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From the Editor

Welcome to the spring edition of *Origins*. I hope you will find something of interest in these pages, and I am very grateful, as always, to the members who have contributed material. We also received a few more entries for the Alan Dell Award at the end of last year, which is excellent news. Keep them coming – it's a great chance to share your research and maybe win a cash prize!

Most people who read this journal are likely to have Bucks ancestors, or live in Bucks. I would love to receive photographs (old and new), interesting local snippets, help wanted requests, details of local history events, articles long or short about your own Bucks research – how you go about it and what you have discovered. All these things are what we should be sharing in the true spirit of a family history 'society'.

I am sorry to belatedly report that Joan Thorley, a former Chair of the Society, passed away several months ago in early 2022. Joan will be remembered by many members as an active member of the Society. She helped out at our Aylesbury meetings and at Open Days and I remember her words of encouragement when I took over as editor of this journal. Our thoughts are with her friends and family.

Rebecca Gurney
editor@bucksfhs.org.uk

Please send your contributions and comments to the Editor, who reserves the right to edit all contributions.

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A Note From the Honorary Secretary

How are you getting on with your family history? After looking back at some of my past work I realise mine is in need of a refresh. Not starting from scratch, but a lot of checking and visiting archives. That could be a big task for this year.

I have a challenge for all: can you help somebody else with their family history? If you have been doing family history for some time, it will make you think about your own research. I am finding that newspapers and researching where the family lived is making me consider all sorts of things.

As family history moves on in different directions for you, can you consider talking to others about your research? I'm sure the branches at Bourne End and Bletchley can provide opportunities for you to talk about your family history. Preparing short presentations helps bring to light items that have been glossed over. Even listening to others discussing research can provide ideas on how to further your own. Some people have said to me that there is nothing more to discover, and I don't believe them. Just remember that family history is never finished. So this is a challenge for you to further your own research.

There are some proposals to amend the constitution this year. It is to ensure that Annual General Meetings are managed well in the future, so that members have their say. I will provide more details nearer the time.

Tony Sargeant, Honorary Secretary
secretary@bucksfhs.org.uk

Origins Submissions Deadlines

July 2023 (Summer) issue – 3rd May 2023
December 2023 (Winter) issue – 2nd October 2023
March 2024 (Spring) issue – 4th January 2024

Submissions received after the deadline must be held over for the next issue

Society Notices

Online Family History Workshops

I am running a series of Online Workshops to help members tackle problems with their research. These are advertised with the Zoom link on the website and usually take place on the second Monday of each month. I can look at particular problems or subjects if given notice.

Please email me at: tony.sargeant@bucksfhs.org.uk

**** POSITIONS VACANT ****

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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All Society activities are run by volunteers

If you would like more details about these roles, please email:
secretary@bucksfhs.org.uk

WE WANT TO HELP PEOPLE EXPLORE THEIR FAMILY HISTORY

All Family History societies are reviewing what they currently do, and how best to do it going forwards. We are keen to look at how we extend our reach and, in particular, how best to communicate with societies,

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museums, schools and other organisations in the county and beyond to inform people more widely of who we are and what we do.

We also want to review what we currently offer for our members, whether you live in the county or elsewhere. As a society our goal is to facilitate your family history research, and there are various ways in which we can assist with that. We now offer two Zoom sessions a month, one with a guest speaker and one operating as a help desk. Through the website and Facebook group we are able to put people in touch with each other and make records and images available to add to your research.

We hold two face-to-face meetings per month in the county with a guest speaker. We may be able to add to those by providing similar meetings where people with Bucks ancestors can share what they are doing and seek help and advice on the next steps. We also want to look at how we can return to family history fairs and perhaps run a modified version of our popular 'Open Day' where people can search records and seek advice. We are conscious that access to the county's parish registers is a priority for some of our members, and we will actively pursue whatever we can do to make that happen.

So, there are lots of challenges – and also opportunities. Following on from the article in the last edition of *Origins*, we have formed a Working Party to review the above, to plan what to do next, and to review what materials and forms of communication can be used. Those involved so far are Gillian Talbot, Colin Kightley, Graham Gough, Rebecca Gurney and Steve Powell.

We would like to hear from anyone else who might be interested in joining this group. We are meeting via Zoom, and are also actively in touch with other societies to share ideas and develop joint solutions. If you are unable to join us, we will welcome your views and ideas on all of the above. If you are interested in joining this group or have ideas and suggestions for what to do, please email us at society@bucksfhs.org.uk – or write to us at the address shown inside the front page of this edition.

BFHS Working Party

Buckinghamshire Family History Society

Nomination of Officers and Executive Committee Members for 2023 / 2024

(Completed form to reach the Secretary by 22 April 2023)

For the election as Chairman / Secretary / Treasurer / Committee Member *

(* delete positions not applicable)

Nominee's name and membership number:

Nominee's signature (see notes below):.....

Date:

Proposer's name and membership number:

Proposer's signature:

Secunder's name and membership number:

Secunder's signature:

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1. The signature of the nominee confirms that he/she is not a committee member of any other Society which might incur a conflict of interests.

2. Membership of the Executive Committee carries with it responsibilities as a trustee under charity law. The signature of the nominee confirms that he/she is not disqualified by law from being a trustee by virtue of being any of the following:

- a person under the age of 18;
 - a person who has been convicted of an offence involving deception or dishonesty, unless the conviction is spent;
 - a person who is an undischarged bankrupt;
 - a person who has been removed from trusteeship of a charity by a Court or by the Charity Commissioners;
 - a person who is under a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986.
- (See section 72(1) of the Charities Act 1993.)

When complete please send this form to
Honorary Secretary, 18 Churchill Road, Langley, Slough, SL3 7QZ
Or email to secretary@bucksfhs.org.uk

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Proposed
NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY 26th MAY 2023

AGENDA

To be held at 07.30 p.m. (UK Time)

(Via Zoom Link to be issued later).

