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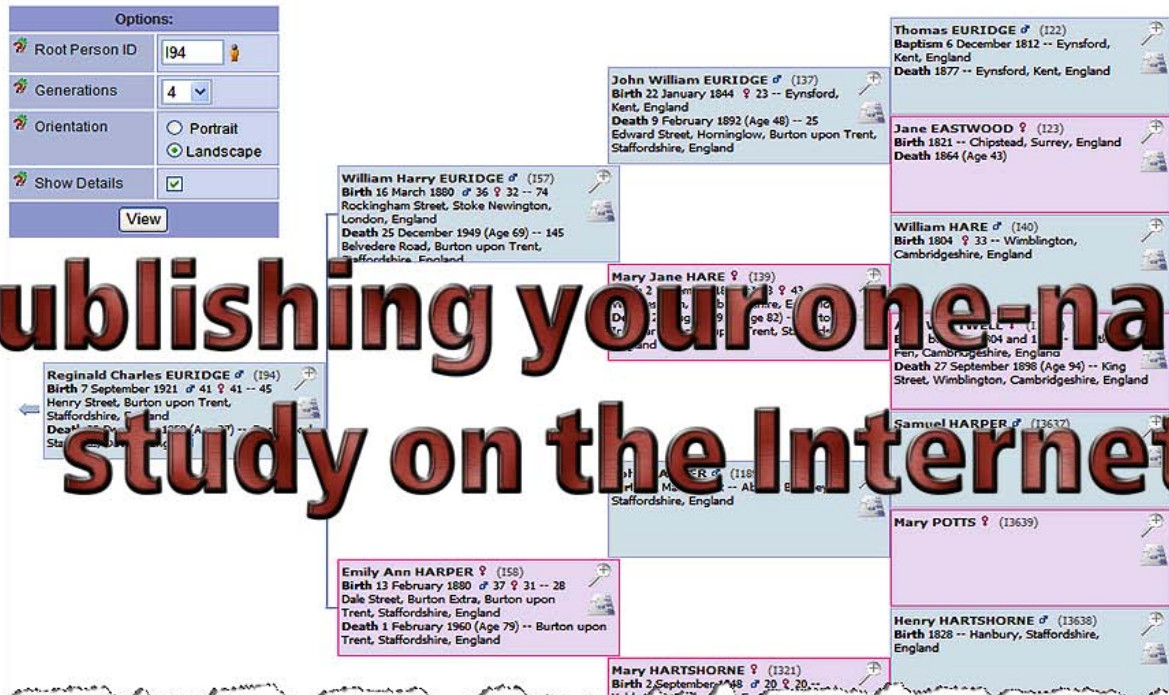


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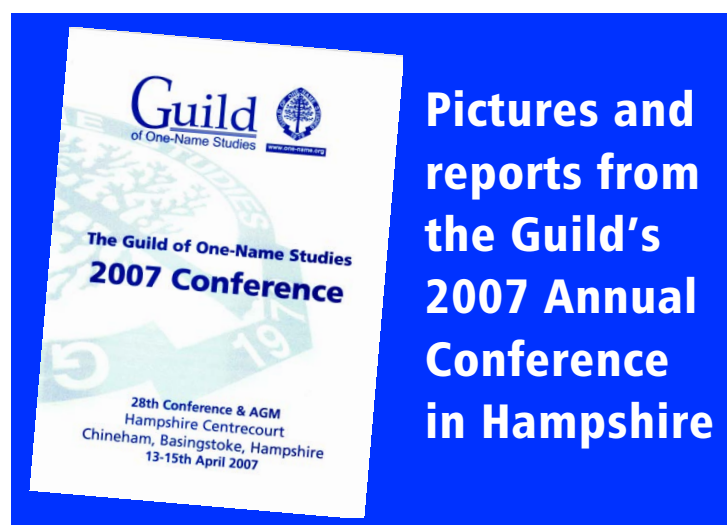
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## From the Chairman's keyboard . . .



By

**PETER WALKER**

## Increasing the transparency of Committee's decision making

the minutes of the Guild's Committee are available on the website in the Members' Room, allowing you to see what we get up to and the decisions we take. However, a number of members have commented that we have only published agreed minutes after the subsequent meeting, so they can be several months old when you see them.

Furthermore, in order to ensure we get through our extensive agendas, we no longer debate or minute information from post-holders' reports where no decisions are being requested of the Committee. This means you can't see many of the activities that these post-holders perform. At our most recent meeting, the Committee decided to increase the transparency of Guild Committee decision making by publishing not only the draft minutes of each meeting, but also all the post-holder reports submitted. This will also apply to Sub-committees.

Draft minutes are now available for the June Committee meeting, while full reports will be available from our next meeting onwards. Of course, there are going to be some matters, relating to personal issues, that should remain confidential and will be removed from the published papers (as they are today from the website minutes), but overall, this decision should allow you to get a better impression of what the Committee do on your behalf. Maybe it will persuade a few of you that "I could do that; I could do that better," in which case we may look forward to another contested election next year.

*This is a shorter than usual Chairman's column in order to make room for my report to the AGM. ○*

**S**INCE MY last column, we have had the results of the first contested committee election for around 10 years, had our successful Annual Conference and AGM at Basingstoke and held our first two meetings of the new Committee – not to mention "Who Do You Think You Are? LIVE" at Olympia.

Those of you who receive the Chairman's Newsflash e-mails, or who have visited the website, will know the result of the ballot for the Committee was that the following were elected:-

Gordon Adshead  
Howard Benbrook  
Peter Copsey  
Des Gander  
Kirsty Gray  
Barbara Harvey  
Cliff Kemball  
David Mellor  
Paul Millington  
Roy Rayment  
Roy Stockdill  
Ken Toll  
Sandra Turner  
Peter Walker  
Steve Whitaker

Unfortunately, Des Gander declined to take his position on the Committee and subsequently we decided to co-opt Peter Hagger to maintain our full complement of 15 members. Peter had received the next highest number of votes in the election and had already agreed to take on the role of Production Manager.

Indeed, an increasing trend is for a range of posts to be held by members outside the Committee,

which assists spreading the management load. For example, the new Website Manager is Anne Shankland and the Committee has also invited Rod Clayburn to continue as Renewals Secretary, even though he was unsuccessful in the Committee ballot.

Reflecting on this trend, the Committee has now decided that next year, when inviting nominations for the 15 places on the Committee, we will also invite members to express an interest in being considered for the wide range of Guild posts, irrespective of whether they wish to stand for Committee. Of all the Guild posts, only the four Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) have to be members of the Committee, though it is clearly highly desirable for some other posts to be on the Committee too.

We were not used to having a contested election and we will need to give more thought to the mechanics of the ballot for future years. We also realised how difficult it can be to appoint all the Guild posts during our first committee meeting, when not all the possible candidates may be present, and also how challenging it can be to effect an immediate changeover of post-holder in some key posts such as Registrar and Website Manager. So, in future, we might arrange for the new and old post-holders to have a phased changeover at a point later than the AGM weekend.

I hope members are aware that



## Chairman's report to the AGM reveals another successful year for the Guild

**CHAIRMAN** Peter Walker presented the following report to the 2007 AGM. We are publishing it virtually in full in order to give those members who were not present, or do not have access to the website, an opportunity to hear about the advances the Guild is making with ongoing and new projects and maintaining our position at the forefront of the family history movement.

**M**ORE THAN 160 members joined or rejoined the Guild in the last financial year, only slightly less than in the previous year. We lost some 80 members for the usual reasons.

This number was well down on the previous year and reflects the hard work put in by Rod Clayburn, the Renewals Secretary. Overall, therefore, there was a significant increase in the total membership, which now stands well above the 2,000 mark. Whilst many other family history societies are experiencing a downturn in membership, the Guild continues to grow healthily.

During the last year we have lost a number of long-standing members who have had to give up their studies because of failing health or who have, sadly, died. I should particularly mention Ernie Hamley, one of our Vice-Presidents, who died in February.

### • Registration

Registered names also continue to increase, and the total of registered names and variants now stands at over 7,600. Newer members are registering fewer variants than the longer standing members we have lost. This probably reflects the better advice we are giving, that only genuine variants surviving today should be registered. After four years, Roger Goacher is standing down as Registrar and I would like to

thank him for his valuable contribution to the Guild.

### • Governance

The Guild continues to be run by the Committee – its Trustees – supported by Subcommittees for Seminars (led by Dominic Johnson) and Marketing (led by Kirsty Gray and latterly Ken Toll), not forgetting the conference team. While the Guild as a whole continues to launch new initiatives, we continue to be constrained by the number of people who volunteer to assist these subcommittees and other projects to make things happen. In particular, the Publications Subcommittee has not met in the last year. Following last year's constitutional changes, the new Guild Executive met on three occasions, covering the work of the former Finance and General Purposes Subcommittee and taking urgent decisions as necessary between main Committee meetings.

Several Committee members will be mentioned in this report, but I would like to mention here the major contribution made by our Secretary, Kirsty Gray, without whose efforts we could not have kept these essential governance processes working.

For the first time for many years we had a contested election for the main Committee. I am sure this is a healthy development, representing both a welcome degree of volunteers to assist the running of the Guild and a chance for the membership to express their opinion about who runs it. I congratulate the members who have been elected and hope that the unlucky three will demonstrate their commitment to the Guild by volunteering in other ways to our programme of work.

### • Marketing

The Guild now advertises in several genealogical magazines

aimed specifically at promoting members' one-name studies, and is planning to do more as funds permit. This is in addition to our traditional advertising seeking new members. An article on the Guild by Ken Toll, published in the SoG Magazine, generated several new members and it is hoped to repeat this with other societies. We once again undertook a mailing of Guild Registers to major UK record offices and libraries. We plan to repeat this in coming years and increase the scope of distribution to other genealogical repositories.

### • Representation

The Guild continues to be represented on many important genealogical bodies. Some are actively involved in the future availability of public records and are, therefore, important to Guild members. We lobby hard for facilities for one-namers. Not all groups take our advice as willingly as others, but we continue to press our case.

### • Seminars

We started the year in Manchester with a seminar at the John Rylands Library, University of Manchester. The subject was *Sources in the North West* and was designed to appeal to those members who cannot reach our more southern venues easily. In August a joint seminar was organised with the Halsted Trust. This was another *Introduction to One-Name Studies* seminar at a venue we have used before, the Hundred House Hotel, Worcester. We were disappointed that the attendance comprised mainly Guild members and not potential new members as we had hoped.

In November, a successful Computer Seminar was held at the Montague Hall, Hounslow, Middlesex. The year ended with another successful Publications Seminar in February 2007 at the

famous Bletchley Park venue, previously used by the Guild in 2005.

Following the introduction of a seminar comment form, the feedback has assisted the Seminar Sub-Committee to focus on possible repeat topics, improved quality of venues and future locations. At the same time, we should be aiming at enticing prospective new members and to this end advertising of seminars is being more focused on local FH societies and magazines. The idea of reproducing seminar material on DVD for use by overseas members progressed during the year. However, the main problem still lies with obtaining lecturers' permission to copy their material.

### • Regional Reps

We now have 50 Regional Reps working to support the Guild around the UK and the world, an increase of 11 over last year, thanks to Sandra Turner's powers of persuasion, and, of course, the individuals' willingness to assist the Guild. As well as greeting and supporting members in their area, many have assisted by promoting the Guild at events in their regions, like seminars and family history shows and fairs. Additionally, many reps continue to hold local meetings and produce regional newsletters.

### • Bookstall

Sales on the Bookstall were significantly lower this year; this can probably be explained by the absence of any new high-value items that might capture the imagination of the market (such as the National Burial Index, Edition 2, in previous years), together with a generally recognised downturn in attendance at fairs. Nevertheless, the Guild Bookstall, led by Howard Benbrook and his team of helpers, was in attendance at 30 separate events throughout the year with an even broader range of items for sale. There always seems to be a small crowd clustered around the Guild's tables! The mail order service has continued, although this is now dominated by sales of online vouchers through the three major commercial suppliers.

### • Journal

Our Journal continues to be a highly respected magazine covering a wide range of topics relating to one-name studies and news about the Guild. This year we celebrated our 100th Journal and published with it a popular booklet entitled *100 Top Tips for One-Namers*. Then the 101st Journal was accompanied by a CD featuring electronic searchable versions of the first 100 Journals, along with an up-to-date Library catalogue.

Roy Stockdill continues to use his editorial and design flair in producing this high-quality journal. Thanks also go to Ken Toll, our Production Manager, who ensures that the Journal and all other enclosed items get designed and assembled in time. We are grateful to our printers, Flexpress, who have once again sponsored the production of the Conference Handbook.

### • Communications

We continue to use and develop all possible ways to communicate with members. Between Journals we have the Chairman's Newsflash which goes to our 1,670 online members and is also available on our RSS newsfeed. On the inbound side, Roy Rayment continues to man our freephone telephone number for the public as well as members to reach the Guild for general enquiries. The website continues to be an important vehicle for publishing news and information about the Guild.

