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## From the Chairman's keyboard . . .



By  
**PETER WALKER**

# We identify need for a new Guild "how to" book on one-name studies

**L**ast quarter, I focused on introducing myself as your new Chairman and my thoughts about one-name studies. In this issue, I have a number of important matters to write about, the most significant being some changes the Committee is proposing to make to the Guild Constitution.

Due to the length of these Notes, and the importance of the proposed constitutional changes, the Editor decided to divide them into two parts and to publish the news concerning the Constitution as a separate article. You will find this on pages 20–21 and in these Notes I will concentrate on other matters of concern to members.

### Publications

Our Publications Sub-Committee had until recently not met for some time. This partly reflects the pressure the main Committee are under, but also the priority we have given in recent months to starting up a new Marketing Sub-Committee. This sub-committee and the reconvened Publications Sub-Committee have both identified that, while the Guild Members' Handbook gives some useful background to one-name studies, there is a real need for a publication which describes the many aspects of one-name studies and how you might go about one.

In the past, we've held back from producing such comprehensive guidance, arguing that there is no single right way to do a study. But new members, and those who regrettably have decided to leave us, have identified the need for a "How to" book or booklets. Indeed, if the

Guild doesn't produce such guidance, who else should? The success of our "Introducing One-Name Studies" seminars shows there is a real demand to learn about the basics.

Ken Toll has been giving some thought to such a publication (there's no let-up, even for past Chairmen!) but one point we keep returning to is that there is a huge amount of experience and expertise out there amongst the membership, and it would be ideal if the production of such a publication could be done in a co-operative way involving as many inputs, views and experiences as possible.

The innovation of the Marriage Challenge Project (see the article elsewhere in this issue) has shown that many Guild members are prepared to work collectively for the good of other members. So I would like to ask you whether there's a particular aspect of one-name studies you would be prepared to write about to add to the value of our proposed publication. Do get in touch with your ideas or let me know if there's any other support you could give to this venture.

### Committee

Two of our long-serving committee members, Roger Goacher (Registrar) and Paul Millington (Webmaster) have indicated that, while they are happy to stand for the Committee again in 2006, they wish to stand down from their current roles in 2007. Paul intends to continue with the various web-based IT projects, such as the Guild Archive and Profile Pages, but would like

someone to take on the management of the "static" web pages.

Both are key posts and I am mentioning this now as we'd like you all to consider whether you would be willing to take on these roles in 2007. If so, we think it would be ideal if you were able to join the Committee in 2006 and shadow Paul and Roger, so you get plenty of time to achieve a smooth handover. Job Descriptions are in the Members' Room area of the Guild website.

The Registrar looks after the membership database, deals with applications to register names and is supported by the Renewals Secretary during the main membership renewals period. The Webmaster looks after the website, adding new events and text and pages as required. Anyone who has their own website should be capable of running the Guild's site, although knowledge of HTML is important.

I do hope you will consider assisting the Guild by taking on one of these roles. Get in touch with me, Roger or Paul if you want to know more.

### Library

One of our charitable objectives refers to the preservation, publication and accessibility of one-name data. In recent months we have been active in pursuit of this goal with the Guild Electronic Archive, the Marriage Index and the Web Profile pages. Additionally, Roger Goacher, in the absence of a Librarian, has been encouraging members to archive their studies with us on CD-ROM.

We still have the physical Guild Library but, in the absence of a

Librarian, little progress has been made. Since the Guild doesn't own its own premises, many have felt that much of the library material should be scanned or digitised, so it takes up less space and can be made available to members more easily. Some have felt, though, that while digitisation is worthwhile, destroying the paper originals would be unwise, so the problem of finding a home for the many boxes of material wouldn't go away.

I can now report progress on several fronts. Firstly, we have acquired some commercial storage space, so we are no longer dependent on Committee members storing large quantities of Guild material in their homes. Secondly, we now have a Librarian, or to be more precise, an e-librarian. Colin Pattrick has agreed to take on the task of scanning and digitising the library and making it available to members.

