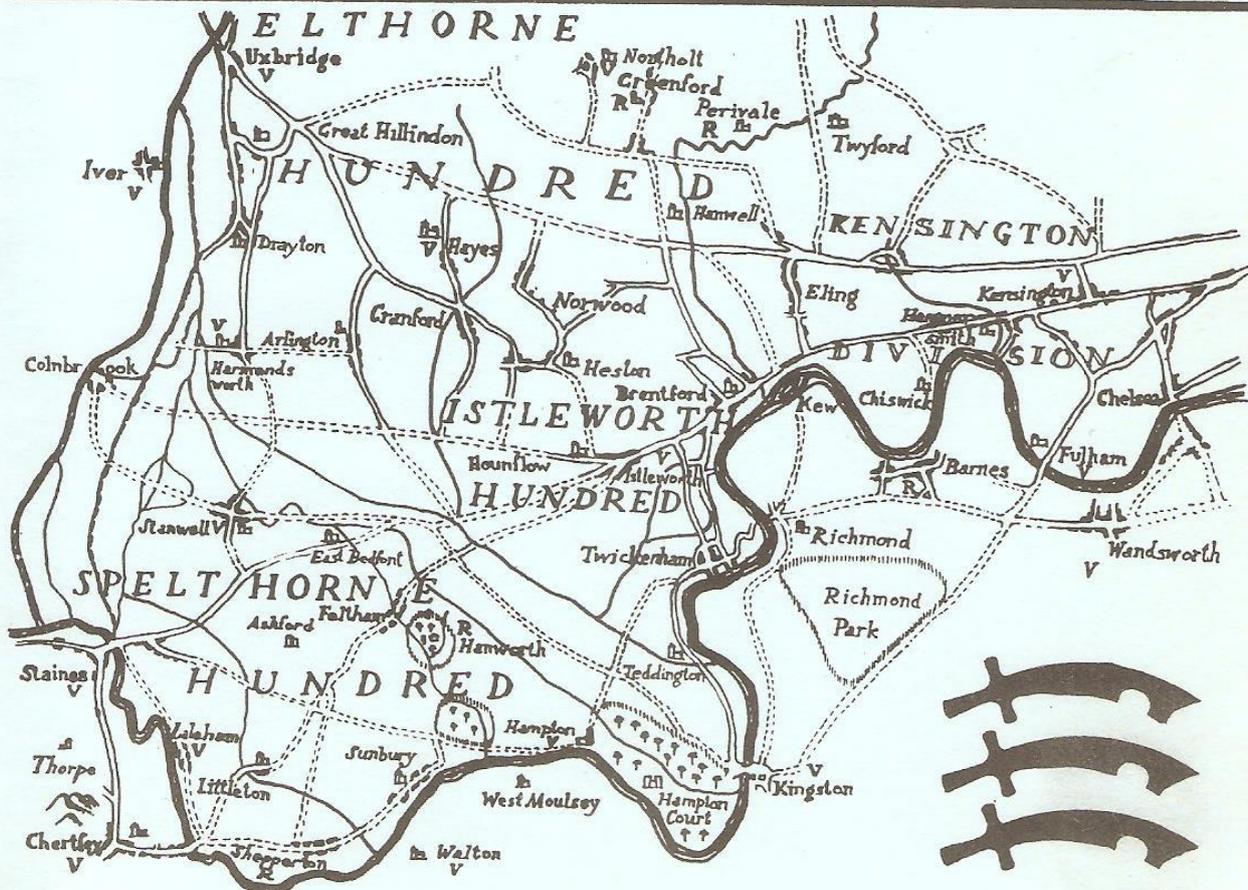


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### The Society's Area of Interest

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Acton, Ashford, East Bedfont, Chelsea, Cowley, Cranford, West Drayton, Ealing with Old Brentford, Feltham, Fulham, Greenford, Hampton, Hanwell with New Brentford, Hanworth, Harlington, Harmondsworth, Hayes with Norwood, Hammersmith, Heston, Hounslow, Isleworth, Kensington, Laleham, Littleton, Perivale, Shepperton, Staines, Stanwell, Sunbury, Teddington, Twickenham, Uxbridge.

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

A year already? So much has happened throughout 1991. I hope that you have all felt involved in the activities of the Society. In our June Journal I wrote about how supportive our members are. Some had already created and cared for West Middlesex Indexes. They continue to add to them, to care for them and to respond to enquiries. We have a Willing band of helpers who beaver away in the background. Our Society has a reputation for being a friendly, welcoming society. Our monthly meetings are our front line and there at the door are Mary Brown and Mary Bickell Welcoming people as they arrive. Also Freda Bingley, who deals out our name badges.

When naming names one runs the risk of getting it Wrong and of missing people out BUT we should all be aware of those who help - John who helps the caretaker to stack the chairs at the end of a meeting. Julia Zonch committee member and caterer assisted by Mary Beamish. Mavis Sibley committee member and librarian. Ken Sibley who helps her to carry the hooks in and Yvonne Woodbridge (wondrous Open Day Secretary} who helps Mavis with library loans and returns. Julia Powney, vice-chairman, strays co-ordinator and bookstall sales, helped by Margaret and William Comben. Valerie Walker, treasurer, who keeps one eye on the finances and the other on our honourable auditors Maleolin Hailwood and Roger Minot. Diana Bradley, our membership secretary, who worked with Glyn Morgan on our latest Members' Interests Book. Pam Morgan who runs a St Catherine's House Courier Service. Carol Sweetland, programme secretary, who arranges our programme of speakers. Vic Rosewarne, our editor, who has, time after time, produced a first class journal. Wendy Mott, our secretary who answers each enquiry as though she knows the person, involved.

This year a snow bound February meeting attended by eight people saw the launch of our involvement in the transcription of the 1881 Census. This is possible through the commitment of co-ordinators Jill and Les Manson and the time given by members.

Those of us who were involved in THE OPEN DAY must still have that sense of euphoria and satisfaction due to the success of the event (should I be saying this?!) So many people helped to make it a success. Many, many thanks for your support. So many good things came from the day - new members, good book sales, overall interest, contacts made or reaffirmed with -

### **Family History Societies**

Central Middlesex  
West Surrey  
Oxford  
Isle of Wight

### **Local History Groups**

Hounslow  
Sunbury and Shepperton  
Staines Town Society  
Egham by Runnymede

We know that it was a success because of the written and verbal compliments and thank-yous. Now that the event has taken place, all of the process is on file - anyone like to organise another for 1992 or even 1993?

All members, so positively involved are all unpaid volunteers. There are numerous tasks waiting to be done, they involve various levels of commitment, from helping to carry hooks or boxes in and out at meetings. publicity agent, taping talks and so on. Please do offer to help us so that we can develop the work of the Society. Just as you become involved in the work of this Society. others are working in their Society on work which you may benefit from. So. I ask you to show your support for those who have taken on long term work. by taking on a task which will benefit both yourself and others.

On 5th October Wendy Mott, Mavis Sibley, Eileen Startin and I went to the Oxlordshire Open Day - same cold, wet, windy weather as on our day. Good to see our own members visiting, friends from other societies too.

The Computer Group meets about once a month at Montague Hall. It is still at the exploratory stage but is looking forward and meeting the needs of those who attend. One aspect for the future is to take on society projects. Anyone who is a member of the society is welcome to come to meetings. The co-ordinator for the group is Lani Hern. Many thanks to Lani for the help and guidance of you and your team.

Look out for notice of conferences, open days, seminars etc. Publicist: your intention to attend and perhaps make up a small group to travel together. Already dates and venues are being advertised for 1992. You may be reading this journal during the Christmas period. so may I take this opportunity to wish all members a happy, festive break and a happy, successful and involved 1992.

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### **Notice**

In reference to the readers letter "Inconsiderate Handling" in Family Tree Magazine (November 1991, page 18), please note that the damage to an "1864 West Middlesex Directory and Almanac" was not perpetrated by a member of our society.

*Janet Huckle, Chairman*

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### **Correction**

Helper at "Ashford Nostalgia Day" was Lynne Jones not Irene Davey as stated in the September Chairman's Letter.

## The Harris Family of Teddington, Middlesex

My grandmother Annie Wright (nee Ming) was born at Croxley Green near Rickmansworth on 16th August 1870 the second child of Jesse Ming and his wife Eliza Harris. She often mentioned Bushey to me but as seems usual interest in family history always comes too late. She died in 1956 and others who might have helped died before I caught the "bug".

I was fortunate enough eventually to acquire a batch of old photos that had been kept by her sister and passed down to her daughter. Accompanying them was a notebook that contained details of Eliza's children and her brothers and sisters.

The book was the Ladies' illustrated Universal Pocket Diary and Almanark (sic) for 1862. Eventually I was able to interpret the inscription inside. The book had been given to her employer. Presumably she tired of the book and gave it to Eliza. My father has identified much of the other writing as being that of his grandmother.

Enough of scene setting let me set out the information that it gave about her brothers and sisters and most importantly her parents.

"Father John Harris born. April 18th 1818; Mother Jane Herrick April 22nd 1825." On another page apparently written at the same time a list of 14 children with below the list the figures 13 and 35. It is possible that the figure 35 refers to 'Eliza's age' and the 13 to the number of living children at that time. Thomas was not known to a later informant and did not appear in the 1851 census in Bushey, although other children did. It seems likely that he died young.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Eliza b March 17th 1845    | Caroline b July 7th 1846  |
| Thomas b Jany 12th 1848    | Mary Ann b Feb 10th 1849  |
| William b Dec 27th 1850    | John b Oct 18th 1852      |
| Henery! 'n June 11th 1854  | Elizabeth b Mar 17th 1856 |
| George b Sept 16th 1857    | Emma b Feb 5th 1859       |
| Robert b Dec 28th 1860     | James b Jan 16th 1863     |
| Vera Jane b Sept 26th 1864 | Alfred b Jul 25th 1867    |

Other information in the book that was subsequently to be of value in sorting out the family is listed here for convenience.

Maxy Ann Atkinson died Jan. 28th 1886 aged 37 years & 11 months buried at Coulsdon Feb 2nd. (Presumably MAH, no further research).

Aunt Eliza Turpin died Jan. 21st 1891 and buried at Bushey Church on Jan. 24th her 68th birthday.

Caroline Folkes died Mar. 2nd 1882 age 35 years and 7 months. (Presumably Caroline Harris - no further research done).

Jane Turner died Dec. 24th 1881.  
Mrs. Trott, 37 Kennet Road, Harrow Broadway.  
Mr. I. Harris, Teddington, 15 Park Road, Kogorah, NSW Australia.  
(The clue in the name of the house was not spotted).  
Uncle William's new address Strathgarve Wilde's Meadow NSW.  
SS OMRAI-I Orient Line for Sydney Nov 3rd 1916.  
(Some entries were made by Eliza's daughter Vera Eliza Ming.)