The e-mail alias service (your **one-name.org** addresses) continues to provide valuable communications identification with the Guild, although the overall reliability of e-mail as a delivery mechanism continues to be a problem and spam filtering remains a challenge. In November 2006 Gerald Cooke took over the role of Data Manager, overseeing the alias service, and he reports that despite the unwanted spam that does get through, some 20,000 items are quarantined every day. Due to Gerald's diligent work in fine-tuning the management features, the level of spam has now dropped and a review is under way to make further improvements.

### • Web-based activities

Profiles and Archives continue to be added to on the Guild site, though the take-up of the former in particular has been slower than anticipated, with some 308 of the 2,086 registered Guild studies having a profile page. Remember, this is your opportunity to promote your study on the Guild's site – they are free and open to anyone who has a registered study with the Guild. There are many people here at the conference who have successfully demonstrated how easy it is to set one up and Paul Millington will be happy to show you how to go about it for your study. If you are seriously interested in getting more contacts from those interested in your registered surnames, then you should think about getting a Profile. The use of the Guild Archive facility has also progressed slower than was hoped, with just 120 members now using the service.

The main development during the year has been the introduction of individual passwords for the members' room. This means an end to the password being printed on some of the paperwork accompanying the journal. You are now free to choose your own password and this can remain unchanged for as long as you wish. If you have not received your new password go to **[www.one-name.org/forgotten.html](http://www.one-name.org/forgotten.html)** to have your password issued to your registered Guild e-mail address. The forms for changing your personal details, e-mail address and website can now automatically be pre-filled with the information that the Guild currently holds for you, and it is anticipated further developments will take place in this area during the forthcoming year.

This report marks the end of the stewardship of Paul Millington as Webmaster, a position he has held for six years. Paul hopes to be able to continue

in supporting the Guild's website in its various electronic projects and wishes his successor all the best in maintaining the site. I'm sure you would join me in thanking Paul for the tremendous job he has done over the last six years.

### • Marriage Index

Mary Rix, supported by Peter Alefounder, continues to run this index. The GMI has increased during the year and now has 429,569 entries (up 17%) from 440 members (up 48%). It has benefited from extra entries provided from the Marriage Challenges.

### • Guild Forum

The Guild Forum, managed by Sharon Symons, continues to be a vibrant exchange of views and advice on one-name studies and some 31% of our online members are subscribed to the Forum. In the last year, over 8,100 messages have been posted on the Forum. During the year the software which Rootsweb uses to run their mailing lists was changed. The actual changeover seemed to go quite smoothly, but recently it has been realised that not all messages are being delivered to all subscribers. This situation is not unique to the Guild Forum and Rootsweb are working on the problem.

### • Marriage Challenge

Coordinated by Peter Copsey, Marriage Challenge continues to be a great success and encourages members to undertake searches in deposited marriage registers for particular registration districts. Over 100 Challenges have now been completed or are in progress and the number of marriages found for our members is approaching 30,000. The project is of particular benefit to those who have difficulty in reaching record offices in the area where their particular name is common and a special benefit to our members overseas.

### • Guild Library

For many years our library has lain unused and largely unknown to members but this situation is beginning to change. Cliff Kemball took on the role of Guild Librarian (on a temporary basis) and we now have a catalogue of 500 books which is recorded on the Guild website and was included in the Guild CD celebrating 100 Guild Journals. The Guild catalogue will be updated on the Guild website every six months in January and July.

The library catalogue provides a list of all the books currently held in the Guild's Library. Against each book title there is an indication of whether the book can be loaned to members, searched by the Guild librarian for any specific surname or is available for reference purposes only. The Guild library is beginning to be used again and we hope that this use will gradually increase in the future.

### • E-Library

Following the digitisation of over 120,000 pages of material from the Guild Library, the E-Library

continues to expand with the donation of additional ONS material in digitised format. The E-Library catalogue was included on the Guild CD and the catalogue is also available on the Guild website.

More donors of the original material have provided "release" authority to enable their material to be searched by the E-Librarian, Colin Patrick, on behalf of Guild members. Colin can now provide members (on request) with all occurrences of a registered name in the E-library in one document, thus making the E-library more accessible.

The completion of the digitisation project means that it is now easier for the Guild to distribute material and, we hope, will make our archived studies and other documents more accessible than ever before.

### • Findmypast

The Guild has continued with its close relationship with Findmypast.com and we are particularly pleased that they have sponsored the conference again this year. Guild members can obtain a 10% bonus on the units they purchase by quoting the promotional code. Cliff Kemball can provide off-line members with a look-up service to the many databases held by Findmypast.

### • Other Lookups

The Guild continues to provide lookups from selected CD-ROMs. These are currently:

- Biography database
- Soldiers Died In the Great War
- The Army Roll of Honour - WWII
- Armies of the Crown
- The Complete Peerage

### • Wiki or Guild Knowledge Store

This pilot project has now been formally recognised as a permanent Guild feature. The Wiki allows all members to share their knowledge and expertise with others. Some 75 pages have now been created and form a valuable source of information about how to carry out a one-name study and find useful sources.

### • DNA

The DNA Advisory Group, led by Susan Meates, has continued to assist the Committee with this important but complex topic. Four DNA Newsflashes have been sent to some 69 members interested in the topic. Surveys of DNA projects have provided valuable feedback to the Group. More active members are sought for this Advisory Group.

### • Conclusion

*In conclusion, the Guild remains in good health and I trust that the new blood on the Committee will allow the Guild to make further progress in the forthcoming year. Ultimately, the Guild is not just an organisation, but a group of people dedicated to a common cause. I trust that the membership recognises and values the efforts of those that have achieved all that I have described. ○*

# Publishing on the web – how to get started, the easy options and more advanced methods

## *Deciding which to use is the hardest part!*

*AT the Guild's Publishing Seminar at Bletchley Park in February, one of the speakers was TERESA PASK (Member 293), who entertained and enthused those attending with a very informative talk on starting and maintaining a website.*

*Teresa, a winner and then a judge of the Guild's Web Award, spoke about the various methods of publishing on the Internet. The Journal invited her to turn her lecture into an article for the benefit of members unable to be present at Bletchley Park.*

**I**F YOU can e-mail, upload files or use a genealogy software program, then you have enough knowledge and experience to publish to the web. The hardest part is deciding what method you are going to use!

There are an overwhelming number of options now available. My intention in this article is to cover



some of these alternatives and provide some evaluation criteria that will enable you to determine what method may suit you.

Many of these publishing options have been detailed in previous Issues of the Journal, on the Forum and in the Guild's Wiki. Indeed, our Chairman, Peter Walker, has provided a significant

**BY TERESA PASK** insight into these topics. So, to avoid too much duplication, I will focus on four of the main options available:

- Easy alternatives – Guild Profile and Blogs
- GEDCOM-based publishing
- PHP-based websites
- Tailor-made websites

### Why publish to the web?

The majority of us use the Internet for searching, and exchanging information, mainly by e-mail. If you have virtual presence, the likelihood of others finding you increases significantly. For example, in my comparatively small Euridge/Urledge One-Name Study in the period 1980–2001, before the Internet was readily available, I was in contact with 20

people by letter. They had no visibility on the extent of information I had. In the period 2001–2006, since I started publishing to the web, I have 150-plus contacts.

I have received photographs of my own ancestors that in my wildest of dreams I never thought existed. Only recently I received over 100 photographs, certificates and documents dating back to the early 1800s from a non-related elderly lady who was concerned that when she dies it will all be destroyed. She had found my website and could see that I was dedicated to sharing my research and this encouraged her to contact me.

### Skills, effort and costs

Of course, the downside is that there is increased effort and possible costs involved. To assist you in your decision-making, for each publishing option the following evaluation criteria is provided:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>■ Technical Skills:</b>                    |   |
| +++   | Challenging, large learning curve may need additional support |
| ++  | Fairly easy, up and running within an hour                    |
| +   | If you can create e-mails you can do this                     |
| <b>■ Maintenance Effort (For each update)</b> |   |
| +++   | Allow more than one hour                                      |
| ++  | Less than one hour  |
| +   | None, or very little  |
| <b>■ Maintenance Cost*</b>                    |   |
| +++   | Monthly outgoings of over £3 less than £5                     |
| ++  | Monthly outgoings of over £1 less than £3                     |
| +   | Free  |
| <b>■ Advantages</b>                           |   |
| <b>■ Disadvantages</b>                        |   |

\* Maintenance Costs does not include the family history program

Figure 1 – Skills, effort and cost criteria

### Easy alternatives – Guild Profile

#### Technical + Maintenance + Cost +

The Guild Profile is by far the easiest way of having a virtual presence. The main advantages of the Guild Profile are that all the technical work is done for you and that it is free. If you can write, you can use this method and it can also be made available for non-computer users. It is easy to use – you just complete the template. It then automatically becomes part of the Guild website, indexed by Google and other search engines.

Everyone I have spoken to has been amazed at the number of new contacts as a direct result of



their profile, and how often it is viewed by others.

## Easy alternatives – Blogs

### Technical + Maintenance + Cost +

Another easy alternative is a blog – a **Web LOG** enables you to quickly post research notes, interest-

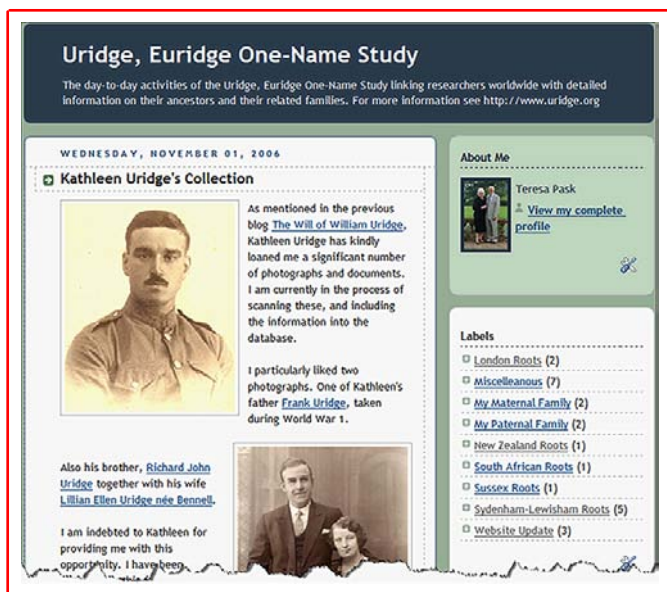


Figure 2: Uridge, Euridge One-Name Study blog

ing snippets, interact with people, and more. I use the Google blogger. It is easily set up and takes less than five minutes by following the three easy steps to creating your own blog. My blogs are the *Uridge, Euridge One-Name Study Blog* and the *Pask, Paske One-Name Study Blog*.

## Regular update

I regularly update the blogs with relevant information on any new enquiries received. This enables me to provide immediate information back to the enquirer and at the same time provide information to other researchers.

This provides a sense of community, as often photographs, certificates and other snippets of information materialise from long forgotten areas that did not seem relevant when first found.

If you are unsure what could be included, look at existing blogs like Jan Cooper's *Greathead Blog* or Peter Walker's *Hollyer One-Name Blog* or the well known *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*. I also label, or categorise, the information in the blog. This provides an easy method of locating information for a specific tree, location or relevant

chart. The blog also provides a chronological record of the past and present content.

I encourage my researchers to receive notifications when there is a new entry. I recommend them to use the website *Change Detection* to monitor my blogs. The monitoring is easy to use and quick to set up. Of course this can be applied for any website.

The advantages of blogs are that if you can create an e-mail you can use this method. It is free and very easy to use. It is standalone or you can link it to your website to provide a dynamic update. It is very customisable, there are lots of templates, and different options for the main layout.

## Individual website

### Technical +++ Maintenance +++ Cost ++/+++

I will not go too deep into the topic of design approach, domains and web editors. Essential reading on this can be found in the Guild Knowledge Store. For my own websites, **www.uridge.org** and **www.pask.org.uk** I use *Dreamweaver*, a technically challenging web editor. I do not have any HTML or programming skills and you really do not need them. Just patience and determination, and probably some help from others. I host my website on **www.uk2.net**.

To reduce the website maintenance I have static pages – once set up they require very little change.