1. Introduction and Apologies.
2. Minutes of meeting held on 24 June 2022.
3. Annual Report for 2022.
4. Annual Accounts for 2022.
5. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the 2023 accounts.
6. Election of Principal Officers and members of the Executive Committee.
7. Proposal to amend the constitution to accommodate the holding of meetings online.

Amend Section 7 Paragraph (e) to insert the following after the first sentence:

"The meeting may be held in person or may be held virtually via an online provider or as a hybrid meeting combining attendance in person and virtually as circumstances allow and as the Executive Committee decide."

Amend Section 12 Paragraph (a) to the following after the first sentence:

"The meeting may be held in person or may be held virtually via an online provider or as a hybrid meeting combining attendance in person and virtually as circumstances allow and as the Executive Committee decide."

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Amend Section 12 Paragraph (c) to the following after the first sentence:

"The Agenda shall include the date, time and details of whether the meeting is to be held at a specific physical location or as a virtual meeting or a combination of both. A link to attend virtually will also be included."

Amend Section 12 Paragraph (g) to the following after the first sentence:

"This includes any member who is present in person, or is attending virtually or is attending as part of a hybrid meeting. Members so present will count towards the required quorum for the meeting and be allowed to vote, speak and participate."

8. Any Other Business.

By Order of the Executive Committee.

Tony Sargeant, Honorary Secretary

January 2023

Notes - Section 7 deals with the Executive Committee, paragraph (e) deals with its meetings.
Section 12 deals with the AGM, paragraph (a) deals with the organisation of meetings.
Section 12 deals with the AGM, paragraph (c) deals with the circulation of the agenda for AGM.
Section 12 deals with the AGM, paragraph (g) deals with the quorum and ensuring all members can have opportunity to speak & participate.
Draft Constitution will be available for the meeting and on request from the Secretary.

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Society Meetings

Come and Meet Us!

The Society holds regular meetings for members at Bletchley, Bourne End and online via Zoom. Visitors (non-members) are welcome to attend face-to-face meetings, but there is a charge of £2. Online meetings are available to members only.

Most meetings have a topic which is introduced by a knowledgeable speaker, with the opportunity to ask questions. There is time before and after meetings to chat with other members, and some libraries and research aids may be available for consultation. Meetings are held at the venues below.

Note: all speakers are subject to change at short notice.

SOUTHERN GROUP	ONLINE	NORTHERN GROUP
Community Centre Wakeman Road BOURNE END Bucks SL8 5SX email: southernbranch@bucksfhs.org.uk On the second Tuesday of each month (there may be changes at Christmas and New Year). Doors open 7:30pm Meetings start 7:45pm	Online meetings are held via Zoom . Members only. Joining details, and information about the talk being given can be obtained by logging in to the Society's website. On the final Friday of each month, except in December. Join from 8:15pm Talks start at 8:30pm	Methodist Church Hall Queensway BLETCHLEY Milton Keynes MK2 2HB email: northernbranch@bucksfhs.org.uk On the first Wednesday of each month (there may be changes at Christmas and New Year). Doors open 7:15pm Meetings start 7:30pm

Tea, coffee and ample parking are available at Bletchley and Bourne End.

Talks Programme

Speakers and topics are subject to change.

Check the Society website for updates.

www.bucksfhs.org.uk

February

**ONLINE MEETING via ZOOM
for members only**

**JULIAN HUNT : SIR JOHN KEDERMINSTER AND HIS GODLY BOOKS
Friday 10th February 2023 from 20:15 UK / UTC**



Just before the English Civil War, St Mary the Virgin church at Langley was changed for ever by the addition of a chained library that is unique in England.

The link required to join the meeting can be obtained by logging in to the Society's website, where further details of the talk can also be found.

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**SOUTHERN GROUP Community Centre
Wakeman Road BOURNE END SL8 5SX**

**DAVE ANNAL : MIND THE GAPS!
Tuesday 14th February 2023 7:45pm**



The major websites provide access to the most useful records for our research. The way material is arranged gives the impression of databases being comprehensive. But are they? Dave will look at examples of missing registers and explain why hints and suggestions might point you in the wrong direction.

February to March

ONLINE MEETING via ZOOM
for members only

DANIEL WILLIAMS : NON-CONFORMITY
Friday 24th February 2023 from 20:15 UK / UTC



William Penn (left) is but one well-known figure from Buckinghamshire's strong associations with non-conformity.

The link required to join the meeting can be obtained by logging in to the Society's website, where further details of the talk can also be found.

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NORTHERN GROUP Methodist Church Hall
Queensway BLETCHLEY Milton Keynes MK2 2HB

SPEAKER AND SUBJECT TO BE ANNOUNCED
Wednesday 1st March 2023 7:30pm



Some meeting programmes are being announced at short notice because of the ongoing difficulty of engaging speakers willing to address face-to-face meetings. The subject for this date was still to be announced when Origins went to press. Please sign up to Group emails, and check the Society's website and local publicity.

ONLINE MEETING via ZOOM
for members only

DEBORAH HAYTER : THE LOST VILLAGES OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
Friday 10th March 2023 from 20:15 UK / UTC



Although we talk of lost mediaeval villages, in fact many were not completely deserted, or not in the mediaeval period, whilst some were not actually villages.

The link required to join the meeting can be obtained by logging in to the Society's website, where further details of the talk can also be found.

Remains of a chapel at Quarrendon, by Roleplayer via Wikimedia Commons public domain

March to April

**SOUTHERN GROUP Community Centre
Wakeman Road BOURNE END SL8 5SX**

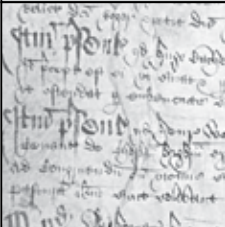
**IAN WALLER : SUBJECT TO BE ANNOUNCED
Tuesday 14th March 2023 7.45pm**



The subject of Ian's talk was still to be agreed when Origins went to press. Please sign up to Group emails, and check the Society's website and local publicity.