(Although not developed here contact has been made with MING descendants and names obtained that are likely to show descent since 1688 in and around Hardwick, Bucks)

Using the IGI and the information that I had in the book and on the photos I established that John Harris and Jane Turner were (almost) certain to be brother and sister. Eliza was almost certain to be related. The Ming connection was particularly fortunate in that the censuses of 1851 and 1861 showed the connection;

### **1851 The Lilies, Weedon near Aylesbury**

Vera Connel Wife (the owner of the book); Joseph Turpin & John Turpin; Thomas Turner and Eliza Harris (28) and Jane Harris (311). Eliza's place of birth was given as Deddington which caused about a year of misguided enquiries.

### **1861 The Lilies**

Joseph Turpin; Emma Harris and John Harris visitor aged 8 born Bushey. (Presumably the family were away in London. The inscription in the book refers to 21 South St. W.) The fact that such a young child should be visiting proves, I believe, the close relationship of Emma to Eliza mother of John.

With this information I decided that the time had come to advertise in the GRD. This was in the 1989 edition and after reading the other entries I wrote to Len Francis in New Zealand. What a thrill it was to receive the reply which started "Dear Cousin Peter You've hit the jackpot !"

We have had an extensive correspondence since then and a few telephone conversations. I have even achieved a wrong number in NZ and am awaiting the next bill with trepidation.

I was able to provide him with information and he gave me much in return. He had lived for many years in Bushey and knew more of the family. He identified many of the photos and I was able to provide him with copies of one of his grandfather who died in 1889 and his great grandfather John who he told me had been born in Teddington.

To cut a long story short he made further enquiries in NZ and Australia. During the course of these he was fortunate enough to write to one Society and have his letter read out at a meeting where an unknown relation was attending for the first time.

Through all these enquiries we have made contact with descendants of Eliza (b 1845), William (b 1850), John (b 1852), Henry (b 1854), Robert (b 1860) and we have information about many of the others apart from Thomas who may have died young, George (but see below) and James.

George probably married a girl called Hannah had a number of children and with Hannah was alive in 1920. These deductions are made from a number of photos that I have. One shows the whole family with names and ages Mother and Father are shown in that form and only "mothers" age is shown.

Emma married into the Trott family while Vera Jane married an Enever. Elizabeth married possibly twice and I have a photo of her as Mrs. Mitchell and Emma as Emma Tron with husband and children.

From Australia came details of the generation before that which appeared in the notebook that I have. This is where TEDDINGTON comes into the story and I set out below the details I have been given.

This information came from a descendant of John Harris, his name is Ron Harris and he lives in Australia.

JOHN HARRIS born TEDDINGTON, ENGLAND 1775 married Mary Ann Robinson

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- George - married Charlotte Wilson, 3 children
- Anne - married Thomas Turner, none
- Elizabeth - married John Burkin, none
- John - married Jane Herrick. see earlier
- Allen - married Jane Townsend, 4 children (one, Ellen Elizabeth married cousin JOHN)
- Eliza - married John Turpin, no issue
- Emma - married James Edwards, no issue
- Robert - Not known, died Western Australia
- Thomas "Died in Jamaica 1854"

Len Francis has sent me details that he obtained from the parish church and from various registers that gene rally support the information given here although there are minor variations.

The parish register shows I believe that a John Harris died 22 October 1858 aged 76 and that Mary Ann his wife died 29th December 1861 aged 74. (Did it actually say wife or widow I wonder?) I also have a note that seems to indicate that the two deaths overseas may have been mixed up. Maybe Thomas died in Western Australia and Robert in the 'West Indies. Another note indi- cates that there was another brother called William.

I would be willing to supply details of what I have to anyone who is re- searching the family or who thinks that they are descended from some of the marriages mentioned.

I know that Len is trying to trace a Walter Edward Harris who was a steward with the P & O and who settled in Australia probably near Sydney. Me? I am a Wright but where is Charles Isaac Wright who married Mary Ann Stewart (b 11th October 1840). They married at the church of St. Anne Westminster on 1st December 1862. He gave his father's name as Isaac. Charles Isaac would have been born about 1839 and in the 1871 census gave his place of birth as London. I know about his life from 1862 but what did he do before. One story in the family was that he was a soldier and might have been in Madagascar. He was not a soldier when he married and there is no written evidence.

I hope the information that I have given will help at least one person. In some ways I have been lucky in that the information has been available by asking the right questions and reading the right magazines. It was a brief entry in *Family Tree Magazine* that brought me the information about the Ming family and that led to the reassessment of my Han-is family which brought me to TEDDINGTON.

I have written a book about the war in Nailsea and Backwell. The Wornington Road LCC School from North Kensington and the North Hammersmith Central School were evacuated to Nailsea and Backwell. Both of these schools were in the area covered by the West Middlesex Family History Society. If you were a pupil or know one please contact me.

*Peter Wright, 5 The Perrings, Nailsea, Bristol BS19 2YD*

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## **The Workhouse at Christmas – Uxbridge**

**(Extracted from the Southall-Norwood Gazette -3 January 1903)**

Happy indeed were the inmates of the Uxbridge Union Workhouse on Christmas Day. After a bacon breakfast with rolls and butter they went to church, where Rev. B. Robinson, chaplain, officiated. At twelve o'clock, (dinner was served, the fare being roast beef, mutton, and pork, with baked potatoes and other vegetables, plum pudding, and beer. Tea consisted of rolls and butter and cake. In the evening the inmates assembled in the decorated dining hall, and an impromptu programme of songs, etc., was gone through. The Master and Matron and officers did their utmost to make everyone happy, the result being that a brighter Christmas, perhaps, has never been experienced at the House. During the day Mr D. Bunce and Mr. A. Saunders (guardians), and Mr. H. Richardson were visitors. Gifts were gratefully received as follows:

From Mr. J.F. Stilwell, tea and tobacco; Mr. R.E. Master, tea, sugar and tobacco; Mr. Saunders, sweets and tobacco; Mr. G. Betteridge, tobacco.  
*Mavis Sibley* .

## **The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies**

The following Day Schools are to be held at the institute in 1992.

5 February 1992 - Genealogy and Genetics

11 March 1992 - Reading and Interpreting Old Land Records

The cost of each Day School is £20, including a buffet luncheon. Residential courses are also to be held, on 6-8 March, 20-24 July, and 13-15 November 1992. Details and booking forms for both events may be obtained from:

The Registrar, The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies.  
Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA (Tel. 0227-68664)

## **Leicestershire Genealogical Research Service**

Leicestershire Museums, Arts and Records Service offers a research service at Leicestershire Record Office and Local Studies Department. Requests should be sent, complete with background information, to:

Mrs Pat Grundy, Leicestershire Record Office, 57 New Walk, Leicester LE1 7JB (Tel. 0533473236).

Initial enquiries should be accompanied by a cheque for £12, payable to Leicestershire County Council, to cover the first hour of research. Further research will be charged at a rate of £12 per hour.

## **Picture Past - Illustrate your Family History**

Bring your family history to life with old postcards of the Churches where your ancestors were baptised, married and buried.

Send SAE (3 IRC's) to Picture Past, 47, Manor House Park, Codsall, Staffordshire WV8 1ES

## **Changes of Names in France**

**(Extract from the Evening Standard, August 1991)**

Among the 450 fortunate people allowed to change their names under French law last year were a Hitler, Frankenstein and a Sida (French for AIDS). There is no simple deed poll method in France. A change of name involves a civil process of such nightmarish complexity that putting up with almost any name is preferable by comparison. The problem stems from an unrepealed revolutionary law stating that "no citizen may bear any other name than that on his or her birth certificate". Nevertheless under special circumstances the Ministry of Justice will authorise a change although it takes a two year legal slog. Broadly speaking, names may only be changed on the grounds of ridicule or unpronouncibility. So a Mme Hrynczyszyn was among this years winners.

## **Indexes to Old Parochial Registers of the Established Church of Scotland**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints announces the availability of indexes to Scottish births and marriages (no burials/deaths) covering the 300 years prior to the commencement of Civil Registration in 1855. Over 6 million births, and 2 million marriages are included, covering all Scottish counties, and all years for which registers have survived. The earliest entry is dated 1553.

Given and surname indexes to both births and marriages are provided for each county. Entries give: person's name, sex, parent or spouse name(s), event type, date and place, reference numbers to locate the source microfilms.

The indexes are available on fiche at both The General Register Office for Scotland, New Register House, Edinburgh EH1 3YT, Scotland, as well as LDS institutions worldwide.

### **Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society London and South of England Branch**

1992 Annual General Meeting, followed by John Cotterall, Education Liaison Officer for Preston Guild, speaking on "Preston and its Guild".

To take place on Saturday 29 February 1992, at the Society of Genealogists, 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1.

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### **Extracts from The Gentleman's Magazine**

*June 23rd, 1764*

"A most terrible thunder storm alarmed Oxford and the country round it for many miles. It was attended with such a fall of rain as caused a temporary inundation by which the cellars of several houses in Oxford were filled to the ceilings. At the same time large pieces of ice fell in many places: but these phaenomena have of late been more frequent, and more fatal than ever was known in England before."

*February 13th 1764*

Among deaths notices: "Eleanor Ives of hydrophobia, bit six months since by her own cur dog and seemingly well."

*Fay Colmer, Springtime. Callaways Lane, Newington, Sittingbourne. Kent ME9 7LU (Member C83)*

## **All over the Place!**

How I envy those hunters after forebears who track them down to a small village and find that they remained there for two or three hundred years! Every branch of my family seems to have had "itchy feet". In some cases they went over the county boundary to follow their employer, in others to find a bride, and in some moving away from their home patch to find work.

In the Woolford line, my father was born in Essex where his father, Charles, had settled when he moved with his employer. Charles was born in Oxfordshire, where his father, Thomas, had moved from Wiltshire to find work; in Chipping Norton and then at Steeple Barton. Thomas married an Oxfordshire woman. His father, John, a Wiltshire man as far I know - though I haven't found his baptism yet - stayed in Wiltshire to live. but crossed the border into Berkshire for his bride and, when she died, went to find his second wife in Berkshire also.

Going back to Charles, he married a Hertfordshire woman, but her family hadn't been living there very long - her father was a Lincolnshire man and her mother a Dorset woman.

My mother's parents were both born in the Royal Borough of Kensington but, as you may have guessed, some of her grandparents came from elsewhere. Her maternal grandfather, born 1818, was a Hertfordshire man (from a village on the border with Essex and Cambridgeshire). He married a Hampshire woman.

On my mother's paternal side, although her grandfathers family was around the Kensington area for a generation or two, her great grandmother's forebears had links with Worcestershire.

Problems arise when I wonder how many family history societies to join, and it is a bit daunting when searches are planned. However, although my Essex links go back no further than my father, I enjoy being a member of the Essex Society for Family History and am a keen supporter of the Essex Record Office (being membership secretary of the ERO support group, the Friends of Historic Essex).

