



Greetings!

Hello! I am Charlie Wilson, registrant of the Southgate one-name study and volunteer Publicity Manager for the Guild of One-Name Studies. Each month I hope to provide some interesting reading and temptations to dig deeper into your surname bearers.

Festive genealogical greetings to you!

Just a short note this month to wish you well for the New Year.

2022 looks to be an interesting one, particularly for genealogists, with two important Census releases coming up.

I'll be looking for my Grandad in the 1921 England & Wales Census - born in 1913, birth not registered until 1925, and suspiciously missed off the list when his siblings were all baptised on the same day in 1915 ... What about you?

Collaborate, Communicate, Celebrate

With the ever-expanding availability of online record sets, researching your family history from the comfort of your own armchair has never been easier.

It can be great to work on your own, but connecting with other genealogists - to solve problems, to work together, and to share discoveries - can also be very rewarding.

I'll be talking about ways to find genealogists in the wild when I return in January.

Guild News

During November we had thirteen new one-name study registrations. They are listed below. Do any appear in your own research? If so, the registrants would love to hear from you and they can be contacted by searching for the surname here:

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MITCHENALL
PEGLER
HEGEWALD

KERSWELL
CARDNO
UVEDALE

PADFIELD
THORNER
SKOYLES
GERSE

D'ARELLI
BICKNELL
BRADFIELD

An unusual resource you may not have heard of

Not a database this month, but something to entertain over the holiday period.

It is so important to use original documents wherever possible, rather than relying on transcriptions. But they can be intimidating, particularly the further back you go.

The National Archives has produced a fantastic online tutorial, teaching you how to read handwriting from 1500-1800. The first document is a letter from Queen Elizabeth I (as a princess) to her sister Mary!

National Archives Palaeography Tutorial

Wishing you success in your research this month

Charlie.



(p.s. if you are looking for a last minute gift, then Guild membership is available ...)