**ONLINE MEETING via ZOOM
for members only**

**IAN WALLER : INTRODUCING MANORIAL RECORDS
Friday 24th March 2023 from 20:15 UK / UTC**



Ian's introductory guide to manorial documents will unlock the mysteries of the manor and help guide you through its records.

The link required to join the meeting can be obtained by logging in to the Society's website, where further details of the talk can also be found.

**NORTHERN GROUP Methodist Church Hall
Queensway BLETCHLEY Milton Keynes MK2 2HB**

**SPEAKER AND SUBJECT TO BE ANNOUNCED
Wednesday 5th April 2023 7:30pm**



Some meeting programmes are being announced at short notice because of the ongoing difficulty of engaging speakers willing to address face-to-face meetings. The subject for this date was still to be announced when Origins went to press. Please sign up to Group emails, and check the Society's website and local publicity.

April to May

**SOUTHERN GROUP Community Centre
Wakeman Road BOURNE END SL8 5SX**

**TOM DOIG : SUBJECT TO BE ANNOUNCED
Tuesday 11th April 2023 7.45pm**



The subject of Tom's talk was still to be agreed when Origins went to press. Please sign up to Group emails, or check the Society's website and local publicity.

**ONLINE MEETING via ZOOM
for members only**

**EMMA COX : ORGANISING YOUR RESEARCH AND FINDINGS
Friday 28th April 2023 from 20:15 UK / 19:15 UTC**



Shoe boxes stuffed with notes and photos may have been ousted by hard drives, but as Emma Cox shows, the need to plan and organise remains the same.

The link required to join the meeting can be obtained by logging in to the Society's website, where further details of the talk can also be found.

**FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING via ZOOM
for members only (AGM from 19:30 UK / 18:30 UTC)**

**GRAHAM SUTHERLAND : THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLICE
Friday 26th May 2023 from 20:15 UK / 19:15 UTC**



Graham's talk will look at all aspects of policing from Anglo-Saxon times to the close of the twentieth century.

The link required to join the meeting can be obtained by logging in to the Society's website, where further details of the talk can also be found.

UK Photo & Social History Archive

Diary Dates

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

Details are correct at the time of writing (Jan 2023), but are always subject to change. PLEASE CHECK with the event organisers or on the relevant websites before attending.

Family History & Heritage Events

<p>Sat 18th Feb 10 am to 4 pm</p>	<p>The Family History Show Online Host: <i>Discover Your Ancestors</i> magazine Talks, ask the experts sessions and exhibitors. £10 on the day or £7 in advance w thefamilyhistoryshow.com</p>
<p>Thur 2nd to Sat 4th Mar</p>	<p>RootsTech Conference Family history conference and on-demand learning library. Attend online for free w familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023</p>
<p>Fri 10th Mar 7.30pm</p>	<p>The English Coaching Inn – Dr Julian Hunt Riverside, Legion Hall, St Mary St, High Wycombe HP11 2HE Host: The High Wycombe Society The many examples of coaching inns in Wycombe.</p>
<p>Wed 15th Mar 8pm</p>	<p>Beacons of the Past – Dr Wendy Morrisson Host: Hedgerley Historical Society AONB Project update Visit the website for details. w hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org</p>

<p>Sun 10th Apr 10 am</p>	<p>Rusty, Bodgers, Mosquitoes and Goals Guided walk and talk starts outside Wycombe Museum in Priory Avenue HP13 6PX and includes two short steep climbs and descents. Distance 1.5 miles in 2 hours. No need to book, just turn up. Free (donations) w walkingwycombewithwillie.co.uk/walks</p>
<p>Fri 21st Apr to Sun 23rd Apr</p>	<p>Guild of One Name Studies AGM and Conference Hilton Northampton, 100 Watering Lane, Northampton NN4 0XW Visit the website for details and pricing. Booking closes on 12th March 2023. w one-name.org/guild-conference-agm</p>
<p>Sat 25th May 10 am to 4 pm</p>	<p>Chesterfield & District FHS Showcase Event St Thomas's Centre, Brampton S40 3AW Price: £2, under 16s free w cadfhs.org</p>
<p>Sat 24th Jun 10 am to 4 pm</p>	<p>The Family History Show Hosted by: <i>Discover Your Ancestors</i> Magazine Venue: York Racecourse Price: Early Bird tickets 2 for £10 w thefamilyhistoryshow.com/york</p>

High Wycombe Walking Tours

Willie Reid hosts FREE walking tours around the historic town of High Wycombe, offering some fascinating insights into times and lives past. To explore the topics he covers, visit the website:

www.walkingwycombewithwillie.co.uk/walks

Talk Reports

Summaries of the talks delivered by our guest speakers at our Northern and Southern Group meetings. If you regularly attend meetings and can help by writing the occasional report, please do let us know!

NORTHERN GROUP MEETINGS



October 2022

Tracing your Lacemaker Ancestors

Marion Swindells

Marion Swindells from the Cowper and Newton Museum in Olney talked to a small audience of 15 members about the work she has done in tracing the lives of lacemakers and the records and resources used.

In order to set the context she gave a brief history and geography of bobbin lacemaking, starting with the Flemish and Huguenot immigrants of the 16th and 17th centuries through to the Belgian refugees at the beginning of WWI. This included some of the Huguenot surnames still found in the areas settled.

Marion also told us of the many occupations associated with lacemaking, from parchment prickers to collar makers and also the role of men in these occupations.

This presentation used some interesting case studies and examples described the information that can be found before the introduction of the

1841 census. This included the use of parish records, wills, 1798 Posse Comitatus, newspaper archives and wills.

The talk ended with a case study which took us from a small Northamptonshire village to the prison hulks of Portsmouth and the convict camps of Hobart, Tasmania.

The Cowper and Newton Museum holds the poor law records for Olney so if you have Olney ancestors get in touch with the museum:

info@cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk



November 2022

Rosie Ellen Hunt

John T Smith

Members hoping to hear Jerry Green talk about his naval surgeon ancestor were disappointed when his memory stick was not identified by our ageing laptop.