My advice to searchers with similar problems is to join several societies where you have family links. (I have found distant cousins through membership of some) but don't neglect the society on your own doorstep. Incidentally my "door-step" has been the same town all my life so I obviously haven't inherited the "itchy feet" of my 19th century forebears!

*Iris E. Woolford. 43 Vicarage Road, Chelmsford, CM2 9BS (Member W18)*



## TITHE MAPS AND APPORTIONMENTS

Tithes have been payable since early times, initially for the support of the clergy. Originally tithes were paid in kind, generally a tenth of the produce of the land and the animals kept on it. Gradually a variable money payment was substituted, the amount depending on the annual price of com. The enclosure movement of the 18/19th centuries speeded up the process of turning the tithes to money payments, finally the Tithe Commutation Act of 1836 converted tithes to a fixed sum. The legislation was complicated but it produced a useful set of records.

Each parish where tithes had not already been commuted had to produce:

**Tithe Map** A map of the parish, usually based on the 6":1 Mile Ordnance Survey Maps, showing each parcel of land with a number, which was keyed to the next set of records.

**Apportionment** A list of every parcel of land, numbered as above, with its owner, occupier, a description of the property and details of the tithes payable.

*From the Tithe Apportionment for Twickenham 1846 – IR/29/21/54*

|                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Landowner                        | Robert Pulsford         |
| Occupier                         | S. Davis                |
| Number in Plan                   | 181                     |
| Name and Description of Premises | House, Yard & Buildings |
| State of Cultivation             | –                       |
| Quantity in Statute Measure      | 1a 1r 16p               |
| Pay to Vicar                     | 16s                     |
| Pay to Henry Pownell             | –                       |

The Landowners are listed alphabetically in the apportionment, the occupiers are listed under the appropriate landowner. The records are available for most rural areas, rural that is in the early 19th century. Urban areas had mainly commuted the tithes before the Act came into force. The quality of the maps varies from the superb to the scruffy. Three copies of the tithe records were made:

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| The Vicar's          | Now in the Parish Chest or County Record Office                     |
| The Bishop's         | In Diocesan Records Office (In most cases the County Record Office) |
| Tithe Commissioner's | At the PRO Kew<br>Maps in IR 30<br>Apportionments in IR 29          |

## **DISTRICT VALUERS RECORDS**

With all the rebuilding and clearance work of the last 80 years the building which our ancestors lived in may 110 longer be there, however all is not lost. In 1910 the Finance Act (Budget) set up a system for the state to recover some of the property value increase resulting from public works, e.g. sewers, roads etc. The result was the most comprehensive survey of the property in the land. Much of this survey still survives.

### **Field Books**

Firstly the Field Books in Class IR 58, of which there are approximately 95,500 volumes each the size of a standard novel. The books are arranged by parish and then by Hereditament Number.

|                 |                    |                  |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| The book gives: | Situation:         | Common           |
|                 | Description:       | House and garden |
|                 | Owner:             | Neave            |
|                 | Occupier:          | Herbert S. Todd  |
|                 | Occupier's Tenancy | Year             |

It gives details of taxes and value at last sale.

Particulars of the Building: 3 Brick and Tile cottages.  
Medium repairs with good gardens and shed and shares a well.  
Two have two up and two down.  
The other 3 up and 3 down.

(With some properties there is a plan of the building.)

To locate a property it is necessary to find the Hereditament number on the associated map. Some working copies of these maps are found in County Record Offices and Local Libraries. The record copy is in process of transfer to the Public Record Office. Kew, in classes IR 121 & 124-135; but note those for Southampton and Portsmouth were lost by bombing in World War Two and many more are in a poor state of repair.

The districts and regions of the Valuation Office have been reorganised on a number of occasions since 1910, thus the Maps and Field Books are filed under modern local authority names. There is a place name index for these records, located alongside the indexes to IR 58 at Kew. These give the original district that a place was in and the present Local Authority. Thus the records for Twickenham are filed under Richmond. the borough it is now in. With the hereditament number from the map the precise book can be ordered from the indexes to IR 58.

There are two leaflets available from the PRO:

*No. 41 - Tithe Records in the Public Record Office*

*No. 68 - Valuation Office Records created under the Finance (1909-1910) Act*

## 1881 Census Transcription

We are pleased to report that our first checked batches of transcriptions have been delivered to Lingfield for input to the computer. Almost all of our original batches of work covering the Staines and Brentford Registration Districts have been transcribed once, and the majority of the second transcriptions are under way or completed. Our current work therefore is mainly checking. We anticipate returning further completed work to Lingfield before the end of November. To keep the pot boiling, we have now started to transcribe batches from the Chelsea Registration District.

The National news is that the fiche for the completed indexes of Fiintshire and Carnbridgeshire are now on sale, but only to Societies. By the time you read this, Denbighshire will also be available, and several more, including Cornwall and the Isle of Man are due shortly. We still have along way to go since we have one of the four most densely populated counties, the other large ones being Lancashire, Yorkshire and Surrey.

We are grateful for those members who are still transcribing, many of whom have been with us from the start, but any members new or old who wish to try their hand at this work will be most welcome, visit our table at the regular meetings or write or telephone us if you cannot attend meetings.

*Les and Jill Manson, 41, Trotsworth Avenue, Virginia Water, Surrey GU25 4AN Tel. 0344 844126*

Whilst researching my family amongst the entries in the Parish Registers of the 15th century church of All Saints at Rettendon, Essex, I found the following:-

Marriage - 5th March 1709. John Belsted, Batchelor, and Mary Balls, Single woman with a licence paid for by ye parish, she being with child and he forced to marry her.

R. Rout. Overseer.

Baptism - 10th March 1717. John, the son of Rose Mary Ward, a poor traveller from Bedfordshire, brought to bed at the I-lawke and kept there until she was Churched at the charge of the parish, William Ward, her husband, being dead.

Burial - 17th May 1712. A poor soldier who had been a prisoner in France.

Burial - 3rd November 1791. Robert Gabrarn aged 38 years. Buried a foot deep.

Can anyone suggest the possible significance of recording the depth of burial ?

*Les Manson*

## **Thursday Half Holiday**

**(Extract from the Middlesex Chronicle, Saturday December 27th 1884)**

Pierce & Lewis 129 & 130 High Street, Brentford

Beg respectfully to intimate to their customers and the Public that they intend to close their establishment on Thursday afternoon at Five o'clock.

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## **WMFHS Open Day**

Visitors to the obviously successful West Middlesex Family History Society Open Day in September at Staines may have been surprised to see the Isle of Wight Family History Society stand, after all it is hardly a neighbouring society. As possibly West Middlesex only Isle of Wight member I met some of the Committee at the Berkshire Family History Society Symposium earlier in the year and discovered their own Open Day was to be held just a couple of miles from Laleham, the home of my Dyos ancestors for most of the nineteenth century. Well, what could I do but persuade my own Committee here on the Island that t.o attend would be such good publicity for us - oh, and, yes, I suppose I could go.

Thinking that perhaps Island families would not be of great interest to West Middlesex members we put together small display about Doctor Thomas Arnold's family. His father, William, took up the appointment of Collector of Customs for the Isle of Wight on 30th September 1777. The family already had some connection with the Island as Williams uncle had been Collector of Excise there, and William's grandparents were buried in Newport. His father, too, had been in the Excise service, but died shortly after arriving on the island, although his mother, Mary Boyce, survived another twenty years. William married Martha Delafield in London, on 6th April 1779, and they then lived in West Cowes where all their seven children were born.

Thomas was the youngest child and his birthplace in Birmingham Road, Cowes bears a plaque commemorating both his birth and his headmastership of Rugby School. He was baptised on 12th July 1795 at St. Marys West Cowes. Living in West Cowes was rather inconvenient for William, the Customs House being situated on the other side of the River Medina, so, not long after Thomas's birth, the whole family moved across to Slatwoods, East Cowes.

William died suddenly, aged 55 years, and was buried at Whippingham, in 1801. His eldest son, William, also entered the Customs service, and died at Tobago in 1806. Matthew, the middle son, an Army Chaplain, drowned at Gosport in 1820 and was buried at Whippingham. Of the girls, Sussana was an invalid, and the youngest, Frances, married Rev. John Buckland in 1816. It was with Buckland that Thomas Arnold set up a school to prepare boys for University. After searching for suitable premises for some time they eventually decided on properties in Laleham, Middlesex.

Thomas married Mary Penrose on 11th August 1820, and their first six children were born at Laleham, a place they all came to love, although they only lived there for nine years. Even after taking up his appointment as Headmaster of Rugby School Thomas still maintained his links with Laleham until his sudden and early death in 1842. One of his sons, Matthew, the poet, was buried in Laleham Church in 1888, and towards the end of the century Thomas, himself, was commemorated with a brass plaque inside the Church.

Congratulations and thanks to all those of the WMFHS who organised such an enjoyable day (and particularly those who chose the venue so conveniently close to my ancestor's pub where I went for lunch!)

Sources: IWCRO Card index to parish registers  
*At War with the Smugglers – Rear Admiral D. Arnold-Forster*  
*The Laleham Commonplace Book*

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## Lavinia Clements' Birthday Book

**LAVINIA MARY ELEANOR CLEMENTS** was born January 2nd 1883 at Prospect Place, Twickenham. Her parents James Clements and Elizabeth Davie were married in St. Mary's Church, Twickenham on April 9th 1882. James was a gravedigger who became Sexton of Hounslow Cemetery, Hanworth Road.

Lavinia was married in 1906 to Charles Smith and they lived most of their married life at Railway Cottages, Nelson Road, Whitton.

On January 2nd 1901, her eighteenth birthday, she was presented with a birthday book by her fellow assistants at a Teddington drapery shop. They were: Jeanie Robinson, Annie Hawkins, Maude Mansell.

