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Hello Everyone,

Well I guess you are wishing to know my decision on the longevity of this newsletter? The feedback was very variable from negative to positive but overall it reminded me of this

## Accountability

There were four people and an important job to be done.



Nobody knew that Everybody was not going to do it.  
Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.  
Anybody could have done it.  
In the end, Nobody did it.

First though a bit of information in answer to queries received.

The newsletter came about after I stepped down as national subject adviser for U3A family history and genealogy groups, when I was asked to consider carrying on writing a newsletter. I no longer have any connection to U3A nor am I even an ordinary member.

Who is involved in helping me put this newsletter together? No one, although hubby very kindly reads it, in the hope of spotting my typos. The newsletter is totally independent and receives no funding whatsoever from anyone. So who is the newsletter for? It is for everyone, you do not need to belong to any group, club, society or forum to receive it. Currently readers are in over 12 countries and you are all welcome to forward it on to your friends, relatives and fellow family historians.

So why did I query its longevity, simply because I keep asking for articles from readers, rarely do I get anything, which means I cannot give you, the readers, what you would like to read. Also, as stated in the last newsletter, I get exceptionally poor feedback, which leads me to think that if you can't give me feedback, are you, actually reading the newsletter?

One person suggested that I wasn't receiving articles because I was good at what I am writing, now that sounds extremely pompous and upsets me greatly. I am no different to anyone of you, we were all beginners once and have learnt from those who have been researching longer than ourselves. The fact I have been researching for about 50 years and since an accident 27 years ago, which dramatically changed my lifestyle, most days of the week, this means I read a lot, which then gets translated into this newsletter. This was when I also started working part time as a freelance genealogist. If you can write an article, don't think on whether it is up to any level I might be interested in, if you think there may be at least one other FH4U reader who might gain from it, then send it in and I can put it in FH4U for other readers. Finally before anyone, says 'I cannot do because I have a medical illness', so do I, I have Fibromyalgia Syndrome which was activated when I had the accident.

Another matter which has come to my notice is that some of those who receive this newsletter to forward on to a friend, family, group members, club members, society members are NOT forwarding as promised / claimed!!!! Despicable, all I can say is that if you are one of these people that you are not only letting yourself down, you are letting your friends down as well.

As I have decided to continue with this newsletter at least for another newsletter or two, [the feedback needs to continue improving]. I suggest that even if you are a member of a group you get yourself added to the mailing list to ensure you do get notification of every newsletter.

Just because I have said I will continue for the time being, is NOT an invite for complacency from you the readers.

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Did you know:- The Romans, were the first to use consistent names for towns across the country, joining them with straight roads?

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Findmypast now show the number of records in each dataset when you use the A to Z of record sets; this is going to be really useful, as a change in the number could indicate an update.

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It is easy to assume that because it is in the news. everyone will know about it, but they don't. When I am bored I tend to search the internet and it is surprising what you can find.

Here is one of those boredom finds:-

Returned from the Front project tracks WW1 grave markers, the project aims to track down surviving markers.

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-norfolk-40446229](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-norfolk-40446229)

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The folks at Ancestry.com have announced that Evan Wittenberg has joined the company in the new position of Chief People Officer you can read more here.

[www.ancestry.com/corporate/newsroom/press-releases/ancestry-continues-grow-senior-leadership-team-appoints-evan-wittenberg](http://www.ancestry.com/corporate/newsroom/press-releases/ancestry-continues-grow-senior-leadership-team-appoints-evan-wittenberg)

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The folks at FreeCEN have been having a revamp, the new website is <https://freecen2.freecen.org.uk/>

Don't forget there are also FreeBMD and FreeReg and as the name suggests the website is FREE.

The International African American Museum has announced a \$500,000 corporate investment from the Michelin Corporate Foundation. You can read the full article by Dustin Waters

[www.charlestoncitypaper.com/TheBattery/archives/2017/07/31/international-african-american-museum-receives-500k-donation-from-michelin](http://www.charlestoncitypaper.com/TheBattery/archives/2017/07/31/international-african-american-museum-receives-500k-donation-from-michelin)

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TheGenealogist have introduced a "census substitute for circa 1921".

The press release reads:-

*"TheGenealogist has just released a new circa 1921 resource, covering 23 counties, with over one million records. These form part of the Trade, Residential & Telephone record sets on TheGenealogist covering a period currently not served by a census.*

*The fully transcribed, searchable records released today will allow researchers to:*



*search on forename, surname and profession  
search by street, town and county  
look for a business name  
discover your ancestors' addresses  
find professions listed*

*These 1921 directories cover the North, South, East and the West of England, the Channel Islands and as far up the country as Aberdeen. If you have ancestors who you are tracing in 1921, this new release from TheGenealogist adds a fantastic name rich resource to your family history research armoury.*

*Searching for householders within these 23 newly released county directories returns a good number of names from that time, including many that are still famous today. For example, in these new records we can find Harry Gordon Selfridge, founder of Selfridge's department store; Jesse Boot, who was behind the chemist chain that still carries his name; Winnie-the-Pooh's author A. A. Milne; J.M. Barrie, who created the characters of Peter Pan and Wendy; plus the celebrated economist, John Maynard Keynes. You can read more about finding them in the records in our featured article at:*

[www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2017/addressing-where-they-were-in-1921-571/](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2017/addressing-where-they-were-in-1921-571/)

*The areas covered in this release include:*

<i>Aberdeen</i>	<i>Cheshire</i>	<i>Norfolk</i>
<i>Bath</i>	<i>Cumberland</i>	<i>Northumberland</i>
<i>Berkshire</i>	<i>Dorset</i>	<i>Oxfordshire</i>
<i>Bradford and Surrounding Districts</i>	<i>Durham</i>	<i>Somerset</i>
<i>Bristol and Suburbs</i>	<i>Hessle</i>	<i>Suffolk</i>
<i>Brixton and Clapham</i>	<i>Hull</i>	<i>Westmorland</i>
<i>Buckinghamshire</i>	<i>Lincolnshire</i>	<i>Wiltshire</i>
<i>Cambridgeshire</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>Worcestershire</i>
<i>Channel Islands</i>	<i>London County Suburbs</i>	<i>Yorkshire</i>
	<i>Middlesbrough</i>	

*We will be adding further counties in the coming months."*

*Many thanks to Nick for keeping me updated.*

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Ian writes the following about the surname Puleston

"Puleston is a very ancient family – we can trace the records back to c. 1166. (the founder of the family being Hamo de Pyvelesdon living in 1150 in Newport, Shropshire and dying c.1200) Originally it was a Norman French family, and takes the name from a hamlet, called Puleston, near to Newport in Shropshire. The family moved over the England/Wales border into north Wales. For example, a major centre of the family became Worthenbury (in the Maelor of what was Flintshire) near Wrexham. The Puleston baronets were based at Emral Hall in the parish of Worthenbury – the building was demolished in 1936, but the main hall, with its famous 17th century barrel vaulted sculptured plaster ceiling representing the life and labours of Hercules, was saved by the architect Clough Williams Ellis who re-erected it and it now forms the "town hall" of Portmeiron. The parish church of Worthenbury is magnificent, a Grade I listed church, one of the finest small Georgian churches in Wales – as well as having many Puleston family monuments, it is still complete with its box pews, and its "square "family pews" complete with their own fireplaces!

So far as the Pulestons are concerned, each year some of us meet together for a "family day" or sometimes for a "family weekend". This started several years ago with eight first cousins, the grandchildren of Percy Edward Puleston. Now we have widened the invitation to those who attend and now include relations from England & Wales, the USA and Argentina.

This year we had a family weekend near Wrexham which was attended by some 20 members of the wider family, including many with different surnames, and members of the allied Puleston Jones and Puleston Davies families. For example, we had a day visit to Llanfair Dyffryn Clywd, as we are all descended from Edward Puleston, farmer, baptised on 15 June 1757 at Llanfair DC, where he was buried on 28 February 1828. We were privileged & allowed to visit the parish church of St Cynfarch & St Mary at Llanfair DC and the family farm in that parish, Plasnewydd Farm."

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Twile timeline has announced a major update to, in their words, "make everything clearer, brighter and easier to use". For the full press release got to <https://twile.com/blog/2017/07/a-fresh-new-look-for-the-twile-timeline/> .

Twile is an online method of displaying any time line using both pictures and text. It can produce some reasonable results, but I have not tried it to see how easy it is. Samples I have found using Google are below.

<https://twile.com/timeline/americanCivilWar>  
<https://twile.com/timeline/britishPrimeMinisters>  
<https://twile.com/timeline/americanRevolutionaryWar>  
<https://twile.com/timeline/irishHistory>

Whilst it is free, it does however mean putting photos and information in the 'cloud', which I am wary of. They do say it is all stored on their computers, where they are, is not clear but they say they abide by UK law, which is a plus. They also do not claim any rights to material posted by users and say it is only visible to the users and anyone they invite to look at it.

I don't think I am going to use it, I can produce reasonably similar time line information simply by entering text and pictures into Word or similar a program, where I have complete control over what is there, where it is and who sees it.

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Israel, have an interesting legal problem, with the State Archives reportedly at a near standstill. A dispute around who is allowed to give permission for family historians and genealogist to look at and search documents has arisen. Does the authority come from the 'Foreign Ministry, 'Israel Police, the state archives, or another source entirely?

To read more try the link <http://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-1.804409>

Scottish Indexes have completed another step in their aim to index all of the historical Scottish Mental Health records their website is [www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com)

The Irish Genealogical Research Society have released Wilson's Dublin Directory, to read more about this directory please go to [www.irishancestors.ie/9321-2/](http://www.irishancestors.ie/9321-2/)

#### A POEM TO WHICH I CAN RELATE

I remember the corned beef of my Childhood,  
And the bread that we cut with a knife,  
When the Children helped with the housework,  
And the men went to work not the wife.

The cheese never needed a fridge,  
And the bread was so crusty and hot,  
The Children were seldom unhappy,  
And the Wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle,  
With the yummy cream on the top,  
Our dinner came hot from the oven,  
And not from a freezer; or shop.

The kids were a lot more contented,  
They didn't need money for kicks,  
Just a game with their friends in the road,  
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.

I remember the shop on the corner,  
Where biscuits for pennies were sold  
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?  
Or is it....I'm just getting Old?

Bathing was done in a wash tub,  
With plenty of rich foamy suds  
But the ironing seemed never ending  
As Mum pressed everyone's 'duds'.

I remember the slap on my backside,  
And the taste of soap if I swore  
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of  
And we hadn't much choice what we wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego?  
Or our initiative was destroyed?  
We ate what was put on the table  
And I think life was better enjoyed.

