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From the Editor

I am not as organised as our Honorary Secretary, so I am writing this far later, in February. I hope you enjoy this edition, which has an interesting selection of articles and snippets. Please note the date of the Society AGM (notice on page 5). It is important to have as many attendees as possible so that the Society can continue to run effectively. There is also information about the Society shop moving to Parish Chest (page 17) and the Society's family history workshops at Buckinghamshire Archives in Aylesbury (page 11). These ventures are intended to benefit our members – so please support them if you can.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to and helped me with this issue. Please do continue to submit your articles and snippets, photos and help wanted requests – this is your journal which is sent to each and every member, so it is a great way to communicate your research successes and challenges, which in turn keeps it interesting!

It is always helpful to receive details of any local events that might be relevant to Buckinghamshire research, or indeed any websites. I cannot keep up with or find all of these myself, so I am always grateful for any information.

Alan Dell Award 2024

Thank you to those of you who submitted entries to the Alan Dell Award. The results will be published in the summer journal. The deadline for the 2024 award for best article is 31st December. We receive varying numbers of articles for this competition each year, so please do help us to make it worthwhile – and you could win a prize too! Visit our website for entry details.

Rebecca Gurney
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A Note From the Honorary Secretary

As I write this on New Year's Eve, I am looking forward to family history in 2024. There may also be a resolution to blog more about various projects I'm involved with. Although resolutions are for breaking.

As far as Bucks FHS is concerned there will be some changes happening which could be quite exciting. I personally want to do some more transcription work on parish registers. But that is dependent on free time. I'm sure there are other members of the Executive who are in the same position. The same could be said for other members who are running the branches. If you think you could help, please do not be shy. There are plenty of opportunities and some of them can be done from the comfort of your own computer!

In the meantime I'm going to get some research done.

Tony Sargeant, Honorary Secretary
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Cheque payments

The Society is no longer accepting cheques for search services and new memberships. Those who are already members and renew by cheque will not be affected.

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July 2024 (Summer) issue – 3rd May 2024
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Submissions received after the deadline must be held over for the next issue

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Proposed
NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY 24th MAY 2024

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 26 May 2023.
3. Annual Report for 2023.
4. Annual Accounts for 2023.
5. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the 2024 accounts.
6. Election of Principal Officers and members of the Executive Committee.
7. Any Other Business.

By Order of the Executive Committee.

Tony Sargeant, Honorary Secretary

January 2024

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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.

Northern Group

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

**MIKE CHAPMAN : THE CWGC ARCHIVES
Wednesday 6th March 2024 7:30pm**



The Commonwealth War Graves Commission archive collects and preserves materials which document its history, the individuals it commemorates, and the cemeteries and memorials it maintains. Mike Chapman returns to explain what those materials are and how they are made available for research.

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

**STEVE BACON : A VERY LUCKY SAILOR
Wednesday 3rd April 2024 7:30pm**



Steve takes pride in presenting talks which are both well researched and resourced, and has based this one on the experiences of his father-in-law, who seems to have been a very lucky sailor. Learn more about the war in the Atlantic from the perspective of the merchant navy.

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

**KEVIN VARTY : THE VICTORIAN WAY OF DEATH
Wednesday 1st May 2024 7:30pm**



The Victorians had a preoccupation with death which is hard for us to understand. Many churchyards being full, the opening of new cemeteries changed Victorian attitudes to death and mourning and gave rise to an incredible growth in the funeral industry. Kevin sets out to explain this.

Victorian mourning garb, public domain via Wikimedia Commons

Southern Group & Online

SOUTHERN GROUP Community Centre
Wakeman Road BOURNE END SL8 5SX

SPEAKERS AND SUBJECTS TO BE ANNOUNCED
Second Tuesday of each month 7:45pm



The Southern Group programme was unavailable when Origins went to press. Look out for local publicity and announcements on the Society's website. Meetings are scheduled to take place on:

13th February 2024	14th May 2024
12th March 2024	11th June 2024
9th April 2024	9th July 2024

Buckinghamshire Family History Society
ONLINE TALK VIA ZOOM FOR MEMBERS ONLY

JANET FEW : COMING HERE - RECORDS OF IMMIGRATION
Friday 9th February 2024 from 20:15 UK - UTC



General records are considered as well as the immigration of the Roma and Traveller communities, those of the Jewish faith, and Huguenots. The impact of immigration is also considered.

Members will find the link required to join the meeting by logging in to the Society's website.

Buckinghamshire Family History Society
ONLINE TALK VIA ZOOM FOR MEMBERS ONLY

LINDA HAMMOND : MIND MAPPING GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
Friday 23rd February 2024 from 20:15 UK - UTC



Mind Maps can be as simple or complex as you want. They help organise your planning and thought processes by visually mapping the information, and can prove invaluable in breaking down brick walls.

Members will find the link required to join the meeting by logging in to the Society's website.

Online Talks

Buckinghamshire Family History Society ONLINE TALK VIA ZOOM FOR MEMBERS ONLY

JULIAN HUNT : ENGLISH COACHING INNS
Friday 8th March 2024 from 20:15 UK - UTC



Originally entitled Coaching Days on the Old Oxford Road, Julian includes everything from turnpikes to the rise of the railway.

Members will find the link required to join the meeting by logging in to the Society's website.

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Buckinghamshire Family History Society ONLINE TALK VIA ZOOM FOR MEMBERS ONLY

GRAHAM BANDY : GETTING TO KNOW YOUR MILITARY ANCESTORS
Friday 22nd March 2024 from 20:15 UK - UTC



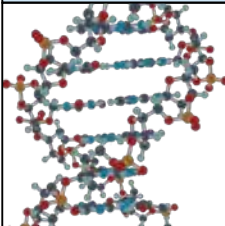
Graham is an expert on medical military history, dating military photographs and identifying uniforms and cap badges.

Members will find the link required to join the meeting by logging in to the Society's website.

Uniform of the 1st Royal Dragoons 1839, public domain via Wikimedia Commons

Buckinghamshire Family History Society ONLINE TALK VIA ZOOM FOR MEMBERS ONLY

KAREN EVANS : UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF DNA TESTING
Friday 26th April 2024 from 20:15 UK / 19:15 UTC



Can you really be a Viking? Karen highlights the range and pitfalls of DNA testing and how the test works, helping us to understand the results.

Members will find the link required to join the meeting by logging in to the Society's website.

DNA in colour by VSimonian at English Wikibooks CC BY-SA 3.0 via Wikimedia Commons

Online Talks

Buckinghamshire Family History Society ONLINE TALK VIA ZOOM FOR MEMBERS ONLY

DENISE BATES : INVESTIGATIONS USING NEWSPAPERS
Friday 24th May 2024 from 20:15 UK / 19:15 UTC



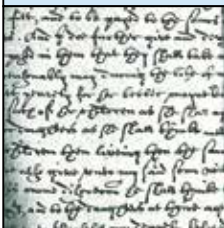
Denise advocates putting stories into context, by finding similar instances or by analysing data to discover what was typical and what was not.