### January

2 Lavinia CLEMENTS 1883  
6 Annie HAWKINS  
Ozzie CLEMENTS, brother 1897  
Sydney CLEMENTS, brother 1889  
12 Herbert S.C. SMITH, son 1908  
21 Mrs A. SMITH (Sunbury) 1851  
25 Sarah SMITH  
27 Constance LYDIATT

### February

2 Charlotte CANDER  
14 Maude MANSELL  
16 Charlie William SMITH,  
son 1910  
25 Constance PERKINS

### June

1 William CLEMENTS, uncle  
Ivey KASTE, cousin  
10 Isey HALL  
11 Jane HALL  
Frederick HALL  
20 Arthur CLEMENTS,  
brother 1885, went to Canada  
22 Herbert CLEMENTS,  
brother 1887  
25 Daisy HAWKINS

### July

### August

25 Jane MANSELL  
31 May BEER

**March**

- 3 James CLEMENTS, father 1861
- 5 Arthur BROOKLING  
Annie COOK
- 8 William MANSELL
- 25 Martin MANSELL

**April**

- 13 Florence WELLS  
Florence GRIMWOOD
- 16 Elizabeth CLEMENTS, mother  
1859 Cardiff
- 30 William JOYCE

**May**

- 8 Violet JOYCE
- 9 Emily SMITH
- 12 Lizzie CLEMENTS, sister 1884
- 13 Charles J.J. SMITH,  
husband 1873
- 24 Percy SMITH

**September**

- 4 Frances BATSON
- 10 Charlie BALL

**October**

- 7 Jeanie ROBINSON
- 13 Mrs J. STEVENS
- 21 G.T. COTTLE Cardiff

**November**

- 16 B. MORRIS
- 19 Emily JOYCE
- 21 Willie STEVENS
- 22 Kathleen Hannah Hathway  
CLEMENTS, sister 1900  
Mary Ann CLEMENTS,  
grandmother 1838,  
nee TOWNSEND
- 25 Nora JOYCE

**December**

- 3 William SMITH, uncle 1855
- 24 Jeanie WALKER

The recording of birthdays seems to have ceased some time prior to the birth of her youngest child in 1918, his birthday is not entered.

Does anyone have a connection with these people? Some of course were relatives but others must have been close friends at the time.

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### Future Programme

The following meetings have been planned for 1992:

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| January  | 16 | “Indexes” - including a number of indexes owned by Society members.  |
| February | 20 | “Getting There” - Frank Rackrow The story of travel before the railways  |
| March    | 19 | “A One Name Study” - Freda Bingley   |
| April    | 16 | To be arranged   |
| May      | 21 | “In search of Golden Thompson” - Norman Holding on tracing his great grandfather of that name with details of fishermen, seamen and newspapers in Australia and USA. |

The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. at Montague Hall, Montague Road, Hounslow (just off the High Street), and start at 7.30 pm.

## In Search of the Christoffers

When my parents died, we inherited the family bible. I had only been slightly interested in my antecedents, but when studying the bible entries it made me wish for more information. I thus started my researches. After a good many years I have all branches of the family back to 1800 and many a lot earlier.

My two blank spots were CHRISTOFFER, pre 1808 - "from Germany," and my Huguenot antecedents TOUCHARD pre 1725 - "from France."

Miracles do happen! On the last update of the Mormon lists, I found my CORT CHRSTOFFER, born in Osterholz Scharmbeck 1785, Germany, just north of Bremen, also his parents marriage was listed. I decided to request the microfilm of the church records to be sent over from the USA. They duly arrived, and with great enthusiasm I set off to discover further details. What a shock when I tried to read the entries. I do not speak or read German, but I had assumed I would at least be able to read names, - I had not bargained for the old style German writing, and no one at the Mormon library could help.

I decided the only thing was to have research undertaken by a professional, costly, of course, but what else could I do! My contact has taken a long time, it must be over a year since I first contacted him. My pocket is a lot lighter, but I am now back to 2660 definitely, and 1600 possible, - but even better, I have been in touch with someone else researching CHRISTOFFER, and find we are long lost cousins, many times removed.

I was anxious to see the area where CORT had come from, and we have recently spent a holiday in North Germany. Osterholz Scharmbeck is almost completely newly built, except for the church, a museum, and some farmhouses, that is all CORT would recognise. My long lost cousin showed us around the nearby villages where family members had lived around 1700, even a farmhouse where they had lived - the present occupants did not seem to mind!

It was such a lovely country area, the only occupations seemed to be farming, and now some holiday visitors, for fishing, walking, etc. I believe the land was swamps earlier, and has since been drained, but even so, what ever made CORT, as a young man, leave his country and come to London. The east end of London must have been a terrible shock in 1800. The family story is that he left to avoid the Napoleonic Wars. I wonder if that is right ?

My next real problem is to find from where my Huguenot ancestors originated - can I hope for a second miracle ?

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# Heathrow Before the Airport

## Introduction

The Heathrow area occupies the south-east corner of Harmondsworth parish with the Bath Road forming a convenient boundary between it and the rest of the parish. On the geological map the Bath Road, also happens to follow (probably not by chance) the boundary between the brickearth deposits to the north and the Taplow terrace gravel deposits to the south. This does not mean that there is an abrupt change at this boundary but the thickness of the brickearth overlying the gravel, which can be as much as three feet in thickness to the north of the Bath Road, becomes gradually reduced in a southerly and easterly direction. Towards the extreme south-east of the parish the soil covering is very thin and was part of Hounslow Heath which had a soil described by Cobbett (1) on one of his rural rides as, “a nasty strong dirt upon a bed of gravel and is a sample of all that is had and villainous in look”. For good measure Cobbett considered that the labouring people of this area, “looked to be about half Saint Giles’s, dirty and had every appearance of drinking gin”.

## Pre-history

The villages and hamlets of ‘West Middlesex, if not of Anglo-Saxon origin, certainly have Anglo-Saxon place names, but long before Saxon times there were settlements in the area. No written record exists but there is plenty of archaeological evidence for human occupation (2). The most significant in the Heathrow area was the discovery during the construction of the airport of an extensive iron-age settlement.

Pre-war Ordnance Survey maps show a rectangular area labelled “Camp” on the Harmondsworth side of the Harmondsworth-Harlington parish boundary and about a quarter of a mile south of the Bath Road. This site on Rocque’s map of Middlesex published in 1754 is more prominently marked and is called “Shapsbury Hill” whilst the Harmondsworth Inclosure Map of 1819 refers to the site as “Schapsbuiy Hill“. The earlier maps indicate a distinctive feature which must have been particularly prominent in the otherwise flat terrain. The site was examined by Stukeley in 1723 who believed it to be a Roman encampment. At that time the earthwork was a wellpreserved prominent feature, 300 feet square.

After the Inclosure the earthwork was ploughed flat but was still significant enough for it to be marked on maps. The full significance of the site became apparent in 1944 when excavations prior to the construction of the main runway revealed that the earthwork contained about twelve hut sites and the remains of a temple dating from the period 500-300 BC. This important, indeed unique, site was destroyed and buried under the main runway.



**HEATHROW**  
 from the 2nd Edition  
 6" Ordnance Survey  
 Map of 1896

### **The Hamlet of Heathrow**

Heathrow appears to have been the last of the settlements to be formed in Harmondsworth Parish. Harmondsworth itself is in the north-west of the parish and the name is first mentioned in an Anglo-Saxon charter of 780 AD when land in a place called Hermonds was granted by Offa, King of Mercia to his servant Aeldred. By the time of Domesday the name had become Hermondesworde. Sipson, now the second largest settlement in the parish, is first referred to in 1214 when it was known as Sibbeston. Longford is first mentioned in 1337 and the first known reference to Heathrow is in 1453. All the names are of Anglo-Saxon origin and in all cases must have existed long before the first recorded references.

The settlement of Heathrow was spread out in a straggling manner on the west side of Heathrow Road from the Bath Road to Perry Oaks. Perry Oaks itself could almost be regarded as separate from Heathrow and it had direct access from the Bath Road via Tithe Barn Lane. The area bounded by Heathrow Road, Tithe Barn Lane and the Bath Road was, before the Inclosure of Harmondsworth Parish in 1819, one of the open fields of the parish and was known as Heathrow Field. The area to the south and east of Heathrow Road was common land of the parish and formed the western edge of Hounslow Heath. Heathrow, as its name suggests, was on the edge of the Heath bordered by the open arable fields of Harmondsworth Parish. It was not in the centre of a blasted uninhabited heath as the aviation lobby is apt to suggest when seeking justification for its destruction to make Way for the airport.

### **Agriculture**

Before it was overwhelmed by the airport West Middlesex had been an important market gardening area with Heathrow itself virtually in the centre of what remained of the Thames Market Gardening Plain (3, 4). The report of the Land Utilisation Survey in 1935 (4) lamented the fact that,

“at least four aerodromes have been recently established in the region three of them involving the conversion of excellent market-gardening land into grassland of little agricultural value”.

The three aerodromes referred to must have been Heston, Fairey's at Heathrow and Hawkefs at Langley. The loss of this land to Fairey's had little effect on the rural nature of the area and the Heathrow area represented the last significant tract of Grade I agricultural land in West Middlesex still in use for intensive production at the outbreak of war in 1939.

This meant that the Heathrow area was the natural choice for staging the annual ploughing matches organised by the Middlesex Agricultural and Growers' Association. These were held in early autumn directly after the harvest. The last match ever to be held was the ninety-ninth which took place on 28 September 1937 on the farm of J.E. Philp and Son of Heathrow Hall on land in Tithe Barn Lane, Heathrow. The 100th match which would have been held in 1938 was postponed because of the desire of the government to avoid large gatherings at the time of the Munich crisis. The outbreak of war one year later meant that it never took place as the matches were not resumed at the end of hostilities, largely because most of the suitable sites had by then been buried under concrete.

## **Other Industry**

### *The Perry Oaks Sludge Works*

A short distance past Perry Oaks Fann on the western side of what was Tithe Barn Lane was (and still is) the Perry Oaks sludge disposal works. These works which now occupy an enclave of some 250 acres on the western edge of the airport were opened by the Middlesex County Council in 1935 as part of the West Middlesex Main Drainage Scheme. The main sewage works is at Mogden, Isleworth where sludge is separated from the sewage and, after initial treatment at Mogden, is pumped over a seven mile distance to Perry Oaks. The sludge is pumped through a 12-inch cast iron main which follows the route of the Bath Road and the former route of Tithe Barn Lane. Had the route chosen followed a more direct line by going across the fields to Perry Oaks it is quite probable that it would have rendered the construction of the airport too difficult to achieve. In any event the presence of the sludge works has proved to be a thorn in the side of the aviation authorities and they have been trying, with little success, for the past 45 years to relocate the sludge works.

### *Gravel Digging*

Gravel underlies the topsoil throughout much of the Thames Valley and the harmful effects of gravel extraction have always been a cause for concern. The area around Feltham had been devastated by gravel digging in the early 1930's and later in the decade gravel working had extended to Heathrow. The area of workings was confined to the east side of Heathrow Road and by the time that the airport was developed in 1944 an area of about 200 acres had been excavated. As the water table is high the excavations soon filled with water which did something to ameliorate the effects.

## **Reminiscences of Heathrow 1943**

Although most of the agricultural land in West Middlesex was in use for market gardening, mixed farming was also practised at Heathrow itself. This made it more attractive than the rest of the locality as mixed farming, unlike market gardening, could in the 1930's exist quite happily with trees and hedgerows. The presence of numerous ponds and historic farmhouses added to its attractions. Gordon Maxwell (5) well described its general character thus,

“If you turn down from the Bath Road by the ‘Three Magpies’ you will come upon a road that is as rural as anywhere in England. It is not, perhaps, scenically wonderful but for detachment from London or any urban interests it would be hard to find its equal; there is a calmness and serenity about it that is soothing in a mad rushing world”.

