

# Guild of One-Name Studies Conference April 2024

## Big Y Helpdesk

David Stedman

David Stedman, Stedman ONS associate, started researching DNA and Genealogy 16 years ago and first got involved with Y DNA analysis to help with genealogy in 2008 after joining the Stedman DNA project. This relied predominantly on unstable regions which were good at placing men into family groups. He then started exploring much more stable variations that could be used to help verify the former analysis but which also showed the potential for looking at ancient population movement, something which he has become extremely interested in. He has been involved with using BigY (Next Generation Sequencing) since Family Tree DNA started offering this in 2014, during which time the analysis of these types of mutations has come on in leaps and bounds. He started, and still runs, the DF49 Haplogroup project at FTDNA and having been analysing these results for over a decade there are now many examples of mutations He has found four major branches in this section of the Haplotree.

He will be available to give advice on how BigY can be used to help with genealogical problems and also answer questions on more technical aspects of Next Generation Sequencing.

## Have you overlooked something? Under-appreciated sources for your ONS

Paul Howes, MCG



In the course of his study, Paul has had many a-ha moments. In this presentation, he will share some of his experiences and talk about sources he has used which benefited his study beyond his expectations, and some, perhaps obscure, but very useful. Many, but not all, the sources, are in the handout.

Paul joined the Guild about sixteen years ago and registered the Howes One-Name Study 18 months later. His database at howesfamilies.com now contains over 210,000 people in reconstructed families with 4,500 Howes-related images. He was Chairman of the Guild from 2015-18 and became a Master Craftsman in 2018. He is a huge proponent of Guild members working together: he has conducted a marriage challenge; started the Ruby ONS; contributed data from over 35,000 marriages to Guild indexes (soon to be increased to over 50,000); and has over 250 other studies quoted as sources in his own.

An actuary by profession before retiring in 2010 and moving to Florida in 2014, Paul was a senior partner in a global consulting firm. Now a US citizen, he has lived in six countries, and worked in over fifty. Paul speaks four languages with smatterings of several others. In his other life, Paul is a keen yachtsman.

## **Introduction to the Conference for First-Timers**

### **Sue Thornton-Grimes**

What is...? How do I ...? When should I ...? Why do we ...?

If you are attending the Guild Conference for the first time, there is a special session for you on the opening evening. Come and find answers to all the questions you may have. In this short session you can meet other first timers and together find out what happens during the weekend, when, where and why.

Sue Thornton-Grimes is one of this year's Conference Organisers. She has been on SemSub for the past 9 years, and is the current ChairmSub, and she served on the Guild Committee for 3 years. She is Regional Representative for Dorset, where she lives, and is the Mentors Coordinator - putting people who would like some help in touch with other Guild members willing to share their knowledge and expertise.