match which was expected to come off from taking place in the public thoroughfare. Their services were applied to keeping off the crowd of spectators attracted to the spot, and a large party of the 11th Hussars arrived with the fire-engine from the barracks, and soon extinguished the fire in the ruins. Until night closed in men were employed in searching the surrounding fields for the unfortunate beings who had perished in the explosion.

BOER WAR LETTERS

Springfield 14/1/1900

Sir, I have taken the liberty of sending to you an order issued to all troops at the front by Sir Redvers Buller, 'V.C.', previous to an attack on the Boer positions here. Hoping you publish it in your most valuable paper so as to let my friends in general know the treacherous nature of the enemy we are opposed to.

(6). The following Field Order by Sir Redvers Buller, VC. This is to be read and impressed upon all ranks. The Field Force is now advancing to the relief of Ladysmith. We are surrounded by superior forces. Our comrades have gallantly defended themselves for the last 10 weeks. The General commanding knows that everyone in the force feels as he does. We must be successful but we shall be stoutly opposed by a clever unscrupulous enemy. Let no man allow himself to be deceived by them. If a white flag is displayed it means nothing unless the force displaying it throw down their arms (rifles), throw up their hands at the same time. If they get a chance the enemy will try and mislead us by false words of commands and false bugle sounds. Everyone must guard against being deceived by such conduct. Above all, if anyone is ever surprised by a sudden volley at close quarters, let there be no hesitation; do not turn from it, but rush at it. That is the road to victory and safety. A retreat is fatal. The one thing the enemy cannot stand is being at close quarters with them. Remember, we are fighting for the health and safety of our comrades, we are fighting for our flag and country, we are fighting an enemy who has forced war upon us for the worst

and lowest motives of treachery, conspiracy and deceit; let us hear ourselves as our cause deserves.

(Signed) A. WYNNE, Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer,
South African Field Force.
13th Jan., 1900

P.S. Tomorrow we advance at 4.30 a.m.

Boer War Letters

I have in my possession a number of letters written by men serving in the Boer War which I have extracted from newspapers. I list hereunder the names of the correspondents involved and shall be pleased to forward same to any interested person upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope:

Soldier's Name	Person to whom letter addressed
Driver F.W. Breaker, 83rd Battery, R.A.	To parents.
Pte. A. Byles, 2nd Royal Fusiliers	Mrs J. Watts, Hillingdon Heath.
Col. Sergt. A.E. Berry, 2 Bedford Regt.	To brother and sister.
F.T. Brown	Mr T. Brown, Hanwell.
Pte. Arthur Burnham, Royal Welsh Fusiliers (3 letters)	To parents and grandmother.
Corpl. H. Cave, 13th Hussars	To mother at Uxbridge Moor.
Trooper G. Coleman, 7th Btn. Imperial Yeomanry	To parents at Uxbridge.
Cpl. Couves, Mx. Regt.	Mr W. Burrows, Uxbridge.
Pte. C. Crook, 2nd Middx. Regt.	To sister at Hayes.
Gr. A. Courtney, A. Battery, R.H.A.	To father and sister.
Pte. H. Dampier, 2nd Northampton Regt. (2 letters)	To mother and brother.
Pte. H.E. Denny, 7th Dragoon Guards	To mother (2 letters).
Pte. E. Edgson, 2nd Coldstream Guards	To Mr King (3 letters).
Corpl. C. Enstone, 16th Lancers	To Alf and Nell.
Wall Finch	Rev. L. Mitchell, Yiewsley.
Trooper R.A. Harrison, 1st Royal Dragoons	To brother Albert.
Lance-Corpl. Hawtree, 1st Royal Scots	Miss P.Hill, Southall.
Trooper W.C. Hill, 1st King's Dragoon Guards	
Trooper E. Hinton, Imperial Yeomanry	
Pte. E. Langton, R.Dragoons	To sister & brother (2 letters)
Pte. T.A. Langton, 2nd Middx. Regt.	2 letters to a friend & 1 to his brother.
Mr Lawrence B. Liddall, Yiewsley	To his mother at Margate.
Sergt. Bert Matthews, 2nd Ches. Regt.	Mr Baldwin, Harlington.
Lance-Corpl. H. McCave, Middx. Regt. (3 letters)	Mr F. Hargreaves, Southall.