A traveller in 1943 turning down Heathrow Road from the “Three Magpies” would have passed a row of houses (Doghurst Cottages) on the left, but after these the only buildings that would then be encountered were isolated farmhouses and cottages. The first farmhouse along the road was a rather undistinguished one on the left known as “Bathurst”. In an orchard near to this house was a small fenced enclosure containing the barrel of the cannon, marking the end of General Roy’s baseline.

A little further along on the right-hand side of the road was one of the largest farmhouses known as "Heathrow Hall", an attractive 18th century building occupied by one of the several branches of the Philp family who farmed extensively in the area. The farmhouse adjoined a typical English farmyard with sheep, pigs and cattle and many old barns. Almost opposite "Heathrow Hall" on the left side of the road was a large pond which had probably started life as a gravel pit to obtain roadmaking material. This pond was surrounded by trees and fields and had a rich variety of wildlife including kingfishers looking for fish in the pond

About a quarter of a mile past the pond just after passing Palmer's Farm, an early 17th century farmhouse on the right, the road forked. The road to the left, known as Cain's Lane, (Isaac Cane owned land on one side of the lane in 1819 - hence its name) led to East Bedford and was dead straight, having been laid out across the Common by the Enclosure Commissioners in 1819. On the left of the lane were two modern farmhouses belonging respectively to John Wild and his brother David whose family had farmed in the parish for more than three hundred years.

On a corner of their farm and adjoining the road was a corrugated iron mission hall which had been erected in 1901. This belonged to the Baptist Church at Sipson and was the only "church" in Heathrow, although there had been earlier churches at Heathrow belonging to non-conformist sects.

The Fairey airfield, which is described later, was a little further along on the right side of the lane opposite yet another modern farmhouse occupied by F.W'. Longhurst. Cain's Lane then continued until it was crossed in about half a mile by the Great South West Road, which had been constructed as a by-pass to the old Staines Road in 1930. The part of Cain's Lane beyond the Great South West Road was outside the boundaries of the airport and a small area on its west side still exists as an incongruous part of the Borough of Hillingdon completely cut off from the remainder of the Borough by the airport.

Coming back to the point at which Cain's Lane left Heathrow Road the road, which had been running roughly in a north-south direction, gradually swung round into an east-west alignment. About 200 yards along the road from its junction with Cain's Lane and on its north side was Heathrow's only public house, the "Plough and Harrow". a small building of no great distinction dating from the early 19th century. Soon after passing the "plough and Harrow" was a "T-junction" where High Tree Lane branched off to the left. This was another of the Enclosure Commissioners' roads leading in a straight line to West Bedford.

Half a mile along High Tree Lane at a fork marked on maps as "Goathouse Tree Ford" the road crossed the Duke of Northumberlands river. This is a man-made channel having been constructed in the mid 16th century to increase the water driving Isleworth Mill and to provide water to Syon House. It runs from the Colne at West Drayton, by way of Longford, Heathrow and Bedford, to join the Crane for a short distance at Baber Bridge before proceeding on its own course to Isleworth (6). When construction of the airport began in 1944 it was diverted to a more southerly route for about two miles of its length, but the route of its former channel still forms the southern boundary of Harmondsworth parish and hence of the Borough of Hillingdon.

Goathouse Tree Ford was seldom, if ever, referred to as such and the area of the ford was known locally as High Tree River. It was a local beauty spot, popular for picnics, where children could safely paddle in the water and fish for "tiddlers". Although the very occasional traffic had to use the ford there was a footbridge high above the river, (the river had rather high banks, probably a result of the deposition of spoil during its construction). The banks were well-wooded and on the south side was a riverside walk to Longford, about two miles away.

Coming back along High Tree Lane to rejoin Heathrow Road and almost opposite the junction were two cottages, laying back from the road, besides which was the entrance to "Pease Path", a public footpath running across the fields in a northerly direction to join the Bath Road at a point between the Technicolor and Penguin Book factories, both of which had been built on the north side of the road in the late 1930's.

About another quarter of a mile along the Heathrow Road, in an area of Heathrow known as Perry Oaks, the road forked again, the left fork, known as Oaks Road, led to Stanwell village. The right fork, known as Tithe Barn Lane, proceeded in a northerly direction to rejoin the Bath Road midway between the "Three Magpies" and the "Peggy Bedford". Just before the road forked, and on its northern side, stood Perry Oaks Farm, a most handsome red-brick Elizabethan farmhouse occupied by S. Whittington, a member of another old farming family in the locality. This farm had some very fine old barns, a dovecote and a duckpond and was, without question, the best of the many farmsteads of Heathrow.

Tithe Barn Lane got its name from a barn half-way along its western side that was reputedly a reconstruction of a northern wing of the Harmondsworth Tithe Barn. It seems doubtful if, in fact, the Hamiondsworth Tithe Barn ever had a northern wing, but the story of the wing being dismantled and being re-erected in Tithe Barn Lane is often quoted. The area at the junction of Tithe Bani Lane and the main road was known as "Shepherds Pool", the pool being a large pond completely surrounded by trees. It had probably started life as a gravel pit but had become completely naturalised over 150 years when its name was recorded on the inclosure Map.

### **The Fairey Aerodrome**

Aviation at Heathrow started in 1929 with the purchase by the Fairey Aviation Company of 150 acres of land in Cain's Lane. Here they laid out an area of high quality turf to construct an airfield which was used for the first time in the late summer of 1930. it was known initially as the "Harmondsworth Aerodrome" but later as the "Great West Aerodrome". It was renowned for its level and smooth turf and the hangar sited on the northern corner of the site was at one time the largest in the world.

The airfield was purchased as a result of the Company having been given notice by the Air Ministry to vacate leased premises at Northolt which the company used for flight-testing. Fairey's had carried out flight tests from Northolt since 1917, the airfield being conveniently placed to their factory in North Hyde Road, Hayes. The Heathrow site proved just as convenient and had the advantage that the company held the freehold - little did they know at the time that the Air Ministry, having expelled them from Northolt, would eventually coznpulsorily acquire their new site at Heathrow!

Because of the obvious advantages the company decided to expand the site so that it could transfer the factory from Hayes to Heathrow thus bringing the works and flight testing facilities together. With this end in view Fairey's gradually acquired additional land, as opportunity occurred. and by 1943 they owned about 200 acres of land between Cain's Lane, High Tree Lane and the Duke of Northumberland's River.

The presence of the airfield did little to disturb the rural scene. It had no concrete runways, few buildings and only a small number of test flights. The airfield was, in fact, quite a local attraction as it was a novelty then to see aeroplanes at such close quarters. From 1935-1939 the aerodrome was the venue for the garden party of the Royal Aeronautical Society. At these parties a wide variety of aircraft were gathered from light planes to gliders, military aircraft to new civil airliners fresh from the production lines. There were also numerous aeronautical displays so that, during the one day of the party more people visited Heathrow than the total for the rest of the year.

The presence of Fairey's aerodrome was undoubtedly what led the aviation interests to cast covetous eyes on Heathrow as a site for a civil airport for London. However, if War had not broken out in '1939 it would have proved impossible for them to acquire Fairey's airfield and the surrounding land. The war presented the opportunity for the whole area to be requisitioned and to begin the development of a civil airport under the pretext that it was needed as a base for the RAF.

[Based on part of a talk, given to the Society on 17 October 1991. A more comprehensive account is given in *The History of Heathrow*, obtainable from the Bookstall, or from the author price £3.90 (£4.50 incl. postage).]

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*Philip Sherwood*

## Help!!

### **WEATHERL(E)Y/TRIBELL**

Sidney WEATI-IERL(E)Y married Ellen TRIBE-LL and a son Ernest was born c.1883/84 in Plymouth, England. They sailed to Australia, where Sidney worked on the Railway, and moved to New Zealand c.1898. Any help concerning these people will be gratefully received.

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### **PEEK(PEAKE)/HONEY**

Help is sought in respect of the marriage of George PEEK/PEAKE to Mary Ann HONEY c.1828/31. According to census returns, Mary Ann was born in Ireland c.1815/18.

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### **CONOLLY/ HUBBARD/TENNYSON/COLLINS**

Dr John CONOLLY, born 27th May 1794 in Market Rasen, LIN, married Elizabeth COLLINS (place unknown). Dr John trained in Edinburgh and practised in several places in England including Chichester, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick, London and finally in Hanwell, where he was Superintendent of the Hanwell Lunatic Asylum. He died there in 1866. I believe Dr Johns father was Jonathon and his mother was Dorothy TENNYSON. Jonathon died young and left Dorothy with a large family. I believe that she remarried a French emigre and lived in Hull.

Their son Edward Tennyson CONOLLY was born in 1822, possibly in Chichester, and married Emily HUBBARD (place unknown). He studied law and later emigrated to New Zealand where he became a Supreme Court Judge, and a Minister of Justice. Some of their family were born at Langley Marish.

I believe that Jonathon and Edward had siblings so there are probably a number of descendants. I would love to hear from anyone who may know anything of this family. All correspondence will be answered.

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### **STOUT/REID**

Connection sought of my great-grandmother, Ellen STOUT, born 1831 in Preston, Lancashire, daughter of Robert. STOUT, a tailor, and his wife Sarah Ellen left England for Australia in 1853, married 16 July 1853 in Melbourne Hemy Gordon REID, a butcher from Glasgow. They had 4 children between 1854-1860. They left Melbourne aboard the Thomas Fletcher in January 1864, as armed settlers to New Zealand. After the Maori wars they settled in the Waikato Thames area. Any infomzation to:

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## HARRY

Does anyone remember know of a family with the surname HARRY who lived in the Fulham area from approximately 1880 to 1929. My gt. gt grandad was Walter Ernest HARRY who married Mary Jane GODDEN at St. Marylebone in 1874. They had four children - Walter William George, born 1873 at 3 Devonshire Terrace, Fulham; Annie Elizabeth born 1876 at Little Carlisle St. Marylebone; Harry Walter Ernest a.k.a. Ruin, born 1882 at 5 Jervis Road, Fulham. My gt. grandad married Rachel BABBINGTON 1897 at Putney Parish Church. My grandad Walter George Frederick was born 1901 at Lettestone Road. He also lived in Comber Road and at the time of his marriage to Fanny GILLINGHAM in 1923 he lived in Atalanta St. My grandparents also lived in Colehili Lane until 1929. Walter William George retired early from the Post Office in 1927 and moved to a pub near Radnage, Bucks.

Annie Elizabeth married Charles COBB, a Waterman, and they had a large family including Charlie, Annie, Ivy, Sydney and Harold. I believe the family may have lived in Protheroe St. in or about the 1920's/30's. Harry married a lady called Ella and was valet to the Earl of Camworth.