A trial of three scanning companies has been held and we are confident we can not only scan the material, but in some cases, thanks to OCR technology, make the images text-searchable. The first material to be scanned includes deposited one-name studies of deceased members and the old paper-based Guild Marriage Index. We also have a large collection of one-name newsletters but with these we intend, for active studies, to contact the relevant members to ensure they are happy for us to copy their material and make it freely available. In the past, we have recommended members contact the relevant study directly, as they presumably have a full archive of their newsletters, but there may be value where we can create searchable text from newsletters produced before word processors.

***We will keep you informed of progress, but in the mean time, can I ask you NOT to contact Colin Pattrick about library access or loans, as he is not in a position to respond during the period when we are still processing the information? ○***



**THIS ISSUE of the Journal of One-Name Studies marks yet another step forward in the gradual development of your official Guild publication. You will find that it is now in full colour on virtually every page, whereas for the last few years it has appeared in a mixture of colour, spot colour and black-and-white.**

Because the Guild's finances are in a fairly healthy state, I persuaded the Committee to let me have a little more money on the Journal budget to allow for this latest move (thanks, lads and lasses!).

Advances in the technology employed by our printers mean that the extra costs of going to full colour throughout the magazine are not actually all that great.

We saved quite a bit of expense some time ago when I switched from having the Journal produced from film and plates in litho printing to having it published from pages sent to the printers in PDF format, from which they can go straight to paper.

I apologise if this is a bit technical for some of you, but I believe it is important to keep members informed and let them know what is happening in the Guild – besides which, I don't want people standing up at the AGM and accusing me of chucking their subscriptions down the drain on a too-glossy publication!

Since I took over as Editor some six years ago from the late and much-missed Mary Rumsey, I have endeavoured to keep the

Journal right at the very forefront of the family history society publishing field.

My views on many of the publications from other societies are well known. I find them dreary in appearance, amateurish in their presentation and layout and often turgid in content.

It is my fervent hope that members will never be able to say that about the Journal! It is my intention to keep bringing you a mixture of authoritative and entertaining articles, plus regular news of Guild events and developments, presented in an attractive and easily accessible style.

That we have twice won the prestigious Elizabeth Simpson Award, presented by the Federation of Family History Societies for the best journal, suggests I may be doing something right (he said, modestly!).

Seriously, though, folks, while I am obviously very much aware of the onward march of Internet publishing – and in this respect, too, the Guild website is surely well up with the leaders – I do believe that the Journal is still the flagship of the Guild. I want members to feel the urge to tear open the package and read the Journal from cover to cover the moment they receive it in the post. No editor can ask for more.

***And that is why I hope you enjoy the Journal in its new all-singing-and-dancing, all-colour appearance! Let me know your thoughts, folks. ○***

ROY STOCKDILL  
Editor

# Marriage Challenge – an exciting new Guild project



by Peter Copsey and Anni Berman



**M**ost members will now have heard of *Marriage Challenge*. It has been running on the Forum for several months and is gaining in popularity. The Guild Committee, wishing to ensure that more members can join in and gain its benefits, has now approved *Marriage Challenge* as an official Guild Project.

However, for the benefit of those Guild members who are not on the Forum and who, therefore, may not be familiar with *Marriage Challenge*, here is a detailed account explaining what it is and how YOU can take part.

## • How it all began

IT started with a casual remark on the Forum, saying that it was impossible for a one-namer to visit all the record offices (ROs) in the country to find their registered name in the deposited records. Sometimes the most relevant records are held at the other end of the UK. Overseas members added that they had little hope of visiting any ROs. With these thoughts in mind, *Marriage Challenge* was born.

Many of us can, in fact, get to a local record office or archive library, so perhaps there was a way to encourage volunteers to search records for other members. One type of record most helpful to us all is marriage registers after 1837. As we all know, these give us a wealth of information and can be used more successfully in resolving links than other records.

A *Marriage Challenge* is basically a search in the relevant church parish registers in a selected registration district (RD) for members' marriages for the period after the start of registration in July 1837. It was hoped this task would be sufficiently challenging and satisfying for the Challengers. This has proved to be the case.

## • What Challenger must do

A Challenger first selects a registration district. This would be one where the records are held in a record office or other library that is easily reached and preferably where the Challenger has a number of his/her own one-name marriages to find. The Challenger then announces the Challenge to mem-

bers, inviting them to send in their list of marriages, based on the GRO index, by a given date. This deadline is necessary to give the Challenger sufficient time to compile a list of the requests in preparation for searches at the RO. The Challenger visits the Records Office and carries out the search. Finally the Challenger sends out the findings to the requesters.