Soldier's Name	Person to whom letter addressed
Sergt. M. McPhie, 7th Royal Fusiliers	Mr T. Mason, Cranford.
Mr Hugh Millar, Middx. Regt.	To mother and Edwin.
Pte. J.E. Morton	To mother & father, Uxbridge.
Pte. C. Nevard, 6th Dragoon Guards (5 letters).	To father, uncle and Mr & Mrs Clinch
Trooper A.H. Newport, Middx Imperial Yeomanry	Mr J. King.
Mr F.Orme	
Pte. A. Over, 2nd Batt. D.E.O.V.R.	Mr Hall, Hayes.
Sergt. Cook, W.G. Patey, Royal Fusiliers	Mrs J. Nicholls.
Bomdr. J. Pearce, R.H.A.	Mr Pearce, Uxbridge.
Trumpeter J. Reid, S.African Light Horse	
Sergt. A.E. Saw, Royal Fusiliers	To Mr Sands, Uxbridge.
Pte. E. Smith, Middx. Regt.	
Pte. D.R. Smith	To Mr Cowper, Southall.
Pte. A. Spendlow, Rifle Brigade	Rev. L. Mitchell, Yiewsley.
J. Stirling	
Bombardier A. Street, Royal Field Artillery	To mother, Farnborough.
Pte. G. Taylor, Middx. Regt.	To Mr J. King (2 letters)
Sapper J. Weatherley	To parents
Pte. A. Woods, Imperial Yeomanry	To Mr W. Staniford, Uxbridge.
Pte. S. Woods, R.A.M.C.	To Mr Walker, Southall.
W. Wright, R.F.A.	To Mr C. Walters, Colham Grn.

The following were reported wounded

Pte. W. Bacon, Southall and Corpl. Clay, W. Yorks.

Deaths

Pte. W.H. Churchill, Rifle Brigade, of Hayes

Mr Gurney, (letter from W. Caston, 19th Hussars to sister).

Taken Prisoner

Corpl. F. Watson (letter to Mr T. Watson, Southall)

Home from the war

Lance-Corpl. H. Carden, C.I.V. (of Chalfont),

Gunner G. Craft (of Chalfont),

Lance Sergt. J.G. Ive, (of Ruislip).

Expected home from the front

Charles Roberts, M.B., F.R.C.S.

Letters from returned soldiers

Brother C. Enstone, Hampstead, to Mr King.

Lance-Corpl. H. White, Mounted Infantry, of Fulham, to Miss Gibbpeck

S.A.E. please to Mrs M. Sibley, 13 Blossom Way, West Drayton, Middlesex UB7 9HF.

COAL MINERS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE – YOU MUST BE JOKING

Andrew Gardner

or how my interest in family history started.

In the late 1990's my brother was having a farewell party for the family as he and his wife were moving to Seattle where he'd got a job with Microsoft.

I was chatting to my mother over a glass of wine and we got onto the usual topic of talking about her relations from Gloucestershire (I was born in Amersham but spent the first 24 years of my life living in Uxbridge and Harrow). Apparently, one of them had owned a farm and at some point during World War Two my mother had been evacuated there from her home at 5 Kilda Road, Ealing. This time though, the story had a twist in it, as she then mentioned that many of her mother's family were Coal Miners in the Forest of Dean!

Now, I am of an age where I only recall mines in Yorkshire and this came as quite a shock to me that there were mines 'down south'! And so my interest was kindled, to find out more about these coal miners in my family, and I started researching my grandmother's family (DAVIS) in the Forest of Dean and my grandfather's (WALDEN) in West London.