Walter Ernest senior died in 1916 while living in Hugon Road. I believe he may have had a brother William Charles, who also lived in Atalanta St. and died there in 1921. I have checked various Fulham addresses I know of in the 1881 census without success.

Any help or remembrances will be gratefully received.

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"Shush. dear - can't you see that Daddy's busy writing the Family Tree?" He lived - exactly as I do now - in a mess of papers. He wrote on file cards, on backs of letters, in school exercise books, in ancestral ledgers. He had appointed himself as official secretary to the Ancestors, and there was no Ancestor too obscure, no third cousin too far removed - my father took dictation from anyone who had a single corpuscle of family blood in them. He gummed sheets of typing paper together with Croydex and constructed a diagram almost the size of the drawing room carpet. From a distance, it looked like a wild plumber's jungle-gym of gutterings and drainpipes. Close to, it was a forest of names, dates, arrows and = signs. It might well have been a Renaissance cosmologist's lifework, a plan of universal knowledge. It was a terrifying document. For what all the branches of the Family Tree - the seventeenth-century yeomen, the eighteenth-century tradesmen, the nineteenth-century gentry with all their fancy dress and swords and medals - boiled down to, on the bottom line, was me.

*From "Coasting" by*

## West Middlesex Marriage Index

At last, a further section has been completed and added to the Index - another 9,953 entries bringing the total to approximately 48,850. I am indebted to a number of Society members for their help in the work of putting it all together - Brenda Ainsworth, Mary Beamson, the late Joan Chamberlain, Mr T.J. Mitchell of Birmingham, Valerie Payne (Who typed the Whole of the document), Gill Pickup, Margaret Power, Julia Powney, Mrs J. Smith, and Yvonne Woodbridge.

This new input comprises the following:

| Place                       |                            | Entries |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Chelsea                     | 1559-1624, 1695-1698       | 290     |
| Chiswick                    | 1799-1837, Banns 1764-1767 | 522     |
| Finchley                    | 1736-1837                  | 619     |
| Fulham                      | 1813-1836                  | 1764    |
| Great Stanmore              | 1599-1837                  | 557     |
| Hackney, West               | 1824                       | 33      |
| Hackney, South              | 1831                       | 15      |
| Hampton Wick                | 1832-1836                  | 21      |
| Harefield                   | 1546-1837                  | 1605    |
| Kensington (St Mary Abbott) | 1808-1812, 1831-1837       | 1188    |
| Monken Hadley               | 1728-1836                  | 275     |
| Perivale                    | 1720-1812                  | 50      |
| South Mimms                 | 1732-1837                  | 998     |
| Tottenham                   | 1749-1837                  | 1946    |
| From various sources        |                            | 70      |

Of the 39 Church of England marriage registers in our catchment area, the Index now has full coverage to 1837 for 21, to 1812 for another 8 and some entries for 5 of the others. It also includes full or partial coverage of more than two dozen other Middlesex parishes: rather more than three quarters of the entries are from parishes in our West Middlesex area. Full lists are available - see the notes on the back pages of the Journal.

I am surprised at the number of enquiries that I receive for marriages which took place in the latter half" of the 19th century. As the paragraphs above indicate (and indeed, the note in each issue of the Journal states) the Index is confined to pre-1837 marriages. with just one or two parishes going a year or so later. As we all know (or should know) there is a perfectly good marriage index from July 1837 forward covering the whole country at St Catherine's House in London.

It would seem. that these enquirers either have not understood the nature of our Index or have not done their basic work of (a) reading a good textbook on genealogy, (b) pursuing their forebears through the GRO indexes - marriage, birth, marriage, birth etc. - as far as possible, and (c) seeking their families in the various censuses (all of them for preference), before venturing into the realm of parish records.

In some cases enquirers say that they have done the necessary searches at the GRO but with out success, and hope to find it in the Index, against possibility that it was recorded there but somehow escaped being notified to the Registrar.

Apart from saying what I have already indicated about the cut-off dates, I have to add that for all practical purposes. What they are hoping for simply did not happen. Certainly in the early years after the commencement of Civil Registration quite a high proportion of births were never registered - and no doubt a few still escape today. Failure to record deaths was, by all accounts, less frequent; for marriages, virtually not at all. I suppose that there could be an instance of some 'clandestine' marriage being carried out without the presence of the Registrar, though I have never heard of one.

Accordingly it must be accepted that if there is really no marriage registered, then no marriage actually took place. So, first of all, the search should be extended further - forwards and backwards - and reconsidered in the light of unexpected spellings, name variants and the possibility of aliases or other "names being used for one reason or another.

Failing all that. the presumption must be made that the 'marriage' was not officiated and that the couple living together as man and Wife were not legally married - it happens today (though more openly) and it happened then. That being the case, the searcher can but seek to skip over that event and put the family together (regrettably without knowledge of the bride's maiden name, or therefore of her predecessors) from the censuses and earlier births. which hopefully will not have escaped registration.

Recommended reading on the subject - Colin Rogers' *The Family Tree Detective*, Chapter III, 'Looking for Marriages'.

*Vic Gale*

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## What's in a Name

### **DRINKWATER**

Ale was the natural drink of the Englishman in the Middle Ages. Given that most water would have been polluted, at least in the towns, this is hardly surprising. The name probably applies to one too poor to drink ale, even though ale was four gallons a penny in the 13th century. (Yes. that's what the book says!) It may also have been given, ironically, to a tippler or tavern keeper, the latter perhaps as a reflection of the nature of his beer.

## Keep On Keeping On

Although I've read many books on "how to do your family tree", I can't recall any which didn't assume I had at my disposal old family photographs and letters, a family bible, wills, and details of monumental inscriptions. If I'd had even one of those things when I began seeking my roots, perhaps I'd be back to Adam and Eve by now? Although I eagerly absorbed any and all advice, success always seemed to centre around starting off with information from one or other of the above items. But I didn't have any, so how could I possibly be successful? I now regularly thank the ancestors who provided me with my intense curiosity (and foolhardiness).

The angels must have been on my side because with the few pieces of information I had, I've been able to trace all my family lines (with one exception.) back to at least 1800. Having a bunch of names, dates and places is all very well (and it's certainly better than nothing) but there's a limit to what you can do with such information. I constructed trees and charts, did exercises on longevity and medical history (from death and burial records), and even converted birth dates into signs of the Zodiac. Without any of the assumed items however, I found it difficult to get to know my ancestors.

It seemed the only other course open to me was a study of occupations. Almost a blank there too, because with one exception (an Excise Officer) they all did manual work - mostly brickmakers in Middlesex and saltworkers in Cheshire. It's difficult to study occupations in isolation - somehow it turned into studying local history. For example, in attempting to discover something of the working and living conditions of my Cheshire salt labourers, I visited the excellent Salt Museum in Northwich. Not only did I get a clearer picture of how my ancestors lived, I came away with a little understanding of the economic development, population growth and centres, geography, social customs and history of the area in which they lived and worked. And on my most recent trip to England, Wendy Mott of the West Middlesex and husband Bill, and my newly found cousin Mavis Saunders and husband Arthur took me to places around Isleworth and Heston where my brickmaker HOPPING ancestors had shuffled whilst on this mortal coil.

While it's true that there's no substitute for "being there", it's also true that reading about a locality's history will fill gaps which might otherwise be impossible to fill (perhaps a street now runs through where great granny's house once stood). Reading also has the advantage of review, whereas it's not always easy or as cheap to retrace your steps.

Local history is a very necessary ingredient in any family history cake and when some ingredients aren't available, they have to be replaced with something else if the cake is to be successful. I replaced the missing ingredients with local history. My cake doesn't have any icing, but it's a very acceptable cake nevertheless. And recently a cousin gave me a priceless ornament for my cake - the original of what is thought to be the only photograph of my paternal grandmother, taken shortly before her death in 1920. Though that's only yesterday in genealogical terms, to me the photograph is the greatest treasure.

It was a mistake to feel sorry about what I didn't have instead of concentrating on and working with what I did have. It's possible to construct a backdrop so that even a small amount of family information is highlighted to maximum advantage. I'd be very surprised if I'm the only family historian to have the problem of being minus the assumed items. To all the others I say don't be discouraged, there may be much more information waiting just around the corner. Persistence pays off.

*Annie Weare*

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## Book Reviews

### **Guide to Sussex Burial Index 1813-1837: Vol 1 Eastern Sussex**

Compiled by Lord and Lady Teviot

An index of 70,000 burials in the Archdeaconry of Lewes, which covers all of East Sussex with some parishes from West Sussex. Also included are Quaker and nonconformist burials; Roman Catholic burials are not included. This Guide lists all the Surnames found in the index and can thus point the way. The Guide and further information on the index are available from Lord and Lady Teviot, The Knoll, Stockcroft Road, Balcombe RH17 6LG, W. Sussex.

### **Churches in Retirement** From. H.M.S.O. at £9.95

A Gazetteer of the many old English churches, now unused for worship, that are maintained by the Redundant Churches Fund. 250 churches are listed each with a photograph and a short history. All periods of church building architecture are included from Saxon to 19th century. My favourite is Holy Trinity Goodramgate, York, where a distant ancestor married some 220 years ago. A book to explore and a pointer as to where to visit.

### **Staines in the Records** - Dr. LA. Mansfield

This volume takes the history of Staines from the medieval period to modern times, though there is a second volume to cover some aspects of its modern history. Many subjects are discussed from the building of the first bridge across the Thames by the Romans, to the fire service, police, railways and schools of today. Good value with a number of illustrations.

By post £6.00 inc. p & p. from Mrs. J. Huckle, 5 Florence Gardens, Staines, Middlesex, TW18 1HG

## Brentford's 51

The following poem on the 51 pubs in Brentford, was given to me by my father Mr. Charles Herbert Allen - who lived in Brentford all his life. He was born at Thames Lock House - on the Grand Union Canal, of course - in 1882. I think his father, Henry Allen, did not retire until approximately 1920 - so he would have been lock keeper for about forty years.

The writer of the poem is unknown. It is likely that whoever "composed" the poem started at Kew Bridge (Star and Garter) and proceeded along the High Street to the bridge over the canal (about 1¼ miles).