Members will find the link required to join the meeting by logging in to the Society's website.

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Buckinghamshire Family History Society ONLINE TALK VIA ZOOM FOR MEMBERS ONLY

JOHN TITTERTON : MAKING THE MOST OF A WILL
Friday 28th June 2024 from 20:15 UK / 19:15 UTC

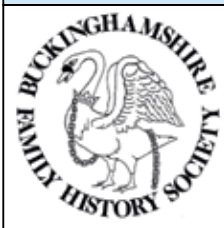


John considers the deceased, the testators, the bequests, other documents and records and shows how combining information will produce surprising results.

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Buckinghamshire Family History Society ONLINE TALK VIA ZOOM FOR MEMBERS ONLY

RICHARD HOLT : CHARITY RECORDS
Friday 26th July 2024 from 20:15 UK / 19:15 UTC



Local charities can be identified using the survey carried out by the Charity Commission in the 1830s, but others will be revealed by parish material.

Members will find the link required to join the meeting by logging in to the Society's website.

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS

The first Saturday of the month sees the Society's Family History Workshop at **Buckinghamshire Archives, Walton Street, Aylesbury**, where we aim to help with:

- **RESEARCH:** Advising visitors on how to conduct family history research, and to offer advice and guidance on how to move forward.
- **RESOURCES:** Explaining the resources available to them via our Society as well as those of the Archives and Local Studies Library.
- **SEARCHES:** Conducting searches for Baptisms, Marriages and Burials on our Names Database for those researching their Bucks ancestors.
- **RECORDS:** Enabling those wishing to see original records to book a space in advance with the Archives. Requests can be made for up to 8 documents per session, ordered in advance. A further 3 documents can be ordered throughout the day.

CAN WE HELP YOU?

Come to see us on:

March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th
between 9.00am and 4.00pm.



Diary Dates

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

Details are correct at the time of writing (February 2024), 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 24th February 10am to noon and 2pm to 4pm</p>	<p>Berkshire Heritage Online Fair* Buckinghamshire FHS will be represented at this free event, which has previously attracted visitors from all round the world. Held on Zoom, using breakout rooms. For details visit https://www.blha.org.uk/berkshire-heritage-online-fair/</p>
<p>8th March (Also on 9th April, 8th May and 5th June) 10am</p>	<p>History on our High Street: Wycombe Town Walking Tour A free walking tour with Denise Lindsay Starts at Pann Mill; ends at Wycombe Museum. Booking required: https://wycombemuseum.org.uk/events/history-on-our-high-street-4</p>
<p>Sat 13th April 2.30pm</p>	<p>Alison Wall: Pest and Plague Cottages Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society, Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP Alison will present her studies on Medieval isolation cottages (preparations for a forthcoming book). How society handles a pandemic, ancient and modern (Covid) methods. For further details visit https://bas1.org.uk/lectures-and-talks/</p>

<p>Sat 20th April</p>	<p>FHF Really Useful Family History Show The Burgess Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire PE27 6WU For further details visit https://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com/2024-live</p>
<p>Thur 25th April 2pm to 3.30pm</p>	<p>Visit to the Police Museum Archives, London Arranged by The Society of Genealogists £10 (£8 for SoG members) For further details visit: https://members.sog.org.uk/events</p>
<p>Thur 23rd May 11.00am to 12.30pm</p>	<p>Visit to St Bart's Archives, London Arranged by The Society of Genealogists £10 (£8 for SoG members) The archive holds records dating from 1137, shortly after the foundation of the oldest hospital, St Bartholomew's, to the current day. For further details visit: https://members.sog.org.uk/events</p>
<p>Mon 24th June 2pm to 3.15pm</p>	<p>Visit to Stationers' Hall, London Arranged by The Society of Genealogists £14.40 (£12 for SoG members) Work on the present hall began in 1670 and it was ready for use three years later. 18th century additions include the magnificent stained-glass windows. For further details visit: https://members.sog.org.uk/events</p>



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Meeting 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



December 2023

Members' Evening

A select gathering of 19 members sat in a circle to tell each other about their ancestors and in particular any reminiscences involving the Christmas season.

Linda Smith's Press family from Yarmouth were seafarers who frequently sent letters back from distant parts. A large collection of their correspondence has been deposited in the Norfolk Archives. Linda read us a seasonal sample from the 1800s. She had recently contributed another selection published in the December Norfolk Ancestor, journal of the Norfolk FHS, available on our society website.

Marion's family came from a small valley in Wiltshire where her father was a gamekeeper. She painted a picture of the daily lives of the poor labouring families and how they fared at Christmas. Her great grandparents married on Christmas Day the only day many agricultural labours were free to marry. Several of us had the same examples. Marion also talked of her

father killing and preparing game and other animals. This revived memories of sights and smells for both Yvonne and Graham who had worked in or lived over butchers.

Maggie amused us by reading out lists of Christmas presents which her grandmother had received and recorded over several years in the early 1900s. They reminded us of some of the social conditions our ancestors faced before WW1 which prompted relevant comments as did the other talks.

After our talks we tucked in to a selection of tasty nibbles and we had time to look at pictures of our young selves to see who we could identify. Some were easier to recognise than others the best effort was 10 out of the 17 displayed.

A pleasant end to the year, some exchanged cards, and we wished each other a Happy Christmas and wishes for a healthy 2024.

Buckinghamshire Old Photographs

The following are online resources for old photographs/images of Buckinghamshire – well worth a browse to see if the places where your ancestors lived appear:

Aylesbury Remembered

<https://www.aylesburyremembered.com/>

Buckinghamshire Archives photo library

<https://apps1.buckscc.gov.uk/eforms2005/photolibrary/default.aspx>

Local History Videos (Aylesbury)

<https://localhistoryvideos.com/aylesbury-buckinghamshire/>

Sharing Wycombe's Old Photographs

<https://swop.org.uk/>

The Buckinghamshire FHS Shop is Moving!

In a planned move, work has been going on behind the scenes to transfer our online shop to **Parish Chest** (<https://www.parishchest.com>), where memberships, and many of the Society's publications are already available to buy securely alongside those of other societies.

To land on the Society's page, point your browser to:

<https://www.parishchest.com/buckinghamshire-fhs-12284.php>

Alternatively, visit the Parish Chest website at:

<https://www.parishchest.com>

and navigate from the Bucks FHS Logo which can be found by scrolling down to the 'Societies' header.

If you have not used Parish Chest before, you will need to register before making a purchase. (Sorry, existing login credentials to the Society's shop cannot be transferred to Parish Chest.)

At the time *Origins* was in preparation a number of memberships had already been purchased through Parish Chest, and the transfer of publications advanced but in progress, with more being added all the time.