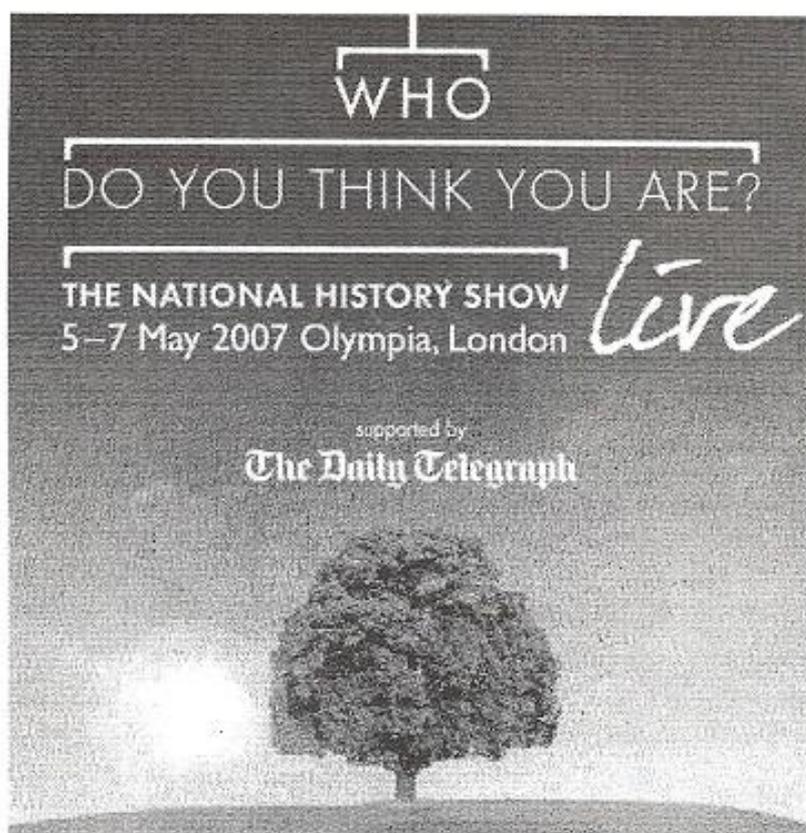
This was just the start of what at times seems more like an obsession than a hobby! I now have detailed research on both my mother's grandparents (above) and my father's, WINTERBURN in Buckinghamshire and GARDNER in Gloucestershire (and after 1851 in London). This then extended to my wife's family extending the geography to SORE and BRUCE in Suffolk with WALKER and COOPER in High Wycombe and West Middlesex.

I have spent hours on the computer researching online and swapping e-mails with researchers with similar interests. I have a plethora of birth, marriage and death certificates including census copies of just about every relation I can find. On more than one occasion, a holiday has been planned that includes a trip to a graveyard and I have also organised our own excursion to the relevant war graves in France and Belgium. My latest plan will be a weekend visiting houses, churches, streets, schools etc mentioned in the documentation I have collected to 'relive' some of my ancestors' lives.

- and so do I blame, or thank, the Miners of the Forest for my interest in family history, well I guess we all know the answer to that question!

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DISCOVER YOUR HERITAGE AT THE FIRST EVER NATIONAL HISTORY SHOW



Following its unprecedented success, the hugely popular TV series *Who Do You Think You Are?* is launching a national history show, giving more people than ever before the chance to learn about their heritage. *Who Do You Think You Are? LIVE*, sponsored by Ancestry.co.uk will be held on the bank holiday weekend from 5-7 May 2007 at the National Hall, Olympia.

Plus, the event will incorporate the Society of Genealogists Family History Show, sponsored by findmypast.com, to create the largest ever event of its kind.

You'll have the chance to discover who your ancestors were and how they used to live with the help of the largest collection of TV historians, family history experts and celebrity enthusiasts than anywhere else. See the likes of David Starkey, Dan Snow, Bettany Hughes, Saul David, Nick Barratt and Jonathan Foyle.