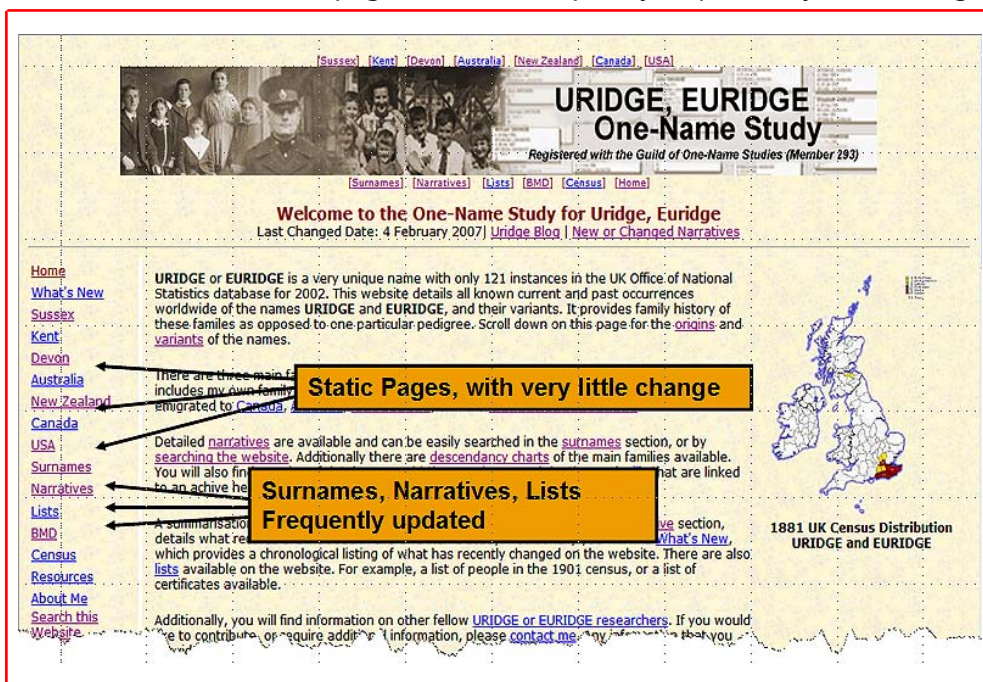


Figure 3: the Uridge, Euridge ONS website

However, the surnames, detailed narratives and lists are frequently updated. I use the family history software program, *The Master Genealogist* (TMG) with the companion product *Second Site*, written by John Cardinal. *Second Site* automatically transforms the data from TMG into a website that can either be used standalone or in a website that is accessed through links from the static pages. All the files are



### URIDGE, EURIDGE One-Name Study Narratives

This is the detailed narratives section of the website. If you came here directly from a search engine it is recommended that you start at the home page of the Uridge, Euridge One-Name Study.

[Master Index](#) - [Surname Index](#) - [Master Place Index](#) - [New or Changed Narratives](#) - [Charts](#) - [Return to Home Page](#)

To make it easier for you to search for a person in a specific location a [Master Place Index](#) is available, sorted by Country, County, Town.

Additional information is provided in the [sources](#), including images. Some images require [Acrobat Adobe Reader](#). Larger documents and images take longer to load.

#### Key to Icons:

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | Related to Teresa Pask                                    |
|  | Multiple birth (twins)                                    |
|  | Certificate - Birth, Marriages or Death Certificate.      |
|  | Census Image or Transcript.                               |
|  | Miscellaneous Document in Portable Document Format (PDF). |
|  | Photograph  |
|  | Photograph of a house                                     |
|  | Photograph of a grave                                     |
|  | Passenger list, or additional information on a ship       |

Although all due care has been taken, I cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information. Please [notify me](#) of any errors that you find. I will happily correct them.

This page was created by John Cardinal's [Second Site](#) v1.9.9.

Site updated on 23 Apr 2007 at 21:29:44 from URIDGE ONE-NAME STUDY; 2,595 people

Figure 4: initial page of Second Site-generated web pages

generated and pages compiled with all the hyperlinks to individual narratives, graphics, charts, lists, and indexes within a few minutes. These are included in one folder and this is then uploaded to my website.

Alternatively, this folder can be included in a CD or DVD for distribution to your family or fellow researchers. There is significant support and a Rootsweb mailing list for both TMG and Second Site.

The advantages of using this approach are that it is very customisable. The look-and-feel of static pages and the Second Site-generated webpages can be unique. Second Site is very quick to learn and easy to use. Publishing direct from my TMG data reduces data maintenance significantly.

The main disadvantages are that the initial design and setup of your own website, and the learning

normally under reporting or export functions. There are several websites that provide space for you to publish your tree online, by uploading a GEDCOM file.

The following websites provide easy-to-use tools to upload and maintain GEDCOM-based information. For example:

- RootsWeb World Connect
- FamilySearch Pedigree Resource File
- GeneaNet
- GenCircles (free, with a pay-to-view option)
- Ancestry World Tree (pay-to-view)
- Genes Reunited (pay-to-view)

If you are unsure which one to use, then why not try them out by searching for your own surname?

Always read their upload instructions. Pay attention to how you can maintain, or update the data, particularly as to whether you can delete your data. Also, whether you can prevent others from downloading your GEDCOM to use elsewhere without your knowledge.

I have been using GenCircles for some time. Their 3-step process begins with registration, as will be seen in the

Figure 5: GenCircles Search Page



**Begin Your Registration**

Your name: (Max 40 characters)  
The name you enter will be how other GenCircles' users will see it. Please write your name how you'd like it displayed.

Your email address:

Choose a username: (Max 15 characters. Only letters, numbers, and dashes please.)  
Please choose your username based on how you'd like the future address of your genealogy to appear. For example, if you upload your genealogy to GenCircles' Global Tree, it will be available at: [http://www.gencircles.com/users/username\\_here](http://www.gencircles.com/users/username_here)

Create a password: (Max 15 characters, passwords are Case-SENSITIVE)

Confirm your password:

Figure 6: GenCircles – Step 1 Registration

**GenCircles** [global tree](#) [clubs](#) [my gencircles](#) [smartmatching](#)

[login / logout](#)  
[register](#)  
[help](#)

[Home](#)  
[Search](#)  
[Upload](#)  
[Instructions](#)  
[FAQ](#)

[Our Promise](#)  
[Privacy Policy](#)

**Search Global Tree**  
First Name:  
Last Name:  
  
[More Options](#)

**Enjoy GenCircles?**  
If so, don't keep it a secret! Let a friend know and help us spread the word.  
[Click Here](#)  
If not, let us know how to make it better by sending

**Upload Your GEDCOM File**

To contribute to the Global Tree, you will need a GEDCOM file with your genealogical information. A "GEDCOM" is a file generated by a family tree program. In most major family tree software packages, you can export your file to GEDCOM format. If you have your GEDCOM file stored in a ZIP file, you may upload that file to save time. You should name your file something that others can associate with, such as "Ancestors of John Smith".  
All information on living individuals in your file will be hidden from viewing by anyone other than the owner of the file. This includes all sources, notes, and facts about living individuals.

Name your file:   
Select your file:

☒ Include in GeneaNet (Recommended) [Read More](#)  
☒ Share Limited Pieces of My GEDCOM (Recommended) [Read More](#)

[Switch to Advanced Mode](#)

**Our system detected that you have already uploaded one or more GEDCOM's. Are you trying to update an existing file? This form should only be used to add a file. To update your file, [click here](#) and select Update next to your file.**

Other users will never be able to copy or download your file. If you have any questions about the uploading process, see our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or send us [feedback](#).  
Uploading your file can take a long time. Depending on your connection, the upload can also terminate on its way. If your upload does not fully transfer, we will not process a partial file. You can be sure that your file was sent properly when you get a message that says: Congratulations. If you have trouble uploading your file, give it a few tries first before giving up. If you continue to have problems, we suggest you use [Family Tree Legends](#), which allows you to publish your file to GenCircles with ease.

**More Information**

**What is the Global Tree project?**  
The Global Tree is an ambitious project to build a searchable database of genealogical data. Our project is different from other "world" tree type web sites because we allow you to interact with your data and with other genealogists in new ways. Here's what makes us unique:

- Genealogists will be able to post messages on your file and on individuals in your file. The integrity of your data will not be compromised in any way and you can delete these messages at any time. By doing this, you can have others

Figure 7: GenCircles – Step 2 Upload

**URIDGE-EURIDGE One Name Study**

**File Title:**

**File Description:**  
Here you can describe to other users what kind of data can be found in your file. Often users explain the predominant geographical regions of their research, or describe areas where they are seeking more information. The description text will appear on your file's start page, right below the title. Descriptions are completely optional. You can edit this description as many times as you'd like, and it will immediately show up on your file's start page. **HTML is permitted in this message.**

**File Options:**  
☐ Include in GENDEX (Recommended) [Read More](#)  
☐ Include in GeneaNet (Recommended) [Read More](#)  
☒ Hide all Notes on all individuals  
☒ Hide all Sources on all individuals  
☐ Fix Split Notes - Use this option if your notes appear to have words split in half.

**Privatization Level:**  
☒ **Standard Privatization** Only the name and sex of living individuals will be shown. All other information on living individuals will be hidden from the view of anyone but the owner of the file.  
☐ **No Privatization** No privatization will be applied. All information on both living and dead individuals will be shown.  
☐ **First Name Privatization** This privatization option is the same as Standard, except that the first name of every living individual will be changed to the word "Living". John Smith would change to Living Smith.  
☐ **Full Privatization** All traces of living individuals are removed. This includes name and sex, as well as ANY data whatsoever on living individuals.

**Specify:**

- File Title
- File Description
- File Options
- Privatization Level

Figure 8: GenCircles – File Preferences

illustrations Also in Step 3, you can set the file preferences for whether you will allow others to download your data. and the extent of what you want to share. This includes several options - multiple ancestors, restrict to a defined number of generations, immediate family or individuals, or no sharing whatsoever. This website is different from other "world" tree type websites because it allows you to interact with your data and with other genealogists in new ways. Through their Matching technology, it analyses your genealogy to help you find other genealogists to work with.

The advantages of using the option of GEDCOM publishing are that it is quick to learn and easy to use. GenCircles has an excellent FAQ section, covering most questions. The disadvantages are that some sites are very difficult to change or delete your data once you have provided it. Also, some sites provide data to others and you must read the small print.

Alternatively, if you have webspace you can use a GEDCOM conversion software, and publish it yourself.

## PHP-Based websites

**Technical + Maintenance + Cost +/+**

The final publishing option I am going to cover is possibly the most innovative, up-to-date approach. It produces a sophisticated, dynamic website (See Figure 9: *PhpGedView*, on the next page).

This new technology is PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor. PHP is an HTML-embedded scripting language. Don't be blinded by science! You do not need to know this, or

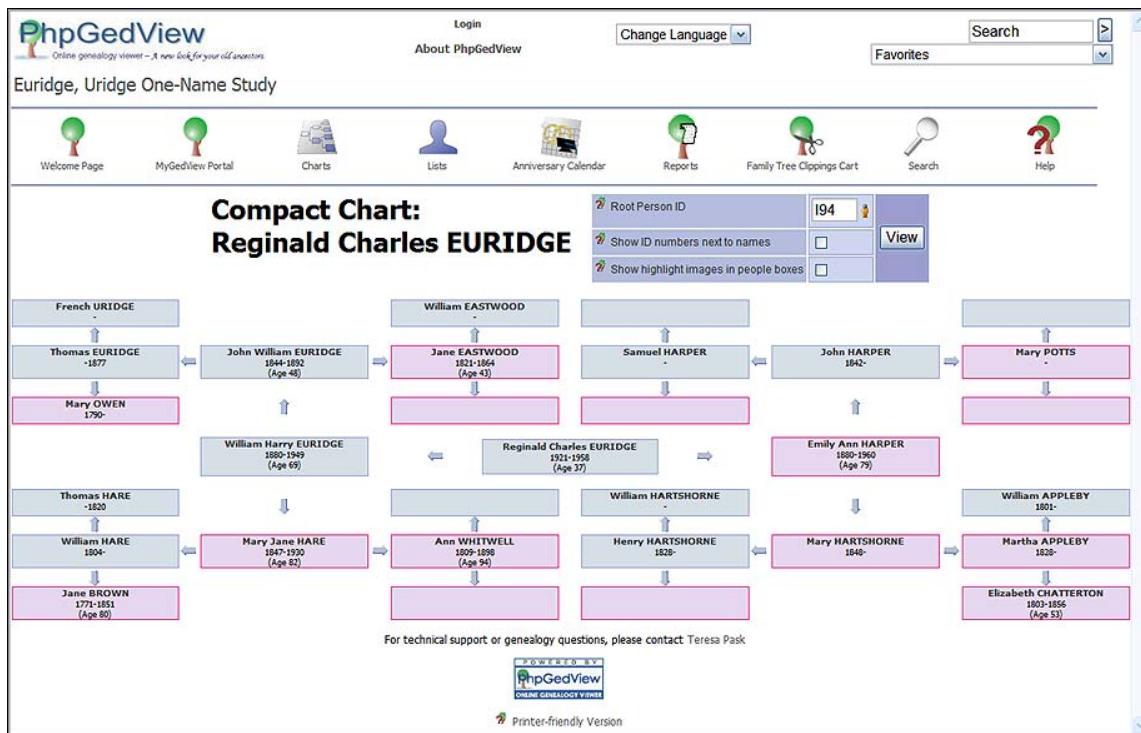


Figure 9: PhpGedView

have any of the technical background information.

PHP provides a dynamic view of your genealogical data. You can choose to customise it to your requirements, and it also allows the person viewing your website to dynamically customise their view to meet their requirements. Additionally, it supports an optional collaboration community approach. The authorisation concept is excellent and gives you total control on who sees what.