Fortunately John Smith had come along with details of a talk he was offering to give at a future meeting. He stepped into the breach. On a census John had found someone in his village of Cheddington said to be born in New Zealand. As a committed genealogist he could not resist the temptation to trace her origins.

Details of this interesting talk will appear in a future edition of this journal.



December 2022

A Surgeon in Nelson's Navy

Jerry Green

Family legend was that Thomas MAJOR was a surgeon in the Royal Navy, and was on board the ship *Swiftsure* at the Battle of the Nile in 1798. After Thomas left the Royal Navy he settled in Hungerford, Berkshire as a medical practitioner. This legend was in Thomas's grandson's obituary in 1915. Thomas was Jerry's 4x great-grandfather and he wanted to check whether this was true, which resulted in an investigation of all of his service in the Royal Navy.

Jerry had studied the surgeon's log covering the Battle of the Nile and there was no mention of Thomas but he was surprised to see that of 152 sailors treated by the surgeon only 16 of these were due to wounds. The skills of a naval surgeon were demonstrated by the case of a 14-year-old boy who had a splinter through his skull – after two months this individual was back on duty.

Thomas's will mentioned his brother, William from Andover in Hampshire and then, in the 1851 census, he found William born in Stockbridge, Hampshire. He then found the Major family in Stockbridge parish registers with Thomas born in 1771 and William in 1791.

Jerry then studied *Swiftsure's* musters before the Battle of the Nile, he finally found Thomas Major, surgeon's mate, aged 22 from County of Southampton, in 1793. After viewing (at the National Archives) ship's musters, paybooks, surgeon's lists and entry books of surgeons he managed to trace Thomas's career on seven ships in the Navy. A lot of detail had been added by viewing the *Naval Chronicle* which is available online. Thomas had two voyages between Ireland and France, two voyages in the Caribbean and one to Quebec. His ship, *Nemesis*, was on the St Lawrence River on the date of the Battle of the Nile.

The only evidence Jerry found of Thomas carrying out his duties as a surgeon was an expense claim for £4 10s for venereal cures on six sailors. This was on a scrap of paper in one of the ship's pay books. Surgeons' logs have only been retained for major battles and ships taking convicts to Australia.

While on *La Nereide* in the Caribbean his ship alone captured 37 ships when assisting the Dutch to drive out the French in Curacao. Jerry wondered how much prize money the crew got.

In 1801 Thomas was given leave to recover his health and in 1804 he did not return to the Royal Navy, so he was deleted from the surgeons' list.

Our Living Village Seer Green and Jordans

If you have ancestors from Seer Green and Jordans, this excellent project website from the Seer Green & Jordans Society is well worth a visit. It covers a variety of topics including people and population, historic buildings and old pubs.

www.ourlivingvillage.org

WEEKEND RESEARCH

Did you know that Buckinghamshire Archives in Aylesbury are open on the first Saturday of each month? Opening times are from 9am to 4pm.

If you wish to see original records it is best to book a space in advance. On a Saturday you can request up to 8 documents per session. These documents must be ordered in advance. It is possible to order an additional three documents throughout the day.

Email to book a session: archives@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Society Publications: School Records

An often overlooked resource for family historians is the school record. Not all have survived, of course, and some are in private hands but the Record Office, Bucks Archives, has a wealth of them available to peruse (<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/culture-and-tourism/archives/search-the-archives-catalogue>).

Our Society has published a small number on CD or DVD and these are available to purchase through the Society webshop:

<https://shop.bucksfhs.org.uk>

Our publications cover schools in the following parishes:

Aston Clinton £8.00

Haddenham £5.00

Boarstall £5.00

Iver £8.00

Chalfont St Giles £8.00

Loudwater £5.00

Cheddington £5.00

Nash £5.00

Cuddington £8.00

Stone & Hartwell £5.00

Edlesborough £5.00

Thornborough £8.00

Flackwell Heath £5.00

Wendover £8.00

Great Kingshill £5.00

Post and packing charges to UK addresses remain at a modest £1.30 for up to 5 CDs.

The CDs incorporate search software, indexes and images.

Colnbrook Town Houses Charity

by Tony Sargeant

Colnbrook is a small town in the south of Bucks which lost its status as a town as the population was not large enough for Colnbrook to qualify. Colnbrook is divided administratively as it sits on the border between two parishes. The Anglican Chapel recorded its activities in an account book which shows the start of the charity.

1731

On 23rd December 1731, 44 people gathered at St Mary's Chapel in the High Street, Colnbrook. They all would have attended the chapel (or walked across the fields to St Michael's Horton or further west to St Mary's at Middle Green, Langley) on a weekly basis – or more frequently for some. For this was the time when attending church was expected and if too many Sundays were missed, the local justices started asking questions.

In 1731 the chapel stood in front of the George Inn in the middle of the street. All these people from the Horton and Langley sides of Colnbrook had gathered to receive a payment from the Colnbrook Town Houses Charity. Here is the list of those people.

Receiving 1 shilling:

Abram STONE.

Those receiving 2 shillings:

Edward SPICER, Tho TOPPIN, Widow BROWN, Widow LANGLEY, Widow STOKES, Mary THORNTON, Lois MEEL, Will REYNOLS, John SPURLIN, Will STUBBS, Tho BURTONWOOD.

Those receiving 2 shillings 6 pennies:

Sam WARD, Tho LAVINDER, Mary LAVINDER, Jos THOMPSON.

Those receiving 3 shillings:

Eliz TRIGG, Mic GUYDON, Widow SPENCER, Jos PERFECT.

Those receiving 3 shillings 6 pennies:

Nick JONES, John DEWSBERRY, John MASKEL, Widow FRANCIS, CARR children.

Those receiving 4 shillings:

Widow WILD, Jas ELY, John HOW, Benj FELLOWS, Tho PHILLIPS, Wm ARCH, Widow AVERY, Widow GILL, Eliz POTTER, Widow MEW.

Those receiving 5 shillings:

Widow TILLER, Wm RAYNER, Widow KIMBER, Widow SEDGEWICK, Widow ALEXANDER, Widow HOW.