“When I was knighted with a STAR AND GARTER  
I was pushed into an EXPRESS  
On my way to OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE  
I smashed into a PLOUGH  
And stood aside by the WAGGON AND HORSES  
Little beyond a JOLLY TAR  
With a LAMB by his side  
Receiving a SALUTATION  
Presently FOX AND HOUNDS dashed by  
A beautiful HAND AND FLOWER  
When I met the MARQUIS OF GRANBY  
He fell into the QUEEN’S ARMS  
Tugging with a BARGE AGROUND  
A BULL stared me in the face  
As I crossed by the BREWERY TAP and the ROYAL HOTEL  
The PRINCE OF WALES stood on the other side  
Up above HALF MOON and SEVEN STARS  
With a GLITTERING STAR by its side  
Cross yonder stood a DRUM  
Attacked by a LION  
‘When I reached the ALEXANDRA  
I shook hands with GEORGE THE FOURTH  
He advised to salute THE WATERMANS ARMS  
Then I was back into the KING’S ARMS  
Up went the roaring CANNON  
At the RISING SUN I tried to lift ONE TON  
While BRITANNIA stood to one side  
And I met the DUKE OF CAMBRHIBGE  
He told me he had lost his FEATHERS  
A little beyond a BEEHIVE  
And a BLACK BOY AND STILL  
Playing with a CATHERINE WHEEL  
As I crossed the BARLEY MOW  
There was a magnificent CASTLE  
Near by stood a LION  
THREE PEDGEONS overhead

With MAGPIE AND STUMP  
Beside it MAGPIE AND CROWN  
TWO BLACK BOYS tang SIX BELLS  
Stood staunch with THE MAGNET with LORD NELSON  
I got in the JUNCTION ARMS  
They pushed me into the DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND  
Beyond stood GEORGE AND DRAGON  
The STANDARD floating high  
With the ANGEL of peace  
When the COACH AND HORSES passed by“.

*G.H. Allen*

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**Peggy Bedford Hotel, Longford, Middlesex**  
**(Extracted from the Southall-Norwood Gazette - 26 October 1901)**

The second annual dinner to the roadmen and cannen employed the Middlesex County Council on the Bath and Staines main roads took place at the Old Peggy Bedford. Longford, on Thursday evening last. The necessary funds were subscribed by the inhabitants of the two roads and by cyclists as a reward to the men for their diligence in keeping the roads so well scavenged and in such good condition. Host Springett supplied an excellent dinner, which was thoroughly appreciated. Sufficient money had been received to enable Foreman Dunsby to hand each man 1/2 pound best tobacco. A most enjoyable evening was spent and the men were loud in their praises at the treatment they received and thankful to the gentlemen who has so kindly subscribed to the dinner fund. The health of the Middlesex County Council being given, also Mr. Ashby's, the road surveyor, a pleasant evening ended with the National Anthem.

*Mavis Sibley*

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**(Extracted from Crawford Parish Magazine)**

In reference to the outbreak of small pox in London at the present time, it may be of interest to point out that the record of the marriage of the {ether and mother of Dr. Jenner, the discoverer of vaccination, is printed in this month's copy of the old Parish Register. Dr. Jenner's father was Vicar of Berkeley and" hismother a daughter of the Rector of Cranford, In the vicarage garden of Berkeley may still be seen the laboratory Where the doctor worked, and where it is said he made his famous discovery, which is considered even now to have eclipsed every other discovery of modern science in the amount of benefit it has conferred on the human race.

*Mavis Sibley*

**September Meeting:**  
**A Day in the Life of a Census Enumerator**  
**Jean Cole and Michael Sheppard**

On Friday, 13th September Jean Cole and Michael Sheppard came to talk to us about a subject we have all wondered about from time to time, but we didn't realise we were to be entertained and made to work during the evening.

The scene was set in a Wiltshire village in 1871 - Jean playing Hannah Oatley and Michael the census enumerator calling at her cottage on that April evening. All the familiar questions (familiar to us) were asked: name, relationship, condition, age, occupation, place of birth, and Hannah, or May as she was known, tried her best to remember and calculate birthdays, often changing her mind or recalling an event in history to jog her memory. The enumerator recorded all the details but then Hannah remembered the carrier who was calling that night and would be sleeping at the cottage.

Michael then went on to write his official copy; this is where our meeting came to life. We were asked to gather our thoughts and try to recall all that had been said, to check that the details were correct and nothing had been left out.

We then divided into groups of four and "played" at compiling the 1851 census; one person in each group being the enumerator and the others the family, according to the instructions given out on slips of paper, each enumerator unaware of the family occupation. Much laughter ensued as Gypsies, Farm Labourers, Travellers and Townsfolk set about relating their family details to harassed census enumerators.

Michael explained how very easy it was for information to be misleading, ages given incorrectly and places of birth often unknown.

The presentation of this talk was most enjoyable and the Wiltshire accent coming naturally to our two speakers very realistic and refreshing. Helpful advice was also given at the close of the talk about the possibility of finding other census lists before the recognised 1841. Jean stressed that it is always worthwhile to check at Record Offices if any other early census has been found, often in parish registers. Some examples were displayed of early census lists from the parish chest and printed works.

I understand Jean and Michael have been giving this talk for about six years all over the country. Their light hearted commentary was much appreciated at this time, whilst many of us are transcribing the 1881 census.

Perhaps we will look again at our own family on the census return and wonder what was it really like!

*Mary Mason*

## **St. Catherine's House Courier Service**

Pam Morgan will order, collect and post certificates for members from St. Catherine's House. Since the price of certificates was increased in April the charges are now:

FEE, including a three year search (i.e. 12 Vols.) - £8.00  
if full details or reference is supplied - £7.00

Both prices include postage, but could overseas members please send. STERLING only. £5.50 refund if the search is unsuccessful. The service is only available to members of the West Middlesex F.H.S. - please quote membership number with request.

Please make cheques payable to:

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### **Certificate Application at the General Register Office**

Some members have become concerned about the format of the new style certificate application forms at St. Catherine's House. particularly those for births, which include questions asking date and place of birth, parents' forenames and mother's maiden name. Most of us need the certificate in order to discover the answer to many of these questions, so we are unlikely to be able to supply the details, but there is no need to worry, as these conditions are designed to reduce the fraudulent use of more recent certificates. Family history researchers merely leave these questions blank as a rule and certificates are still produced as before.

A few of our newer members may not be aware that the staff will check the entry against any particulars already known a useful facility if one is not sure if one has found the correct entry, but beware, for, unless the information agrees exactly, no certificate will be produced and you may have forfeited £3 for what really was the certificate you wanted. The fee of £3 for this service is deducted from the normal £5.50 application fee if the details do not correspond, in which case no certificate is issued and, instead, a refund. of £2.50 can be claimed.

With the very high cost of postal applications. currently £12 if the exact reference information is quoted, otherwise £15, our courier service at £7, or £8 including a search is surely excellent value for money for members who are unable to visit St. Catherine's House personally. Moreover, any excess after expenses have been paid helps to swell our society's funds.

*Pam Morgan*

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## And their Surname Interests

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| AINSBY      | 18-19c | Chelsea/<br>Fulham          | Mdx | H97     | FAGAN        | 18-19c | City of<br>London       | Lon | P57     |
|             | 18-19c | St Pancras                  | Mdx | H97     | FITCH        | 18c    |                         | Cam | F38     |
| ALEY        | 19c    | Chelsea                     | Mdx | W83     |              | 18c    |                         | Sfk | F38     |
| AMBRIDGE    | 18c    | Heston                      | Mdx | A32     | FLOWER       | 19c    | Teddington              | Mdx | F37     |
|             | 18c    | Isleworth                   | Mdx | A32     |              | 19c    | Hampton                 |     |         |
|             | 18c    | Brentford                   | Mdx | A32     |              |        | Court                   | Mdx | F37     |
| ANDREWS     | 18-19c | Camberwell                  | Sry | P57     |              | 19c    | Marylebone              | Mdx | F37     |
| BADCOCK     | 18c    | Burwell                     | Cam | M78     | FRAMPTON     | 18c    | Barnes                  | Sry | R43     |
| BARTRAM     | 19c    | Chiswick                    | Mdx | M77     | FRANCIS      | 19-20c | Brentford               | Mdx | S103    |
| BATCHELOR   | 19c    | West Ham                    | Ess | M77     |              | 19-20c | Chiswick                | Mdx | S103    |
| DE BERNARDY |        |                             |     |         | FRITH        | 19c    |                         | Bkm | D30     |
|             | 19c    | Twickenham                  | Mdx | G62     |              | 19c    | Stanwell                | Mdx | D30     |
|             | 19c    | East Acton                  | Mdx | G62     |              | 19c    | Harmonds-<br>worth      |     |         |
|             | 19c    | Hounslow                    | Mdx | G62     | GARDINER     | 19c    |                         | Mdx | D30     |
|             | 20c    | Ealing                      | Mdx | G62     | GOLDHAWK     | Any    | Shepperton              | Lon | R42     |
| BIRCH       | 18-19c | Norwood                     | Mdx | B114    |              | Any    | Laleham                 | Mdx | G63     |
| BOSTON      | 18c    | Sheen                       | SRY | R43     |              | Any    |                         | Mdx | G63     |
| BRADLEY     | 19c    | Cowley                      | Mdx | R42     | GRAY         | 18-19c | Harmonds-<br>worth      |     |         |
|             | 19c    | Cookham                     | Brk | R42     |              |        |                         | Mdx | D30     |
|             | 19c    | Stepney                     | Mdx | R42     | GREENHILL    |        |                         |     |         |
| BRENNAN     | 19c    | Dublin                      | Dub | N18     |              | 19c    | Acton                   | Mdx | M76     |
| BROWNJOHN   |        |                             |     |         | GREY         | 18-19c | Harmonds-<br>worth      |     |         |
|             | 18-19c | Aldermaston                 | Brk | S103    |              |        |                         | Mdx | D30     |
|             | 18-19c | Pewsey                      | Wil | S103    | GURNEY       | 19c    |                         | Mdx | R42     |
|             | 18-19c |                             | Lon | S103    | GYE          | 18c    |                         | Brk | D30     |
| BRYANT      | 19c    |                             | Lon | O11     | HAINSBY      | 18-19c | Chelsea/<br>Fulham      | Mdx | H97     |
| BUNKER      | 19c    | Southall                    | Mdx | W81     |              |        |                         | Mdx | H97     |
| BURBIDGE    | 19c    | Shoreditch                  | Mdx | B114    |              | 18-19c | St Pancras              | Mdx | H97     |
|             | 19c    | City of<br>London           | Lon | B114    | HARMAN       | 19-20c | Hayes                   | Mdx | F39     |
| BURGIN      | 19c    | Kensington                  | Mdx | M77     |              | 19-20c | Bedfont                 | Mdx | F39     |
| BUSH        | 18c    | GERMANY                     |     | R43     |              | 19-20c | Heston                  | Mdx | F39     |
| BUTLER      | 19c    | Chelsea                     | Mdx | M76     | HARDEN       | 18-19c | Brentford               | Mdx | H98     |
|             | 19c    | Westminster                 | Lon | M76     |              | 18-19c | Hammer-<br>smith        | Mdx | H98     |
|             | 19c    | Wandsworth                  | Sry | M76     |              |        | Fulham                  | Mdx | H98     |
|             | 19c    | St. Stephen,<br>Coleman St. | Lon | M76     | HARRIS       | 18-19c | Acton                   | Mdx | M77     |
|             |        |                             |     |         |              | 19c    | Hammer-<br>smith        |     |         |
| BUTTERFIELD |        |                             |     |         |              | 19c    |                         | Mdx | M77     |
|             | 19c    | Fulham                      | Mdx | M78     | HECKRATH     | 18c    | Mainz                   |     |         |
|             | 18-19c | Loughton                    | Ess | M78     |              |        | GERMANY                 |     | N18     |
| CATO        | 19c    | Chelsea                     | Mdx | M76     | HEDGES       | 19c    | Streatham               | Sry | M76     |
| CLEAVES     | 19c    | Deptford                    | Ken | M77     |              | 19c    | Westminster             | Lon | M76     |
| COLEMAN     | 19c    | Ealing                      | Mdx | M76     |              | 18-19c |                         | Lon | M76     |
| COOK        | 19c    |                             | Lon | O11     | HETHERINGTON |        |                         |     |         |
| COOMB(E)S   | 18-19c | Brentford                   | Mdx | S103    |              | 18-19c | Slough/<br>Eton/Windsor | Brk | C92     |
| COOPER      | 18-19c | Staines                     | Mdx | C92     | HOAD         | 19-20c | Isleworth               | Mdx | F39     |
|             | 18-19c | Windsor                     | Brk | C92     | HOPKINS      | 18c    | Bedford                 | Bdf | N18     |
| CRITCHER    | 18-19c | Bray                        | Brk | S103    | HOWARD       | 18-19c | Longley                 | Bkm | D30     |
|             | 18-19c | Langley                     | Bkm | S103    |              | 18-19c | Stanwell                | Mdx | D30     |
| CROCKETT    | 19c    | Wooburn                     | Bkm | S103    |              |        | Harmonds-<br>worth      | Mdx | D30     |
| DEIGHAN     | 19c    | Dublin                      | Dub | N18     | JARVIS       | 19c    | Acton                   | Mdx | M77     |
| DIMMOCK     | 19c    | Hillingdon                  | Mdx | D30     | JENKINS      | 19c    | Southall                | Mdx | W81     |
|             | 19c    | W. Drayton                  | Mdx | D30     | JOSEY        | Any    |                         | Brk | O11     |
| DOMAN       | 18c    |                             | Ham | P57     | KIFT         | 18c    | Cork                    | Cor | N18     |
| DORAN       | 19c    | Tipperary                   | Tip | N18     | KING         | 18c    | Richmond                | Sry | R43     |
| DOVE        | 18-19c | Kensington                  | Mdx | P57     | KIRBY        | 18-19c | Northampton             | Nih | N18     |
| DURDEN      | 19c    | Brentford                   | Mdx | S103    | LATHAM       | 19c    | Cowley                  | Mdx | R42     |
| DYMOKE      | 19c    | Hillingdon                  | Mdx | D30     |              |        |                         |     |         |
|             | 19c    | W. Drayton                  | Mdx | D30     |              |        |                         |     |         |
| EASOM       | 19c    | Bulwell                     | Ntt | R42     |              |        |                         |     |         |