A Basic *Marriage Challenge* is to visit the RO for one full day or the equivalent. In this time, a Challenger will only be able to examine a few of the many registers for the parishes that make up the RD, probably picking the biggest parishes to search first. On average, a Challenger will find about 40 marriages, but the figure can vary considerably depending on the size of RD, the number of parishes and density of requests.

Several Challengers have opted not to do it alone, but have asked friends and fellow members to help. For the Challenge for Islington RD in London, for instance, a sizeable team has been formed for the work.

## • It can be addictive!

*Marriage Challenge* can be addictive, as many Challengers have found. Not satisfied with their single day at the RO, they have continued on, spending several days searching. Some have progressed until every deposited register has been searched, making five or more visits to the RO. These continuing searches are beyond the basic requirements for a *Marriage Challenge* but, as all Requesters would agree, they are a valuable added bonus.

For some selected RDs, particularly ones in London, the number of requests becomes overwhelming. This can be countered by restricting the period of search to, say, 1837 to 1871. In any case, a limit should be set on the period of search, with 1911 usually selected as the cut-off point. After 1911 the GRO index includes the spouses' names, so finding marriage entries beyond that date provides less valuable information.

A few Challengers, undaunted by the numerous requests, have split their Challenge into stages, attempting a first stage immediately, with a second or third stage to be done later when the Challenger

has recovered breath from the first stage. This is pure addiction!

• **Achievements so far**

The first Challenge was for Pancras RD for the period 1837 to 1881, completed in March 2005. Since then, a further 20 Challenges (to the end of September) have been completed or are in progress. Challenges are presently planned into December and several further volunteers have stated their wish to join in.

A full list of Challenges is shown in the table below. A new Challenge every two weeks, or thereabouts, has been achieved to date and hopefully this rate can be continued into the months and years to come. It is estimated that in the 21 Chal-

helping a fellow researcher to add to their ONS, partly because they may be saving them the cost of the certificate, but mainly because of the sheer pleasure of finding it – that “eureka feeling” we are all familiar with when we strike gold.

Challengers also gain a fascinating glimpse into the local history and the real lives of the people who lived in their chosen RD. Local occupations become apparent very quickly, and it is intriguing to watch them change as you work through the registers; from the carters, shoemakers and endless labourers of the 1840s to the electricians and motor mechanics of the first decade of the 20th century.

If they have not done this type of wide-ranging work before, Challengers may gain a greater understanding of the way marriages were recorded at the

Challenger	Registration District	Record Office/Library	Start date
Peter Copsey	Pancras	London Metropolitan Archives	Feb 2005
Ian Preece	Worcester	Worcester	Feb 2005
Howard Benbrook	Stepney & Mile End	LMA	Mar 2005
Shelagh Mason	Canterbury	Canterbury	Mar 2005
Kirsty Gray	Newbury	Reading	Apr 2005
Hilary Gardener	Reading	Reading	Apr 2005
John Titterton	Derby	Derby	Apr 2005
Jo Mason	Lutterworth	Lutterworth & Leicester	Apr 2005
Kirsty Gray	Holsworthy	Exeter	May 2005
Sandra Stevens	Bury St Edmunds	Bury St Edmunds	June 2005
Jenny Reeve	Northampton	Northampton	June 2005
Steven Whitaker	Holborn	LMA	June 2005
Anni Berman	Hemel Hempstead	Hemel Hempstead & Hertford	July 2005
Tom Bliss	Lincoln	Lincoln	July 2005
Sue Hedges	Oxford	Oxford	July 2005
Sandra Stevens	Mildenhall	Bury St Edmunds	July 2005
Roger Goacher	Chichester	West Sussex	Aug 2005
Karen Hemmingham	Wycombe	Aylesbury	Aug 2005
Barbara Roach	Tavistock	Exeter	Aug 2005
Ann Cossar	Islington	LMA	Sept 2005
Peter Copsey & Phil Warn	Bromley	Bromley & Bexleyheath	Sept 2005
Daphne Austin	Lymington	Lymington Library	Oct 2005
Stephen Benham	Aberystwyth	NLW	Oct 2005
Denise Bright	Woodstock	Oxford	Oct 2005
Marion Harper	Camberwell	LMA	Nov 2005
Phil Sherwood	Weymouth	Dorchester	Nov 2005
Sandra Stevens	Thingoe	Bury St Edmunds	Dec 2005

**Table - Challenges completed and planned by Guild members**

allenges completed to the end of September 2005, a total of 3,500 marriages have been found for Guild members.