This is your chance to share your own discoveries and knowledge with others; have family heirlooms and artefacts examined by leading experts, take part in workshops and seminars, have access to the best records and information resources as well as enjoying themed entertainment to take you back in time!

So whether you're part of the new generation inspired to trace your ancestry by the TV programme or whether you have already embarked upon your journey to uncovering your heritage, this event is not to be missed.

West Middlesex Family History Society will be attending this event.

WILLIAM WOOSTER YEOMAN OF AYLESBURY c1540-c1613

John Wooster

William Wooster was born about 1540 at Aston Clinton in the reign of Henry VIII. He was the eldest son of Richard Wooster, a husbandman of Aston Clinton, and his wife Agnes. William had two aunts on his father's side and there were probably other aunts and uncles around. If Henry Wooster of Buckland were his grandfather, then he would still be alive when William was born. William had several younger brothers and sisters, John, Thomas, Joan, Dorothy, Ursula, Edward and James. It is probable that he went to school, as his father left money in his Will for two of his younger brothers to continue their schooling. Most likely there was a school at one of the nearby market towns, Aylesbury, High Wycombe or Tring, which he could attend. His father was comfortably off, having a farm with sheep and cattle and land on which he could grow crops such as wheat and barley.

When William was about 18 years old, his father Richard died. He had made his Will on 23rd October 1558, when he appeared to be in good health, but very soon after died. After making several bequests, he left the residue of his goods between William, his eldest son and Agnes his widow. They were also to occupy both his free and copyhold land equally during Agnes' life, after which it would descend to William. £4, which was owed to him by John Lake was to be repaid by eight oaks from his ground in the wood called "Parrettes". Richard's most prized possessions, his silver spoons and a drinking cup bound with silver and gilt were to come to William after Agnes' death. William and his mother Agnes, as joint executors of the Will proved it on the 27th January 1559.

William was now in a secure financial position to get married and start a family. He chose as his bride a local girl called Joan Blackhead. In arable dominated regions it was usual for people to get married in the autumn after the harvest and in the Chilterns this pattern is predominant. William and Joan's wedding followed this pattern and took place at Aston Clinton on Friday 1st November 1560. The entry in the parish register reads - "Marriage. 1 November 1560. Wm Worcester, son of Thomas, and Joan Blackhed."

However it is clear from the Will of Richard and later, that of his widow Agnes, that this entry must be incorrect, as his father is definitely Richard. There was no other William around to fit this marriage and the timing is right for the birth of their children.

Despite having a share in the family farm, William decided to set up home in Aylesbury, leaving his Mother to run the farm at Aston Clinton with the help of his younger brothers.

Aylesbury occupies a prominent position on a hill at the junction of Akerman Street and with the main road from Thame to Buckingham. It is the County Town of Buckinghamshire and a thriving market town. The church, as many in the middle ages were, is dedicated to the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ and is the Mother Church of the Town and Vale of Aylesbury. The statue of the Virgin and Child survived the image-breaking during the time of the Reformation and stood in a niche on the apex of the West Front. The large porch is 13th century and has arcaded columns resting on stone seats. Church porches were regularly used for legal business and marriages were celebrated there. It was to this church that William and Joan brought their children to be baptised, in the “Aylesbury Font” of



Norman origin, about 1180, which still survives to this day. The wide fluted bowl is richly bordered with foliage and supported with semi-circular cushions. It was found buried in debris beneath the church.

The registers for Aylesbury do not commence until 1567, so the baptisms of William and Joan’s three eldest sons are not recorded. The exact chronological order of these is not certain but probably the eldest was Thomas born about 1561, next Robert born about 1563, and Edward born about 1565. The existence of these three children is known from various Wills.