The existing shop will be closed down in spring 2024, so please visit Parish Chest soon, and familiarise yourself with the various products the Society has to offer.

Alan Dell Memorial Award

Best article competition

DEADLINE 31 DECEMBER 2024

First prize £50.00

Second prize £25.00



For entry requirements visit

www.bucksfhs.org.uk

The Story of Rosie Ellen Hunt

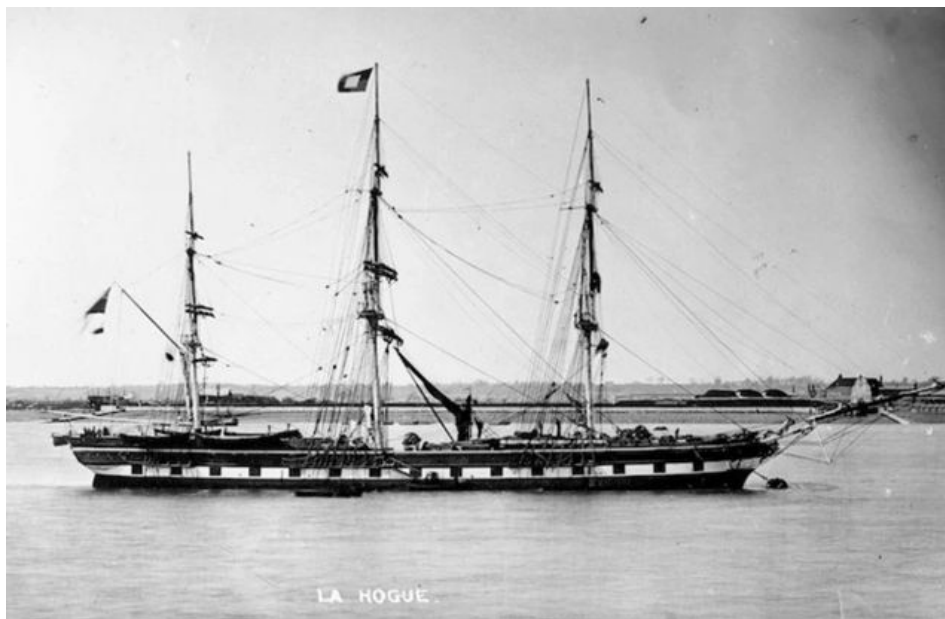
by John T Smith

Alan Dell Award Entry

When carrying out research into family history in Cheddington, I came across a Rosie Ellen HUNT who in 1899 married a villager, Arthur GOWER, at the parish church of St Giles. In the 1901 census Arthur's age was 28 and he was a platelayer on the railway. The head of the household was his widowed mother Alice. (There was a rather atypical error by the enumerator, William A Rowe, schoolmaster of the village school from 1885 to 1915!) Rosie's age was 27, and her birthplace was given as New Zealand. This intrigued me so, as one does, I then researched her life story.

Was the exotic name 'New Zealand' used to identify an area, usually poorer, within a large town, perhaps by the civic authorities to suggest it was a better place to live in? There was such an area in the city of Derby, and we had a similar example with California in Aylesbury.

However, previous censuses showed that Rosie was born in New Zealand's Wellington to William Henry Hunt and a Mary Ann Hunt, both born and living in Clapham, London for most of their marriage. There were many in London with these same names and it wasn't possible to find Mary Ann's maiden name. Their journeys to and from New Zealand took place in the 1870s between censuses. A passenger list of 1873 listed them emigrating with three children on the ship *La Hogue*, leaving Gravesend on 24th February 1874 for Wellington. She arrived on 24th May, 89 days later. For a carpenter and his family the voyage was free, and the New Zealand Government was charged £50 15s 0d for their passages. Rosie Ellen was born in Wellington in October 1874 and her brother John William was also born there, in early 1877.



Sailing ship *La Hogue* at Gravesend, 1870s

In the 1870s there were agents in this country with links with Australia and New Zealand who were regularly giving talks to meetings of agricultural labourers, many without regular contracts with farmers and often no regular income. They heard of the advantages and the better life to be had for a family emigrating.

In Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire one agent, Edward RICHARDSON, was very active, extolling the virtues of moving to Queensland. One meeting in Market Square, Aylesbury, was described as a throng of 3,000 people. A Richardson group left Gravesend for Queensland with people from 14 named local villages and towns 'amongst other places'. From Cheddington a 16-year-old Joseph HARROWELL was on board and from a Deanery magazine we have a description of his voyage to Queensland and his time there, visiting a brother and a young married couple from the village who had made the journey a little earlier. Richardson became known as the 'Aylesbury Agitator' and farmers were known to influence the clergy to refuse him permission to use their church halls for meetings.

Rosie's father, a ship's carpenter, was working for a company as a ship's master in 1878 and left South Island for a trip north to Wellington. He is listed by the port of Timaru as leaving on 12th January 1878 in the schooner *Excelsior* and then – nothing! A newspaper report from *The Star* of 16th February says there had been a heavy storm just after they left and it was presumed that the shingle ballast may have shifted. All six men lost their lives and no trace was ever found.

By the 1881 census Mary Ann, Rosie, John and the three older sisters were back in Clapham, with Mary Ann working as a charwoman. In 1885 Mary Ann married a widower William PRIOR, a coach painter and, joy of joy, the marriage certificate gave her maiden name, since her father was a whitesmith called Samuel JONES! She gained a stepson too in Percy, then aged two years. William passed away in 1896.

Back to the story of the Gowers – Rosie and Arthur had just one child, Beatrice, born in 1900. In 1911 the three of them were living in Linslade and 10 years later the parents were still there but Beatrice wasn't living at home. In the 1921 census she was listed as Beatrice Gaurr, born in Cheddington, and was a 21-year-old kitchen maid as one of eight servants in the London household of Lord Treowen.

Major General the Right Honourable Lord Treowen, CB CMG KStJ, the Lord Lieutenant of Monmouthshire, had his family estate there but was living in his London house, at 9 Great Stanhope Street, W1. He was a former officer in the Grenadier Guards, had been the General Officer Commanding the Militia of Canada from 1890 to 1895, then served in the Boer War, later became a Liberal politician, was created a baronet in 1907 and a baron in 1917.

In the household there were seven servants beside Beatrice. One was Harold RIGGS, a footman who six years later, on 23rd April 1927, married Beatrice. Sadly, Beatrice died eighteen months afterwards, on 23rd October 1928, from diphtheria. She was 28 and had not become a mother.

Harold, a widower, remarried in 1937, his bride a Doris SULLY some 15 years younger than he. They stayed in service together at a number of country houses with a number of different employers.

Arthur Gower passed away on 3rd May 1940 and Rosie Ellen on 25th May 1959 aged 84 years.