Author, Unknown...

The American company Gedtrees <https://gedtree.com/> creates family tree charts, I haven't tried but from what I can see all the charts are Fan charts

Diana writes:-

My mother and sister started to research my Mother's maiden name of Voak many years ago and got as far as a great grandfather before passing on her research to me. I managed to contact a 4<sup>th</sup> cousin who informed me that my research was wrong and the great grandfather was in fact a great great Uncle! An easy mistake to make as he was 57 years old when he married a 2<sup>nd</sup> wife aged 18 years old in 1856. The correct great grandfather married in 1846 despite being two generations younger!

I was given the correct information and a contact address for another Voak cousin. This 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin lives in London and has been doing hands-on research of original documents for many years, not using a PC. She gave me the information for the Voak family going back as far as 1761 in Portsea (which I have since confirmed with my own research). I have met this 2nd cousin in London many times since our first contact and we have become very close friends.

Almost every instance of the Voak name we came across we seem to have been able to connect to our family and we have been in contact with relatives in New Zealand, Australia, and Canada. However none of us have been unable to find the baptisms for the generation of our William Voak born around 1761, who possibly had a brother, Joseph who now has a large family of descendants in Australia.

Although a family of Cordwainers (shoemakers) one great great Uncle born in 1812 was a very high class watch/clock maker. He was known by his middle name, James and lived at the same address 33 South Audley Street, Grosvenor Square, in London as an earlier clockmaker, also James Voak who no doubt trained him. James Voak senior is on the London, England, Land Tax Records, living at the same address in 1818. However none of the researching cousins have managed to find out how James Voak senior fitted into the family, possibly another brother of our William born in 1761??

Here are three photos of a clock made by him which was auctioned in 2011 the details having been e-mailed to me at the time from another interested cousin.



Information on James's clock on an Antiques website.  
(<http://tal7antiques.com/Voak.html> = sorry, no longer works)

Voak Clock - \$22,500

James Voak

33 South Audley Street  
Grosvenor Square, London  
Electrofoamed Panels  
Chronometer Escapement

Similar Clock Featured in: Carriage and Other Travelling Clocks -By Derek Roberts P. 352-353

Legacy Family Tree Software and Webinar Platform has been acquired by MyHeritage. MyHeritage say that "Legacy Family Tree software will continue operating as before, enjoying improvements backed by MyHeritage's innovative technological resources. We plan to release a new version of Legacy Family Tree software, Legacy Family Tree 10, together."

For the full release and details use the link <https://blog.myheritage.com/2017/08/myheritage-acquires-the-legacy-family-tree-software-and-webinar-platform/>.

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Are you aware of the FreeCen Project [www.freecen.org.uk](http://www.freecen.org.uk) ? To find out more here is a link to Bev Howletts' newsletter <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/bevsnorfolkinfo/news.htm>  
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I have received the following article from Dennis.

Robin Hood, Outlaw, New Research.

Much information most people have, comes from Hollywood movies, from the 1990's Douglas Fairbanks to the Russel Crowe of 2000. However our latest research into the 21<sup>st</sup> century un-earths much more fact than fiction.

Robin Hood or Hode was born c 1290 in the manor of Newton, Yorkshire; the manor held by the Goldburgh family. His father was Robert Hode a yeoman with land in that parish. There is a deed mentioned in the 1322 cartulary of Monk Bretton Priory regarding land of the Prioress of Hampole and Robert Hode.

Much of Robin Hood's early life was spent under arms to King Edward II's cousin Thomas the Earl of Lancaster, later the Earl of Lincoln.

Meanwhile Robin Hood came to marry Matilda de Staynton in Campsall Church near Pontifract. As a young girl his wife Matilda had been sent, with her three sisters to live in a convent when their father died. Mother for safety reasons quickly remarried; her two older daughters marrying their new father in law's two sons, leaving the two younger girls Matilda and Elizabeth de Stayton in the Convent at that time. Elizabeth de Stayton the sister later went on to become the Prioress of that Kirk Lees Priory and to much later share some responsibility for the death of Robin Hood. A buried monument stone discovered in the 1700's describes 'Elizabeth de Stayton as Prioress'.

Thomas, Earl of Lancaster inherited the title of Earl of Lincoln on his marriage to Alice de Lacey widow of Henry de Lacey who died in year 1311. Thomas Earl of Lincoln, In who's army Robin Hood served, became deadly enemy to his cousin King Edward ii who had a close 'relationship' with Piers Gaveston and who had great influence over the young King.

In revolt Thomas, the Earl of Lincoln with his 'men of green' including Little John and Will Scathelocke (Scarlett) who were from Hooton Pagnall on the old roman Dearne road and in the service of Geoffrey Lutterell (1276 – 1345) who held the manor of Hooton Pagnall; besieged the king's castles at Sandal, Scarborough, Conisborough, Tickhill, and Nottingham. The young king's friend, Piers Gaveston was captured in Scarborough castle, taken back to the Earl's castle at Pontefract and beheaded there. Soon after, Henry de Faucumberg, from Rise village in East Yorkshire, married to the 12 year old daughter of Thomas de Cuckney, and was also the Sheriff of Nottingham, in command of the King's armies, defeated the Earl of Lincoln at the battle of Boroughbridge. The Earl of Lincoln was then taken back to his own castle at Pontefract and in 1322 executed there.

After the death of the Earl the king decreed thro' his chancellor Ralf of Baldock, all former associates of the Earl of Lincoln be 'set to nought', that is outlawed, and included Robin Hood, Little John, an Will Scarlett. For the next 20 years or so Robin Hood with his men were outlawed in and out of the great forest in South Yorkshire, around their home territory of Barnsdale, Wentbridge, Frickley, Hooton Pagnell, Barnborough and the Dearne valley.

In the year 1327 King Edward II was murdered by Roger Mortimer and much later the new King, Edward III pardoned Robin Hood and his men. After a short period of service with King Edward III and a John Dalton, in defence of the garrison in the Isle of Weight and awaiting the French, Robin Hood fell ill and returned north, probably travelling along the (Gt,) North Road thro' Huntingdonshire. He was treated back at Kirklees Priory and died at the hands of his sister in law the Prioress of Kirklees, Elizabeth de Stayton and her 'lover' Roger of Doncaster.

Robin Hood died there due to phlebotomy, that is, of blood letting and buried at Hathersage. There was a sketch of Robin Hood's gravestone at KirkLees Priory made by Nathaniel Johnson in the year 1665 and included the description "Here lies Robard Hude along with Thomas and William Goldburgh" (Robin was then a diminutive of Robard).

It is possible that Robin Hood travelled to and from the North and I.O.W. along the old North Road and even visited and stayed in Eaton Socon, St,Neots, Southoe, Buckden, as did many soldiers, pilgrims, vagabonds, drovers, cattle, coaches, horse riders, possibly Dick Turpin, certainly Lady Willoughby, Margaret daughter of Henry VII , kings including King John. There is of course the Huntingdon Legend that states that the stones of 'Gunneth Ferry' mark the spot where Robin Hood and Little John stood and practiced shooting arrows by the churchyard at Alwalton (probably on the road to the I.O.W. garrison).

Sources include - Mick Bennett, (Thurnscoe, and Doncaster History Soc'ys); Prof.J.C. Holt (Leeds Uni.); Borthwick Institute; Andrew Ayton (Hull Uni.):

Hope you enjoyed reading about the Outlaw Robin Hood

The Cynefin project [to digitise tithe maps] of the National Library of Wales, has been completed to search the records the link is <https://places.library.wales/>

Have you heard of the Ontario Métis Root Ancestors Project?, do you have Canadian relatives?

The Métis Nation of Ontario have now completed the Ontario Métis Root Ancestors Project, you can find out more about the Métis people of Canada here [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M%C3%A9tis\\_in\\_Canada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M%C3%A9tis_in_Canada) The project covers over 100,000 records and took over five years to complete.

Further reading:-

<http://www.metisnation.org/>

<http://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/M%C3%A9tis-Nation-of-Ontario-Releases-Results-of-Ground-Breaking-Ontario-M%C3%A9tis-Root-Ancestors-Project-491815>

FamilySearch have now withdrawn all films, in their bid to make all their microfilms available digitally on their website. You can more about it in more detail here <http://media.familysearch.org/familysearch-digital-records-access-replacing-microfilm/>

For help you can contact them via their support page here <https://integration.familysearch.org/ask/help>

Another weblink that you might find helpful is

[http://broadcast.lds.org/fhd/FH\\_Finding\\_Digital\\_Records\\_WEB.pdf](http://broadcast.lds.org/fhd/FH_Finding_Digital_Records_WEB.pdf) it explains in more detail about searching their website, on the other hand you might prefer to watch a video, Youtube has a good collection of videos on FamilySearch this one could be helpful to you  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2bUqC1g\\_iA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2bUqC1g_iA)

Finally you will find the frequently asked questions here [www.familysearch.org/ask/faq#overview](http://www.familysearch.org/ask/faq#overview)

It is just me or are others getting the same feeling of companies starting up offering cloud storage and then within a couple of years folding or limiting the service being offered?

Here is yet another 'CrashPlan', they are going to focus on their commercial customers, they are already no longer accepting new customers for 'CrashPlan for Homes', but say they will honour current subscriptions until 22nd October 2018 you can read their announcement here  
<https://blog.code42.com/data-protection-needs-diverge/>

If you are one of those affected, make sure that the company you are thinking of moving to offers you a full/true backup service. It is no good if they only store copies of your current file or files, imagine you have a problem with your family history programme [such as a data pointer issue] and need to go back to a full backup copy taken a few months or even a year or so ago. It DOES happen, I have said many a time, stay in control of your own research, don't risk losing it or it being sold to others as the work of A.N. Other.

The worrying news that Northampton County Council were planning to impose charges for using their archives you'll be pleased to hear that they have announced they are dropping the plan to impose charges.

Have you ever wondered about the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies and what it is like inside, well now you can see by touring via video the various rooms of their library.  
[www.ihgs.ac.uk/about-virtualtour](http://www.ihgs.ac.uk/about-virtualtour)

You may have heard of a program called 'On My Disk'. If you read it, their description it is not only a perfect example of an Oxymoron, but possibly a way that could leave more files on your computer open to others than you intend. The reason it is an Oxymoron, is that storing things in a cloud is specifically storing your data on a remote computer that will prevent loss of the data should your computer crash. 'On My Disk' is described as a cloud on your own computer. It cannot be both remote and on your local computer.