The first recorded baptism for their children is on the 29th June 1567 when their daughter Mary was baptised at St. Mary’s, Aylesbury. Their fifth child was another son who was given the name of Henry at his baptism on 5th May 1569. Another daughter followed, baptised Elizabeth on 29th September 1571. A son, named William after his father was baptised on 17th January 1573/4. Their eighth and last child was a son, named Richard after his grandfather, on 19th April 1576. All their children survived infancy.

In 1577, there were a great many more burials than usual at Aylesbury, particularly from 21st July to 17th October. These point to there having been disease occurring during this time, possibly plague. Luckily no one in William’s family appears to have been affected.

An unusual event took place on the 9th July 1581 when the bowels of Mr George Morgan were buried in the churchyard of Aylesbury. Three days later on 12th July, the rest of the body of George Morgan, gentleman, were

interred. This seems as if this was an operation, which was not successful. This surely must have caused some talk in the neighbourhood.

William was about 43 when his mother Agnes died; she was buried at Aston Clinton on Monday 27th May 1583. In her Will she left his two daughters Mary and Elizabeth a sheet and a pewter platter each. To his three younger sons she left them each a quarter of barley to be delivered within a year of her death. William was charged with using the barley as a stock for the advantage of his sons. His three eldest sons were not mentioned in the Will, but may have already been given their inheritance. William and his brother Edward were made the supervisors of her Will to see that her wishes were carried out and that all her grandchildren received their inheritances in due course; they were each given 3s.4d for their pains.

William and Joan's family were now growing up, marrying and having children. Robert was married at Aylesbury on the 16th June 1582 to Alice Bampton and their eldest son William was baptised there five months later on 27th November. He must then have moved elsewhere as he is known to have six other children, Mary, Elizabeth, John, Alice, James and Robert, although James and Robert pre deceased him

Edward was married at Tring to Agnes Gregory on 22nd September, 1590, but where he lived and how many children is not known, although he did have at least one son, named Edward. Elizabeth married the following year a John Gregory, who may have been a brother of Edward's wife. That marriage took place on 14th September 1591, also at Tring.

William junior married a girl called Joan but had no children. Because of this in his Will he made many bequests to his brothers' children and it is from his Will that we have been able to obtain the information about them. What happened to Mary and Richard is not known. Henry was married on 17th November 1595 to Anne Kingham at Tring, more about him in the next instalment.

Thomas was also married and according to the Will of his brother William in 1641 had two sons named Thomas and Henry, both of Tring. There is a Thomas who was married at Tring in 1606 to Jane Lake and had sons named Thomas and Henry who may be the right Thomas, although this would make rather a late marriage for him.

William was probably a farmer like his father; he certainly had some items of land. At a Court of the Manor of Aylesbury held in October in 1584, a Homage or Jury of 22 men was elected. Among the names is William Worcester, which could well be him, as there is no other William around at

this date that would fit. If so he must hold some copyhold land in the Manor. Sixteen years later at another Court of the Manor, held on 21st April 1602, it was recorded that Richard Fostie had surrendered a parcel of ground on which a tenement had been lately built with a garden, quit rent 4d, to William Worcestur and his heirs. By this time there were four possible William Woosters in Aylesbury, so which one this was cannot be ascertained.

On Wednesday 14th December, 1603, an outbreak of plague struck Aylesbury, numerous people died so that, according to the Parish Register, "consternation prevailed". Often these outbreaks were sudden and deadly bringing disruption and disorder, frightening the better sort and bringing unemployment to the poor, halting trade and breaking down the normal social controls of law and order, so that according to contemporary evidence, grass grew in the streets. In January 1604, the town was still beset by plague and no one would come near it unless compelled. A parliamentary election was held at Brickhill rather than at Aylesbury because of the visitation of sickness. The High Sheriff in a letter stating that three people were lying dead in the streets at that moment, confirms this latter reason. William and family escaped the sickness, they may well have lived outside the town in a healthier environment. After the outbreaks of the years 1603-4 plagues apparently disappeared until 1624.

After nearly 50 years of marriage, William's wife Joan died and was buried at Aston Clinton on Tuesday 31st January, 1609/10. She was about 70 years of age.