Those receiving 15 shillings:

Tho LOVEGROVE, John ROBERTS.

Total of £8 4s.

As you can see, the amounts paid out vary and the records do not say why. The community was small, with 841 people. The trustees of the charity were the shopkeepers and innholders of the town, along with the yeoman farmers. From this group the chapel wardens and poor rate collectors were also elected. There would be somebody within this group who would know the circumstances of the individuals listed. The deceased husbands of some of the widows listed probably managed the charity in earlier years.

These payments require some context: we know the County Justices set the rates of pay at the Aylesbury Quarter Sessions each year. This was done in the late 1600s and remained the same for many years. A day labourer would earn 7 pennies per day while a gardener would earn 8 pennies per day.

The income for the charity came from the rents on houses and land in Colnbrook. The costs, like frankpledge, insurance and maintenance were deducted and the remainder paid out. If major work was required to repair the houses, less was paid out to the poor.

During 1848 six houses and one parcel of land produced an income of £38 10s and the distribution on 24th December at the King's Arms to 70 people was £31 7s. The number of people in Colnbrook was 841, so over 8% of the people received a payment.

1860

In 1860 the venue for the distribution on the 24th December took place in the newly built public rooms. These were the payments made:

Those receiving 12s 6d:

Widow FRYER, William TRIPP, Robt FINCH.

Those receiving 10s:

Widows: HOULTON, HILL, HURT, SHINGLETON, COX, PENDRY (James), DIXON, WARDEN, GILL, HORWOOD, HERRETT, HAYNES, MORRIS, KING, PENDRY (Peter), PARKER, RIDDLE, POLLEY, CLARK.

Those receiving 9s:

John PENDRY's children, James ALLUM, Joseph PENDRY, William HOLDERNESS, John WARDEN, Chas WAKEFIELD, Chas BOWLER Jnr, John EAST, William BARRETT, Henry MOLE, Samuel YOUNG.

Those receiving 8s:

Widow LAWRENCE, Widow GROVE, Thos PIZZEY, Henry HAYNES, John MORTEN, James BAKER.

Those receiving 7s 6d:

Charles BOWLER Snr, John EBORN, James DOWSON, James CHAPMAN, James NEWELL, John CROOK, John JACKSON.

One receiving 7s:

Richard COWDREY.

Those receiving 6s:

John OSBORN, John HILL, William CLARK, James BOWLER, John BOWDEN, George PENDRY, Caroline OXLEY, John KIMBER, Henry SMITH, Jos? TALBOT.

Those receiving 5s:

Thos COLLINS, James SMITH, John STRANGE, John HAYNES, Robt CARR, Henry BELCHER, Widow HEDGES, George ROBERTS, John BARRETT, David BRADFORD, Thos CHITTY Snr, Joseph PIZZEY, James MATHEWS, Widow WILSON, Isaac PENDRY.

Those receiving 4s:

Samuel GRIFFIN, John STOCKER.

Total distributed: £30 1s 6d.

There were 875 people in Colnbrook and 77 received payments, or 8.8%.

All this information allows us to trace families further into the past.

Surnames like Carr appear in both lists, while other names like Rayner and Pendry have been around for over 200 years. Other names are linked to the Strict Baptists or the Methodists in the town who do not appear in the Anglican records. These are the poor of Colnbrook: there would be no wills to provide information. The frequency of these records means that other information about their lives can be inferred.

From 1657, Colnbrook Town Houses Charity was able to help at a hard time of the year, bringing a touch of relief in addition to the vestry and overseers. As all the people were living in the town, they may not have been receiving the usual relief from overseers of the poor or, after 1837, Eton Union.

The records I have used for this are in Buckinghamshire Archives. Today the charity is still active, supporting the small community of Colnbrook.

Tony Sargeant

Buckinghamshire Archives Changes to the Public Searchroom

- Now remains open over lunch.
- Access to up to 3 extra documents on the day of your visit.

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/culture-and-tourism/archives

Buckinghamshire Records at Devon Heritage Centre

by Howard Lambert

Recently I discovered the following records held at Devon Heritage Centre, which I thought would be of interest to our members.

DEED OF GIFT – SETTLEMENT. Manors of Queynton and Mussenden Magna [sic] c 1431

1. John CHEYNE esq., and Isabella his wife
2. John CHEYNE Knt., John LANGESTON, Richard HAY, William STOKES, John DAYRELL, Robert POTTENHAM, John SEWELL, John MORTYMER, John WATKYNS, John FRAMPTON, William FRAMPTON, Nicholas HYCHENDEN, William CHEYNE, Nicholas BEREWYK, John SMYTH, John PARKER, John atte WELL, John SMYTH and William SAMBROKE

Also mentions John LANGEPORT and William BRYT

Witnesses: [-----] SAKEVYLL Knt., Thomas MALORY, Thomas STOKES, Thomas CHEYNE, John ARCHES

Ref: 1038M/T/4/24

BOND, Missenden 1437

1. John ANLAWE of Missenden, husbandman, and William BROWTON of Missenden
2. John HAMPDEN of Kymbell and Edmund BRUDENELL

Ref: 1038M/T/4/26

QUITCLAIM, Missenden 1452

1. William BARBOR of Houghton nr Dunstable, formerly of Chesham, yeoman and Johanna his wife
2. William WYDDEMERE and Alice his wife of Great Missenden

Witnesses: John GARDENER, John LONGE, Henry GERY, John PLEYTER, Nicholas RYCHEMAN

Ref: 1038M/T/4/30

DEED OF GIFT, Missenden 1455

1. Nicholas INWARDEBY lord of the manor of Great Missenden
2. Thomas CLERK of Missenden and Johanna his wife

Mentions James BEAUGAUNT and Christiana his wife, daughter and heiress of John PIPPARD recently of Essex

Witnesses: William WYDMERE, John GARDENER, William UMBERVYLE, John SAYOT, William HYKMAN