How do you share it, you must have to give people remote access to your own computer!!\*\*!!AGH!!\*\* !, how risky is that. If your computer should have a problem it will not provide any way of recovering the data in your local cloud, any more than any other data on your computer. If you want to read about it go to <https://onmydisk.com> . To give others access to your files that you would like them to see gives them direct access to your computer, they should only be able to see specific files but once someone has direct access to your computer very little is secure. Personally I wonder if what is said is meant to be true, or just written on April 1st.

Northamptonshire Archives and Heritage Office according to reports have made drastic reductions in their services. Free access is now available only on Tuesday-Thursday mornings, 9am-1pm, and on 7 Saturdays in the year. Should you wish to use the archives outside these hours you will have to pay £31.50 an hour!!!

I have found a petition here [www.change.org/p/northamptonshire-county-council-northamptonshire-county-council-don't-charge-for-visiting-archives?recruiter=31788780&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_campaign=share\\_petition&utm\\_term=share\\_petition](https://www.change.org/p/northamptonshire-county-council-northamptonshire-county-council-don-t-charge-for-visiting-archives?recruiter=31788780&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=share_petition&utm_term=share_petition)

I seem to remember a few years ago, that the council pledged to celebrate Northamptonshire's Heritage until 2019/2020.

In 1570 the Whitechapel Bell Foundry was founded, their archives have now been deposited at the LMA aka London Metropolitan archives.

My thanks to Peter, for sharing this story.

### Thomas

Some years ago when I started looking into the family of my grandmother on the paternal side, I asked my father and his brother where their mother was buried, they both attended the ceremony along with their half brother but none of them knew where she was interred. This started me on a search and ended when the archivist in Taunton supplied the relevant information. She was cremated and her ashes interred in the garden of Remembrance, Arnos Grove Cemetery, Taunton.

Having found my grandmother I started to look at her family. Where I hit another "brick wall". Her great grandfather John Patrick Cullinan born 1801 London is now a problem. However one of John's children became my target, when I saw the list of children one jumped off the page - "Thomas Cullinan Transported", so was I.

Thomas Cullinan was tried for larceny at the Old Bailey found guilty and transported for 7 years. He was arrested fleeing the crime scene and part of the evidence given was "The halfpenny in his pocket was just like one in my till that morning". This was the main evidence given, that and the fact he had been seen hanging around that morning. He was also a known felon.

Having been sentenced to 7 years transportation he left England on the Good ship Eliza on 12<sup>th</sup> of December 1849 and landed 30<sup>th</sup> April 1850 at Norfolk Island Van Diemen's Land.

During his imprisonment Thomas was far from a model prisoner as his prison record shows.

On April 9th 1858 Thomas was indicted for murder in the Supreme Court in Hobart.

Thomas Cullinan was placed at the bar and indicted for the wilful murder of Aurelia Dorcas Murray at Charlottes Cove, near Three Hut Point on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December last. [This is part of the newspaper report.] Found guilty he was sentenced to death and dissection [this was normal practise as bodies for medical students where hard to obtain.] He was executed at Campbell Street Goal on 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1858, eight years after he landed. He protested his innocence right up to the end.

Thomas Cullinan born 1831 died 20<sup>th</sup> April 1858 aged 27.

Having seen transported against his name I set to and the records from the Old Bailey, Hobart town Jail, the Australian newspapers and the Campbell street Goal are all available online.

I related all of this to a very distant Cullinan relative who lives in Australia and she was over the moon to learn about Thomas, as to have a convict in your tree is a bit of one upmanship.

The British Newspaper Archives have announced that they have reached the milestone of digitising 40 million pages from newspapers. In a previous newsletter, I mentioned the following:-

"I am sure some of you probably have a subscription to British Newspaper Archives who have announced reaching the 20 Million articles milestone.

I cancelled my subscription to British Newspaper Archives as I have a world subscription to FindMyPast and I couldn't validate an additional expense just to get access to the newly digitised records a few days ahead of them appearing on FindMyPast world subscription."

Yes 'British Newspaper Archives' aka BNA and 'FindMyPast' aka FMP are sister companies, and with a world subscription to 'FindMyPast' you also have access to British Newspaper archives, albeit there is a few days delay from the time a new paper goes online with BNA until it appears on FMP.

Rootsmagic have released update version 7.5.3.0 for Rootsmagic 7 users, this primarily adds features to the Treeshare, and fixes a couple of bugs I believe. For more details on the update go to [http://rootsmagic.com/RootsMagic/WhatsNew.aspx?mc\\_cid=0e3b042270&mc\\_eid=78ccf5584a](http://rootsmagic.com/RootsMagic/WhatsNew.aspx?mc_cid=0e3b042270&mc_eid=78ccf5584a)

If you have missed one of their newsletters past issues back to 2010 are available here [http://www.rootsmagic.com/Newsletter/Archive.aspx?mc\\_cid=0e3b042270&mc\\_eid=78ccf5584a](http://www.rootsmagic.com/Newsletter/Archive.aspx?mc_cid=0e3b042270&mc_eid=78ccf5584a)

Don't forget there are also 'Magic guides' to help you with using Rootsmagic, RootsMagic describe them as follows.

"Magic Guides are free how-to handouts for our users that cover a single RootsMagic topic step by step, along with both illustrations and tips. Magic Guides are in .pdf format and are viewable and printable with any PDF viewer. They may be freely copied and distributed (but not sold), so they can be used as handouts in user group meetings or when teaching RootsMagic classes."

The Magic Guides are available at:

[www.rootsmagic.com/guides/?mc\\_cid=0e3b042270&mc\\_eid=78ccf5584a](http://www.rootsmagic.com/guides/?mc_cid=0e3b042270&mc_eid=78ccf5584a)

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Working on the assumption that this newsletter, will continue for longer than another two or three newsletters subject to me receiving feedback AND answers to requests.

Rocketbooks:- the new notebooks allowing you to save information from your notebook before you erase the contents by placing it in your microwave [yes you did reader that correctly it was not a typo]. Is this sort of thing, wanted to be included in this newsletter, technically it is not genealogically based but, it is something that as historians we might use.

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I am truly grateful to the folks at TheGenealogist for allowing me to print their press releases in this newsletter.

"[TheGenealogist](#) has extended its UK Parish Records collection with a new and exclusive release of 650,000 parish records for Nottinghamshire. These records can be used to find your ancestors' baptisms, marriages and burials, in these fully searchable records that cover parishes from this important East Midland county of England. With records that reach back to 1633, this release includes the records of 56 parishes, including: 369,100 individuals in Baptisms, 168,000 individuals in Marriages and 112,800 individuals in Burials

You can use these transcripts to find the names of ancestors, parents' forenames (in the case of baptisms), father's occupation (where noted), abode or parish, parish that the event took place in, the date of the event, and in the case of marriage records the bride's maiden name and the witnesses' names.

Amongst the notable Nottinghamshire people that can be found in these records are the infamous Lord Byron and his brilliant mathematician daughter Ada, Countess of Lovelace. Both are buried in the parish of Hucknall Torkard. As well as nobility, in this collection we also come across the baptism of Amos Hind. He was famous for playing First Class Cricket for the neighbouring county of Derbyshire between 1876 and 1877. Amos died aged 82 in 1931.

These additions bring our Nottinghamshire parish record collection to over 919,800 records. To search these records [www.thegenealogist.co.uk/search/advanced/parish/baptism/?county=NTT](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/search/advanced/parish/baptism/?county=NTT)

Read our article:

[www.thegenealogist.com/featuredarticles/2017/a-poet-a-mathematician-and-a-first-class-cricketer-596/](http://www.thegenealogist.com/featuredarticles/2017/a-poet-a-mathematician-and-a-first-class-cricketer-596/)

Parishes covered in this release are:-

Awsworth	East Bridgford	Laneham
Arnold	East Drayton	Laxton
Awsworth	East Retford	Lowdham
Balderton	Egmonton	North Collingham
Barnby in the Willows	Elston	Orston
Barton in Fabis	Elton	Owthorpe
Beeston	Epperstone	Papplewick
Bilsthorpe	Everton	Perlethorpe
Bingham	Farnsfield	Radford
Blidworth	Flawborough	Ratcliffe on Soar
Bole	Fledborough	Rolleston
Burton Joyce	Flintham	Scarrington
Calverton	Gamston	Selston
Car Colston	Gotham	Shelford
Coddington	Greasley	Skegby
Cottam	Grove	Stapleford
Cromwell	Hucknall Torkard	West Bridgford
Dunham	Kneesall	Woodborough
Eakring	Kneeton	

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Many thanks to Pam, for sharing this article she wrote .

### We Will Remember Them

It is almost one hundred years since the commencement of WW1, when so many families lost their love-one during the duration of war from 1914 to 1918. Nationally there are to be many events to commemorate this horrendous war, but I, like many others, will be thinking of the members of their own family at this time who lost their lives fighting for their country!

There were two men in my immediate family who were killed fighting in this war, my grandfather's younger brother, Arthur Spurge, and my Father's elder brother, Ralph Metcalfe.

Until 2011 I didn't even know that Ralph Metcalfe existed. He was never spoken about at home by my Father, who mostly talked about his eight sisters. He was one of twelve children born to Ralph (senior) and Dorothy, nee Spark. Ralph junior was listed in the 1901 census living with his parents and siblings at 39 Hunter Street, Wallsend. His age was given as eight months, and so I searched and searched for his birth without success. However in the 1911 census there he was still living with parents and siblings this time at 75 Spencer Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. I then found his birth realising that there had been an error in the 1901 census when his age should have been recorded as eight years! Everything then fell into place, and I was able to locate a birth in the September quarter of 1892 in Gateshead and a marriage in 1912 in the June quarter in Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Sarah Elliott. They had two children yet another Ralph obviously named after his father, grandfather and gt grandfather born in the September quarter of 1912 and a daughter, Brenda born in the March quarter of 1916. Unfortunately I know nothing else about this family. The names are quite common, and its really been impossible to see what happened to Sarah and the children without purchasing numerous certificates.

However, we do know a little more about Ralph, as sadly he was killed in the first world war on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1916. We don't even know if he ever saw his baby daughter, Brenda, born that year. The commonwealth War Graves Commission have information on their site, and extensive details about the

Mericourt-L'abbe Communal Cemetery Extension in France where he is buried. Details about Ralph (service No. 4726) are given stating that he died from wounds, probably incurred during the Battle of the Somme, which commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916. He was aged 24; he was a Private in the Northumberland Fusiliers, 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Territorial), and that his theatre of war had been both in Flanders and France. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, but not the commonly none “Pip Squeek and Wilfred” medals as he did not survive the war! We also know from the site that in the early summer of 1915 Commonwealth forces relieved French troops on this part of the front and Mericourt Ribemont Station became a railhead. The extension to the communal cemetery at Mericourt was begun in August 1915 and was used chiefly by field Ambulances until July 1916 when it was closed until the German advance of March 1918. From March 1918 to August 1918 it was used by units engaged in the defense of Amiens. There are now 411 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the first world war in the extension including 11 German burials. Apparently the extension was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.