I have chosen a hosted website by PGV Hosting. This is a company that sets everything up for you, hosts your website and is available with fast support if required. It is amazingly quick to set up and does not need a technological background. Using a hosted company takes the mystique out of it. I signed up for the service, uploaded a GEDCOM file,

and paid a monthly payment of \$5.95 US dollars, and 4–6 hours later they notified me it was up and running. I did not have to install anything or set up a website, domain, or anything complex.

It is a powerful way to manage and display your genealogy data on the internet. It can store your data on your server instead of on your own hard drive. Alternatively, you can create a GEDCOM from your genealogy software and upload it to your website. You can make it private, so that only you can see the data. Or you can give access to a few other family members or to everyone. You can also allow other people to add information.

This method can grow with your experience, or you can leave as is and just update it periodically with your latest GEDCOM. There are no additional

costs, just the \$5.95 per month for up to 5,000 individuals or \$8.95 per month for over 5,000.

The PGV Hosting signup web page is easy to use and after completion, you upload your GEDCOM.

The system then prompts you through a 3-step process. First step is to upload your GEDCOM file. This took 45 seconds on my computer. You use a similar process to

Figure 10: PGV Hosting signup web page



maintain your data later if you are working in a genealogy program on your personal computer. Alternatively, if you have broadband, you can opt to maintain your data directly in the website, using the in-built genealogy software.

The second step is to set the access and privacy settings. The standard defaults are predefined for you. The final result is a clean, crisp, flexible website

website are that if you can upload a GEDCOM file you can use this method to produce a very sophisticated dynamic website that supports an optional, collaboration community approach. It is very customisable for you and the person viewing your site. The disadvantage is that if you decide to maintain online you will need a broadband connection.

## Download

In this article I have endeavoured to provide a small snippet of an extensive array of options now available on the Internet. The choice is yours to suit your knowledge, expertise, time available for maintenance and what you can afford.

*If you are interested in more detail on the options discussed, you can download the presentation I gave at the Publishing Seminar at Bletchley Park last February. This presentation provides screenshots and additional information. The link can be found on my blog.* ○

Figure 11: GEDCOM Privacy Settings

that dynamically produces views based on the requirements of the person viewing the webpage. They can see a concise or a detailed view.

Of course, if you want to be technically chal-

## References:

Google Blogger: <http://www.blogger.com>

Uridge, Euridge One-Name Study Blog:

<http://euridge.blogspot.com>

Pask, Paske ONS Blog:

<http://pask-paske.blogspot.com>

One-name study of the surname Greathead:

<http://greathead-one-name-study.blogspot.com/>

Hollyer One-Name Study Blog:

<http://hollyer.blogspot.com/>

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter:

<http://blog.eogn.com/>

Change Detection:

<http://www.changedetection.com/monitor.html>

PHP web-hosting solution: PGV Hosting:

<http://www.pgvhosting.com/>

Presentation download:

[http://www.pask.org.uk/Blog/Family\\_History\\_Presentations.html](http://www.pask.org.uk/Blog/Family_History_Presentations.html)

## Pedigree Tree: Reginald Charles EURIDGE

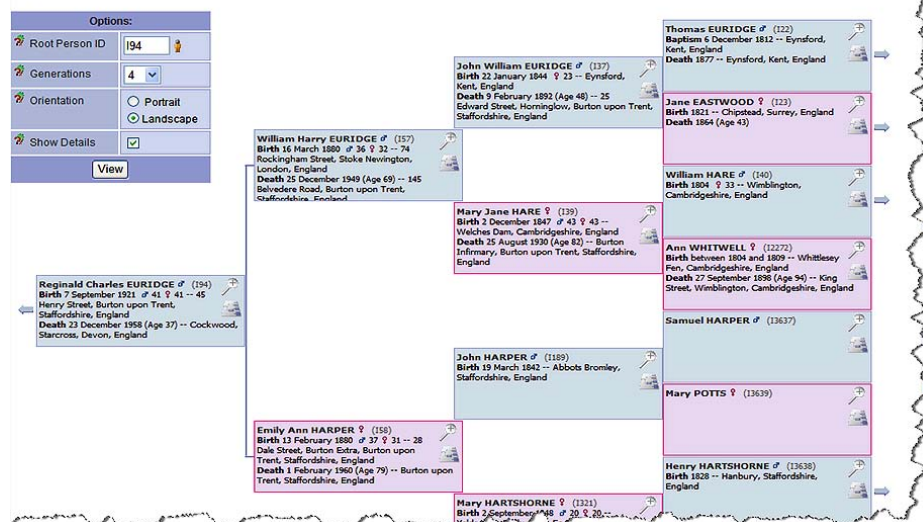


Figure 12: PHP Pedigree Tree

lenged and already have a website that supports a MySQL database, there are several PHP-based programs. If this is the case, my choice would be *The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding*, known as TNG. I know several Guild members who have excellent websites using this software.

To summarise, the advantages of using a PHP

**L**ittle did I realise back in 1977/8 when I started my epic journey into family history, where it would take me. I was serving on the Queen's Flight at RAF Benson at the time and, from my interest in collecting memorabilia as part of the Queen's Silver Jubilee the previous year, I had also obtained copies of the royal family tree.

Little did I realise, nearly 25 years on, how much of the royal genealogy would appear alongside my own family tree and history.

Since those early days, family history has taken me down many roads and avenues, including some dead ends. In recent years, with the assistance of the College of Arms in London, and after many visits to the Bodleian Library and Westgate Library in Oxford, as well as trips to villages and churches in and around Banbury, the Herald from the College of Arms wrote to confirm that my direct line lineage could be traced back to Adderbury in North Oxfordshire in the late seventeenth century. This pleased me and

gave me the satisfaction that at least I knew I was on the right track. Since then I have been endeavouring to further my lineage.

With the able assistance of Mrs Shirley Smith of Sutton Coldfield in Birmingham, also researching the surname Judd(e), as well as Burdett and Smith, research on the family has been extended to other areas, county and records offices. Visits to Birmingham Reference Library over the last year or so has given us much useful and early medieval information including Calendar of State Papers, Inquisitions Post Mortem, Deeds, Patent Rolls and much more.

The best possible use has been made of having a home computer and access has been gained to the worldwide web including *FamilySearch*, TNA catalogues, Access to Archives and many others, I would urge other family historians to utilise their computer if they have one, but to treat any information with caution.

Approximately three years ago I joined the Guild of One-Name Studies and this has assisted in some way to furthering my research on the Judd(e) family. I have folders/files for each county for which I have information on a Judd family, so as each enquiry comes in now from people across the world, I am able to see at a glance if I can put them in touch with others and what I have on each family – in some cases just a small family group, in others several generations of information.

Attending family history fairs across the south of England has also been of great interest and has

born fruit on several occasions.

Having reached a stage with my seventeenth century research (See diagram A) where I felt it was becoming difficult due to lack of parish records and material, I have now started to look at other families that my Judd(e) ancestors were connected to by not only marriage, but through business and land transactions, etc., to get a better understanding of local history and social standing of the family. Documents such as wills, deeds, indentures, graves, tombs, church plaques, etc., have all helped, with some references to web pages on my home computer.

This is as far as I have traced my Judd(e) family and efforts to locate the baptisms for Thomas and

Dorothy have come to nothing. It is thought that Thomas was born circa 1605 somewhere in Warwickshire and Dorothy Swetnam in Clifton, near Deddington, Oxfordshire. Records for this parish do not commence until 1631, so the only way to possibly take this further is by wills or deeds. Thomas and Dorothy Judd's first-

born, a son, was named Ezekiel, which may be a clue to Thomas's parentage.

## From the Queen's Flight to links to the royal family tree – progress of a one-name study



By  
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|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Thomas Judd<br>Chandler | + Dorothy Judd<br>Formerly Swetnam<br>Married on 24 February 1627<br>Horley, Oxford |
|-------------------------|---|

**Diagram A**

The surname Judd is spelt variously as JUD, JUDD, JUDGE, JUDE and in some cases JUDGE. The Swetnam surname is spelt variously as SWETNAM, SWEATNAM, SWEATMAN, and SWETENHAM. The surname Judd is spread across much of England from Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Nottingham to Devon, Cornwall and Kent. The surname Swetenham originates in Cheshire/Staffordshire. It is most probable that the Judde/Jude family originally came from Kent, Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire, as early documents prove this to be the case circa 1235.

Some of the other families I have now started to include in my research are:

- COPE – of Hanwell and related to Spencer.
- DANVERS – of Culworth, Horley and London.
- FANE – of Kent and Oxfordshire, related to Cope.
- DARRELL – originally of Sessay, Yorkshire, also Kent and Wiltshire, related to Harcourt.
- CHICHE – of Canterbury, Kent, related to Judde.

## Sir Andrew Judd, grammar school founder and Lord Mayor of London

THE JUDD family of Kent were well established in and around Tonbridge and had been located in the vicinity of Tudeley, Capel and Brenchley for well over 200 years when Sir Andrew Judd founded Tonbridge Grammar School in the year 1553. The earliest recorded Judd found to date in Kent is one Ralph Judd, mentioned in Calendar of Close Rolls dated 34 Edward III (3 February 1360 – Reading).

Sir Andrew Judd's father was John Judd of Tunbridge, Kent, Esquire and Gentleman, who died on Feb 2 1492/3 and was buried at Tonbridge. His will was dated February 1492 and proved in September 1493. John was married to Margaret Chiche, the eldest daughter and heir of Allen or Valentine Chiche (she was previously married to Clovell of Essex). The date of marriage must have been circa 1480.

Thomas Judd, the eldest son, was born circa 1485. Thomas married firstly the daughter of Henry Clovill/ Clovell of Wykeford (Wickford) in Essex. She must have died young or in childbirth, as Thomas went on to marry Mary Rushe. Thomas was described as an Esquire and as Founders Kin of All Souls College in Oxford in 1501. He became Groom & Yeoman of the Laundry in 1518. His will was dated 1533 and he is buried at Wickford, Essex.

Sir Andrew Judd was the sixth child of John and Margaret Judd, born prior to 1492 at Barden, Kent. He married firstly Margaret or Mary Mirfin, the daughter of Sir Thomas Mirfin. Andrew married secondly Agnes or Annys (maiden name not known) and thirdly Mary Langton, a widow, previously Mathew. Sir Andrew Judd was a skinner, merchant and Mayor of the Calais Staple. He was Lord Mayor of London in 1550. Sir Andrew died on September 4 1558 and is buried at St Helen's, Bishopsgate, London. From his three marriages, Sir Andrew Judd's children included:

- John Judd, who inherited a large amount of property from his father. In 1550 he became a Freeman by Patrimony and was mentioned in a list of Skinners in 1558 when Calais fell.

- Richard Judd also inherited a large amount of property from his father. Richard was supposed to have departed England in May 1555 for Russia.

Sir Andrew Judd had property in Leicestershire (Ulverscroft Priory), Hertfordshire, Surrey and Kent, as well as property dealings with the Humberstone and Leigh family of Stoneleigh in Warwickshire. ○

- FIENNES – of Herstmonceaux, Newton Toney, Wiltshire, and Broughton, Banbury.
- HARCOURT – of Stanton Harcourt, Oxford, related to Darrell and Fiennes family
- WILLOUGHBY – of Tamworth and London, early

adventurers.

- CATESBY – of Gunpowder Plot fame in 1605, of Warwickshire and London.
- LOVELL – of Oxfordshire and Wars of the Roses.
- RALEGH – of Farnborough Hall, Oxfordshire.
- SPENCER – of Wormleighton, Oxfordshire.
- GREY – at Agincourt, of Leicester.
- HOLLAND – at Agincourt.
- BROWNE – of Kent, London and Banbury.
- WHITE – of Reading, London and Abingdon.
- THROCKMORTON – of Warwickshire, Gunpowder Plot, 1605.
- WINTER – of Bristol, Gloucester and London.
- LIGHT – of Horley in Oxford, member of the Calais Staple.
- BLOUNT – of Oxfordshire.
- CHICHELE – of Higham Ferrers and London, 14th century Archbishop of Canterbury.

### Royal links

And, I hear you ask, what has all of this got to do with a royal family tree?

Well, to start with, Thomas Lovell was Chancellor of the Exchequer, Treasurer of the Royal Household and Speaker of Henry VII's first Parliament. Sir Robert Harcourt was Standard Bearer to Henry VII at Bosworth Field (1485), William Cope was Cofferer to Henry VII, Stephen Cope was Sergeant of the Butlery and Gentleman of the Bedchamber to Henry VII and then Sergeant of the Butlery and Poultry to Henry VIII.

As Archbishop of Canterbury, Henry Chichele had close links with Henry V and was at the battle of Agincourt in 1415. Sir Anthony Cope was Chamberlain to Queen Catherine Parr and a Sir Edward Darrell was appointed as Vice Chamberlain and Keeper of Katherine of Aragon's Park at Chilton Foliat in Berkshire. A Thomas Judd was at Agincourt under Sir John Grey. All of these families have connections to my own Judd(e) family one way or another, but I am still trying to piece it all together. However, it just shows where family history can take you.