Postscript

I presented this story to Cheddington History Society and my wife and her brother attended. When the names Harold and Doris Riggs were mentioned they realised that as children they had both met them! During the Second World War the Riggs couple were displaced after a bombing raid and moved into a flat next door to their parents in Bexley for a year or so. They are listed in their mother's old address book and had been visited by the family when in the service of Lord Portsmouth after the war. Pure coincidence!

John T Smith

The Green Man, Aylesbury

As a footnote to Tony Sargeant's article about the Green Man Inn, Market Square, Aylesbury (*Origins*, Winter 2023), the following snippet from Robert Gibb's 'Local Occurences' (submitted by Howard Lambert) reveals an interesting piece potentially about the earlier history of the building:

5th March 1740/1 – Died about 85 years, Pat ALEXANDER, an old lady once of high celebrity in Aylesbury; she was a great politician, and kept a coffee shop in the Market-square, a house which was afterwards the old "Green Man". Her portait was published, and is still to be met with in old househods in that town ... Pat was an ancestor of the ASBURY family.

"Local Occurences" by Robert Gibb (Vol II, 1879)

Of course this may not be the same building. Public houses of the same name did run from different locations – The Antelope in High Wycombe being an example (High Street and later Market Square).

Lilies House of Weedon

by Tony Sargeant

On the road between Aylesbury and Winslow, halfway to Whitchurch, the village is set back from the road; sometimes there is a sign for Bucks Agricultural Show.

The Buckinghamshire County Show is the main agricultural event that has been going for many years, with their 154th show in 2023. During its long history there have been years when the show could not go ahead. Besides Covid-19, other reasons have included cattle plague and two world wars. Buckinghamshire does not have a permanent show ground and over the years Friarage in Aylesbury, Waddesdon, Wootton Park and Mentmore were used. In 1852 the show settled in Hartwell House, outside Aylesbury on the Oxford road, and remained there for many years. Since 1988 Weedon has been the show ground, thanks to the present owners of Lilies House in Weedon village.



Lilies, Weedon, from the horse show rings on Bucks Agricultural Show day, 2009

Photo: Tony Sargeant

But this was not the first link between Lilies and Bucks Agricultural Show. One of the previous owners was a member of Bucks County Agricultural Association.

Miss Isobel HEAP was the daughter of Richard Rankin Heap, who was a merchant born in Liverpool, and his wife Maria RYDER who was born in Pernambuco, Brazil. Richard worked in the family business which imported and milled rice. In 1871 Isobel was 3 and the youngest daughter living with her parents, along with older brothers Herbert, James and Sydney.

Isobel's father described himself as a farmer of 8 acres employing two men and a woman. Then he mentions he is a ship owner. In the 1861 census Richard Heap is living with his father Joshua; they are both described as merchants. In 1881 he is described as a rice miller, shipowner and sugar refiner. It appears that Richard Heap was a hobby farmer.

In 1861 there were seven servants with the following roles: housekeeper, waitress, nurse & French teacher, nurse & sempstress, housemaid, cook and laundress. This confirms the wealth of the family, which continued to be shown in later census records.

After the death of Richard Heap, the family, living in West Derby, Lancashire decided to move south in the hope of improving the health of Isobel's brother Richard and sister Mary. Unfortunately, they had both died at Weedon in 1918. By 1921 Isobel is head of household with her elder brother James and his wife, both visitors. There are also seven other people visiting and seven servants. Isobel described herself as having home duties and being an employer. In the 1939 Register we discover that Isobel Heap is a dairy farmer.

The local newspaper, the *Bucks Herald*, gives more information. In October 1920 Isobel Heap bought a dark brown mare for £39 18s. It was reported that at a sale by Sir Algernon Peyton, of a small herd of pure bred Dairy Shorthorns at Swift's house, Bicester on the 5 November 1926, Miss Heap, of The Lilies, Weedon secured Stoneleigh Cembra a 4-year-old cow for 68 guineas.

And in 1928 she won the Bucks Clean Milk Competition called the Gamage Cup. To quote from the article:

The cup was to encourage the production of clean milk year round. In returning thanks Miss Heap said she was surprised when she heard that her employees had helped her to win the trophy, and she felt very proud of her success, for the production of clean milk to her mind was a most important thing.

Other reports include:

May 1934 at the Sales, Miss Heap of The Lilies, Weedon got top price of 61s for her grass fed lambs.

In 1935 Miss Isobel Heap was made member of Bucks County Agricultural Association committee.

And on 5 May 1939 her hunting dog, a female called Dalliance, was second in a competition.

And finally in the *Bucks Herald* on 5th July 1940:

Miss Isobel Heap, of Lilies, Weedon, near Aylesbury, has died in London, at the age of 72. Miss Heap's passing is deeply regretted over a very wide area. Since she first came to Bucks in 1917 she has been prominently associated with the agricultural activities of the county, as a successful breeder and exhibitor of pedigree Shorthorn cattle, and in the movement for clean milk production. She had also been a breeder of Shire horses and always kept a few hunters on her estate.

Tony Sargeant

From the Latin Cartulary of Godstow Abbey

In about 1280 the Wycombe mayor and burghers received a request from the abbess at Godstow (near Oxford): the abbey's bailiffs had apprehended a thief and she wished to make use of the gallows at Wycombe.

Submitted by Peter Evans

Robert de Gournay

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Robert de GOURNAY of Great Kimble, the first of the family to hold land in Bucks, after the old lords of the name. By fine of October 1352,¹ he purchased for 100 marks of silver, a house & 85 acres of land in Great Kimble, Little Kimble, Ellesborough & Great Hampden, of Henry, son (& heir) of William atte Marsh & his wife Lettice (Leticia), of an ancient family long settled & holding part of a fee at Marsh in Great Kimble. The house probably stood in the large moat still existing at Marsh, close to the Bishopstone boundary. It seems to have been held originally of the SENCLERE (SEYNTCLERE, ST. CLAIR) family of Stone and Hanningfield, Essex, as the lord of the MERSH family in Stone itself certainly was ... This Robert (or less probably a son of his of the same name) appeared as a witness in a matter relating to the manor of Stoke Mandeville (next to Stone East) in 1382. He was probably dead by 1384.

1. Fine dated 13 October 1352. Reference: CP25/1/20/91

Footnote:

Interestingly, a fine dated 5 May 1420 records Simon GOURNAY, possibly a descendant of Robert, purchasing jointly with three other parties land in Stone, Great Kimble and Little Kimble. (Reference: CP25/1/22/20)

Reference: F.G. Gurney Collection, Notebook II (1926).