I do, however, know far more about Arthur Spurge, one of my Grandfather's younger brothers, and son of my gt. Grandparents Edwin Spurge and Sarah (nee Price). I have photographs of him, which my aunt was able to identify as she knew him when she was a child. Several of them show him playing cricket, so I've assumed that was one of his hobbies. He was one of triplets, born on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1886 at 25 White Lion Street, Spitalfields, in Whitechapel, east London. May was born at 4.00 p.m, Grace at 5.00 p.m. and finally Arthur at 5.30 p.m. Sadly the two little girls died at a young age; May aged ten months on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 1887 at the same address from pneumonia, and Grace only lived for four months and died on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 1886 from malnutrition. Arthur surviving only to be killed in WW1! At the time of the birth of the triplets in 1886 Sarah their mother, and my gt. Grandmother, was granted three pounds from the Queen's Bounty, and this is recorded in Queen Victoria's Privy Purse Ledge in the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle!

Arthur died of wounds on the 11<sup>th</sup> March, 1917 aged twenty-nine, having only been in France since the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1917 when he entered the theatre of war! He is buried in the Walincourt Halte British Cemetery, Saulty Pas de Calais France. The site of the cemetery was chosen in May 1916, and now contains 1,265 Commonwealth burials of WW1 including 39 German and 2 French war graves. Arthur was a corporal (No. 321093) and served with the 2nd/6<sup>th</sup> battalion London Regiment (City of London Rifles). He also was awarded two medals on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1921; The British War Medal and the Victory Medal. My Mother's brother, Bill, remembers seeing them framed with a photograph of Arthur on my Grandparents' sideboard.. However, when they moved into a home in Dagenham, they seem to have disappeared. Every one in the family denies knowledge of the whereabouts of the medals, but it is rumored that my Father, nothing to do with the Spurge family, may have sold them. Still hoping they will turn up one of these days on e-bay! I do have photographs of Arthur in uniform. His death is also recorded on a war memorial in Smithfield Meat Market, so obviously that must have been where he was employed. In the 1911 Census he was living in Forest gate with his widowed mother, Sarah, his two elder brothers, Charles and Frederick William and his two surviving sisters Minnie and Nellie. Arthur's occupation was given as “meat salesman clerk”. By this time my grandfather, Frank, was married and living elsewhere with my grandmother, Maud, their daughter Maud (my auntie Maud), and son Frank, who was to die in WW2.

There is no information to show that Arthur was married, and certainly not as far as the family were concerned. However, I'm not convinced of this. At some time during my research of the Spurge family I was in contact with a branch who were descended from an Arthur Charles Spurge born 8<sup>th</sup> November 1911 son of Arthur Spurge and Annie Wood. I have no marriage for these people but do know Annie was a widow, previously married to a Mr Ridley. Arthur and Annie had another baby, Frank, on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1914 again in London, who sadly died aged one on the 11th April 1915. Annie died in 1949 still in London aged 75, which roughly gives her year of birth as 1886. The only Arthur Spurge in my extensive Spurge index that fits dates and locations is my Arthur, the triplet, and it does seem a coincidence that one child has Charles as a second name and the other Frank, both names of my Arthur's

older brothers. The branch concerned were able to tell me plenty about Annie, but nothing about Arthur. I did offer to try and research the family further and purchase Certificates, but said that if I didn't hear from them, I wouldn't go ahead. I never did, so haven't proved that their Arthur Spurge is my Arthur Spurge, triplet! Maybe one day!

My granddaughter, who has been studying the first world war in history, was surprised that only two members of our immediate family had lost their lives, but both my grandfather's brothers, Charles and Frederick William did serve in the Army, but fortunately survived. My grandfather, Frank, worked on the railways, so was not "called up" Ralph Metcalfe's three younger brothers would all have been too young including my father, who did, however, join the Boys' Service of the RAF in 1919 aged sixteen.

Our family, have, therefore, much to be thankful for!

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Have you ever come across 'The Cat and Mouse Act'?, if so you will know that it has nothing whatsoever to do with Cats or Mice, instead it came about as the government tried to solve the problem of hunger striking suffragettes. The Act allowed prisoners very weakened by hunger striking and at risk of death to be released early.

You can read about it in more detail here:-

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prisoners\\_\(Temporary\\_Discharge\\_for\\_Ill\\_Health\)\\_Act\\_1913](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prisoners_(Temporary_Discharge_for_Ill_Health)_Act_1913)

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Some of you will be aware that a few years ago I wrote 'Genealogical Compendium' my collection of snippets which I divided into the following sections:-

1911 Census Codes  
Abbreviations, Acronyms & Short Forms  
Medical  
Occupations  
Problems in Census  
Terminology  
Start Tracing your Family History  
Units & Ranks of the Roman Army  
Unlock Your Latin  
Useful [Books, Websites & Sources]  
Websites for Family Historian's

And as a special treat for those attending the U3A network family history study day in March 2017, I shared my latest 'Dates and Events in history'.

When put together a total of over 1600 A4 pages of information.

Since writing 'Occupations', A Dictionary of Occupational Terms Based on the Classification of Occupations used in the Census of Population, 1921 a book was published in 1927, has become available online here <http://doot.spub.co.uk/>

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The Universities of Liverpool, Oxford, Sheffield, Sussex and Tasmania have worked together and now published by the Digital Humanities Institute. The Tracing London Convicts in Britain & Australia, 1780-1925 [www.digitalpanopticon.org](http://www.digitalpanopticon.org)

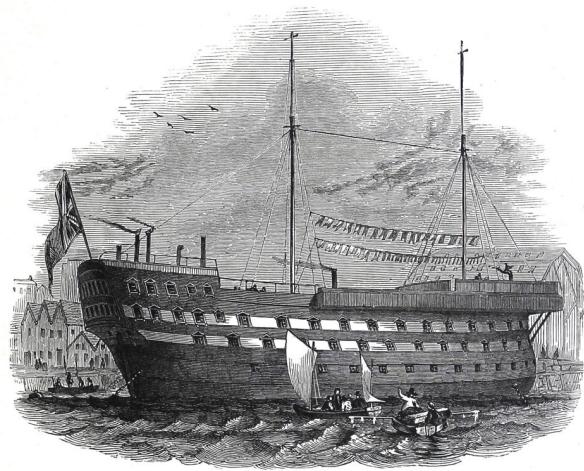
Alternatively the Liverpool newspaper have published an article by Bill Gleeson which you can read here [www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/revealed-how-your-ancestors-could-13627765](http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/revealed-how-your-ancestors-could-13627765)

The BBC News investigation into the Smyllum Park Orphanage in Lanark, have revealed their findings that hundreds of orphans were buried in an overgrown and unmarked section of St Mary's Cemetery.

You can read the story for yourself here [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-41200949](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-41200949)

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Another press release I have received from TheGenealogist gives wider detail on their newly released Criminal records and the information that can be found within.

"TheGenealogist releases half a million Criminal Records adding significantly to its Court & Criminal collection



Prison Hulk

[TheGenealogist](#) has enlarged its Court & Criminal Records collection so that even more black sheep ancestors can now be searched for and found on its site. With a new release of records you can unearth all sorts of ancestors who came up against the law - whether they were a victim, acquitted, convicted of a minor offence or found guilty of a major crime such as murder.

These fully searchable records cover HO77 - The Home Office: Criminal Registers, England and Wales and ADM 6 - The Registers of Convicts in Prison Hulks Cumberland, Dolphin and Ganymede with indexes from The National Archives.

Uniquely this release allows you the ability to search for victims of the crime (Over 132,000). Hunt for people using their name or alias, or look for an offence.

See images of the pages from the books and registers that reveal even more fascinating information about the individual.

As these records cover a vast range of transgressions we are able to find men and women who stole small items such as shirts, potatoes, boots etc. We can also discover people who had married bigamously, forged money, uttered a counterfeit half-crown, burgled, murdered or were accused of many more other crimes. One example of a number of unusual offences found in TheGenealogist's new release, is that of Christian Crane, tried in February 1811 - 'Being a person of evil fame and a reputed thief' was adjudged to be 'a rogue and vagabond'.

These records, joining those already available within TheGenealogist's Court & Criminal collection, will reveal the sentence of the court handed out to our ancestors. Judgements can be seen to vary massively from a fine, a short imprisonment in Newgate, a public whipping, a longer spell inside, or the ultimate sanction of death.

Other ancestors were sentenced to be 'transported beyond the seas' and TheGenealogist already has many registers of convicts sent to Australia between 1787 and 1867. Joining them in this new release are the ADM 6 records for convicts who were waiting to begin their voyage to the penal colonies in Australia and were locked up on a number of Prison Hulks.

You can search for your lawless ancestor at [www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk)

Or see our article:

[www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2017/criminal-records-discover-black-sheep-ancestors-621/](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2017/criminal-records-discover-black-sheep-ancestors-621/)

In amongst all the horrific stories following Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma, I am sure I can speak for all by wishing them a safe, and speedy rebuild of their lives, nature can be so cruel at times, I found this.

Families of loved ones' resting in Bell Town Cemetery, are being denied access, you can read the story of families needing to be escorted to visit the cemetery which includes two World War I veterans, three World War II veterans.

<http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/2017/08/30/bell-town-cemetery-tensions-flare-over-access-to-gravesites/601506001/>

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I often write about using those spare few minutes, whilst enjoying a drink [coffee] searching the internet for what ever you think of.

One of those searching times for me found this addition [www.ireland.anglican.org/about/rcb-library/archive-of-the-month](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/about/rcb-library/archive-of-the-month) [September 2017] Ballincollig Military Men & Their Families 1810-1922: the Church of Ireland Registers Unlock Their Stories.

You can read more here [www.ireland.anglican.org/news/7344/ballincollig-military-men-their-families](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/news/7344/ballincollig-military-men-their-families)

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Back in 2009 Ancestry went public on NASDAQ Exchange with the ticker ACOM in a \$100 million Initial Public Offer [IPO]. Then in 2012 another change when the company went Private via a \$1.6 billion equity acquisition, at the time the company was valued at \$2.6 billion. In June of this year Ancestry stated that they had filed to go public again.