I believe my Judd family may have been Men at Arms or Retainers back in medieval times and possibly up to the time of the Wars of the Roses when through either luck, chance or good fortune they inherited or came by land and property and became yeoman/husbandmen farmers.

*My advice to fellow enthusiasts is to use all the sources available to you and not to give up, also look at other families related or connected to your own. Get in touch with those researching these families and exchange information. It may not be relevant now – but, who knows, in two-three years' time it could be the vital piece of information you are looking for?*

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# Scenes from the Guild's 28th Annual Conference and AGM at the Hampshire Centrecourt, Basingstoke



Top picture: Conference Organiser Kirsty Gray (left) and helpers at the check-in desk  
Above: members deep in thought during the Friday night fun quiz



Guild President Derek Palgrave opens the conference, flanked by Secretary Kirsty Gray, Chairman Peter Walker and Treasurer Cliff Kemball



Above: Peter Walker delivers his Chairman's report to the conference  
Above, right: Chris Braund, co-organiser of the 2008 Annual Conference in Devon, tells of the goodies to come!



Above and below: Guild delegates gather for the opening of the conference



Howard Benbrook enthuses on the delights awaiting at the Bookstall



Above: Peter Walker presents the Guild Web Award to Anne Shankland  
Below, left: Polly Rubery demonstrates a point to Sandra Turner and (below, right) the meeting of Regional Reps



Conference venue, the Hampshire Centrecourt Hotel at Basingstoke



Pictures by GORDON ADSHEAD and ROY STOCKDILL







*THE GUILD'S Annual Conference and AGM, the highlight of our year, was held this year at the Hampshire Centrecourt Hotel at Basingstoke. The Journal deputed Committee member STEVE WHITAKER and another Guild member, CHALMERS CURSLEY, to cast their beady eyes on the proceedings and bring us their own individual reports and impressions – without, as they say, fear or favour, affection or ill will.*

**B**ASINGSTOKE is known more for its roundabouts than its history. Still, I'm sure the Guild can make it interesting. That was what I was thinking as I drove down to Basingstoke...and I was right.

The entertainment started with the traditional Friday night quiz, organised by Kirsty Gray, who had named all the teams



**By STEVE WHITAKER**

after English counties. A mix of genealogical questions and general knowledge kept us on our toes for some hours but, sadly, my team, Derbyshire, didn't feature in the podium places when the final totals were announced. Still, it kept us all entertained and looking forward to the days to come. At this point we started looking for a pool table but couldn't find one, so had to just sit in the bar and drink beer (*These conferences can be terribly hard work – Editor*).

## Committee election

The next day started, as it must, with the AGM. There was, however, a departure from the norm, as we had the results of the contested election for the Committee, the first one for some years. If I can just use this soap-box, I'd like to thank everyone

who voted for me! Details of the new Committee are available on the website.

Chairman Peter Walker then presented his summary of the last year. Membership has increased and he talked through the services provided to members, but volunteers are still required. Money is available for new projects, which brings me to the Treasurer's Report. Cliff Kemball's presentation showed that, as intended, we were running a deficit for the year. This is intended to bring our reserves down, as Charity Commission rules dictate. There was some discussion over this and concerns were expressed, but Cliff made it clear that this is only to happen for the next year or so and the Committee will take care not to approve expenditure required beyond this.

Next, the Web and Journal awards were announced. The winners were Anne Shankland – who is our new webmaster, which is encouraging for the progress of the Guild website – and the Sole Society.

Finally, the AGM closed with an reminder of the 2008 AGM.

The first speaker of the day was Maggie Bird, who talked



*Maggie Bird, who spoke on Metropolitan Police records*

about Metropolitan Police records. Even for those like me, who have few Londoners in our study, this proved entertaining. Maggie talked of the formation

of the Met in 1829 in order to prevent, amongst other things, the garotting of members of the public. The records are mostly held in The National Archives, but unfortunately there is no single index to police officers, so it is not simple to check a registered name. They are, however, preparing a website for family historians which will probably be worth investigating.

Next, it was the turn of Dr Pamela Horn on Victorian Elementary Schools. In the early Victorian period, many elementary schools were set up by



*Dr Pamela Horn speaking on Victorian elementary schools*

voluntary agencies, particularly the National Schools backed by the Church of England. The records of these are normally kept at the county record offices where they survive. Of particular significance is the year 1880, when school attendance, in theory, became compulsory, so all one-namers should find entries for their name after that date. It struck me when listening to the activities of the school log books how familiar some of it sounded, with complaints of the numbers of tests to which pupils were submitted and the attitude of some parents.

Lunch was then served. In my opinion, the meals this year weren't as good as they have been in past years. The menus seemed remarkably repetitive. Still, we don't go to conference for the food.

The post-lunch graveyard shift

was taken by Kathy Chater on Black Ancestry. Now, you might think that this was not a subject relevant to the vast majority of Guild members but Kathy was at pains to point out that this was not the case. It is estimated that 10–20,000 black people came to Britain between the 1660s and the abolition of slavery in 1807. Many of them will have had families and left descendants.

Often, the difficulty is in establishing their colour. Often their colour wasn't even mentioned in parish records, but newspapers and physical descriptions on joining the army and navy are worth investigating.

Next, we had a presentation on Dr. Williams' Library in London, by Alan Ruston. The library holds a large number of Nonconformist records, including Baptists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians and Unitarians, but not those of Roman Catholics or Methodists. The most important of these, in family history terms, is probably the Registers, a voluntary system by which people could send in the details of births and, upon payment of sixpence, have them recorded.

Of course, this presages the introduction of civil registration, which was introduced after protests by Nonconformist groups, including at weddings.

In addition, the library holds a substantial number of records of dissenting ministers, if you can separate the genealogical information from the theology.

The final presentation of the day was scheduled to be a demonstration on find-

mypast.com, but due to technical difficulties, we had some free time instead, an opportunity to use some of the hotel's facilities and prepare for the evening's banquet. This was, as usual, an opportunity to chat about our studies and whether the dessert was actually going to turn up.

On Sunday morning we had a late start to allow for the ecumenical service and the regional reps' meeting, and possibly for recovery from any hangovers.

Our first speaker was Paul Blake on British India. This dates back to the end of the 16th century, when the Honorable East India Company was founded. Many of its records are now in the British Library, including ecclesiastical returns which cover many locations as far afield as St Helena. They also have probate, maritime and HEIC army records. As the younger sons of many families sought their fortune in India, it is likely that these records will contain many registered names.

Next, we had David Bartram, on "Behind the Handwriting", which took us up to lunch.

After lunch, I was looking forward to Nick Barratt, of "Who Do You Think You Are?" fame. I wasn't let down. Nick is a medieval historian who fell into television more or less by accident.

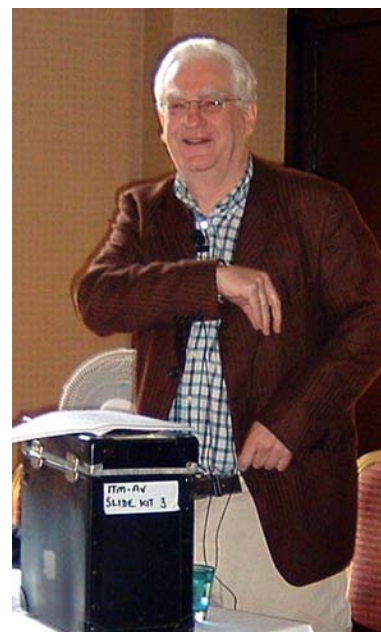
He entertained us with some stories of the making of the TV series and apologised for the unrealistic manner in which it often presented its discoveries, particularly the certificates in brown envelopes,



*Kathy Chater on Black Ancestry*



*Alan Ruston on Dr Williams Library*



*Paul Blake on British India records which he is pledged to remove.*

Our final speaker was scheduled to be Max Tyler on the music hall, but unfortunately he was unavailable due to illness. However, Paul Millington ably stepped into the breach, giving



*Nick Barratt – Who Do You Think You Are?*

us a demonstration of the Guild website and answering questions.

**Finally, the President closed the conference with an invitation to next year's conference in sunny Devon with added clotted cream. I look forward to seeing you there. ○**



# A funny thing happened on the way to the conference...



**BY CHALMERS  
CURSLEY**

**H**AVING enjoyed a glass of Guinness and a prawn salad at the bar of the Old House at Home, some three miles from the conference hotel, I was distracted by three ladies waving madly in my direction from the rear of the restaurant.

Barbara Harvey, Anni Berman and Judy Cooper, fellow members of the Hertfordshire Group, had also used the pub as a watering hole. Judy suggested I followed as they were equipped with a Sat Nav device. Guess what? We ended up in a cul-de-sac at the far end of a large housing estate. What a laugh!

The quiz in the bar after dinner was a great ice breaker for those attending conference for the first or even the second time.

I'll skip over the AGM as they tend to be rather boring but necessary affairs.

## Jill the Ripper?

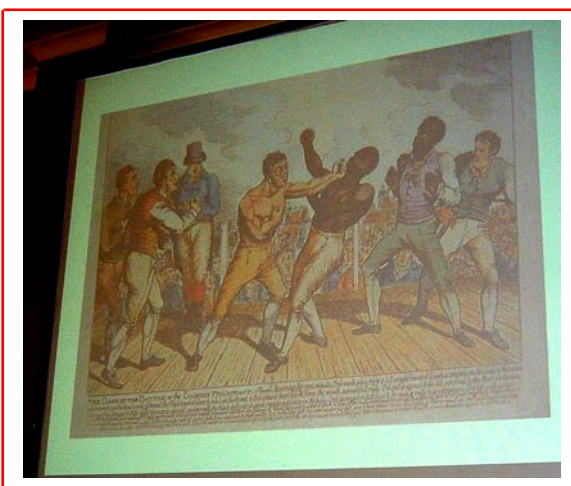
The opening presentation was given by Maggie Bird on the Metropolitan Police Records. As a serving officer, Maggie was able to give an authentic ring to her anecdotes. The archives are quite extensive but have limited access at the moment, due to the miles of shelves being reorganised.

Maggie revealed she has been researching the Jack the Ripper files and suggested that "He" may have been a "She"!

Maggie was followed by Dr. Pamela Horn, whose subject was the Records of Pupils in Victorian Elementary Schools. The rather dry presentation was made up by the quality of the content. I was not aware of the vast amount of information available on this subject. Interestingly, large bronze medals were awarded annually to pupils for exemplary behaviour and 100% attendance. And as today, parents were prosecuted for aiding and abetting truancy.

## Slaves

Lunch was followed by a presentation on Black Ancestry by Kathy Chater. Black ancestry has



*A painting of a bare knuckles boxing bout featuring a Negro pugilist, shown by Kathy Chater during her talk on black ancestry*

been around since Roman times, the Crusades and on to current descent through black African slaves who we had traded to work in the West Indies via various British ports. Kathy gave various clues as to the possibility of black ancestry in the family: classical names, adult baptism and place of birth.

Alan Ruston gave an animated

talk on Dr Williams Nonconformist) Library, Gordon Square, London. He started with a biblical justification for family historians. This quotation can be found in the Book of Joel, Ch 1, v 2 and 3. It would appear that the library is still run along similar lines to that established by its founder in the early 18th century. In addition, the trustees are treated to an annual dinner.

If you wish to carry out research at the library and are unsure which branch of Nonconformism you are looking for, only approach the librarians with requests for records of Baptists, English Presbyterianism, Congregationalism, Unitarianism and one or two other minority 'isms.

Having been a GOON for a couple of years and only attended one conference, I was looking forward to the dinner and the opportunity to meet new contacts. I had the pleasure of the company of Ann and David Gynes and the organisers of next year's conference, Chris Braund and Janet Few. Ann and I spent time discussing holidays and my interest in a cruise to the Norwegian Fjords, avoiding the ubiquitous floating skyscrapers.

She suggested contacting Hurtigruten, the company that runs the mail boats up the coast from Bergen to the Russian border. David informed me of a special deal he had seen advertised in The Times. I have now booked a trip in July. It was refreshing that all conversation at family history conferences does not revolve around one's ancestors. Chris Braund gave me



the low-down on the plans and venue for next year's conference in Bideford. It sounds great fun, in order to avoid disappointment, book early!

## Hilarious!

Conversation later in the bar revolved around the hilarious game of "Pass the Name Badge" which had taken place earlier in the evening. The gist of which follows...

Rodney Brackstone had brought along a friend who was interested in joining the Guild. He asked if he could stay and pay for dinner, but Kirsty suggested he used the name badge of one of the late arrivals. Roy Rayment had suggested that he would be late so his badge was used, however Roy turned up earlier than expected. Guess what? No badge.