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| LEACH       | 19c    | Cambridge                                     | Cam | L43     | READING               | 18-19c | Reading                | Brk | N18     |
|             | 19c    | Cambourne                                     | Con | L43     |                       | 18-19c | Teddington             | Mdx | N18     |
|             | 19c    | Merchant Navy,<br>E & WINDIES,<br>St. VINCENT |     | L43     | REDMILE               | 19c    | Bulwell                | Ntt | R42     |
| LOMBARD     | 18c    | Cork  | Cor | N18     | ROGERS                | 18c    | AUSTRALIA              |     | R43     |
| LONG        | 19c    | Southall                                      | Mdx | W85     | ROWE                  | 18c    |                        | Dor | F38     |
|             | 19c    | Chesham                                       | Bkm | W85     | RUSSEL                | 18c    | Duffus/Elgin           | Mor | N18     |
| LYNCH       | 18-19c | JAMAICA                                       |     | G62     | SANGER                | 19c    | Southall               | Mdx | W81     |
| MARILLAT    | 19c    | Barnsley                                      | Yks | M78     |                       | 19c    | Paddington             | Mdx | W81     |
| MAYO        | 19c    | Chiswick                                      | Mdx | M77     | SEALEY                | 19c    | Chiswick               | Mdx | S103    |
| MONGER      | 19-20c | Feltham                                       | Mdx | F39     | SHAILER               | 18-19c | Kensington             | Mdx | O11     |
|             | 19c    | Caversham                                     | Brk | S103    |                       | 18-19c | Chelsea                | Mdx | O11     |
| MOORE       | 19c    | Bethnal<br>Green                              |     | M77     | SHELTON               | 19c    | Bulwell                | Ntt | R42     |
|             | 18c    | City of<br>London                             |     | M77     | SIEDEL                | 18c    | Capetown,<br>S. AFRICA |     | N18     |
|             | 18c    | Reading                                       | Brk | M77     | SKATES                | 18-19c | Wokingham              | Brk | N18     |
|             | 19c    | Deptford                                      | Ken | M77     | SMITH                 | 18c    | Scarborough            | Yks | N18     |
| MORRIS      | 19c    | Stepney                                       | Mdx | R42     |                       | 18c    | Mortlake               | Sry | R43     |
| MUND(A)Y    | 19c    | Fulham  | Mdx | S103    | STAGG                 | 19c    | East Grafton           | Wil | S103    |
|             | 19c    | Kensington                                    | Mdx | S103    |                       | 19c    | Pewsey                 | Wil | S103    |
| MURPHY      | 19c    |   | Kik | N18     | STEPHENSON            | 18c    |                        | Brk | O11     |
| NELLER      | Any    | Anywhere                                      |     | N17     | THAMES                | 19-20c | Isleworth              | Mdx | F39     |
| NEWMAN      | 19c    | Hillingdon                                    | Mdx | D30     | TILBURY               | 18-19c | Harmonds-<br>worth     |     | D30     |
|             | 19c    | W. Drayton                                    | Mdx | D30     |                       |        |                        | Mdx | D30     |
| NEWTON      | 18-19c | Paddington                                    | Mdx | S103    | TILDEN                | 19c    | Tonbridge              | Ken | O11     |
|             | 18-19c | Pewsey  | Wil | S103    | WARD                  | 20c    |                        | Ken | R42     |
|             | 18-19c | Devizes                                       | Wil | S103    | WEST                  | 19cx   | Stoke<br>Newington     |     | P57     |
| NIXON       | 18-19c | Kensington                                    | Mdx | O11     | WHIP(P)               | Any    |                        | Brk | O11     |
|             | 18-19c | Chelsea                                       | Mdx | O11     |                       | Any    |                        | Oxf | O11     |
| NORRIS      | 20c    | Beckingham                                    | Ken | R42     | WILLET                | 19c    | Sunbury                | Mdx | M76     |
| ORDE        | 18c    | Elsdon  | Nbl | R42     | WILLIAMS              | 19c    | Teddington             | Mdx | F37     |
| OWEN        | 18c    |   | Brk | O11     |                       | 19c    | Hampton Crt            | Mdx | F37     |
| PASMORE     | 18-19c | Staines                                       | Mdx | C92     |                       | 19c    | Kensington             | Mdx | W84     |
|             | 18-19c | Windsor                                       | Brk | C92     | WILLMOTT              | 19c    | Fulham                 | Mdx | W84     |
| PAVEY       | 19c    | Caversham                                     | Brk | S103    | WIMPEY                | 19c    | Fulham                 | Mdx | W82     |
| PEARCE      | 18c    | Long<br>Crendon                               |     | P57     | WISCOMB(E)/WHISCOM(E) | 18c    | Hounslow               | Mdx | W83     |
| PETITPIERRE | 19-20c | Ealing  | Mdx | G62     |                       | 18c    |                        | Dev | F38     |
| POOLEY      | 19-20c | Twickenham                                    | Mdx | F39     |                       | 18c    |                        | Dor | F38     |
| POTTLE      | 19c    | West Ham                                      | Ess | M77     | WRIGHT                | 19c    | Chesham                | Bkm | W85     |
| PRATT       | 18c    | Bedford                                       | Bdf | N18     | YOUNG                 | 19c    | Kilburn                | Mdx | W83     |
| PROUDLOCK   | Any    | Anywhere                                      |     | R42     |                       | 19c    | Fulham                 | Mdx | S103    |
|             |        |   |     |         |                       | 19c    | Kensington             | Mdx | S103    |

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## **The Editor**

This edition of the Journal is one brought out in the process of change. You will have seen the new layout - this is courtesy of one of our members. Joan Scrivener, who has offered to typeset future journals. This issue was put together in a hurry and we have had little time to sort out the exact layout - hopefully by the March issue We will have settled into a routine.

The other change is that Richard Chapman will be taking over from me as editor next year. We will have full details in the next journal, for the meantime if you have material for publication continue sending it to me. Many thanks to Richard who has inputted all of the material for this journal onto his computer, from which the typesetting was done.

I have been editor since the August issue of 1985, more than six years in the job, and I was beginning to feel a little stale. We need fresh ideas and with the new editor and new format for the journal, 1992 will, I hope, see a better and brighter journal.

When I took over six years ago the journal was produced from copy laboriously tapped out on a typewriter, any mistakes and the page had to be retyped. There was little opportunity for the editor to expand the journal. there was a limit to the number of pages that could be produced per issue. I was able to go one step further by inputting the material onto a computer, from which the pages making up the journal could be produced much easier and neater, any mistakes could easily be rectified and the layout could be determined before printing out the page. I was able to gradually expand the number of pages to the present 46. With the new arrangement we will go another step further in producing a better and hopefully a bigger journal.

As we will be using computer typesetting in future, if members have articles for the journal and use a PC-compatible, they can submit articles written on any word-processing program and saved as an ASCII (i.e. text-only) file. on either 3.5" or 5.25" disk. We will return the disk when the article has been copied. On the same theme if any member would be willing to input material for the journal onto a PC-compatible will they contact the present editor, almost any word processing program can be used.

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Articles and other material for the March 1992 edition of the journal must be with the editor by February 1.

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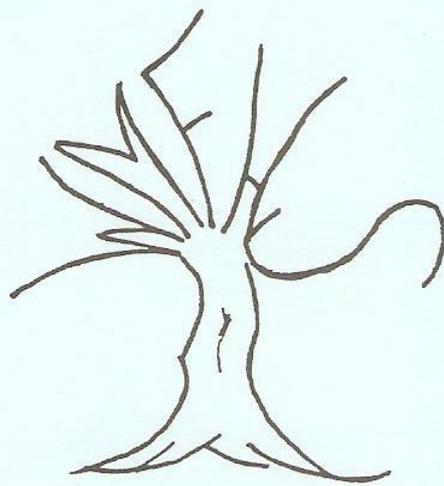
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