Now the CEO Tim Sullivan he is stepping down, to become Chairman of the Board, and the [IPO] is to be delayed.

Ancestry is a very big company, and vastly added to their expenses [a new multi million dollar HQ in Lehi, Utah, they also have offices in Orem, Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, with smaller offices [I believe] in San Francisco, California, London, England, Sydney, Australia, and Dublin, Ireland. I believe that from 700 staff in 2009 the staff numbers have grown to 1,600 in 2017.

From information shared with me, subscribers are unhappy with:-

Ancestry's lack of respect to some people's copyrights.

Consider the subscription overpriced.

The search facility keeps deteriorating

Personally I find support decidedly slow to respond, I received an email saying " a member of our support team will be in touch soon" on July 4th 2017, need I say that I am STILL waiting for a reply.

The team at WDYTYA Live in April 2017, gave me one answer to a query, I have since phoned them on three occasions and have now received a total of four different explanations to the same query!

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This newsletter is extremely grateful to The Genealogist for the regular updates to the additions to their website [www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk) .

In September, the press release reads:-

"We have added over 1.1 million individuals to its parish record collection covering the county of Sussex. Published in association with The Parish Record Transcription Society, this first tranche of records will be followed by more releases in the near future.

This new release covers individual records of: 717,000 Baptisms, 213,000 Marriages, and 208,000 Burials.

The Parish Record Transcription Society (PRTSoc) have worked with TheGenealogist and S&N to publish their records online, making over 1.1 million individuals from baptism, marriage and burial records fully searchable:-

"We are very pleased to be working with TheGenealogist on this major project, previously undertaken to transcribe the parish registers of West Sussex by the staff and dedicated volunteers of the PRTSoc. This will preserve these records for future generations and brings them into the online community." Peter Steward, Chairman of PRTSoc.

Mark Bayley, Head of Online Development at TheGenealogist, welcomed PRTSoc to the growing number family history societies on both TheGenealogist and FHS-Online saying: "We're delighted that PRTSoc chose to publish their records through TheGenealogist and FHS-Online. This release adds to the ever expanding collection of parish records on both websites. These partnerships help fund societies whilst bringing their records to a much wider audience, through online publication." "

This release joins TheGenealogist's Sussex collection including parish records to form a major resource for the county.

Read their article here:-

[www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2017/new-sussex-parish-records-reveal-a-grizzly-end-646/](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2017/new-sussex-parish-records-reveal-a-grizzly-end-646/)

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Are you planning on visiting the Berkshire Record Office before Christmas? then you need to be aware of their stocktaking closure dates:-

They will be closed from 27th November to 8th December 2017 inclusive, and plan to reopen at 9am on Tuesday 12th December 2017.

Their Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/berkshirerecordoffice/posts/1658995314111122](http://www.facebook.com/berkshirerecordoffice/posts/1658995314111122)

The Berkshire Record Office's website is [www.berkshirerecordoffice.org.uk/](http://www.berkshirerecordoffice.org.uk/)

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Jim McKane, founder and president of CanadianHeadstones.com <http://canadianheadstones.com/> has announced that the Ontario Genealogical Society [OGS] has agreed to assume responsibility for the operation of the corporation and its namesake website, [www.CanadianHeadstones.com](http://www.CanadianHeadstones.com) to ensure the continuation and growth of Canada's premier collection of headstone photographs and transcriptions.

CanadianHeadstones.com was founded to record digital images and to transcribe headstones with free access for Canadian researchers worldwide.

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Sometimes we feel like a change or we are trying to help a fellow researcher, what is user friendly to us isn't so user friendly to them. This means we go searching for freebies, so I thought I'd share a website with both free printable Charts and purchasable ones.

The link is:- [http://obituarieshelp.org/free\\_printable\\_blank\\_family\\_tree.html](http://obituarieshelp.org/free_printable_blank_family_tree.html)

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In the past, engagements were done quietly, not now congratulation to Fiona and Russell what a way to ask, Fiona had no idea. Have a look [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rZIP\\_6Dn0o&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rZIP_6Dn0o&feature=youtu.be)

If you read my last newsletter, you will know that Jay Verkler has been the interim CEO of FindMyPast. Tamsin Todd has now been named the new CEO, the announcement read "Tamsin has previously worked in the travel, retail and technology sectors and brings a track record of leading successful growth businesses. She spent the early part of her career at Amazon and then Microsoft, where she led the introduction of ecommerce and search products into UK and Europe. This was followed by stints as Head of Ecommerce at Betfair, and Managing Director of TUI-owned Crystal Ski Holidays. She joins Findmypast from Addison Lee, where she was Chief Customer Officer of Europe's largest car service company."

In the mean time Jay has been appointed Chairman of the Board, previous to joining FindMyPast Jay was a strategy and technology consultant and was also a former CEO of FamilySearch.

In his welcoming speech to Tamsin, Jay Verkler, Chairman of Findmypast, said: *"We are delighted that Tamsin will be joining the Findmypast team and using her years of business leadership experience to drive forward the organisation. I had the pleasure of getting to know Tamsin very well during the recruitment process and look forward to working closely together in the future."*

Tamsin Todd said: *"Findmypast is known for its world-class record collections and deep expertise, and I'm thrilled to join a company chosen by so many people around the globe to explore their family history. I look forward to leading Findmypast through its next chapter and continuing to develop digital products and services to help our customers easily discover, share and celebrate their families' unique stories."*

We wish them well in their new posts.

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Have you ever used records of Freemen? maybe you are not sure what a Freeman is. For those unsure what a Freeman is, men who had qualification were given what become known 'Freeman of the City'. This required the men [freemen] to take the oath to support the Mayor and to accept a variety jobs such as standing for elections, taking office, paying their taxes and abiding by the rules. Freemen were granted some special privileges and trading rights. These have now predominately disappeared although the title survives.

Recently the Norwich Freeman Records became available online <http://nfro.norwichfreemen.org.uk/> or another site that might interest you is [www.norwichfreemen.org.uk](http://www.norwichfreemen.org.uk)

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Wills for England and Wales 1858-1925 are now available at the Society Of Genealogists aka SOG. Amongst the thousands of microfilms previously held by the London Family History Centre that moved to the SOG during the summer, are millions of Wills that went for Probate between 1858-1925 either at the Principal Probate Registry or the Local District Registries.

A copy of a Will normally costs £10, however at the SOG you can do photocopies of documents at a cost of just 40p per A4 page, alternatively you have the option to scan and save images to a USB, or use a digital camera [in either case a device fee will apply]. If you're not a member of the SoG there's a visitor fee of £5 [up to 2 hours], £10 [up to 4 hours], or £18 [all day: up to 8 hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, or 10 hours on Thursdays].

Hopefully this is helpful to someone.

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Many of you will recall that I have in the past organised study days, now I have been asked to consider helping with the organising of another event so I would love to know your level of expertise.

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The Lancashire Will Index has been made available online with Findmypast  
<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/lancashire-wills-and-probate-1457-1858>

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One email I received was quite negative about an article in the last newsletter that I had written. The reader felt that I hadn't, covered the subject of archiving fully. Although I had talked about how I would look after documents, photographs and items I had not covered where these prized processions could go after the owner has passed away.

I didn't expand the article because I felt that this is a separate subject and also a personal choice.

We all have ideas of what we would like to happen to items and sometimes we have a preference to something not happening to prizes goodies. Personally I have been asked to act as a custodian to items with the request that they do not go to a particular person or place and of course I will do my best to see that these wishes are adhered to.

So what can we do with these items, here are a few suggestions

Pass to a member of the family, this could be a close member of the family such as daughter, son in law, or even a family member who is more distant.

Give to a fellow family historian who is researching the same family or parish but is not a blood relative

Donate to a local history museum or archive, speak to the facility in advance, as some will only accept items of particular interest or things in a particular format.

Sometimes certain research is accepted by local family history societies, the Society of Genealogists, but do please contact them first.

Make sure you cover your wishes in your will. Family members are not mind readers, and executors of your will, should adhere to your wishes.

On a very personal nature I have over the last few years slowly been archiving finds that my daughter and I have come across whilst sorting my late mothers estate. Mother moved into a care home in 2014 and died earlier this year?

Every photograph has been put into an acid free plastic pocket along with an acid free piece of paper on which I wrote as much information as I could, using an acid free pen.

Example of what I might write

This photo is of So and So, the son of Joe So and his wife Mary so né Blogs  
The photo was taken in the back garden of the address in full, estimate date on or about date, month, year.

Yes this all takes time but just think of your joy at finding photos with lots of detail.

When it came to ornaments, vases or any other item, again I wrote a note on acid free paper using an acid free pen, which was wrapped within the acid free tissue paper, used to protect most items I archived.

As we get older, our ability, memory, time and finances change, so do whatever you can now, whilst you have the opportunity, a little at a time will make a bigger more time consuming job earlier.

If I suggested you look at the family's role during the war years, would you just think about those serving within one of the services, or would you also think of those left behind and the dangers they too faced. I received an email reminding me about this article [www.hants.gov.uk/rh/archives/ww2.pdf](http://www.hants.gov.uk/rh/archives/ww2.pdf)

Did you go to the London Family History Show at Sandown Racecourse in September? Personally I thought the event was fantastic, I loved it.

If you didn't go then you missed the best family history event in recent years.  
Book the date in your diary for 2018.

**The London Family History Show,  
22nd September 2018  
Sandown Park Racecourse**

JC said " Brilliant loved it, just like the old RHS days"

For those new to family history the Society of Genealogists used to organise a fair at the Royal Horticultural Halls, Greycoat Street, Westminster in the late 1990's and early 2000's. In those days the queues would go around the hall a couple of times. The level of friendliness both between exhibitors and visiting public was phenomenal and that was back too:-))).

SM said "A great great day"

LC said "Hope they come back next year with another show like this"

The comments mentioned above I have heard time and time again, not just from visitors but also from stallholders.

Here are a few photos from the day, taken during a quiet moment but as you can see not exactly quiet.

	Andrew and Ben on The 'Discover Your Ancestors' stand		Overflow from one of the talks
	Not often seen but a VERY welcome stand		Ann on the Lincolnshire stand giving advice

	Not often seen but a VERY welcome stand		Busy, busy and this was taken having turned 180 degrees from taking the photo at the top of this column.
	Ann on the West Surrey FHS stand		Graham Walters from the 'Census Detectives' helping a visitor.
	A cross view of the hall		Everywhere you looked someone was assisting someone.

If you did then I'd love to hear from you with your feedback both positive and negative, yes I have heard of problems but even on the event day the organisers started working on these.