William must also have been in his 70s, he was still alive in 1613 when his son Henry died. From Henry's Will we know that William occupied several pieces of land which were in the common fields of Walton, a hamlet of Aylesbury, these pieces must have belonged to Henry as he bequeathed them in his Will to his sons. The pieces of land were - an acre of arable land in Abbothill Furlong, an acre of arable land in Deane Furlong in Deane Field, an acre of arable land in Deane Furlong in Bedgrove Field. William would have had to grow the same crops in his acres as the other tenants in the field, one year growing wheat or barley, another year growing peas or beans and the third year letting the land lie fallow, the animals being allowed in to crop the grass and so manure the field.

Exactly when after this William died has not been found, no record of his burial has been found in Aylesbury or Aston Clinton. It may be he lived in another parish, the registers of which have not been searched or which may not exist for this period.

On visiting my local branch Library in order to use their fiche reader, I found that it had been disposed of 'since people get information from web-sites these days'. I explained to the librarian that fiche are still being published and marketed.

I do not want to have the expense of purchasing either a new or reconditioned fiche reader. One can go to a local Archive and use their fiche readers, but in my case it means a ten mile journey and the inconvenience of pre-booking a reader. Also, bear in mind that Archive staff are not always happy with one bringing personal fiches in case of confusion with their stock.

My advice to members is to visit your local public libraries that have a fiche reader, taking your own fiches, and letting the staff know that the machine is being used. Only by letting them know that there is a demand for the machine, will there be a chance of the facility remaining for a walk-in user.

BOOK REVIEWS

Aspects of Ashford

Local history publishers Borough Books, the partnership of local historians Jocelyn and David Barker, are pleased to announce the publication of their latest title, "Aspects of Ashford".

Following their familiar format, this collection of photographic images of the ancient Middlesex Parish of Ashford brings together a remarkable range of photographs and relevant captions covering the whole of the area including the portion of Ashford Common which was once part of Ashford.

Once again the Barkers have assiduously gathered a fascinating cross section of the area's photographic heritage - this time with the added intention of highlighting Ashford's photographers and in particular William Applebee, one of Southern England's most important postcard publishers during the period c.1911-1928. The work has had the added attraction of the wholehearted co-operation of local historians and collectors and in particular that of Barry Dix and Graham Smeed whose 1990 publication covering Ashford past and present is now sadly out of print.

What were the Ashford rapper group of c.1910 wearing? What did the interior of Jarman's Sweet shop in 1938 or the pub erected at the R.E.M.E.

camp in 1947 look like? From soldiers digging practice trenches in 1915 to Ashford's very own traction engine contractors, this collection contains some remarkable images, most of them previously unpublished. As before the publishers have added to the interest of the work by including two maps: a full colour reproduction of part of the Manor of Elchelford map of 1760 and a centre fold map of the New Ashford estate of c. 1890.

Price £8.95. Available at the Society Bookstall.

Genealogy Online for Dummies

by Jenny A. Thomas, senior genealogist on the BBC series *Who Do You Think You Are?* Matthew L. Helm, April Leigh Helm. Researching our roots has become a top national pastime, and with the advent of the Internet, it's also become much faster and easier than before. Where - and how - do you start? Genealogy Online for Dummies is a great starting point.

Written by genealogists, this guide helps you make sense of the vast array of resources on the Web. To get you started in style, the bonus CD-ROM includes the full version of Family TreeMaker and Legacy Family Tree freeware, a tryout version of Adobe Photoshop Elements 2.0 for preserving treasured family photos, and lots of other valuable techno-tools. And it all comes with a warning: genealogical research can become addictive!

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HELP!

This service is free to members of WMFHS (please quote your membership number when writing). In order to ensure that your appeal is published correctly and is clear to other readers, please make entries clear and concise, give all personal and place names in BLOCK CAPITALS, and all dates in full.