Kirsty asked Roy to select another badge, so he chose Peter Copsey's. Peter arrived – guess what? No badge. He was given Steve Whitaker's badge. Steve arrived, guess what? "Where's my badge Kirsty?" he asked.

"OK." said Kirsty, "you use David Mellor's badge" Guess what? David arrived! David managed to obtain a meal and sat in the seat temporarily vacated by Paul Millington. Welcome to our newest member, Bob Boxer.

Next day I managed to reach the restaurant in time to enjoy breakfast after propping up the bar until the small hours (*What, you too?— Editor*). During pre-conference coffee, I thought it might be a good idea to ask a first-time conference attendee for his thoughts, which I quote verbatim. This was David Bates, Member 4648, who said:

"This being my first conference I was naturally a little uncertain as to how I would fit in. After all, surely these GOONS must have been researching for years!

"However, by Friday evening during a light-hearted quiz, it was clear that the weekend was going to be both informative and fun. Not everyone had done a lifetime of study and I did not

feel out of my depth. The level of lectures was well pitched and everyone was more than willing to answer questions if asked. This will certainly not be my last conference".

Paul Blake was on next and he gave us a comprehensive presentation of the contents of the India Office Collection within the British Library. My notebook rapidly filled up with all his source details.

Paul's presentation was followed by a lecture given by David Bartram entitled "Beyond the Handwriting". I felt that a majority of the audience were somewhat irritated by his poor



David Bartram

presentation skills and what amounted to a personal family history mostly researched by an agent.

## Frustration

However, Nick Barratt made up for this disappointment with what can only be described as a hilarious insight into the making of historically-based television programmes and, in particular, *Who Do You Think You Are?*

He shared with us his frustration as to how the celebrities seemingly manage to trace their family histories back to the late 18th century within a couple of days, one even logging on to the 1901 census in the back of a taxi

outside the FRC.

Nick would not reveal the line-up for the forthcoming series but confirmed that Boris Johnson was featured, as in typical Boris style he had already "let the cat out of the bag".

Sadly, Max Tyler was unable to give his paper on Music Hall Ancestors due to illness. Paul Mill-



Paul Millington

ington stepped in and gave us an entertaining journey through the Guild Website including the proposed additions and changes. He said the statistics of Guild members who had submitted profiles was disappointing.

## Definitions

Paul commented about complaints he'd heard concerning the accuracy of surname definitions in specialist dictionaries. He suggested that more Guild members create profiles and he offered to help those not connected to the web.

***Finally, I must say a big Thank You, Kirsty, and your team, for organising an excellent conference, and thanks to all the delegates for their contribution towards the warmth and fellowship I enjoyed over the weekend. ○***

CHALMERS CURSLEY  
Member 4496

## Great expectations were not disappointed at Guild's Nottingham DNA Seminar

**I** WAS with great expectations that I made my way to Nottingham to the Guild DNA Seminar on May 19, as I unfortunately missed the original Oxford seminar.

I was looking for the village hall so drove straight past the signpost Temple, but the local village post office soon put me right. I do hope they do not close any more of these because they really are a godsend to travellers.

The pre-programme time was spent in meeting new people and renewing acquaintances over early refreshments and this is a very important time as one puts faces to names, etc. At this time, Gordon Adshead made sure the PowerPoint projector was set up correctly and it worked flawlessly throughout the day.

Sandra Turner opened proceedings by welcoming everyone and introduced the speakers, the first

BY RODNEY  
BRACKSTONE

of whom was Clare Harvey who gave a very succinct account of DNA and inheritance and avoided the pitfalls of too much detail or jargon. Clare then introduced the Y chromosome and the fact that it follows the male line surname, so that DNA markers that it contains gives each male a pattern of these called a DNA signature. Finally, mitochondrial DNA and maternal line inheritance was explained.

### Overview

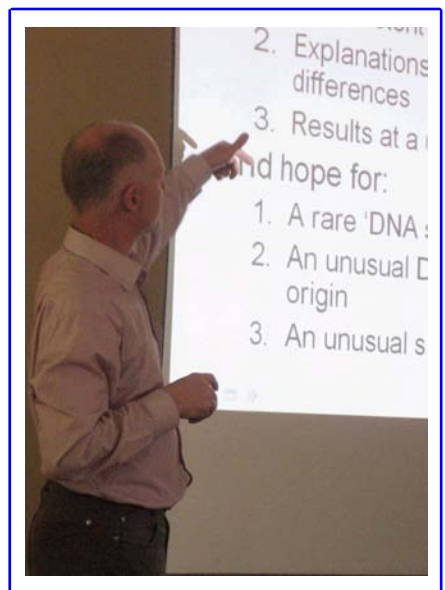
Next was Chris Pomeroy, who gave a masterly overview of the topic of DNA and family history, ranging from the DNA tests at different marker numbers, testing companies, DNA databases, to analysing the results and resolving problem results.

Chris emphasised that DNA was another tool that we can use to verify existing trees and to give links to other branches, but our trees must be based on sound documentation. He went on to pre-ancestry and DNA haplogroups based on early migration of ancient peoples focussing on the waves of early settlers to ancient Briton, the Celtic people and later Scandinavian immigrants.

A very welcome buffet lunch was provided by the hard work of Dominic Johnson, to whom a great vote of thanks is in order. It also gave us time to chat and look at and discuss the exhibits of people's DNA studies.

The afternoon session com-

menced with Chris Pomeroy introducing four DNA studies that had made considerable progress in the field. The four members had very different



Chris Pomeroy

approaches and styles in their studies and they were in order of size of ONS.

First off was John Creer, who is descended from a long line of his family all linked to the Isle of Man and with documented families back to the 17th century, and others not yet linked back to 1511. Through careful DNA studies of focussed candidate selection, minimum 25 marker tests and clear objectives, he was able to demonstrate that a high proportion of living Creers are indeed related to an ancestral Creer in the IOM.

### Surname Atlas

Next was Ken Mycock who, using *Surname Atlas*, was able to show that his family was from



Clare Harvey



Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire and Cheshire, then relating this to the registration districts and finally, by calculating density, the family centred in the Peak District, with a few specific places. His studies show that he is able to link branches of his tree via DNA evidence and point to a common ancestor for a number of branches of his tree.

Chris Pomeroy enthused about his DNA work and suggested that

he is able to link some of his Devon and non-Devon trees but DNA is not able to give all of the answers.

### Ambitious

The next study was Michael Dalton's, which was by far the largest and most ambitious, due to much enthusiasm of overseas members. The society has determined that there are nine main family groups, which they are

actively pursuing.

The common thread to all the studies seems to be that DNA solves some puzzles but brings forward more challenges, and one must have a clear aim in view if one is to embark on this subject. But, above all, it is great fun!

The final talk was Chris again with a superb synthesis and analysis of his survey of DNA projects so far, showing that projects evolve and mature. Most people start off with the idea of a single name origin but often find that there is a multiple origin, which seems to be the opposite of many authors.

### Q and A

The final session of Question and Answer was, as usual, one of the most interesting and it would have gone on for a long time, but we had run out of time and many of us had a long journey home.

There is a very welcome development in that the PowerPoint slides are available to members

at the website and were on site in the evening of the seminar, thanks to the efforts of our Webmaster.

### Hold again

I feel that the whole seminar could be re-presented in the near future at another venue convenient to members, as it was so very good.

*From this you can discern that this seminar passed all my expectations and was thoroughly enjoyable, so a huge thanks to all concerned in the organising and presentation of a very pleasant day. ○*

RODNEY BRACKSTONE  
Member 2276



Above: Speakers Clare Harvey, Ken Mycock, Michael Dalton and John Creer at the Question and Answer session; Below: Some of the audience at the seminar



**SERVICE RECORDS SEMINAR – August 18. Venue: The National Archives, Kew, Surrey.**

**Speakers:** Mark Pearsall, Family History Specialist Reader Adviser at TNA, who will be giving an introduction to The National Archives; Paul Blake on Naval Records for One-Name Studies; Mark Dunton, manager of the Research Enquiries Room, on Soldiers' Records 1760–1918; Ian Waller will be bringing a one-name theme into Service Records; finally, Ken Divall on Muster Rolls.

There will be the opportunity for those unfamiliar with TNA to take the optional "Behind the

## Seminars update. .

Scenes Tour", which includes places the public are not usually permitted. Numbers are restricted, also the lectures will overlap. Applications are welcome from Guild members, family historians, genealogists and members of the public having an interest in the subject.

For lunch you can bring your own sandwiches or eat in TNA café. We need to inform TNA the number of people who will want lunch.

Cost of the seminar will be £18 per person. Places are

limited to 100 and on a first-come-first served basis. Closing date for applications is August 3. Please indicate on the form if you would like to take advantage of the tour opportunity. Use the booking form which is available from the Guild website: click on Events to download it. If you have difficulty, phone the Helpdesk on 0800 011 2182 and a form can be posted to you. Further information may be obtained by contacting the booking secretary: Sandra Turner, 2 St Annes Close, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 4LQ; e-mail: [seminar.bookings@one-name.org](mailto:seminar.bookings@one-name.org)

**I am often asked whether it is necessary or desirable to collect Cardinal Points before starting or during a Marriage Challenge.**

Cardinal Point (CP) is a term coined by the Guild and represents the GRO page references for the first or last marriage in a particular quarter for a particular Anglican church.

To collect them, it is necessary to note down the details of these marriages from the parish registers. Normally, only the groom's or bride's name is sufficient, but it's safer to note both names and then find the GRO reference using FreeBMD or Findmypast.

With a full set of Cardinal Points you can immediately find the church where a particular marriage took place by comparing its GRO page number with the spreadsheet of CPs, unless, of course, the number is beyond the range of the CPs, indicating a non-Anglican marriage.

Although a marvellous tool

when complete, the task of achieving a full set of CPs is huge. Imagine a registration district (RD) with 30 churches. For the full MC period of 1837 to 1911, that's 74 years, with four quarters per year and two CPs per quarter, there is a total of 17,760 marriages to record and then search on FreeBMD. Admittedly, the

## Marriage Challenge

BY PETER COPSEY

number would be lower when smaller churches had less than two marriages per quarter. If a Marriage Challenge is to try to find, say, 300 marriages, to note down over 10,000 marriages beforehand is obviously not a time-efficient proposal.

So Challengers must use their judgement on whether to bother with Cardinal Points. Does the achievement of acquiring such a powerful tool warrant the time

spent? For small RDs the answer must surely be no, but for the largest RDs a case can be put for full CP coverage, not necessarily as part of Marriage Challenge, but as a project in its own right.

However there is a case for partial CPs as part of Marriage Challenge but again only for the larger RDs. I usually find CPs for one quarter every ten years. I will explain this approach in a later edition.

For more information on Marriage Challenge, what it comprises and how it works see the article in the Journal of October–December 2005.

Anyone who would like to become a Challenger, or would like to know more about what it involves, please contact me on: [marriage-challenge@one-name.org](mailto:marriage-challenge@one-name.org)

For the latest Challenges, see the table below.

PETER COPSEY  
Marriage Challenge  
Coordinator

| Registration District and period | Deadline for requests | Challenger            | Challenger's e-mail  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Whitechapel 1891–1911            | 21 July               | Howard Benbrook       | <a href="mailto:howard@benbrook.org.uk">howard@benbrook.org.uk</a>               |
| Portsea Island 1837–1860         | 31 July               | Michael Bliss         | <a href="mailto:michaeljfbloss@btinternet.com">michaeljfbloss@btinternet.com</a> |
| Newport Pagnell 1837–1911        | 31 July               | Tracy Barrall         | <a href="mailto:tracybarrall@hotmail.com">tracybarrall@hotmail.com</a>           |
| Aylesbury (repeat) 1837–1911     | 1 August              | Graham Taylor-Paddick | <a href="mailto:francs2000@yahoo.com">francs2000@yahoo.com</a>                   |
| St Thomas 1881–1911              | 25 August             | Des Gander            | <a href="mailto:gander@one-name.org">gander@one-name.org</a>                     |
| New Forest (repeat) 1837–1911    | 31 August             | Daphne Austin         | <a href="mailto:LADAPeidrib@aol.com">LADAPeidrib@aol.com</a>                     |
| Lymington (2nd rpt) 1837–1911    | 31 August             | Daphne Austin         | <a href="mailto:LADAPeidrib@aol.com">LADAPeidrib@aol.com</a>                     |
| Cosford 1837–1911                | 10 Sept               | Sandra Stevens        | <a href="mailto:Sandra.Stevens@btinternet.com">Sandra.Stevens@btinternet.com</a> |





## Guild's finances continue to improve but more Gift Aid Declarations needed

**W**E ARE NOW more than half way through the 2006–07 financial year and I am pleased to report that the Guild's finances are continuing to improve, with an increased membership, more bookstall sales, increased donations and significant Gift Aid receipts.

While there are no current plans to increase the Guild's subscription rate, I shall soon be drawing up a long-term plan of the Guild's finances with a view to identifying when we may need to increase our subscriptions.