## Everyone Must Read

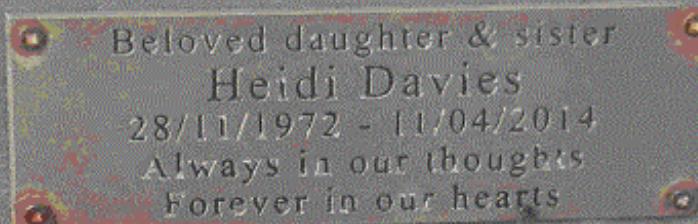
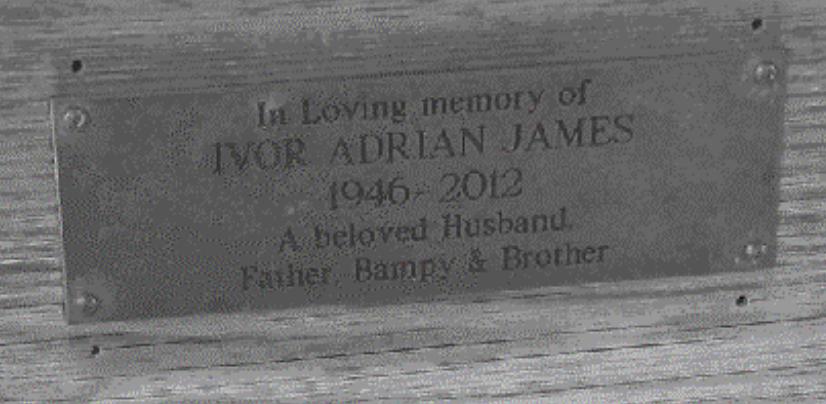
In May 2018 a new Data Protection Act will become law, the final exact details are not expected to be confirmed until March 2018. Therefore, can I please request **EVERYONE** who wishes to receive email notification regarding this newsletter sends me an email confirming you wish to receive this email, because the details are unlikely to be confirmed until March, and come into effect as the May newsletter is due to be released, I am attempting to cover any possibility. I confirm that I do not and will not share your details with anyone else in any format.

If the notification email is forwarded to you, it is up to the forwarder to meet any data protection rules.

I will not be sending out emails to anyone who **doesn't** reconfirm their request, even those who currently get it.

In case the person who normally forwards notification to you, doesn't reconfirm, you are welcome to join the mailing list as an individual, all the more the merrier and better safe than sorry. My email address is [fh4u@roccoland.plus.com](mailto:fh4u@roccoland.plus.com)

Regular readers will be aware that I am often saying keep your eyes open no matter where you are because you might find something interesting. In September I was walking along the coast in Wales, the following monumental inscriptions I came across around Trecco Bay and Newtons Bay. If any link to you and you would like a copy of the photo please email.

Beloved daughter & sister Heidi Davies 28/11/1972 - 11/04/2014 Always in our thoughts Forever in our hearts	
In Loving memory of Ivor Adrian James 1946-2012 A beloved husband Father, Bampy & Brother	
In loving memory of our Dad Clive Lacey 27-03-44 Passed away 29-9-11 Always in our thoughts Andrew, Denise, & Jayne X      X      X	

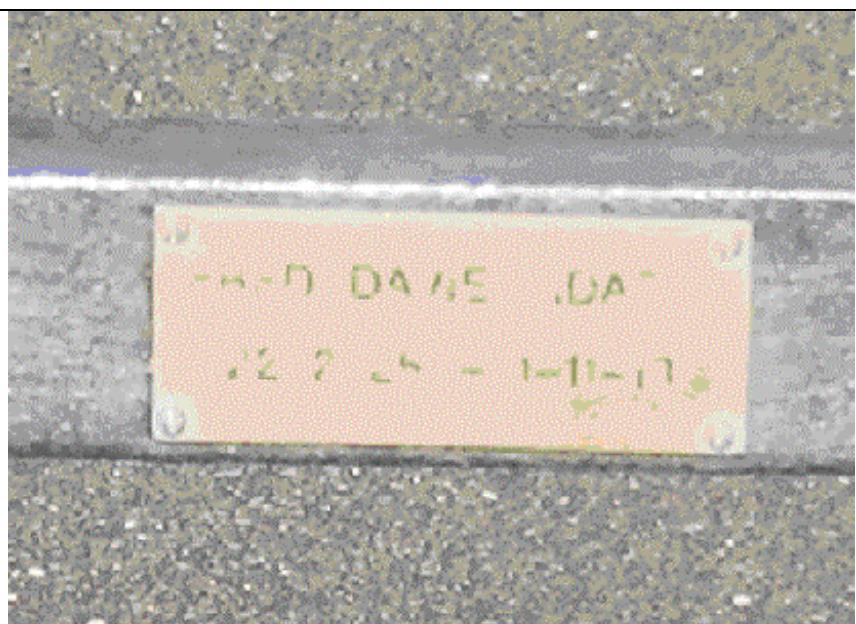
In memory of Eunice and Keith  
Cecil who loved this place



In loving memory of Sandra  
Pugh and faithful companion Jaz  
went to sleep on 6th July 2016  
Aged 72 beloved wife, Mam and  
Nana  
Wonderful Memories left behind



Fred Davies Idadol  
22-2-26 - 1-11-13



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Now for a reminder of a few useful websites that often get forgotten, these are in no particular order but I have attempted to group them:-

## **Australia**

Brisbane Heritage

[https://heritage.brisbane.qld.gov.au/heritage\\_register/search.do?action=startBasic](https://heritage.brisbane.qld.gov.au/heritage_register/search.do?action=startBasic)

Macquarie Park Cemetery, New South Wales, Australia

<http://northerncemeteries.com.au/macquarie-park/deceased-search/>

NSW State Archives & Records - Research Guides A-Z

[www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/research-a-z](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/research-a-z)

NSW State Archives & Records - Research Guides A-Z - Inquests

[www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/inquests-coronial-records-guide](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/inquests-coronial-records-guide)

Super source for death records and obituaries <http://ryersonindex.net/search.php>

Queensland State Archives have a vast amount of information including Immigration, Passenger lists, Land Orders and much more try this link as a starting point

[www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/immigration](http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/immigration)

Queensland Historical Index Site [www.bdm.qld.gov.au/IndexSearch/queryEntry.m?type=deaths](http://www.bdm.qld.gov.au/IndexSearch/queryEntry.m?type=deaths)

Immigration records:- NSW State Records -

[www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/assisted-immigrants-digital-shipping-lists](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/assisted-immigrants-digital-shipping-lists) or you could try Family Search  
<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1542665?collectionNameFilter=true>

## **Websites for those researching Canadians with French Ancestry.**

Alphabetical listing of all the known Filles du Roi and their husbands.

[www.fillesduroi.org/src/Filles\\_list.htm](http://www.fillesduroi.org/src/Filles_list.htm)

Museum of New France - Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation

[www.civilization.ca/vmnf/popul/filles/s-fil-en.htm](http://www.civilization.ca/vmnf/popul/filles/s-fil-en.htm)

Filles du Roi - "Daughters of the King" [www.lookbackward.com/perrault/filleroi/](http://www.lookbackward.com/perrault/filleroi/)

Wikipedia's "King's Daughters" [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King%27s\\_Daughters](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King%27s_Daughters)

'A Scattering of Seeds' - 'The Creation of Canada' [www.whitepinepictures.com/seeds/i/12/sidebar.html](http://www.whitepinepictures.com/seeds/i/12/sidebar.html)

La Société des Filles du roi et soldats du Carignan [www.fillesduroi.org/](http://www.fillesduroi.org/) or try

[www.lookbackward.com/perrault/filleroi/](http://www.lookbackward.com/perrault/filleroi/)

## **Cheshire**

Tithe Maps of Cheshire <http://maps.cheshire.gov.uk/tithemaps/Default.aspx>

## **Dorset**

A new A-Z of Dorset County Hospital Staff Database <https://historydch.com/dch-staff-database/>

## England [General]

Wonderful site for old maps [www.visionofbritain.org.uk/](http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/)

Archer Software

[www.archersoftware.co.uk/igi/index.htm](http://www.archersoftware.co.uk/igi/index.htm) FamilySearch: A Guide to the British Batch Numbers

Gravestone photographic resource

[www.gravestonephotos.com/public/cemetery.php?cemetery=2526&scrwidth=1200](http://www.gravestonephotos.com/public/cemetery.php?cemetery=2526&scrwidth=1200)

Property Records [www.ancestorhomes.com](http://www.ancestorhomes.com)

Variety of links also covers Ireland [www.genuki.org.uk/big/Archives](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/Archives)

A social project which has genealogical connections [www.familiesofengland.com](http://www.familiesofengland.com)

Prisoners of War Camps in the UK

[www.theguardian.com/news/datablog/2010/nov/08/prisoner-of-war-camps-uk#data](http://www.theguardian.com/news/datablog/2010/nov/08/prisoner-of-war-camps-uk#data)

Wills, information and advice can be found here.

[www.gov.uk/wills-probate-inheritance/searching-for-probate-records](http://www.gov.uk/wills-probate-inheritance/searching-for-probate-records)

Alternatively you can search Probate records here <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills>

A copy of a Will should cost no more than £10

Genuki - links to an enormous collection of websites covering England, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Ireland

[www.genuki.org.uk/](http://www.genuki.org.uk/)

For those searching for the music of our Parents and Grandparents <https://archive.org/details/78rpm>

Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)

Merlin Genealogy Solutions [www.merlingenealogysolutions.com](http://www.merlingenealogysolutions.com)

FindMyPast A-Z of Worldwide Record Sets

<http://search.findmypast.co.uk/historical-records?page=1&region=world&t=all&searchedrecordsetname>

Workhouse Records [www.workhouses.org.uk/SouthMetSD/](http://www.workhouses.org.uk/SouthMetSD/)

UK Genealogical Archives

<http://ukga.org/index.html>

The English Criminal Justice system between 1780 and 1925, most appears free, but does have links to other sites. [www.digitalpanopticon.org](http://www.digitalpanopticon.org)

One-place studies have a look at [https://ukbmd.org.uk/one\\_place\\_study](https://ukbmd.org.uk/one_place_study)

Online Parish Clerk [https://ukbmd.org.uk/online\\_parish\\_clerk](https://ukbmd.org.uk/online_parish_clerk)

One Name Studies [https://ukbmd.org.uk/one\\_name\\_study](https://ukbmd.org.uk/one_name_study)

UKBMD is also excellent to search for Local BMD projects [www.ukbmd.org.uk/local\\_bmd](http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/local_bmd)