Marriage Challenge can have huge benefits for both Challengers and Requesters. There is an enormous sense of satisfaction for the Challenger every time a marriage is found, partly because they will be

GRO, how they are catalogued and stored in a local record office, and the procedures for gaining access to them.

It is interesting, for instance, to discover just which parishes are in which Registration District. Neighbouring places with similar names can be in different districts. For example, Kings Langley,



replica certificates from a single Challenge.

Leafing through parish registers is fascinating and can often also be amusing. Local names, for instance, are intriguing. In Hemel Hempstead there are many people in the marriage registers with the names Axtell, Buckoke, Ginger, Puddephatt and Twitchell. These are not common names nationally, so they suggest a local origin. Names can produce interesting combinations too, such as Sarah May, whose name changed little when she married George Mayo. John Chalk and Ann White sound as if they went well together, and the same goes for Harold Draper and his bride, Ann Garment!

Mountain and Fountain are common local names, as are Hutton and Mutton, so it is quite possible those families inter-married, too. Sympathies must go, however, to the poor lady who entered the church on her wedding day as "Miss Young" and emerged as "Mrs Moody". And then there was a young bride of Stepney named Enough Pullen – presumably she had to be dragged to the church for her marriage! While going through the registers, Challengers notice all sorts of details. It was common in Victorian times for people to be married on Christmas Day or Boxing Day because workers had much fewer paid holidays than we do today. Marriages on those dates nowadays must be very rare.

#### • GRO page numbers

Challengers usually ask for the full GRO reference from Requesters. The GRO page numbering system is generally based on the following order within each RD:

1. Anglican parishes in alphabetical order of place; where one place has more than one parish, then by alphabetical order of church name
2. Non-Anglican marriages (Non-Conformist, Roman Catholic, Register Office, etc.)

Knowledge of the page number can be a guide to the likely church or possibly used to eliminate a marriage from the search, knowing that it is within the number range for 2 above. Determining the first and last page numbers for an RD for each quarter can be found from a systematic search of FreeBMD, but only for those years where a substantial proportion of entries has been transcribed.

If the last Anglican Church in the GRO listing can be determined with some certainty, then a note of the last marriage in each quarter for this church, again followed by an interrogation of FreeBMD, can give further information useful to the Challenger. Each Challenger makes their own decision on the use to be made of GRO page numbers. Some have ignored them, whilst others have used them extensively. Taking account of page numbers can take additional preparation time but can result in the search being more focused.

#### • Help with the GMI

Marriage Challenge and the Guild's Marriage Index (GMI) complement each other. One feature of

the GMI is to be able to help locate a marriage from the GRO page number. Those full marriage entries already on the GMI may give some preliminary information to a Challenger on the order of churches within the RD. And the many marriages found by the Challenger will add to the GMI's valuable database. Without sufficient complete marriage entries for a particular RD and quarter, the feature will not succeed. So Challengers are strongly urged to send all their Marriage Challenge findings to Mary Rix for inclusion in the GMI.

#### • Now a Guild project

Marriage Challenge has been running successfully on the Guild Forum for several months. Now that it is formal Guild Project, things have changed. A new Guild web page has been set up in the Members' Room, so that all web-connected Guild members can take advantage of Marriage Challenge. The web page will show the forthcoming Challenges, their Registration District, the deadline for requests and the name and e-mail address of each Challenger.

Unfortunately Marriage Challenge cannot be planned sufficiently far ahead for announcements to be made in this Journal. However, non-connected members should not feel disadvantaged. They should contact a fellow member – the Regional Rep can help to find someone if necessary – who would keep them posted of the forthcoming Challenges. Requests can then be sent by post to the Challenger and findings returned similarly.