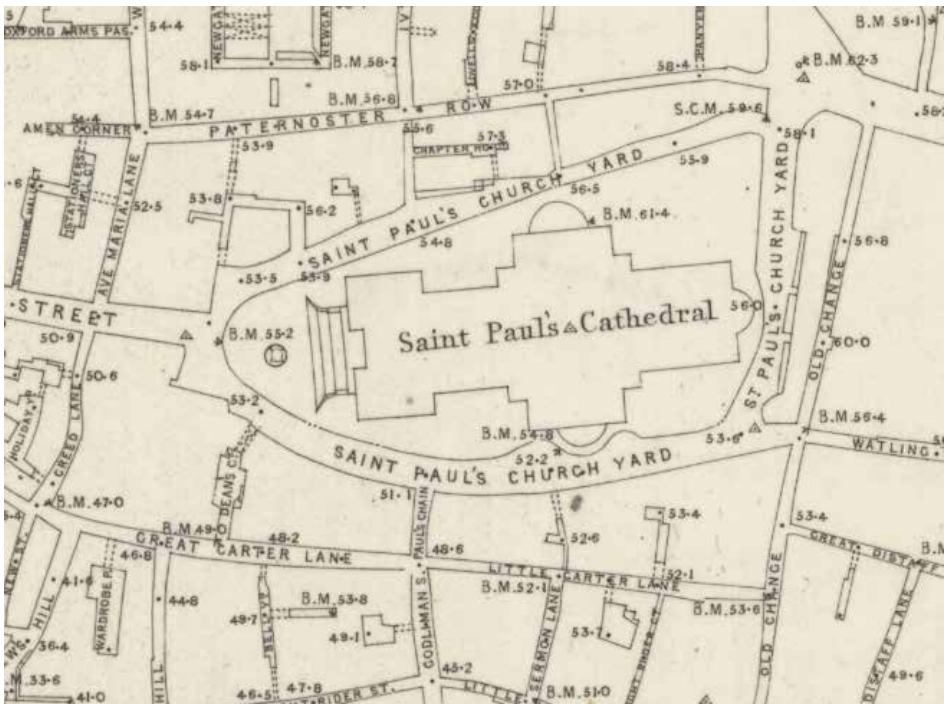
Howard Lambert

Coaches to Buckingham

by Tony Sargeant

There's a book on the website archive.org that tells us much about transport in Buckinghamshire: *The Carriers Cosmographie or A Brief Relation of The Innes, Ordinaries, Hostelries...* by John Taylor, published in 1637. Within the 24 pages there are brief mentions of many coaches and wagons going to and from London.

For Buckingham, the entries mention the King's Head, Old Change (east of St Paul's) and Saracens Head in Carter Lane (south of St Paul's). There was no mention of the terminus at the Buckingham end.



1851 map of St Paul's, London with surrounding streets

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From the same book, other Buckinghamshire places mentioned were Aylesbury, which used the George near Holborn Bridge, and carriers going to Brill used St Paul's Head in Carter Lane.

This was probably at a time when a coach would cover 10 to 15 miles in a day, which meant that by 1694 stage coaches were being licensed at the rate of £8 per annum, while driving a coach without a licence had a penalty of £5.

In many respects the coaches and wagons going to Buckingham served the local community while traffic going further north took Watling Street, the old Roman road, through Little Brickhill and Stratford before going on to Towcester.

Coach travel started to improve as the coaches started to use springs for suspension and by 1766 the following advert appears:

Buckingham Old Stage Coach,

In One Day,

Begins Flying the 31st of March 1766

Sets out from Lord Cobham's Arms in Buckingham every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Morning at Four o'clock, to the Black Bull Inn, Holborn, London; and returns from thence every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Morning, at five o'clock - The Fare to Buckingham 10s 6d, to Winslow 9s and Aylesbury 7s. Outside passenger and children in lap, Half Price. Each Inside Passenger is allowed Twenty Pounds Luggage, all above to pay one penny a pound. - This Coach stops at the Green Man and Still Swallow Street, Oxford Road.

Those Noblemen, Gentlemen and Ladies, that please to favour the Coach with their commands, may depend on the prompt care and diligence being used.

by John Allison of Chalfont and John Watson of Bucks.

The Lord Cobham Arms was also used for meetings of shareholders of the new Grand Junction Canal and later for various railway companies. In the evenings it was also used for social events like balls and other dancing.

In the Buckingham section of the 1830 Pigot's Directory:

Inns (Commercial and Posting) – Cobham Arms, (and Excise Office)
Thomas Swain, West Street

Also in the Coaches section:

To LONDON the Union (from Banbury) calls at the Cobham Arms, every morning (Sundays excepted) at ten; goes through Padbury, Winslow, Whitchurch, Aylesbury, Wendover, Amersham and Uxbridge.

To BANBURY the Union (from London) calls at Cobham Arms every afternoon at four; goes through Brackley on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays, and through Tingewick and Aynhoe, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The only other coach mentioned was the Rising Sun travelling between Northampton and Oxford, calling at the White Hart three times a week and making the return trip on alternate days.



Hogarth: The Stage Coach (*Public domain*)

The advertising for Cobham Arms stopped in 1850 as there was fundamental change in travel. Now coaches were taking passengers to the railway at Wolverton for travel to London. The coaching era was over. In June 1854 Mr H Bradford, ironmonger of Buckingham, took over the premises.

Tony Sargeant

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Run by the Family History Federation, these are a great one-stop shop for all your family history needs!

Buckinghamshire Records at Lincolnshire Archives

submitted by Howard Lambert

NAME	PLACE	DATE	DOCUMENT	REFERENCE
Edmund BROWNE	Chesham	1540	Will & Inventory	MISC WILLS/J/19
William JENENS	Hartwell, Stone	1540	Will & Inventory	MISC WILLS/J/16
Robert HANSOUNN	Little Missenden	1545	Inventory	MISC WILLS/J/14
Roger HARDYNG	Little Missenden	1546	Inventory	MISC WILLS/J/60
John MANFELD	Little Missenden	1560	Inventory	INV/38/149
Thomas MILLWARDE	Great Missenden	1563	Inventory	INV/42/7
Isabel WEST	Long Crendon	1563	Inventory	INV/42/17
Richard ALDWYN	Little Missenden	1566	Inventory	INV/45/42
Robert HONOR	Great Missenden	1571	Inventory	INV/51/24
Henry EGOLTON	Great Missenden	1579/80	Inventory	INV/64/133

NAME	PLACE	DATE	DOCUMENT	REFERENCE
Harry DEANE	Great Missenden	1582/3	Inventory	INV/69A/111
Robert BRINE	Long Crendon	1582/3	Inventory	INV/69A/112
Eme GREENINGE	Long Crendon	1593/4	Inventory	INV/85/281
Edward LOUDEN	Great Missenden	1598	Inventory	INV/90/152
Henry HONOR	Prestwood, Great Missenden	1598	Inventory	INV/90/151
Rowland HOWLETT	Long Crendon	1604	Inventory	INV/99/52
George HALL	Coldbrook	1608	Inventory	INV/107A/67
Thomas FRYER	Long Crendon	1609-11	Inventory	INV/108/114
John HEWETT	Long Crendon	1618	Inventory	INV/122/114
Geoffrey GARDINER	Great Missenden	1630/1	Inventory	INV/137/399