Entries from non-members can be accepted, at a rate of £3.00 for up to ten lines. Payments must be in Sterling only, with cheques made payable to WMFHS.

Martin

I am looking for information on my Grandparents WILLIE MARTIN born 1874 and ETHEL MAY MARTIN (nee JENNINGS) born 1880. WILLIE was born in HOXTON (Master Butcher) and ETHEL was born in DOVER, KENT. I have their Marriage Certificate dated 1908, the address given was

2 Maryland Square, STRATFORD. My Mother was born two years before they married. She was VERA MAY MARTIN JENNINGS, born in 1906 in Honeywell Road BATTERSEA. I have no idea where they lived after this date, or if there were any other children. I can't believe that my Mother was an only child. I don't know where or when my Grandparents died. I would appreciate any help or information which would be much appreciated.

Elizabeth Smith, Brook Cottage, Happy Bottom, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset. BH21 3DP

E-mail lizzie.brook@tiscali.co.uk

Hayward

I am seeking information on my 3x great grandfather THOMAS WILLIAM HAYWARD, born approx 1801, his wife and marriage are unknown. He was landlord of THE GREY HORSE, SUNBURY but I am unable to find a death record. His son also Thomas William was landlord of The Greyhound, Sunbury. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs T.V. Garland, 13 Peregrine Court, Longridge Park, Colchester, Essex CO4 3FX

Vango/Gardner

I am seeking descendants of my grandparents JAMES WALTER VANGO born 1859 and FANNY GARDNER born 1862, both born in Bermondsey. They married at ALL SAINTS CHURCH, NEWINGTON on 5 August



Fanny Vango née Gardner with some of her children and grandchildren, late 1920s. Family picnic most likely on Barnes Common

1883. They had 13 children between 1883 and 1907. In the 1891 and 1901 census they were living in CAMBERWELL. James died in 1916 in FULHAM and Fanny died in 1946 aged 84 in South Hornchurch.

Mrs Jeanette Dean, 67 Chestnut Drive, Poynton, Stockport, Cheshire SK12 1QE

EDITOR'S NOTES

The stock of articles from members about their family history is always low so please think about contributing some of your interesting stories to the journal. Short pieces are always needed and I would be pleased to receive any new material that members might care to send in; remember it does not have to be a full article. A small piece on some aspect of your research, or your views about a family history matter, are also welcome.

Articles can always be emailed if it is more convenient.

Deadlines for the quarterly issues of WMFHS journal are:

15 January; 15 April; 15 July; 15 October

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes all new members. The list below comprises those from whom surname interest forms had been received at the time this issue of the Journal was prepared. The interests themselves are listed on the following pages.

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SURNAME INTERESTS

The table below gives surname interests for the new members listed on the previous page. The format should be self-explanatory. Note that the Chapman County Codes are used in the 'Counties' column. 'ANY' or 'ALL' indicates that, for instance, any date or any place is of interest. When writing to members about entries in this section, please remember to include an SAE. We would urge all those who receive enquiries to reply even if there is no connection with your research.

Surname	Dates	Place	County	Member
ADAMS	Any	Any	MDX	H256
ADAMS	Before 1880	Clifton	BDF	H256
ALBERT	After 1840	Hammersmith	MDX	P148
BURRIDGE	Before 1890	Any	MDX	H256
BURRIDGE	Before 1850	Clifton	BDF	H256
EARLES	Before 1880	Bedfont	MDX	H256
GODLEMAN	19-20C	Hillingdon	MDX	S249
GROVES	Before 1840	Harmondsworth	MDX	H256
GROVES	After 1840	Bedfont	MDX	H256
KNIGHT	19-20C	Any	Any	S249
LOSCOMBE	19C	Any	MDX	S249
POLLARD	After 1850	Any	MDX	H256
POWELL	After 1850	Hammersmith	MDX	P148
ROBERTS	After 1840	Hammersmith	MDX	P148
SWAIN	After 1880	Mill Hill	MDX	H256
WILLIAMS	18-20C	Teddington Area	MDX	S249
WRIGHT	Before 1850	Clifton	BDF	H256
WRIGHT	After 1850	St Lukes	MDX	H256
WRIGHT	After 1890	Fulham	MDX	H256