#### • The Future

Guild Projects necessarily rely on volunteers and Marriage Challenge is no exception. However, in this case a limit can be applied to a volunteer's efforts. The most Basic Challenge is simply made up of some preparation time, one full day at the nearest Record Office and some time sending out results. The continuing success of Marriage Challenge depends on us all.

*If you would like to be a Challenger or would like more information on Marriage Challenge (Guidelines and Hints are available), please contact the Marriage Challenge Co-ordinator, Peter Copsey, at [marriage-challenge@one-name.org](mailto:marriage-challenge@one-name.org) or write to him at the address below. ○*

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# Keeping things in the family with the help of eBay Internet auctions

By Janet Few



*One-name studies can take many different forms and a number of Guild members collect items connected with their registered surname. In this article, JANET FEW of the Braund Society describes how the society uses the popular Internet auction house, eBay, to purchase items for preservation in the family.*

**O**ver recent months we have been keeping an eye out on the eBay Internet auction website, [www.ebay.co.uk](http://www.ebay.co.uk), for things relating to the Braund family. We have used the eBay facility which enables us to be informed of all items that are listed with the name Braund, which ensures that nothing goes unnoticed.

We think it is important that these remain within the family and are fortunate to have the backing of the Braund Society, which means we have the financial wherewithal to purchase items.

None of our eBay purchases have cost us more

than £20. What follows is an account of our purchases so far, and if anyone can shed any further light on their previous ownership, please let us know.

The first item is an infant's copper bangle with the engraving "Vera Braund The Great War". There are several candidates for Vera; given the size of the bracelet, one of the first two below would seem the more likely.

- Vera D. Braund, born 1917 East Stonehouse, daughter of William H Braund and ? (first name not known), née Hill.

- Vera M. Braund, born 1912 Devonport, daughter of Claud and Daisy Braund, née Davey.



*Braund Society chairman  
Chris Braund*

- Vera Gwendoline Braund, born 1905 Bideford.

- Vera Ruth Braund, born 1901 Taunton, daughter of Leonard Charles Braund.

- Vera Maud Marion Braund, born 1909 Bristol, daughter of Lionel Frank and Alice Louisa, née Jones.

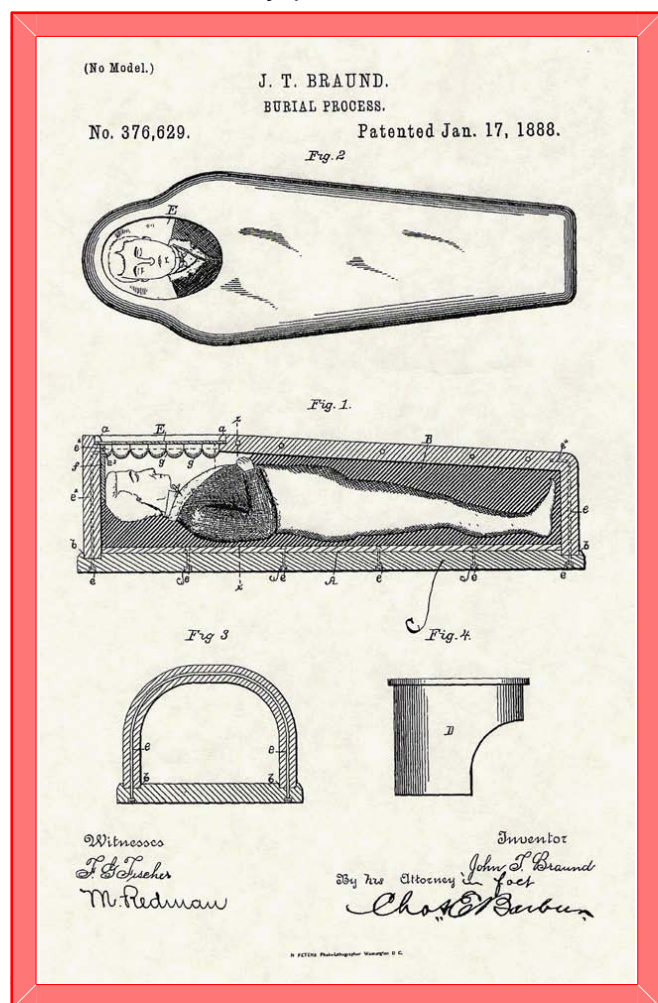
We then acquired three items which originated in Michigan, U.S.A. The first was a Zippo Lighter inscribed "W R Braund Co. Lumber-Plywood-Veneer, Birmingham, Michigan". Research has discovered that this refers to Walter R. Braund (1912–1990), who was born in Jackson, Michigan, U.S.A., the son of Robert Lewis and Martha Braund.