## **Lancashire**

Bolton Genies, Bolton FHS Newsletter is available online  
[www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/newsletter/Genie\\_2017\\_07.pdf](http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/newsletter/Genie_2017_07.pdf)

Lancashire Online Parish Clerk's Index  
[www.lan-opc.org.uk/indexw.html](http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/indexw.html)

## **Mining**

Mining accidents, effectively only in USA, Canada, Australia and NZ  
<http://miningaccidents.weebly.com/>

Scottish Mining accidents [www.scottishmining.co.uk/5.html](http://www.scottishmining.co.uk/5.html)

Durham Mining Museum [www.dmm.org.uk/mindex.htm](http://www.dmm.org.uk/mindex.htm)

Coalmining resource Centre [note, the original site no longer exists, this an archived copy]  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20160304121259/http://www.cmhrc.co.uk/site/home/index.html>

## **Jamaican Family History**

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jamwgw/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jamwgw/) Links to various sites

## **Luxembourg**

[www.familyrootspublishing.com/store/product\\_view.php?id=3179&title=Map%20Guide%20to%20Luxembourg%20Parish%20Registers](http://www.familyrootspublishing.com/store/product_view.php?id=3179&title=Map%20Guide%20to%20Luxembourg%20Parish%20Registers) will take you to a map guide of Parish Registers from Family Roots

## **Norfolk**

The Norfolk parish registers (with images) are available on both Ancestry  
<http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=61043> and findmypast  
<http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/norfolk-marriages>

## **Orkney**

The Ornate Italian Chapel built by World War II prisoners on Lamb Holm in the Orkney Islands.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian\\_Chapel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_Chapel)

## **Oxfordshire**

Oxfordshire History Centre [they are planning to move but as plans have changed recently I suggest you phone before visiting]  
[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/oxfordshire-history-centre](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/oxfordshire-history-centre)

Oxfordshire Family History Society have a very good 'Hunts and Tips' page  
<http://searches.oxfordshirefhs.org.uk/tips.html>

## **Overseas**

Reclaim records [www.reclaimtherecords.org](http://www.reclaimtherecords.org)

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Since the August newsletter I have received a few more surnames that readers are researching. This is your opportunity to swap and share surnames of interest. Where my email is used I will forward your email telling of your interest to the reader.

Surname	Parish	County	Time Period	Contact details
Crawt	Guildford	Surrey		Jean <a href="mailto:jeanwickens@gmail.com">jeanwickens@gmail.com</a>
Crawt	Kingston on Thames	Surrey		Jean <a href="mailto:jeanwickens@gmail.com">jeanwickens@gmail.com</a>
Goodall		Hampshire		Jean <a href="mailto:jeanwickens@gmail.com">jeanwickens@gmail.com</a>
Shirley		East Surrey		Jean <a href="mailto:jeanwickens@gmail.com">jeanwickens@gmail.com</a>
Marjoram		East Surrey		Jean <a href="mailto:jeanwickens@gmail.com">jeanwickens@gmail.com</a>
Marjoram		Norfolk		Jean <a href="mailto:jeanwickens@gmail.com">jeanwickens@gmail.com</a>
Puleston		Any	All	Ian <a href="mailto:ian.sinclair3sl@btinternet.com">ian.sinclair3sl@btinternet.com</a>
Roden		All Areas	All	Keith <a href="mailto:k_manvell@hotmail.com">k_manvell@hotmail.com</a>
Manvell		All Areas	Pre 1900's	Keith <a href="mailto:k_manvell@hotmail.com">k_manvell@hotmail.com</a>
Cullinan		Any	All	Peter <a href="mailto:pcfrancis1@virginmedia.com">pcfrancis1@virginmedia.com</a>
Goltz		Any	All	Peter <a href="mailto:pcfrancis1@virginmedia.com">pcfrancis1@virginmedia.com</a>
Panther		Any	All	Peter <a href="mailto:pcfrancis1@virginmedia.com">pcfrancis1@virginmedia.com</a>
Beaney	Camberwell	London	1800's	Diana c/o <a href="mailto:FH4U@roccoland.plus.com">FH4U@roccoland.plus.com</a>
Beaney	Hothfied	Kent	1800's	Diana c/o <a href="mailto:FH4U@roccoland.plus.com">FH4U@roccoland.plus.com</a>
Beaney		Sussex	1800's	Diana c/o <a href="mailto:FH4U@roccoland.plus.com">FH4U@roccoland.plus.com</a>
Horne	Westminster	London	1800's	Diana c/o <a href="mailto:FH4U@roccoland.plus.com">FH4U@roccoland.plus.com</a>
Gibson	Lochmaben	Dumfriesshire	1700's & 1800's	Diana c/o <a href="mailto:FH4U@roccoland.plus.com">FH4U@roccoland.plus.com</a>
Rule	Lochmaben	Dumfriesshire	1800's	Diana c/o <a href="mailto:FH4U@roccoland.plus.com">FH4U@roccoland.plus.com</a>
McCall	Lochmaben	Dumfriesshire	1800's	Diana c/o <a href="mailto:FH4U@roccoland.plus.com">FH4U@roccoland.plus.com</a>
Voak		Any	All	Diana c/o <a href="mailto:FH4U@roccoland.plus.com">FH4U@roccoland.plus.com</a>
Farrugia		Malta	1900's	Heather <a href="mailto:FH4U@roccoland.plus.com">FH4U@roccoland.plus.com</a>
Bonnici		Malta	1850 - 1950	Heather <a href="mailto:FH4U@roccoland.plus.com">FH4U@roccoland.plus.com</a>
Perlman		Prussia	1850 to now	Heather <a href="mailto:FH4U@roccoland.plus.com">FH4U@roccoland.plus.com</a>
Bolas		Shropshire	1850 to now	c/o Heather <a href="mailto:FH4U@roccoland.plus.com">FH4U@roccoland.plus.com</a>

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Within the wonderful world of family history research some words are regularly spelt incorrect

Correct spelling	Incorrect spelling/s
Genealogy	geneology, geneaology
Surname	sir name
Ancestor	ancester, ansester or ansestor.
History	histroy, histry
Copyright	Copywrite [it is always right to copy, not write to copy]
Ancestry	ancestory, ansestory
Cemetery	cemetary, cemetry, cemetry, cemetary, cemitary
Descendant	descendent, descentent, there are many many more misspellings
Descent	decent, descant, desant
Progenitor	pogenitor, proganitor
Immigration	Imigration Immigration Imigation
Emigration	Emmigration Emigation Emmigration

Use one of the online dictionaries if in doubt

Merriam-Webster Dictionary [www.merriam-webster.com](http://www.merriam-webster.com)

Oxford English Dictionary [www.oed.com/](http://www.oed.com/)

Collins Dictionary [www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english](http://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english)

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Following the expansion of the Society of Genealogist library, they are adjusting their membership. New members will be able to choose between Associate membership at £56 per annum, this will provide the member with access to online resources. Full membership £80 per annum, will provide members with unlimited use of the Library, free 30 minute one-to-one sessions in the Library with the Society's experts, and it will entitle the member to vote at the Society's AGM. Existing members will see their subscriptions rise gradually over the next decade - there won't be a sudden increase.

Ancestry has announced that their CEO Tim Sullivan is stepping down and is to become their new board chairman. Howard Hochhauser is the new temporary CEO, stepping up from his current positions as Chief Financial Officer / Chief Operating Officer. I understand that Ancestry are currently searching outside of Ancestry for a new CEO

Since the last newsletter, I have enjoyed a holiday, this meant I actually watched a bit of telly and was delighted to find 'Forbidden histories' such an interesting programme. The forbidden history website is here [www.forbiddenhistories.com/?page\\_id=257](http://www.forbiddenhistories.com/?page_id=257)

One programme I watched was about the Knights Templars, here is a link to a youtube video that appears to be very similar if not the same to the programme I watched [www.youtube.com/watch?v=axiixE9LAfU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axiixE9LAfU)

Another programme I saw part of covered Alchemy and this was really interesting.

News is filtering in about a new app for Apple devices that might be of interest to family historians. This new app called 'imbue' [spelt with a lower cased i] is being developed by 'Kickstarter'. I know very little about this app so I leave you to read all about it yourself, <http://imbueapp.com/> or you might find one of these links of more interest to you <https://imbueapp.blogspot.co.uk/> and [www.kickstarter.com/projects/imbue/imbue-app-make-every-family-item-a-time-capsule](http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/imbue/imbue-app-make-every-family-item-a-time-capsule)

Heredis Genealogy software have announced an upgrade to Heredis for Windows, interested in the new version there is a video available here [www.heredis.com/en/new-features/#video](http://www.heredis.com/en/new-features/#video)

Here is an insight into some of the new features:- From [www.heredis.com/en/new-features/](http://www.heredis.com/en/new-features/)  
"A dashboard to pilot your genealogical activities in real time, you know where you are in your genealogy: what you have already found and what you still have to do.

Widgets to know everything: indicators to give you information about the persons in your file.

Smart search and serial processing: use the Heredis 2017 Smart Search to scroll through your data using combined search criteria and find exactly what you're looking for.

The Find / Replace function: search for "St" and replace with "Saint". Or list all persons living in Missouri in 1821, when the state was proclaimed as a slave state, and edit a note for each of these persons to specify the context of the moment.

The new books written with new models, enjoy Filiatus® technology!

Enhancements"

'Midland Ancestors' is the new name for 'The Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry' aka [BMSGH]. Their new website address is [www.midland-ancestors.uk](http://www.midland-ancestors.uk) . They have branches in Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and London, as well as a special interest Heraldry Group

I have heard that Coventry City Council have not renewed the lease for the site of the Electric Railway Museum, as a result the Museum closed on 8th October 20017

Millennia Corporation the makers of the family history programme Legacy has been acquired by MyHeritage [www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com) . As a result of this acquisition, MyHeritage users get access to the Legacy Webinars.

MyHeritage are to continue developing its Family Tree Builder software separately [I understand], and it will not [to my knowledge] be merged with Legacy's software.

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Are you aware that the Society of Genealogist arrange FREE library tours, they are for both members and non-members. Providing a good overview of what the Society holds within its collections. Although the tours are free, research fees will still apply for non-members wanting to use the library for research afterwards.

Please check the society website for the latest details [www.sog.org.uk/](http://www.sog.org.uk/)

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Over time roads change their name, are you having problems with a road in London? Then the Victorian London A-Z Street Index <http://homepage.ntlworld.com/hitch/gendocs/lon-str.html> might well be a help to you.

Alternatively you might find Charles Booth Online Archive <http://booth.lse.ac.uk/> helpful to your needs.