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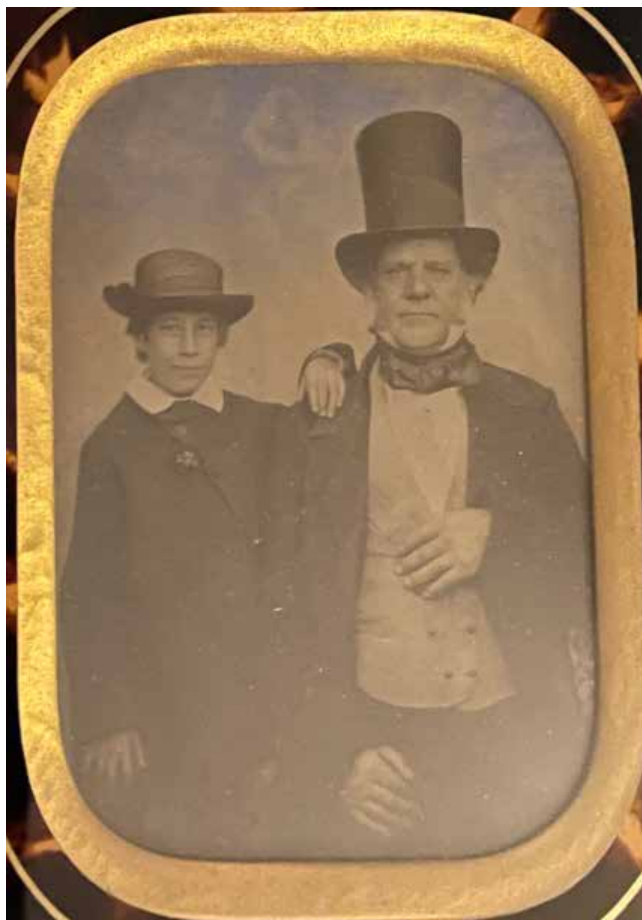
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Duley Family

Tony Sargeant

In reply to Pam Reverley

After reading about Joseph William Duley (1909–1944) in the Winter 2023 edition of *Origins*, I dug out this photograph of Henry Duley and Robert his father, from Colnbrook. I think the picture was taken sometime around 1852. Henry was born on 1 September 1846 and baptised on the 27th of the same month, and he was the youngest child.



**Henry Duley and his
father Robert, from
Colnbrook**

*Photo: from Tony
Sargeant's family collection*

Henry Duley

After growing up in Colnbrook, and visiting a household in Brunswick Street on the day of the 1871 census, Henry emigrated to New York. All this appears on his Naturalisation records.

He goes on to declare that he left Liverpool on the *City of Brooklyn* in April 1872 and further declared on the 21 October 1887 that he wished to become a US citizen. He finally did become a US citizen on 6 December 1907 at the age of 61. Why did he wait so long to get citizenship? I don't know, but there are a couple of sightings of a Henry Duley on passenger lists afterwards, in 1909 and 1910.

Robert Duley

On to Robert Duley, on the right in the photograph. He was born in Colnbrook and baptised on the 25 December 1802 in St Mary's Chapel, Colnbrook. His parents were John Duley (1770–1836) and Mary RICHARDSON (1769–1838).

Like most of the Duley men in Colnbrook, Robert was a millwright and carpenter. He was also a victualler and lived at the King's Arms in Colnbrook. Robert Duley married Charlotte HOULTON in Clewer, Berkshire on 2 September 1829 and there were seven children: Mary Ann, Amelia, Charlotte Elizabeth, Maria, Rebecca, John and Henry.

Duley family connections

The photograph was in our family collection as my grandfather, with his sister Florence, boarded with Mary Ann Duley in 1881. When he became an undertaker, my grandfather buried both Mary Ann in 1903 and Amelia Duley in 1905, the last of this branch of the family in Colnbrook.

Is Joseph William Duley from Pam Reveley's research related to Henry and Robert Duley? Yes, but it happens in the next generation back and from the marriage between Robert Duley and Mary ONION in Wexham in 1764.

Tony Sargeant

Elizabeth Witham

A Wesley Connection

by Geoff Rice

My primary focus has been on members of the RICE family, my ancestors and namesakes, who lived in and around Waddesdon, mainly in the 17th and 18th centuries.

However, a tip led me to a memorial in the graveyard of St Michael and All Angels, Waddesdon. This in turn led me down what turned out to be a very interesting sidetrack.

Dear friends lament for me
no more

I am not lost but gone before

And as I am so must you be

Therefore prepare to follow me

William HARRISON, Oct 28,
1708 age 49



For the original tip and for other leads along this track I am indebted to my regular collaborator Sheila Bates. We met through Bucks FHS and turned out to be eighth cousins.

A seventh great aunt of mine was Elizabeth RICE, baptised 6 Oct 1666 at St Michael and All Angels. She married William HARRISON on 12 Nov 1683, also at Waddesdon. He has a gravestone in the churchyard (above). Their children John and two Marys also have gravestones there.

A daughter of Elizabeth and William, also called Elizabeth, married Thomas WITHAM on 5 Jan 1715/16 and moved with him to London. What is interesting is where they moved to.

A building now called 41–42 Cloth Fair is next to St Bartholomew the Great, off Smithfield. What makes it special is that it survived the Great Fire of London when most of the City was burnt down. It has now been called ‘The Oldest House in London’ in a book of that name by Fiona Rule (published by The History Press). The following quotations are from that book.

‘The Great Fire of London ravaged the City of London in 1666, altering the cityscape forever. However, despite the blaze ending around Giltspur Street just 300 metres away, one Smithfield home dating to before the fire still survives today. Located opposite St Bartholomew The Great Church is what is said to be the oldest house in the City of London.’

‘During the 1700s, the building was used as a wool drapers’ shop run by Thomas and Elizabeth Witham.’



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Cloth Fair

I no longer live in London but in the past I must often have walked past this old house where my first cousin eight times removed once lived.

However, there is more to the story.

‘Names of former residents such as Henry Downing, Elizabeth Witham and Paul Paget don’t loom large in the history books but they nonetheless have incredible stories to tell: The first was an eye witness to the English Civil War and the great plague of 1665, the second was a key figure in the foundation of the Methodist movement and the third was responsible for saving some of London’s most iconic buildings after the ravages of World War Two.’

Let us now introduce John and Charles Wesley, the founders of the Methodist Movement.



Charles Wesley

Portrait by John Russell

‘One congregant who listened intently during John Wesley’s controversial sermons was Elizabeth Witham, the wife of Thomas Witham junior. Originally from Waddesdon in Buckinghamshire, she had first arrived at 41–42 Cloth Fair after her marriage in 1715 and over the following years she and Thomas had taken over his father’s woollen drapers shop and raised three children: Hannah, Thomas and Sarah.’