## Cricketer

We also have a skyliner handle produced by a company called Braund Replacement Parts of Michigan. This looks to be the opening for a caravan window and probably dates from the early 1970s. The firm is as yet unidentified, but it seems likely that there was a connection with the family of the previous item.

The final item from this State is a fascinating facsimile copy of a patent for a burial process. The patent was acquired by J. T. Braund of Muskegon, Michigan, in 1888. This is John Thomas Braund, who was born in 1841, in Falmouth, Cornwall, the son of Samuel and Mary Ann Braund, née Newcombe.

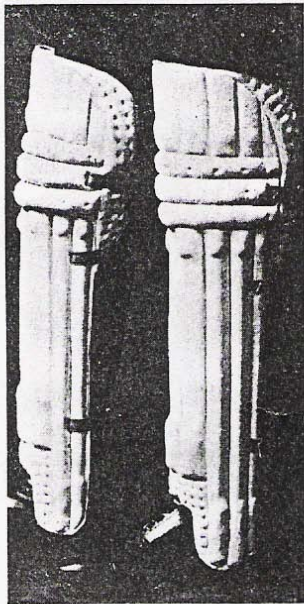
The person who appears most frequently on the eBay listings is the Somerset and England cricketer, Leonard Charles Braund (1875–1955). In a long career, Len Braund, an all-rounder, played county



*A somewhat bizarre patent for a burial process, by John Thomas Braund of Michigan in 1888*

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that it related to the cricketer.

L. C. Braund was a "Complete Athletic Outfitter and Sports Provider", with premises in his home town of Bath, Somerset in the early 20th century. Amongst other things, he sold tennis and golfing equipment. The society now owns a putter, which came from his shop, bearing the legend "Len Braund, Bath".

Braund Society Chairman Chris Braund has also been returning artefacts to their home. We received notice that a Rosewood table clock, made by William Braund of Dartford, Kent, was to be auctioned in Yorkshire. The catalogue description read: "A

### An advertisement for Len Braund's sports outfitter's shop in Bath



Cricketer Len Braund and,  
below, his autograph

cricket for Somerset and Surrey and in 23 Test Matches for England between 1901 and 1908. Cigarette cards featuring L. C. Braund are offered for sale quite regularly but have, so far, exceeded our budget.

We have purchased a small card depicting the cricketer and also his autograph. Most exciting was a recent purchase which attracted surprisingly little interest, perhaps because it was not realised

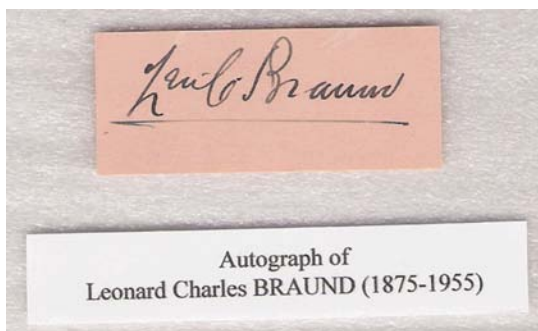
Regency Rosewood Table Clock, signed Braund, Dartford, circa 1825, the plain arched case with rectangular base, arched silvered dial with Roman numerals, spade hands, single fusee movement secured in the case by two brackets, 27cm high"

This was a high quality item and far beyond the society's budget, either for purchase or subsequent insurance. But Chris successfully made a personal telephone bid and is now the proud owner of the clock. William of Dartford (1798-1890) was the brother of John Braund, the royal furniture designer. William and John were the sons of William and Mary Braund, née Badcock, of Lawhitton, Cornwall, and William was in Dartford by 1823.



