

## Election of Corrinne Goodenough as Chairman of the Guild of One-Name Studies

Corrinne Goodenough has been elected as the new Chairman of the Guild of One-Name Studies at the Guild's annual Conference and AGM held at the Ashford International Hotel, Ashford, Kent on Saturday 11th April 2014. Corrinne will be the 13th Chairman of the Guild in its 35 year history.





The Chairman of the Guild of One-Name Studies is ultimately responsible to the Guild membership for the correct, proper and efficient running of the Guild. Corrinne will be responsible for guiding and leading the Committee meetings in accordance with guidelines or requirements laid down by the members, the Constitution, the Charity Commissioners and the law. In her role as Chairman Corrinne will aim to be a good ambassador of the Guild and her duties will include the overall coordination of the Guild's administration; attending Guild events and those of other Family History/Genealogical Societies on behalf of the Guild (or ensuring an appropriate representative is in attendance); and ensuring that proper administrative and financial systems are in place. Overall Corrinne will be available to all Guild members to respond to queries and to give guidance and advice about the Guild as needed.

Corrinne lives in Wiltshire and is married to Tony, who shares her passion for genealogy, and they have a son and a daughter. She has a granddaughter and 3 grandsons one of whom is already showing an interest in family history at the tender age of 6¾ years! Corrinne became interested in family history in 1991 when her paternal Aunt held a family gathering and challenged Corrinne to find out more about the family. She was given a couple of sheets of paper showing the UK General Register Office marriage and birth registration entries for the early 1850's and 1860's and the quest began. Corrinne has been a member of the Guild of One-Name Studies for twenty two years and has been conducting her world-wide one-name study of Diviani: a surname with its origins in Switzerland, since 1991. DIVIANI was her maiden name and is of Swiss Italian origin from the Leventina Valley (just south of the St. Gottard Pass, on the Italian side of the Swiss Alps) in the Southern part of Switzerland called Ticino.

Corrinne has served in various Guild roles in the past, including Stand Manager; Regional Representative Coordinator and Regional Representative for Wiltshire and Hampshire. Corrinne is currently the Online Parish Clerk for 3 parishes in Wiltshire, a member of the Society of Genealogists and a member of the Wiltshire Family History Society.

### Corrinne Goodenough said today:

*"I was delighted and pleasantly surprised to be elected as Chairman of the Guild of One-Name Studies and I plan to work closely with my fellow Committee members in order to strengthen and develop the skills of and benefits to all members of the Guild. I look forward to engaging with all Committee members, postholders and members of the Guild to promote the Guild as the forefront organisation of single surname research worldwide. I would like to thank Kirsty Gray, the outgoing members of the Committee and all postholders for their hard work, time and valuable efforts spent during the past year to ensure the smooth running of the Guild."*

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