Meanwhile, I shall continue to explore ways of increasing the Guild's income whilst at the same time maximising the value-

not notified the Guild that they are ineligible to sign such a declaration.

I plan, therefore, to undertake a further Gift Aid campaign to get more Guild members to sign a GAD. I shall be e-mailing or writing to all 630 members during the next few months.

If you have not yet completed a GAD and you currently pay income tax, taxes on share dividends or capital gains, then please do so now. A GAD form can be downloaded from...

[www.one-name.org/members/GiftAid2006.pdf](http://www.one-name.org/members/GiftAid2006.pdf)

or...

[www.one-name.org/members/GiftAid2006.doc](http://www.one-name.org/members/GiftAid2006.doc)

Just complete the form, sign it and e-mail it to me at [treasurer@one-name.org](mailto:treasurer@one-name.org) or post it to: Treasurer, Guild of One-Name Studies, 168 Green Lane Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 6AY.

### Decrease

It will be important to increase our GAD signup rate, as from 6 April 2008 the Guild will only be able to claim 20/80ths of members' subscriptions, registrations and donations in the way of Gift Aid.

This, of course, represents a decrease in the level of Gift Aid we will be able to claim in the future.

### Everyclick

The website Everyclick.com, at <http://www.everyclick.com/>, is one possible means of generating additional funds for the Guild. Everyclick.com is a search engine that gives half of the revenue it generates to charity.

It can, therefore, be used to raise money for the Guild of One-Name Studies whenever you search the web.

I was first made aware of this site by Roger Lovegrove, who has since mentioned it on the Guild Forum. I have since signed up to this search site myself and other Guild members have also signed up.

Currently, there are 27 people who are using everyclick.com



and have signed up the Guild of One-Name Studies as their charity. Their use of this search site has generated £15.35 so far. Admittedly a small sum, but there is potential for a more significant income if the number of people using this site, and allocating the Guild as their charity, increases.

### No cost

I would be grateful if Guild members could consider using everyclick.com. All you need to do is register as an everyclick member or make everyclick.com your home page (it does not cost anything), assign the Guild of One-Name Studies as your charity and try it out for a while.

*Let me know what you think of this site and I will provide a progress report in the next Journal on how useful everyclick.com has been, the number of members signing up, and the amount of money that has been generated for the Guild. ○*

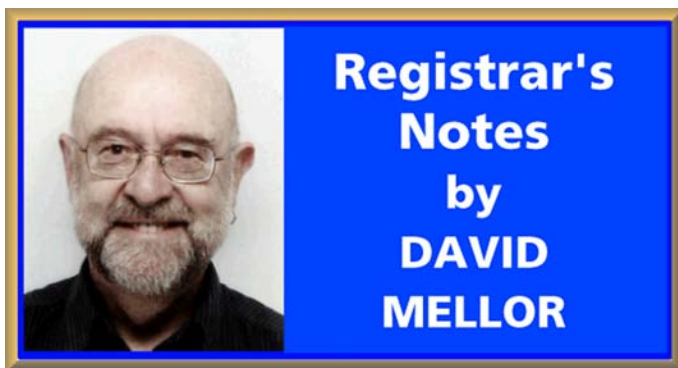
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for-money our members obtain for their annual subscription. As a result of my campaign last year to increase the number of UK Guild members who sign Gift Aid Declarations (GADs), the income received from the UK Government in respect of Gift Aid has reached almost £5,000 so far this year.

### UK tax

Currently, some 61% (1,051 out of 1,736) of UK-based Guild members have signed Gift Aid Declarations. A further 89 Guild members have informed me that they are ineligible to sign a GAD – mainly because they do not pay any UK tax.

However there remain some 630 UK members who have not signed a GAD and/or who have



# Why I will try to apply Uncle Joe's maxim as your new Registrar

**"WHY SCRAPE up tomorrow what you can mop up today?" So said Joseph Mellor (1869–1938).**

I took over as Registrar from Roger Goacher after the Annual General Meeting in April in Basingstoke. Roger had done the job for four years, the Guild's second longest serving Registrar, and in this time had been involved in many successful projects and developments. He now tells me how good it is to feel free to pursue his one-name study untrammelled by concerns about membership applications, getting out the register supplements on time and those darned committee meetings.

In the short time I have been in the post, I have already come to realise just how much hard work has to be carried out, not just by the Registrar, but by all our elected officers. Will I be able to cope? Certainly my one-name study is going to have to slow down somewhat and that book on Byron's Doctors I was always going to write is dead in the water.

Our Journal Editor, Roy Stockdill, asked if I would use my first Registrar's Notes to introduce myself. I thought it would be appropriate to use a mixture of census enumeration and parish registration styles for this purpose. I am married, of full age (OK plus a bit more), head of household – this could be a contentious issue with my wife who normally proof-reads anything I write, but maybe not on this occasion, so please excuse the spelling, punctuation and grammar – and am enumerated as

living in West Bridgford in the County of Nottingham with my wife and one daughter, aged 12 years. My occupation is listed as retired paediatric neurologist and my place of birth as Huddersfield in the county of Yorkshire.

I first attended a Regional Seminar as a guest at the end of 2001 in Wakefield and was so impressed with it that I joined the Guild at the bookstall there and then, giving my mother's maiden name of Heppenstall as my registered study. I had intended to give my own name of Mellor but, luckily, I was told it was already registered to another member. I say "luckily", as I subsequently found out there are just over 12,000 Mellors and variants in the 1881 British census, which would have been a very large study. On the other hand, Heppenstall and variants, with just over 1,000 in the 1881 census, has turned out to be big enough for continuing interest but at the same time reasonably manageable.

## DNA Seminar

I was at the last Regional Seminar in Nottingham on DNA, which had been very well organised by our Seminar Subcommittee. The field is developing rapidly. Whilst listening to the speakers, I remembered George Redmonds at the Wakefield Seminar in 2001 reporting on Brian Sykes's DNA study of apparently unrelated men with the surname Sykes. Most appeared to share a fairly recent common ancestor, but I recollect Dr Redmonds recommending caution, as the number of markers available then was small. How interesting to hear from Chris Pomery at the

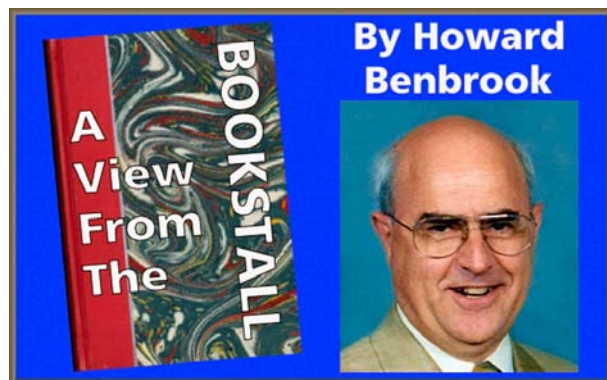
Nottingham Seminar that 64 markers are now in common usage and that with the use of such an increased number of markers, some doubt has been cast on the tentative conclusions of the original Sykes study.

Regional Seminars also work to bring members together. I could not have been more forcibly reminded of this than at the Nottingham Seminar when our member Ian Bloor approached me in the coffee queue to ask if I was related to Joseph Mellor, the renowned inorganic and ceramics chemist. I said, why yes, he was my second cousin once removed, although I had only discovered this when I found him in the new Oxford Dictionary of National Biography a few years ago. He is now by far the most famous person I have to boast of in my own Mellor family tree. Ian told me his father had worked with Joseph Mellor in the British Refractories Research Association's Mellor Laboratories in Stoke-on-Trent and that "Uncle Joe" had always been one of his heroes.

He has subsequently sent me a lot of information about Joseph I hadn't found before, including a saying he originated and was fond of using: "Why scrape up tomorrow what you can mop up today?" This he originally applied to some disaster or other occurring in the potter's slip house but Uncle Joe realised its more universal application and was soon using it for any mess, whether it was physical, emotional, psychological or organisational.

***I will try to apply Uncle Joe's maxim during my time as Registrar of the Guild of One-Name Studies. ○***





Where did you think you were? Big show at Olympia was exciting, exhausting, fraught and fantastic

**W**ERE YOU THERE? Olympia! The BIG event – thousands of people, real live celebrities, loads of lectures, oodles of advice and, of course, the Guild Bookstall. It was exciting. It was exhausting. It was fraught. It was fantastic. Mayhem made momentous. We had the highest sales income from a single event – ever. We made a tiny profit. After three days, my throat felt like I'd talked to every single one of the 12,000 or so of the people who attended. Should we do it again? YOU BET!

The obvious effect we could all see, in what was expansively billed as the "National History Show", was that the core was still the original Family History Show, run by the Society of Genealogists. The organisers were clearly surprised by the concentrated onslaught on the SoG exhibitors' tables, despite the lack of "celebrities" there. At the door almost everyone turned sharp right, towards us. Maybe this was to be expected in the first year of this new format, but the organisers will be careful not to disturb an already committed marketplace as they seek to extend this "brand".

So was it worth it or was it just over-priced hype, as someone called it on the Forum? Well, we've booked to be there again, as have most of the other stallholders, despite an increase in table fees. It's certainly pricey and I don't think I can sell enough to justify the cost on sales alone, but it's a fantastic opportunity to show who we are. Think of it: a potential audience of 12,000 to hear about one-name studies!

### Price increases

For a few months I've been absorbing the increase in the cost of postage in the UK. I've now changed the mail-out prices to reflect the true cost to the Guild. There have also been changes to the pricing of packets sent from the UK, but I have maintained my policy of a single price to non-UK destinations, equivalent to the price of postage within the European Union.

### What's new, what's big?

I'd like to draw your attention to a few new titles on the Book-

Guild member's bookshelf, in my view. I've not been big on specialist books on the Bookstall, simply because they're not very commercial, but I do try to hold a few relevant titles and I recommend you think carefully about these two: *Family Names and Family History* by David Hey, and *Names & History* by George Redmonds. Both authors are recognized experts in the study of names, and I found the books very readable.

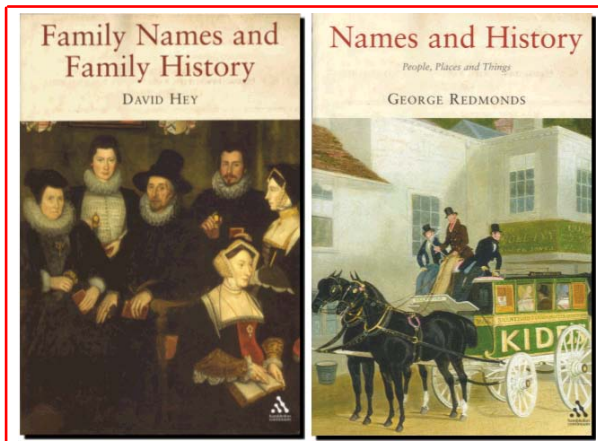
I've also added a couple of titles to the range of map CDs from MOTCO. These superb maps



Lincolnshire 1818 and Worcestershire 1695 from Archive CD Books

stall. At the time of our Annual Conference, I bought a selection of CDs from Archive CD Books, featuring marriage licences, trade directories and a series of maps which sold very well. Now I've added them to the list for general sale (See illustration above).

There are a couple of books that should really be on every



Books by surname experts David Hey and George Redmonds

are fully indexed and very popular; they're a great help if you're searching around London. The first is 15 miles Round London in 1786 – very useful to see how one of London's suburbs looked when it was still out in the country. There's a sample (*below*):

And if it's the City of London



*London 1786*

that has you confused, Harben's Dictionary of the City of London 1910 is a gazetteer that will help you track down any one of the labyrinth of alleys, courts and lanes there.

For more detail on these and other items on the Bookstall, take a look at the website at:

**[www.one-name.org/members/bookstall](http://www.one-name.org/members/bookstall)**

## A challenging affair

As I write this, I am conscious of over 300 results waiting for me to send out to mark the completion of Stage 2 of my Marriage Challenge for Whitechapel RD. If you requested a Stage 2 marriage, then I should have already sent you your results. If you're still waiting, let me know.

And this brings me neatly to the next subject, because I am now able to accept requests to find marriages in Whitechapel RD between 1891 and 1911, my Stage 3. Please send me information on the Whitechapel marriage(s) you'd like me to find, preferably in the form of a GRO Index reference, and I will do my best to send you the details drawn from the entry in the parish registers held at the London Metropolitan Archives.

If I can find it, you'll get a "faux certificate", looking like a GRO copy certificate, together with a spreadsheet with the

details. The deadline for requests is 21 July.

## Where we've been...

On the road again, the Southern Bookstall was at the Guild Conference (Basingstoke), Worthing, Olympia, Maidstone, DNA Seminar (Nuthall, Notts) and Salisbury, while Ron Woodhouse took the Northern Bookstall to Doncaster, Buxton and York. In addition, Susan Atkins put in sterling work at the GRO Open Days in Southport.