‘By the time the Wesley brothers arrived in the parish, Elizabeth Witham’s children were at school and the business was thriving. Thus, she had sufficient time and finances to indulge her

interest in Methodism and she soon became one of Charles Wesley’s closest friends, regularly holding prayer meetings in the upper rooms at 41–42 Cloth Fair.’

‘In the months that followed her husband’s death [December 1743], Elizabeth Witham’s relationship with Charles Wesley grew closer than ever before. Whenever time allowed, he would visit her at 41–42 Cloth Fair, occasionally even staying the night.’

Elizabeth was buried on 1 Dec 1747 at St Bartholomew the Great, yards from ‘The Oldest House’. Shortly afterwards, Wesley composed his poem ‘On the Death of Mrs Elizabeth Witham’.

We can now follow the track to Hannah and Sarah, the daughters of Thomas and Elizabeth Witham.

‘[Elizabeth’s] two daughters also became ardent followers of the Wesleys – Hannah Witham even travelled with Charles on his preaching tours and was a band-leader at the London meetings.’

Hannah married a fellow Methodist, Thomas BUTTS, on 19 May 1746 at St Bartholomew the Great with John Wesley conducting the ceremony.

They ‘raised three daughters and a son named Thomas who, in adulthood, became a close friend and patron of the visionary artist and writer, William Blake.’

Sarah married Thomas HARDWICK, another Methodist, on 31 December 1748 at St Anne’s Church in Soho. The ceremony was conducted by Charles Wesley.

Thomas Hardwick was the son of a mason turned architect and himself became an architect, noted for working on churches such as St Mary, Marylebone Road.



Euston Arch (1890s)

His son, Philip, also became an architect, probably best known for London’s demolished Euston Arch, shown here in the 1890s.

His son was Philip Charles Hardwick, also an architect. His best known work was the Great Hall of London’s Euston railway station, also since demolished.

We started this track with Buckinghamshire farming people, reasonably affluent but not appearing in any history books. We are ending it having found names of national significance.

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The Perils of Emigration

Tony Sargeant

We hear many stories about the dangers of sea travel and the dangers of foreign countries. But the story of what happened to the Jane Greene in East India Docks highlights the risks taken by anybody seeking a better life abroad.

A parishioner, William Bailey, wrote as a matter of desperation to his local vicar in Colnbrook.

The letter appeared in the *Windsor & Eton Gazette* on 2 September 1854:

On board the 'Jane Greene,' East India Docks.

London, August 26th, 1854.

Rev. and dear Sir, Charles Dashwood Goldie

You have, without doubt, heard of the unfortunate position of the passengers by the ship Jane Greene and thinking you might like to hear the news corroborated, I take the liberty of writing to that effect. There are now on board about 150 passengers, some of whom have been in town, from the most distant parts of the country, for the last two or three months. We have been on board since the 16th inst. On the 20th the rations were stopped, and till the 22nd we were, as a body, the recipients of charity. ...

W. H. Bailey

So what happened to the emigrants on the Jane Greene?

The first mention in the newspapers was the Jane Greene in *Lloyd's List* on 21st April 1854 saying the ship was bound to London from Colombo when it was seen at Ascension Islands. By the 2nd May she was off Deal and heading to London. The *Public Ledger & Daily Advertiser* reported she had passed the London Custom House on the 4th and the brokers were Ellis.

By the 19th May in the same year, an advert appeared in the *Shipping & Mercantile Gazette*:

FOR SALE, FREIGHT, or CHARTER

A fine A1 Barque JANE GREENE now lying in London Dock; has a full poop, with topgallant-forecastle, and ample heights for troops or passengers; in excellent order, and ready for immediate employment.

For further particulars apply to E. W. Ellis, 24 Rood Lane

Within a month adverts for the Temperance Line of Packets started to appear and continued up to the third week of August. There appears to be at least four ships involved. An example of the advert is shown here. Note that Griffiths, Newcombe and Co were in the same street as E.W. Ellis.



TEMPERANCE LINE OF PACKETS
FROM LONDON AND LIVERPOOL TO AUSTRALIA.
Landing Passengers on the Wharf.

These ships are most complete in every requirement necessary for the comfort of passengers. The regulations secure health, order, comfort, and enjoyment to all on board. The following will be despatched as under:—

From London, calling at Plymouth:—
JANE GREENE, for ADELAIDE, PORT PHILLIP, and SYDNEY, to sail August 10.
MARY GRAHAM, for ADELAIDE and PORT PHILLIP, to sail August 25.
JOHN BARROW, for PORT PHILLIP and SYDNEY, to sail Sept. 15.

From Liverpool:
DERRY CASTLE, for PORT PHILLIP, to sail in August.

These magnificent clippers need only to be seen to establish their claim to superiority, and are expected to make their passage in 80 days. The chief cabins are as elegant and commodious as art and experience can make them. The intermediate cabins are large and well ventilated, and fitted to suit the convenience of families or single persons. Baths and wash-houses are erected on deck. A library of 500 volumes, free to all passengers, is put on board. A minister and surgeon accompany each vessel. Terms, from £20 to 25 guineas. Chief cabin, 45 to 50 guineas.

For the Hand-book for Australian Emigrants and full particulars, apply to Griffiths, Newcombe, and Co., 27, Rood-lane, (removing to 65, Gracechurch-street, corner of Fenchurch-street), London; and 13, James-street, Liverpool.

Advert for the Temperance Line (Public domain)

Rood Lane still exists, and contains one building from that time, The Guild Church of St Margaret Patterns. Today the western site of Rood Lane is taken up with the Fenchurch Building, better known as the 'Walkie-Talkie'.

There was also an advert in the *Australian and New Zealand Gazette*, which, despite its name, was published in Green Arbour Court, Old Bailey, London.

The name 'Temperance Line of Packets' was probably used to gain interest from the more religious, sober, hard-working people and families that would be welcomed in colonies like Australia and New Zealand. This could also be the reason why William Bailey chose this company, or had the company chosen for him. There have been reports of the non-conformist community in Colnbrook helping those who wish to emigrate.

What went wrong?

The news broke with a report in the Law and Police section of the *Daily News* newspaper of Thursday 24th August 1854.

Application was made under the Passenger Act of 1852 against Cornelius Prout Newcombe of the firm Newcombe, Griffiths, and Co, carrying on the business of shipbroker and emigration-agents at 66 Gracechurch Street, who was charged with violating the 44th section of the Act. The charge was preferred on behalf of the emigration commissioners, and arose from the fact that the Messrs. Newcombe had advertised a vessel named the *Jane Greene* to sail for Melbourne, and entered into contract with a great number of passengers for their conveyance to that port. The justice room was crowded with emigrants.