An elegant 1825 table  
clock made by William  
Braund of Dartford

Next on the shopping list is a larger house in which to store all these items! ○



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# Guild introduces look-ups in 1837online records for "offline" members

By Cliff Kemball



**R**ecently the Guild has introduced the Guild Archives, the Guild Marriage Index and the Guild Profile facilities. What these facilities all have in common is that they are predominantly available to Guild members who have Internet access, or who at least use computers to assist them in their one-name studies.

We believe it is time to provide a service for those members who currently do not have Internet access. The Guild is, therefore, pleased to announce that we are introducing a new look-up facility to the records held on [www.1837online.com](http://www.1837online.com). The new Guild look-up facility will ONLY be available to our registered members who currently do not have access to the Internet. This will be deemed to be all registered members where the Guild does not have a recorded e-mail address for them. Based on the Guild's membership database, some 500 members currently do not have e-mail addresses.

## BMD images

1837online.com holds images of the England and Wales civil registration indexes for births, marriages and deaths from July 1837 to December 1983 (see *Figure 1*). The indexes from 1984 to 2003 are held in a database format and these indexes are the same as those available at the Family Records Centre in London. For the period 1837 to 1983, a menu allows

unit. Finally, the surname and, optionally, the first name need to be selected.

The criteria for the 1984 to 2003 BMDs are more extensive. In addition to searching on surname, forename(s), initials, and districts, it is also possible to specify the mother's maiden name (for births), the spouse's surname (for marriages) and the birth date (for deaths). Each resulting record costs one unit and the total number of matching records is provided before deciding which entries to view.

1837online.com's overseas records provide details of the BMDs of British citizens abroad since the late 18th century. The selection criteria for these records are similar to the England and Wales 1837 to 1983 records (see *Figure 2*). It must, however, be recognised that the resultant pages from each query represents those where the name will appear, but only if an entry for that name exists. Each image costs one unit

The whole of the UK 1861 census has been transcribed by 1837online.com and they have also made the census images available. Searches can be by first and last name, age, occupation, birthplace, place of residence and county and it is possible to search for two people in the same household. An address search can also be undertaken which is searchable on county, residence and street. Census entries can be viewed as an original page image or as a transcription. Each page, transcription or image, costs three units. 1837online.com is about to start releasing counties from the 1891 census and further censuses and other datasets are in production.

At this stage it is difficult to estimate the likely take-up of this new service. Many Guild members who do not use a computer in their ONS are likely to have been undertaking their study for some time. This could mean they will already have extracted all, or most, of the birth, marriage and death records for their registered name and variants. However there may be a demand for more recent BMD records for 1984 to 2003, as well as overseas records and 1861 census.

In the initial phase, all requests for a look-up should be sent to me at the following address: *Cliff Kemball, 1837online look-up, 168 Green Lane, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 6AY, UK*. If the demand for this service increases, the Guild will be looking for additional