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I have received a further press release from TheGenealogist, in which they announce an expansion of their Parish Record collection with the addition of 2.2 million individuals for Somerset & Dorset, the announcement states.

"TheGenealogist has released Baptism records for Somerset covering the years 1538 - 1996, along with Burial and Crematorium records for Somerset & Dorset covering 1563 - 2003. In association with Somerset & Dorset FHS, these new records cover hundreds of parishes for the counties.

Somerset and Dorset Family History Society worked with TheGenealogist to publish their records online, making over 2.2 million individuals from baptism and burial records fully searchable. Ann-Marie Wilkinson, the Chair of Somerset and Dorset FHS said:

*"The Somerset & Dorset Family History Society are very pleased to be working with TheGenealogist to bring these records into the online community. Also we will be able to provide access for members to TheGenealogist from our Research Centre."*

Mark Bayley, Head of Online Development at TheGenealogist, welcomed *Somerset and Dorset FHS* to the growing number of family history societies on both TheGenealogist and FHS-Online, saying:

*"We're delighted that Somerset and Dorset FHS chose to publish their records through TheGenealogist and FHS-Online. This release adds to the ever expanding collection of parish records on both websites. These partnerships help societies boost their funds whilst bringing their records to a much wider audience, through online publication."*

This release joins TheGenealogist's Somerset and Dorset collection including Bishop's Transcripts and parish records for many areas and years to form a major resource for the county.

If your society is interested in publishing records online, please contact Mark Bayley on 01722 717002 or see [fhs-online.co.uk/about.php](http://fhs-online.co.uk/about.php)

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The The Keep, Woollards Way, Brighton BN1 9BP [www.thekeeper.info/](http://www.thekeeper.info/) have made an alteration to their Wednesday opening hours, from now they will be opening at 10am instead 9.30am on each and every Wednesday this will allow for staff training.

The Sussex Family History Group library, held in the Phil Lucas Room continues to open at 10am until 4pm each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, as usual, so feel free to pop in and talk to their volunteers.

Just as the newsletter was about to go to be proof read, I received an email, thanking me for the newsletter.

It was thought the newsletter could be shortened but increased to being bi monthly! this would probably mean that some would be very short and others very much longer. This is because, in my experience, information tends to come in, in fits and starts, some sources update every month, some every 3 months etc. The 3 monthly newsletter seems to be the best I can do to give both stories that are not out of date and keep a good mix from the different sources. Not to mention this would nearly double my workload.

It was also suggested "items could be placed in categories so that individuals can find relevant items for their research without going through the whole newsletter". I have looked into index/categories, but as there are no clear demarcations in subjects, therefore the number of categories, the resultant index would mean an increase in size of the newsletter by 25% or more. The index would take almost as long to read [and longer to produce] as the rest of the newsletter does now.

The National Archives aka TNA at Bessant Drive, Kew, TW9 4DU, will from 14th November 2017 no longer allow extra large bags and suitcases into the building. The change is a result of heightened safety and security across London. Items that fit into their lockers are still permitted the maximum size of 43 cm x 42 cm x 24 cm, the change will not affect pushchairs or baby buggies, which will still be welcome in the archives.

You will find the information here [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/large-bags-and-luggage-not-permitted-inside-the-national-archives/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/large-bags-and-luggage-not-permitted-inside-the-national-archives/)

I was going to say in this newsletter that "there is still no definitive answer on the future plans of GRO following their trials [Phrase 1,2 and 3] towards the end of 2016 and early 2017. One interesting fact that has emerged is that the number of paper certificates ordered was unaffected, during the period when it was possible to request the cheaper £6 .pdf version. This could have been affected by the release of the enhanced birth and death indexes, the birth index included the mother's maiden name, [which previously was only given from September 1911] but not all, illegitimate births being the main exception. Rumour has it that the GRO plans to run another trial similar the previous Phase 1 trial, I heard that this next trial if it goes ahead will last longer".

The rumour is now fact, Yipeee.

For at least the next three months, the GRO will supply digital records of early births and deaths at a cost of £6 each. To read this announcement yourself go to [www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/Login.asp](http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/Login.asp) for this announcement:

#### General Register Office [GRO] - PDF Extended Pilot

The GRO is piloting a service from 12 October 2017 to provide portable document format [PDF] copies of digitised historical birth and death records. The pilot will run for a minimum of 3 months to enable the GRO to assess the demand for this service over a prolonged period.

Applications for each PDF cost £6, must be made online, and include a GRO index reference.

England and Wales records which are available as PDFs in this extended pilot include:

Births: 1837 –1916

Deaths: 1837 –1957

Don't forget that the age of death in the death indexes for a child given as 5 could be 5 hours, 5 days, 5 weeks, 5 months or even 5 years.

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Many of you will know of my interest in adoption, and that I do do some adoption intermediary research. So I thought I would share with you this story found in the Guardian some years ago  
[www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2013/sep/29/adopted-birth-mother-rejected-me](http://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2013/sep/29/adopted-birth-mother-rejected-me)  
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The Genealogist have added two new record sets that will be useful for researching the First World War and Victorian soldiers.

Part one of this release is The Worldwide Army Index for 1851, 1861 and 1871, which adds another name rich resource to the already vast Military record collections with over 600,000 records. Also released are another 3,368 pages from The Illustrated War News covering 6 September 1916 to 10 April 1918 and adding to those previously made available for this First World War paper from 1914 to 1916

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England, Gloucestershire, Bristol Marriage Index  
England, Greater London Burial Index  
England, Herefordshire Baptisms  
England, Herefordshire Burials  
England, Herefordshire Marriages  
England, Herefordshire Wills, 1517-1700  
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England, Kent, Canterbury Archdeaconry Banns  
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England, Kent, Canterbury Archdeaconry Marriages  
England, London, Bunhill Fields Non-Conformist Burials 1713-1826 Browse  
England, London, Docklands and East End Baptisms, 1558-1933  
England, London, Docklands and East End Marriages, 1558-1859  
England, Middlesex Monumental Inscriptions 1485-2014  
England, Middlesex Protestation Returns 1641-42  
England, Muster Rolls of The Marine Corps  
England, National Burial Index for England & Wales  
England, North West Kent Burials  
England, Oxfordshire marriage bonds 1634-1849  
England, Staffordshire Monumental Inscriptions  
England, Sussex Monumental Inscriptions  
England, Thames & Medway Baptisms  
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England, Warwickshire Banns  
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England, Warwickshire Marriages  
England, Warwickshire Parish Registers Browse  
England, Wiltshire parish baptisms index 1538-1917  
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Ireland, Calendars of Wills & Administrations 1858-1920  
Ireland, Dublin Electoral Rolls  
New Jersey Baptisms 1746-1795  
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New Zealand, Birth Index  
New Zealand, Death Index  
New Zealand, Marriage Index  
Scotland Registers & Records  
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USA, Connecticut Baptisms, 1600s-1800s  
USA, Connecticut Burials, 1600s-1800s  
USA, Connecticut Church Records, 1600s-1800s  
USA, Muster Rolls of The Marine Corps  
USA, New York Researcher  
USA, Philadelphia Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms  
USA, Philadelphia Roman Catholic Parish Marriages  
USA, Philadelphia Roman Catholic Parish Registers Browse  
USA, The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record  
USA, United States Marriages  
USA, United States Marriages [4.3m covering Nevada & California]  
Wales, Monmouthshire Burials

Did you read the following in the last newsletter?

"I am sure some of you probably have a subscription to British Newspaper Archives who have announced reaching the 20 Million articles milestone.

I cancelled my subscription to British Newspaper Archives as I have a world subscription to FindMyPast and I couldn't validate an additional expense just to get access to the newly digitised records a few days ahead of them appearing on FindMyPast world subscription."

Added to FindMyPast Newspapers  
Ireland, Limerick Chronicle  
Ireland, Mid-Ulster Mail  
Ireland, Irish Independent  
Ireland, Northern Constitution  
England, Tenby Observer  
England, Brechin Herald  
England, Milngavie and Bearsden Herald  
England, Alcester Chronicle  
England, Abergavenny Chronicle  
England, Ripley and Heanor News  
England, Ilkeston Division Free Press  
England, Eastern Daily Press  
England, Colchester Gazette

### **Forces War**

WW1 Hospital Records Collection on Forces War Records has now Reached 1 Million

### **Galway East Family History Society**

<http://galwayeast.rootsireland.ie/generic.php?filename=sources.tpl&selectedMenu=sources>

For a full list of the genealogical sources now online for Galway East

<http://galwayeast.rootsireland.ie/generic.php?filename=sources.tpl&selectedMenu=sources>

### **Irish Genealogy.ie**

[www.irishgenealogy.ie/en](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en)

### **Military records**

[www.militaryarchives.ie/en/home/](http://www.militaryarchives.ie/en/home/)

**Norwich Freemen Records 1714-** <http://nfro.norwichfreemen.org.uk/>

## **Old Scottish Records** [www.oldscottish.com/records](http://www.oldscottish.com/records)

**RootsIreland** [not all are new, some are updates]

The Irish World Heritage Centre has just added over 58,000 Royal Irish Constabulary records to the County Tyrone database online. These records cover R.I.C. members from all Irish counties. To search these records, go to the County Tyrone search page and search under Census Substitutes, or login and click this link <http://tyrone.rootsireland.ie/quis.php?type=subs&new=1>

You can choose R.I.C. from the Sources drop down list to search R.I.C. records only. For a full list of the genealogical sources now online for County Tyrone

<http://tyrone.rootsireland.ie/generic.php?filename=sources.tpl&selectedMenu=sources>

Waterford, St. Patrick's Churchyard, 1723-1855

## **Scottish Indexes** [www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com)

Glasgow Mental Health records - 1915

## **Stirling Archives**

[www.stirlingarchives.scot/poor-relief-indexes](http://www.stirlingarchives.scot/poor-relief-indexes)

## **TheGenealogist**

ADM 6 – The Registers of Convicts in Prison Hulks Cumberland, Dolphin and Ganymede Army Records

HO77 – The Home Office: Criminal Registers, England and Wales

Nottinghamshire Parish Register Transcripts

Parish Records

## **The Irish Genealogical Research Society**

Index to Wilson's Dublin Directory 1775

Donegal Rent Rolls from the Manor of Ballyshannon 1689-177

Fermanagh Marriages from Springfield Methodist Circuit 1879-1928

Mongahan and Fermanagh Clones Parish Registers, Burials 1817-1818

## **The National Archives aka TNA**

Podcast Tudor trials: Confessions from the Star Chamber

<http://media.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php/tudor-trials-confessions-star-chamber/>