The section of the Act in question provided that whenever such contracts are not fulfilled, or that a period of 16 days elapsed after the day named therein and the vessel had not sailed, the passenger could claim back whatever money he had paid, with damages in addition at the discretion of a magistrate, but not exceeding £10 and could also demand subsistence money during the period of detention.

It seems the departure of the *Jane Greene* was delayed for several weeks, although there were nearly 143 emigrants already on board, most of whom had paid £20 a-piece passage money, and some more. The special complaint now urged against the defendant was on behalf of a man named Henry Harding, stone mason, who had paid £80 for himself and family, had given up business in London, and gone on board the *Jane Greene* some weeks previously, having nowhere else to go, but was in great distress through the delay in sailing, and the absence of any provision for his subsistence.

The questioning and legal arguments are then reported in the article and confirmed that bankruptcy proceedings had started a few days previously. The defence argument for not paying compensation was countered by the learned counsel as the company had purchased vessels for sums varying between £3,000 and £4,400 for the emigration trade which they had successfully carried on for some time. The defending council produced a document signed by the Bankruptcy Commissioner Fonblanque protecting the defendant from arrest as he was under protection of a civil process. And if he was committed to prison, application would be immediately made to a judge at chambers for his release. This was not enough to keep Newcombe out of prison as he was ordered to pay back the money to Harding with compensation and then committed to three months without hard labour.

On the 25 August three prospective passengers of the *Derry Castle*, also due to sail to Australia, applied to have the Passenger Act applied to their case as they would not get protection in the Bankruptcy Court.

On Saturday 26 August the original court case appears in the *People's Paper* with the headline IMPORTANT TO EMIGRANTS – VIOLATION OF THE PASSENGERS' ACT. Other newspaper reports with similar warnings appeared and one editor said the Government should intervene.

The bankruptcy court was seen as the villain of the case by protecting the bankrupts from the consequences of the Passenger Act and the losses made by the passengers. Commissioner Fonblanque made an order for the release of Newcombe from the house of correction. Captain Wright, the governor of the house, refused to obey the order of the court and was summoned to show cause why he should not be committed for contempt of court. It was ultimately arranged for the bankrupt Newcombe to be released without the need of further proceedings. The meeting to choose assignees in the bankruptcy case was made and the debts proved, including a debt for £523 16s 9d for provisioning of an earlier ship. In total there were 11 proofs of debt totalling £2,500.

The case of Newcombe was presented to Lord Chief Baron in his chambers to secure his release. The protection from arrest took precedent and Newcombe was discharged.

None of the court cases helped the passengers who were stranded and destitute. However, the reporting of the case in the newspapers started to bring sympathy and money to help those who were suffering. A fund was created for the public to contribute. This was used to pay for subsistence and passages to Australia. In all, including the Derry Castle in Liverpool, and passengers in Plymouth, there were 198 destitute people left stranded. By the 23 September, through the fund and Government emigration commissioners, 148 had been sent on their journey to Australia. For many, having given up jobs and homes in England, there was no reason to stay.

The fund had dwindled to £50 and it was hoped to find passage for them to their desired destination. The Bankruptcy Court made its final dispositions on November 30 1854 before Commissioner Fonblanque. The accounts started on the 14 February and continued to August 1854 when bankruptcy was sought. There were considerable sums involved with £27,010 of unsecured debt and £11,035 debt to those with security. The assets were £60 cash, £1,768 in good debts, property of £5,377 and property held by creditors £19,500.

The ships listed were the Jane Greene valued at £5,000, John Barrow worth £4,000; Daylesford worth £9,500, and Historia worth £6,000. The ships Daylesford and Historia were being held in Australia. Compared to the purchase price of the ships, there was a loss of £3,738 and a further sum of £5,179 on the accounts. The case was adjourned to 3rd January 1855, then postponed to the 30th as the assignees were still examining the books. The Bankruptcy was finally annulled on 1st April 1855.

So what happened to William Bailey? I have found a record of William Bailey, joiner from Buckinghamshire, with his wife Eliza arriving at Portland, Victoria. The ship Victoria had left Plymouth on the 7th September 1854 and arrived on the 14th December the same year.

Tony Sargeant

Wing Accounts

Part 2

Please note that Bucks Record Society has published the second part of the Wing Churchwardens' Accounts.

This covers 1663 to 1776, an interesting period in English History as Catholics were persecuted for their faith – a fate suffered by the Dormer family at Wing.

This is not really a review as it is an account book, but the extensive introduction highlights various aspects of a churchwarden's duties.

Available via the Buckinghamshire Record Society website:

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Local Occurences

Submitted by Howard Lambert

The following extracts are all from
'Local Occurences' by Robert Gibbs (Vol II, 1879)

Churches and houses

20th December 1730 – Hogshaw Church has been pulled down this year, and a house built with the materials; the last interment in the churchyard was in 1683.

29th December 1740 – Grange House, near Quainton, has been demolished by John Dormer Esq. When taken down a large sum of money in gold was found in a cavity by a carpenter, who concealed the fact for a while but afterwards admitted it; he never divulged the amount he found.

26th March 1776 – Buckingham Church has fallen down; it has been in a decayed and neglected state for many years; there was a good deal of ancient architecture about it to be admired. It is past all repair and a new church will be built.

Wills and bequests

9th January 1721/2 – Died Joseph ROGERS of Winslow, currier; he left £600 to assist to educate the children of the poor of Winslow. – The other Winslow charities consist of EGERTON, FORD &c., for 20 aged widows and maids, and poor not receiving relief; PACKER'S and COX's for the poor, in bread on certain day[s]; Lord WHARTON'S Bibles are distributed; and the donor of the church houses is unknown.

4th February 1779 – Died, John Hamilton MORTIMER, the artist; he was well-known in Buckinghamshire; he painted various subjects which now adorn the chancel of Aylesbury Church, and other churches in the neighbourhood, and there is a grand picture by him in High Wycombe church.

4th April 1784 – By will dated this day, William TURNER, of Waddesdon, gent., has left £3265 to the poor of that place, to be distributed half-yearly for ever. He was a poor vagrant, and when a child, was wandering through the village with his mother, and fell ill with the small-pox, which was communicated to some of the inhabitants. He afterwards became opulent as a cheese factor in London, and thus by his bounty made all the amends he could for the kindness shown him in his illness.


Criminals

4th September 1713 – Jack SHRIMPTON was hung at St. Michaels Hill; he was a noted highwayman, and practised his profession very extensively in Buckinghamshire; he robbed almost every coach running between London and Oxford, his favourite haunt was Gerrard’s Cross Common.

27th March 1743 – Sir John WITTEWRONG, of Stantonbury, died in Fleet prison; he murdered a mounteback named Joseph GRIFFITH, at the Saracen’s Head, at Newport Pagnell.

Flooding

30th November 1771 – Disastrous floods have been the cause of great losses to the farmers; many head of cattle have perished in the waters in the neighbourhood of Aylesbury.

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