Ref: 1038M/T/4/31

QUITCLAIM, Chesham 1463

1. John RANDOLF the elder
2. John BIRCHE of Chardrugge [Chartridge]

Witnesses: Thomas WEDON of Chardrugge, Peter GERY, Richard BRIAN, Robert PARSONS, Peter SMYTH

Ref: 1038M/T/4/2

**GREAT MISSENDEN COURT BARON AND VIEW OF FRANKPLEDGE,
1463–1482**

25 membranes bound in sheet of illuminated manuscript

Ref: 1038/M/M/1/1

RECEIPT AND QUITCLAIM, Missenden, 1480

1. Thomas HAMPDEN of Kimble, gentleman, and Nicholas MALERBE
2. John IWARDEBY son and heir of Nicholas IWARDEBY esquire

Mentions Alice, wife of Nicholas, cousin and heiress of John SERIANT recently of Great Missenden

Ref: 1038M/T/4/34

LEASE FOR ONE LIFE – SETTLEMENT, Missenden 1532

1. Thomas BUCKMASTER
2. John BLAKE and Robert WEST

Mentions Michael DORMER, William WIDMER, Henry WIDMERE, John WIDMERE and Richard MALKYN

Ref: 1038M/T/4/37

COPY COURT ROLL, Missenden 1550

1. Edmund ELMES, esquire
2. Edward BUCKMASTER

Premises in Great Missenden. Mentions Richard MALKYN father of Isabella, wife of Thomas BUCKFASTER [sic] and mother of 2

Ref: 1038M/T/4/38

FINAL CONCORD, 1582

1. John STYLE, gent., and William CHYLDE quer(ents)
2. William RUSSELL def(orciant)

8 messuages and lands in Chalfont St Giles, Chalfont St Peter, Agmondisham and Hygenden als. Hychenden. Consideration £40.

Ref: 3799M/0/T/17/3

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EXTENSIVE FAMILIES

Newspapers often reported on unusually large families, particularly when announcing the death of elderly local residents. In 1871 a Mrs Anderson of Weaverthorpe was reported by the *Driffield Times* to have been mother of 18 children, grandmother of 74, a great-grandmother of 101, and great-great-grandmother of 4.

Here is an example in Bucks from the *Bucks Advertiser & Aylesbury News* on 13 February 1915:

DEATH OF MRS C PLESTED. – By the death of Mrs Charlotte Plested, widow of Mr Charles Plested, of 6, King's Head Square, this town [Aylesbury] has lost one of its oldest inhabitants. The deceased, who was 94 years of age, had a family of twelve children, and her descendents number 105 grandchildren and great grandchildren, in addition to several great great grandchildren.

Do any of your Bucks ancestors beat these numbers? Let us know!

Who was Rebecca Woodfine?

Tony Sargeant

Rebecca WOODFINE was known in Radclive as widow Woodfine for 24 years – after the death of her husband in 1693 to her own in 1717. For those years she lived in the Manor house next to St John's Church. The village, only consisting of a few more houses or cottages, was surrounded on three sides by a loop of the river Ouse as it meanders to the west of Buckingham.

Rebecca Woodfine was born in Stepney as Rebecca PYLES, daughter of William and Elizabeth Pyles. William was a mariner. The baptism took place in St Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney on the 15 September 1653. There was a community of mariners in Stepney, with many of the wives waiting while their men were away at sea. Rebecca Pyles must have known that waiting was part of married life when she married John Woodfine in March 1672.

John Woodfine was born 25 Nov 1645, son of Thomas Woodfine and Katherine NEEDS. In 1655 Thomas Woodfine, John Woodfine's brother was born. John Woodfine, son of John Woodfine and Rebecca, was baptised in Stepney in 1675. All three men were captains of ships sailing from London and appear in the Slave Voyages database (www.slavevoyages.org). This website records over 36,000 voyages from 1514 to 1866 and can be searched by places, dates, and names of captains, owners and ships.

When John Woodfine wrote his will in 1693 he bequeathed the manor house and other property to Rebecca for the length of her natural life. Other lands in Essex were bequeathed to their daughters. After Rebecca's death the Manor passed to their son. In John's will there were provisions for passing on money to their children, but their son appears not to have

survived. Rebecca was also able to pass on to her son-in-law Hartley SANDWELL land in Gawcott and a windmill on the site. This is only a brief synopsis of the wills.

Can we get any other details about Rebecca Woodfine and her life in Radclive?

By consulting *History & Antiquity of Bucks Vol. 3* by Lipscombe we discover Rebecca Woodfine threw open the deer park and sold the deer. As Rebecca was not the final recipient of the Manor under her husband's will, the final recipient would have to agree to such action. It may have happened to fund payment of the outstanding legacies.

Radclive is a very small parish, which also included Chackmore; in 1801 the population of the whole parish was only 252 people. There may have been fewer than 100 in Radclive itself. The rector of Radclive was John NORBORNE between 1691 and 1727. He lived in the village and made the entries in the parish registers.

The burial register entry in August 1707 for John QUOMINO describes him as 'a negro Servant of Madam Woodfine having been baptised about 12 years since at Stepney in the county of Middlesex'. Norborne must have asked about John Quomino's status to have this information. In the case of widow Ruth WHITEHEAD a few years later, Norborne must have been exasperated about the 'countenance from the chief of this place' after remarking about the morals of Ruth Whitehead. This could also be seen as two women taking no notice of John Norborne's expectations about women's behaviour.

During her time at Radclive, Rebecca still kept in touch with family around Stepney and Essex. There is the record of the death of Rebecca Pyles daughter of Captain Thomas of Stepney in 1707 and 'John Curfie son of Lieutenant John and Rebecca Aide de Camp to Sir Richard Temple at the Lille' who was buried in 1709. John Curfie appears in the Stepney registers. This also shows links to the TEMPLE family at Stowe.

There is only one baptism of note in Radclive parish from this time. In 1714 'Christiana or Feebee ASSABA, a negro girl of riper years, slave to Madam Woodfine above 6 years'.