INDEXES HELD BY MEMBERS

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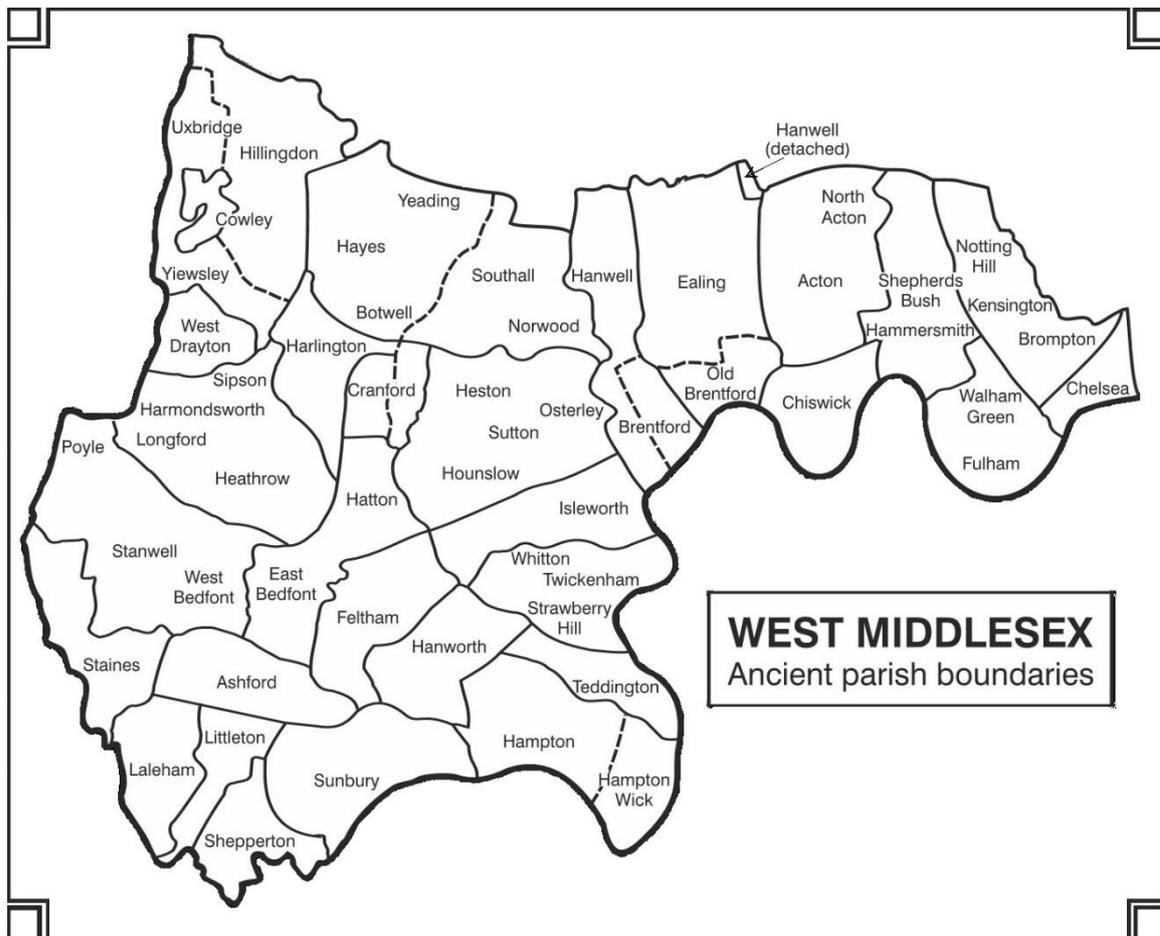
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