## Where we're going...

Things become a little quieter over the next few months but, nevertheless, we expect to make an appearance at these places:

- Bucks FHS Open Day, Aylesbury, Saturday, July 28.
- West Midlands FH Fair, Worcester, Saturday, August 11.
- Guild Service Records Seminar, TNA, Kew Saturday, August 18.
- National FH Fair, Gateshead, Saturday, September 8.
- Oxon FHS Open Day, Kidlington, Saturday, September 22.
- HGS Open Day, Horndean, Hants, Saturday, September 30.
- Hastings & Rother FHS Fair, Hastings, Sunday, October 7.

Don't be afraid to come and introduce yourself, if you're in the area. We'd love to see you.

## How far will I go?

Some of you may notice that a significant event in the south-west of England is missing from my list: the family history fair organised by the South West Area Group of Family History Societies (SWAG), at Weston-super-Mare on 14th July. This is a big local event and a good day out for family historians. Why am I giving it a miss? Well, there has to be some sort of limit to the travel I do, and the SWAG fair means a round trip of about 240 miles for me. That's a pretty long day. The significant travel costs also eat into any profits, so I've decided to give it a miss this year.

This leads me to firm up my resolve to put a limit on the

travel I do. I've, erm, sort of, kind of, set a limit of 100 miles (160 km) from my home for these trips, but then I've bent my own rule to suit the circumstances. No. It's time to be resolute. A hundred miles is my limit or a divorce is threatened. No arguments, then.

## Promotion

But, you see, that's really not good enough! Just because I'm not able to drag the Bookstall along is no reason why the Guild can't attend these events, if we could only get some local help. And we're not talking about the Benbrook "My Ancestors Were Costermongers" approach, but something a little more modest: a few handouts, a lookup in the Register, some advice on surnames, a discussion on one-name studies, perhaps a little help in filling in the Application Form. If you're willing and available to help promote the Guild at an event near you, get in touch with me or Ken Toll, (current Chairman of the Marketing subcommittee).

## Step forward!

A big apology to Phil Sherwood and Tom Preston, who helped Kirsty at the Dorset FHS Open Day and I missed from my thanks last time. My fingers are crossed that I don't make another omission this time, but my thanks are due to: Richard Chilvers, Helen Williams, Michael Walker, Susan Atkins, Barbara Harvey, Judy Cooper, Peter Copsey, Richard Heaton, Kevin Cole, Ken Toll, Kirsty Gray, David and Brenda Horwill, Alan Moorhouse, Bernard Shambrook, Sandra Turner, Roy Rayment, Jim Filby, Cliff Kemball Peter Walker and, of course, Ron Woodhouse and his wife, Gwen. Phew – some list! I'm grateful to each and every one of you!

***If you'd like to contact Howard about any of the items he holds on the Bookstall or to volunteer to help, you can write to him at [guild.bookstall@one-name.org](mailto:guild.bookstall@one-name.org), or 7 Amber Hill, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 1EB, U.K. ○***



## Online survey reveals growth in Guild DNA projects

In preparation for the Guild's DNA Seminar in Nottingham on May 19, the DNA Advisory Group decided that we needed up-to-date information from members about the status of their DNA projects.

After putting a call out through the chairman's e-mail

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alert to track down DNA project managers, an online survey confirmed that 69 projects were under way, with nearly 2,000 participants being DNA tested.

The projects fall across all stages of development. The two largest, Orin Wells with around 375 tested, and Susan Meates with close to 250, are among the largest surname projects worldwide. A total of 13 projects have more than 30 participants, while half of all projects, most newly started, have fewer than ten.

### Proportion

The survey asked members to estimate what proportion of trees in their study with modern-day descendants they had had DNA tested. Clearly it is early days yet, as only 20% claimed to have tested someone from at least half of their documented trees.

A key goal for every project is to find out whether the DNA results suggest that the surname had a single genetic origin within a genealogically relevant time-frame, or multiple genetic origins, i.e. whether it was founded by a single person at some point in the last 500–700 years or whether many people

adopted the name independently for different reasons in different places and at different times.

Roughly 40 per cent of survey respondents said that when they had started their DNA projects



they believed that their surname had a single founder; after processing their DNA results, that percentage had fallen to roughly 20 per cent. Roughly

one-third of project managers have changed their mind regarding the genetic origin of their surnames, with four times as many who favoured a single origin switching to multiple origins as switched from multiple to single.

The results have taken on an additional urgency following research by Susan Meates, which shows that for over 90% of Guild members at least one bearer of their Guild-registered surname has already tested at Family Tree DNA, the world's largest testing firm.

As it is often only a matter of time before someone, among those who have tested, moves forward and starts a DNA project, it is clearly in our interest as GOONS to get involved sooner rather than later. In many cases, Susan has found that surname DNA projects are already under way for Guild member's registered surnames without their knowledge or involvement.

The DNA Advisory group strongly advises all members to

check whether their surnames are registered as projects at...

[www.familytreedna.com/Surname.aspx](http://www.familytreedna.com/Surname.aspx).

Searching on the box at the top of the page marked "Project Search" will also reveal whether anyone with your surnames has tested even where no surname project exists.

You may find that your registered surnames are already in a DNA project among a larger group of unfamiliar surnames. If you want to start a project and need help securing your surname(s) with FTDNA, contact Susan for help.

### Project

If one or more persons have already tested with your registered surname(s) and a project doesn't yet exist, you are urged to start that project today and invite those who have tested to join your project.

As a reminder, DNA projects receive discounted prices compared to standard retail prices. If you want to test yourself or a family member, be sure to start a project before ordering a test kit to receive the discounted price.

The free online survey (run at [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com)) was a great success, with almost 90% of members who were invited to participate submitting their data.

A secondary aim of the survey was to help us develop a methodology to describe the DNA projects' results, so that we can generate accurate, comparative data.

A key problem is that no definitions have been set for most of the terms and phrases we use to describe both our genetic and documentary research projects, and no standards have been set to define which projects qualify for inclusion. This is the main task to be done before the planned 2008 follow-up survey.

You can contact Susan Meates at [DNA@one-name.org](mailto:DNA@one-name.org) and sign up to the DNA Advisory group's broadcast e-mail by e-mailing:

**Guild-DNA-**  
**subscribe@yahoogroups.com**

# Maurice and Pamela make marathon mark in Blackpool

**G**UILD members Maurice and Pamela Hemingway (Members 2806 and 4027) entered the Blackpool Marathon on June 3, along with around 2,000 other competitors.

Maurice (52) and his wife Pam (45) are pictured on the back cover at a quiet Blackpool promenade at 8.30 a.m. on the Sunday morning, minutes before the start. Officials closed the promenade for six hours to hold the race.

Both completed the race, with Maurice finishing 145th in a time of 3 hrs 51 mins 28 secs and

Pamela finishing 392nd in 4 hrs 55 mins 27 secs. Pamela's time was a new personal best for her, taking 17 minutes off her previous attempt, but Maurice failed to improve on the time he posted five weeks earlier in the London Flora Marathon. He puts this down to inadequate rest between marathons.

Blackpool was Maurice's third marathon and Pamela's second. Both have only been running for three years.

**Marathon world record holder Paula Radcliffe had better start looking to her laurels!** ○

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## Letter to the Journal...

### Death knell for the non-computer user?

THE APRIL 2007 edition of The Newsletter of the Family Records Centre, commenting on plans to move much of the material we currently view at the FRC to The National Archives at Kew early next year, says: "The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is planning for most searches of the GRO indexes to births, marriages and deaths to be possible online by April 2008 and almost all the rest by 2009. It will transfer to TNA at Kew only those indexes at the FRC which have not been made available online."

If I've understood this correctly, this means that from early next year it will not be possible to consult the original BMD indexes, which I personally trawled through for Lickfolds back in 1972 when they were housed at Somerset House. People without access to a computer will, therefore, have to use the microfiche copies available at many county record offices and reference libraries in many large towns.

Now I know that most readers (a) own at least one computer and (b) completed their trawl of

the GRO indexes many years ago. But I am addressing these remarks primarily to those who still steadfastly refuse to invest in new technology in support of their hobby. The time is rapidly coming when it will become more and more difficult to engage in our hobby without access to a computer, quite apart from the considerable additional benefits gained through indexes and other data available online, not to mention the benefits to be gained from subscribing to the Goons Forum.

The starting point for any family historian is the GRO indexes, together with the censuses. When the custodians of the GRO indexes decide that so many people access them online that there is no longer any justification for the additional expense of continuing to make the printed binders available, I think this is sounding the death knell for the non-computerised family historian.

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Henfield, West Sussex  
Lickfold ONS (Member 313)

## Guild Awards

**W**INNERS of the Guild's One-Name Periodicals Award and Web Award were announced at the Annual Conference at Basingstoke.

The Periodicals Award was won by *Soul Search*, journal of the Sole Society, entered by Maureen Storey (Member 3309).

Runner-up was *Rainbird Newsletter*, entered by Rosemary Rainbird (Member 1957). In third place was *The P\*rr\*tt Society Family Notes*, entered by Peter Perrett (Member 641).

Judges were Ken Grubb, 2005 winner, Howard Benbrook, Guild Sales Manager, and Cliff Woolley, a consultant designer.

The Web Award winner was the website of the Shankland ONS at [www.shankland.org.uk](http://www.shankland.org.uk), entered by Anne Shankland (Member 1554).

In second place was the Gant ONS, [www.gant-name.org.uk](http://www.gant-name.org.uk), entered by Linda Irwin (Member 4577). Third was Bending ONS at [www.jbending.demon.co.uk](http://www.jbending.demon.co.uk), entered by John Bending (Member 1228).

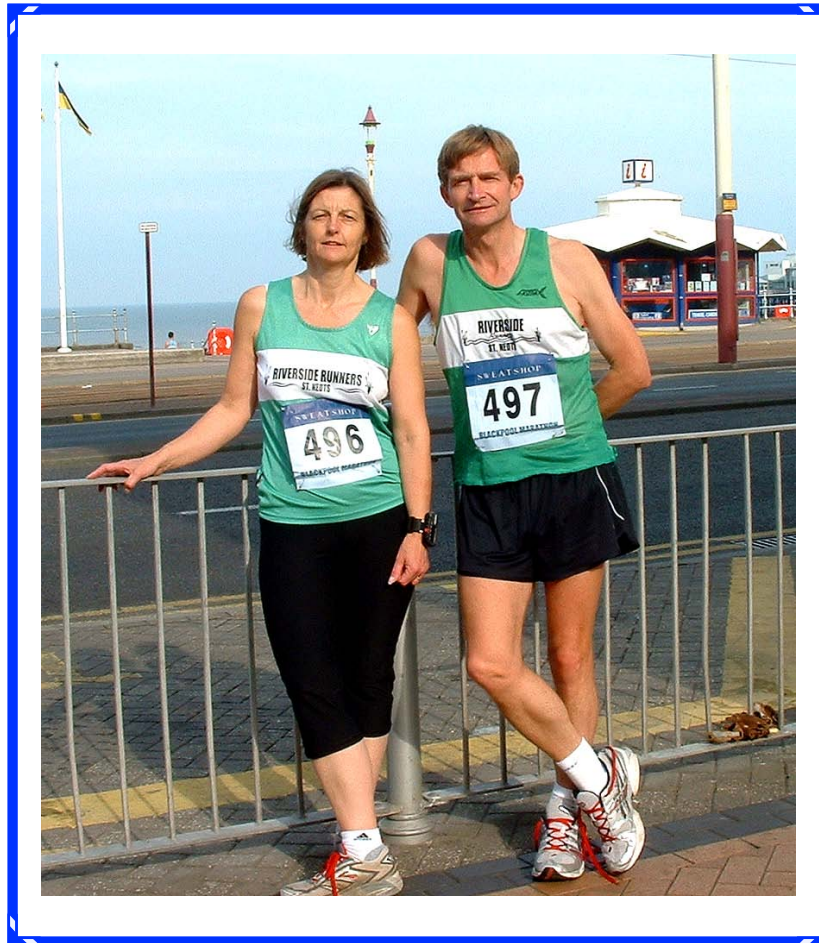
Judges were Guild Chairman Peter Walker, Penny Denby, professional website designer, and Des Gander, winner in 2006. ○

ARTHUR Carden (Member 2773) reports that Lulu delivery charges for the UK have now been greatly reduced. He said in his article in the April-June 2007 issue: "Shipping cost almost doubles the price for those who live outside USA." Lulu has now adopted a standard UK delivery charge of only £1.50 for one item. So, for instance, Arthur's book, Carden of Tonbridge, now only costs £6.38 delivered in the UK, compared with about £11 previously. "This beats any other known printing option by a long way," says Arthur.

Twelve members who have used Lulu or are planning to do so have contacted Arthur, from whom advice is available.



## *Guild marathon man and wife in Blackpool run*



*PROVING that genealogists aren't all couch potatoes hunched over their computers, husband and wife Guild members Maurice and Pamela Hemingway ran in the Blackpool Marathon, held in the famous Lancashire seaside resort on June 3. They are pictured before the start (see page 31).*

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