With the death of Rebecca Woodfine in 1717, the Manor passed to Ann her daughter who had married Mr Hartley Sandwell in Shalstone. By 1735 the Radclive estate was owned by New College Oxford.

As you can see it is difficult to build a picture of Rebecca Woodfine while she was living in Radclive. All there is are a few snippets of information about the people around her. There may be more information out there that will improve our view and understanding.

Tony Sargeant

Snippets from Australian Newspapers

Lynda Reid

Reprinted in *The Courier* (Hobart, Tas), 6th Apr 1849.

A golden bracelet, of the intrinsic worth of about £20, which is thought to have been deposited at the time of the conflict between the Romans and the sons of the British King, Cunobelin, was lately found by a ploughman on the estates of Mr. R FOX, near Wendover, Bucks, and is to be presented to the British Museum.

The Courier (Hobart, Tas), Wed 1st Aug 1849

Mr GRANGE, a farmer of Whaddon Chase, in Buckinghamshire, has ploughed up a gold deposit. As he was breaking up soil that had been woodland for centuries, he turned up a number of cubes of gold, of the value of £300 or more. They are claimed by the lord of the manor, and a coroner's jury is to hold an inquest of treasure-trove.

The Ballarat Star, Thur 8th March 1923.

One of the most remarkable women in Victoria is Mrs Fanny HUMPHREY, who lives at Barkly. On Saturday next she will be 100 years of age.

Mrs Frances Humphrey is the widow of the late Mr Joseph Humphrey.

Both were born in the picturesque little village of Wingrave, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England. It was on the 10th of March, 1823, that Mrs Humphrey was born. She was the daughter of Mr Thomas RODWELL, a shoemaker, well and favorably known in the village. In 1842 she was married, and a few years later the young couple agreed to seek their fortune in the land of the Southern mass. They came out to Australia on the emigrant ship 'Cressy,' the ship being in charge of Captain Withers. After an adventurous voyage they landed in Adelaide in the year 1847. Mr Humphrey turned his attention to the land, taking up a farm at Gawler.

News of the first Gold Rush at Ballarat reached Mr Humphrey and he set out to investigate.

Satisfied with the prospect of a sale Mr Humphrey hurried out to Gawler, sold his farm, and came overland to Victoria with wife and family of four, with a bullock dray. One of their children died, and is buried at what is known as Reedy Creek, Barkly.

[...] For the last 26 years Mrs Humphrey has been living with her youngest son, Mr James Humphrey, of Barkly. Friends and relatives from distant places are visiting the old lady, who is in fairly robust health. She is quite smart, and sometimes walks a mile to the post office returning home with a brisk step. To everyone she is known as Granny. A kind cheerful old English lady. Mrs Humphrey is one of the grand old pioneers of whom all should be proud. She is indeed a remarkable person.

All Barkly will congratulate her on Saturday next.

CHILTERN'S WOMEN FESTIVAL

Conference – Wednesday 8th March at Missenden Abbey

Come along to Missenden Abbey, where attendees will learn about the work of the women past, present and future who have made their mark living in and around the woodlands and grass meadows of the Chilterns.

Speakers, panels, discussions, demonstrations, displays and more.

Book tickets and find out more at:

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'Hidden Hands: Women and work in the Chilterns' exhibition & events at Wycombe Museum

The six-month-long exhibition will open at Wycombe Museum on 7th March, and has been curated by the Woodlanders' Lives and Landscapes project team in partnership with Wycombe Museum and Buckinghamshire New University, and forms the museum's Summer Exhibition. A series of events will take place alongside the exhibition including 'Discover and Make' sessions for young people, a family day, lacemaking and straw plaiting workshops, an exploration of local gin and beer and their links to local craftspeople, a Bodgers Pub Tour and a 'memory day' to collect new stories.

- Exhibition opens Tuesday 7th March, and runs until Sunday 10th September 2023
- At Wycombe Museum – see opening times etc at: www.wycombemuseum.org.uk/visit
- Free entry, all welcome, no need to book
- A series of events will run alongside the exhibition
- Find out more at www.chilternsaonb.org/ChilternsWomenExhib

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Fawley Court

Tony Sargeant

Fawley Court stands in parkland next to the Thames. If it was built at the other end of the lawn, it would be in Oxfordshire. The original house was owned by Bulstrode Whitlock and was occupied and plundered by Sir John Byron's troops during the Civil War.

The house was rebuilt to a design by Sir Christopher Wren for Mr William Freeman. He owned estates on Nevis & Monserrat and other islands in the West Indies. William of Orange was able to stay at Fawley Court on his route from Tawny to London during November 1688. William Freeman was interred in the family mausoleum in Fawley churchyard. To learn more about William Freeman see <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/london-record-soc/vol36/vii-xlix>

In 1852 Fawley Court was bought by Edward Mackenzie who had made his fortune as a railway contractor with his elder brother who had just died. He also had constructed a mausoleum in Fawley churchyard.



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Police Stories

Mick Shaw

Newport Pagnell Police Station was built in 1872. In those early days the policemen worked from their home address, only checking in for an up-date of orders. Four policemen under one inspector covered the area with a population of 3,500. The cost to build the station was around £1,600. It is interesting to note the police officers would have worn a helmet ...

This is the beginning of just one of the articles mentioned in *Mick Shaw's Police Stories*, a book that covers mainly Buckinghamshire police officers telling their stories. How did Police Constable 199 Stephen Wilfred JENNINGS, later Superintendent Jennings, become a character in one of Enid Blyton's books? And how did Mick's research eventually name two unidentified police officers in a photograph? These and many more questions can be answered in Mick Shaw's book. Mick, now retired after 33 years in Thames Valley Police, also relates some incidents that happened to him during his service.

One evening, after a busy late turn, I returned to Wolverton Police Station where I met with my two colleagues, Simon and Richard. It was midnight and we were just about to go off duty. A call came over the police radio for a unit to attend a burglar alarm at the cycle shop in Stony Stratford. The nearest unit was at Central Milton Keynes so the three of us booked back on duty, got into a police car and quickly made our way to Stony Stratford. We did not have the siren sounding but we did have the blue light illuminated. As we arrived at the premises you will never guess what happened next!!!

You can find out in *Mick Shaw's Police Stories*, which can be purchased on Amazon.

Mick is also the curator of the Small Police Museum at Central Milton Keynes Police Station. Visits take place on Wednesday mornings at 9:30

by appointment only as this is a working police station. If you are interested in visiting the museum, please contact Mick on:

smallpolicemuseum@gmail.com

Mick also has a Buckinghamshire Constabulary website which covers all aspects of the Buckinghamshire Constabulary (1857 to 1968) including full or part records of service of police officers who served in the Force. This can be found at:

<http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/bch/index.html>

In their Own Words Book and Videos

The latest in the Chilterns Stories collection, this new and unique book tells the life stories of people 'in their own words', all of whom worked in, or had connections with rural industries in the Chilterns.

Volunteer researchers working for the Woodlanders' Lives and Landscapes community social history project in the Chilterns were lucky to discover three important collections of oral history interviews. They had been recorded onto reel-to-reel and cassette tape between the 1950s and the 1980s, which until now have largely remained hidden in public and private archives. The oral histories give insights into four core industries that sustained Chilterns' families for generations – chairmaking, lacemaking, straw plaiting, and tambour beading.

The accounts can also be viewed in video form – hear the interviewees telling their own stories alongside archive footage, images and volunteer accounts. Find them at:

www.chilternsaonb.org/ITOW

Bucks Research Timeline

1856–1898

Year	Significant dates in Bucks history and family history research
1856	Originally a chapelry, Langley Marish became a separate parish from Wraysbury
1857	Administering Wills and Probate removed from the Church to the Principal Probate Registry
1858	Indexes to Wills and Administrations published with some detail including executor(s) Value of effects and date of death
1861	(7 Apr) census for 1861
1861	<i>Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette</i> started publication covering the southern tip of Bucks, available for research online 1861 to 1999
1861	Gerrards Cross St James was created from Fulmer, Chalfont St Peter, Iver, Langley Marish & Upton-cum-Chalvey
1863	Tylers Green St Margaret was created from Hazlemere, High Wycombe and Penn
1866	Civil Registration: age at death added to death index
1866	Loudwater St Peter parish was created from High Wycombe
1867	St Mary the Virgin, Westcott was built
1867	High Wycombe, Christchurch was opened, the church closed in 1967
1867	Dropmore St Anne was created from Burnham, Dorney, Hitcham and Taplow

Year	Significant dates in Bucks history and family history research
1868	Bledlow Ridge was created from Bledlow
1870	Married Women's Property Act gave married women the same property rights as single women
1871	(2 Apr) census for 1871
1872	Parliamentary elections – voting to be secret
1873	Landowners survey published
1874	Births and Deaths Registration Act makes registration compulsory
1876	Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli of Hughenden became the Earl of Beaconsfield
1878	Factory and Workshop Act changed the minimum working age to 10 years
1880	The Elementary Education Act made education compulsory for children of 3 to 10 years
1881	(3 Apr) census for 1881 – originally transcribed by Church of the Latter Day Saints
1883	Local Government Order caused the transfer of parts of Drayton Beauchamp and Marsworth to Tring, Herts
1883	Waddesdon Manor completed for Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild
1883	<i>Slough Observer</i> started publication, covering the south of Bucks. 1883 to 1929 available online at sloughhistoryonline.org.uk
1885	Local Government Order caused the transfer of Hudnall in Edlesborough transferred to Little Gaddesden, Herts

Year	Significant dates in Bucks history and family history research
1885	Cremation of the dead was legalised
1888	Local Government Order caused the transfer of part of Marsworth to Puttenham, Herts
1888	A Local Government Act created county councils and boroughs in England
1889	<i>Buckinghamshire Examiner</i> started publication, covering Chesham and Amersham areas. (Available for research online 1889 to 1985 with gaps)
1890	<i>South Bucks Standard</i> started publication until 1914. (Available for research online)
1891	(5 Apr) census for 1891
1893	Elementary Education (School Attendance) Act raised the school leaving age to 11 and later 13 years
1894	Picture postcards were permitted by the Royal Mail
1895	Local Government Order caused the transfer of Netteden to Little Gaddesden, Herts
1896	A Local Government Act caused the transfer of Stokenchurch from Oxfordshire; Cadmore End and Studdridge (detached parts of Lewknor) from Oxfordshire; parts of Ibstone from Oxfordshire
1897	Ashley Green parish was formed from Chesham although separate registers exist from 1867
1898	Non-conformist ministers could now become a registrar of marriages

This series will continue in future editions.

Tony Sargeant

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platforms!

David Fox, Buckinghamshire Farmer

My great-great-grandfather David FOX, born circa 1799 in Yorkshire, by 1834 was 'farmer' of Court Farm at Hedgerley, near Beaconsfield; he is recorded as such when that year he married Sarah CORSER in Shropshire, her home county, but they made their home at Court Farm until some time after the 1851 census.

He did not own the farm, but was either a tenant farmer or estate farm manager. Anyway, he and Sarah were it seems quite wealthy, employing ag labs and servants, and sending their only child, Edward Corser Fox, to Baylis House Roman Catholic boarding school at Stoke Poges in 1851, when Edward was 12.

By 1861, the family had moved to Upton cum Chalvey near Slough, where they ran a smaller farm.

By 1871, Sarah was in the care of a Roman Catholic nursing home out of the area, and was a 'widow'. Their son Edward had also moved away from the area.

David had therefore died between the 1861 and 1871 censuses. I have now obtained EVERY death certificate for a 'David Fox' for England and Wales between 1861 and 1871, and none is the correct one. I have also searched online for a burial record, obituary, or any mention in a newspaper which could refer to my ancestor, but to no avail.

Would any member please have any information which may refer to this family, and in particular to the death of David?

I am open too to general suggestions about circumstances in which there would not be a death certificate.

Thank you for any information or help you can give. All messages gratefully received.

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