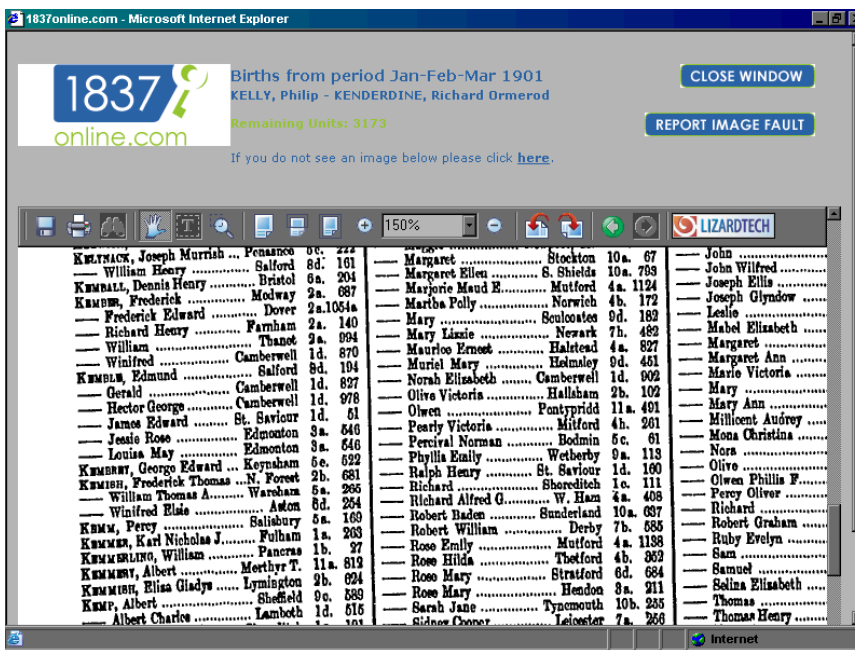


Figure 1 – Image from the GRO Birth Indexes

selection of birth, marriage or death, after which the period (quarter and year) for up to 10 consecutive years can be selected. Each image costs one

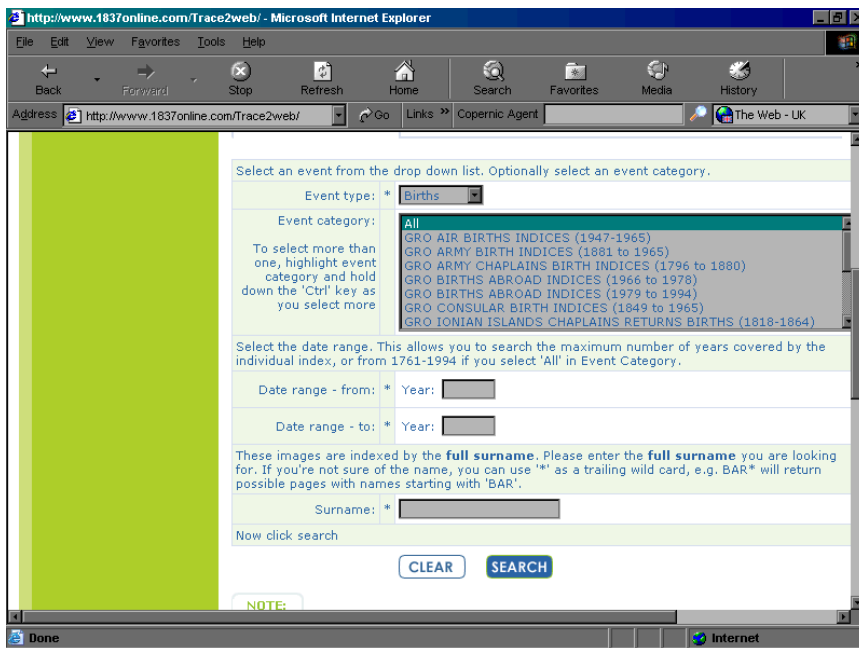


Figure 2 – Image from the GRO overseas records

10-year period for all or selected types of records.

- Other Overseas Births/Marriages/Deaths – up to a 10-year period for all or selected types of records.

- 1861 Census – look-up for a specific surname (member to be notified if number of results is greater than 400 units, i.e. £20). Alternatively or additionally, look-ups could be made for specific people (with or without knowledge of likely age).

These lookup facilities are expected to be expanded to include additional data sets as and when they are introduced by 1837online.com. A proforma request form has been produced based on the above criteria, which can be used to apply. Copies will be sent out to all the Guild's "off-line" members, along with more details of the look-up service and

volunteers to assist in carrying out the requested look-ups.

The service has been designed to enable eligible Guild members to request a look-up to all 1837online.com's genealogical records. However to ensure the volunteer (i.e. me!) does not get over-

examples of the results that can be provided.

The charge for this service has been set at 5p per unit used. This incorporates the Guild's stationery, printing and postage costs for sending the results back to the Guild member. Members can specify on the request form the maximum they would like to spend. A minimum charge of £2 has been set for each request, which is the equivalent of 40 B/M/D images or around 14 1861 census images or transcriptions. This is to ensure against relatively high postage costs for small or trivial queries.

Details of the images and/or transcriptions will be saved to a hard drive by the volunteer for possible future use by the Guild member requesting the information, should they subsequently use a computer for their research. However, the results of the requests will be provided by means of a typed list of the results or a print out of the relevant data (see Figure 3). Details of the results of the census search will be provided, along with any images or transcriptions requested. For example, it would be possible to list all entries in the 1861

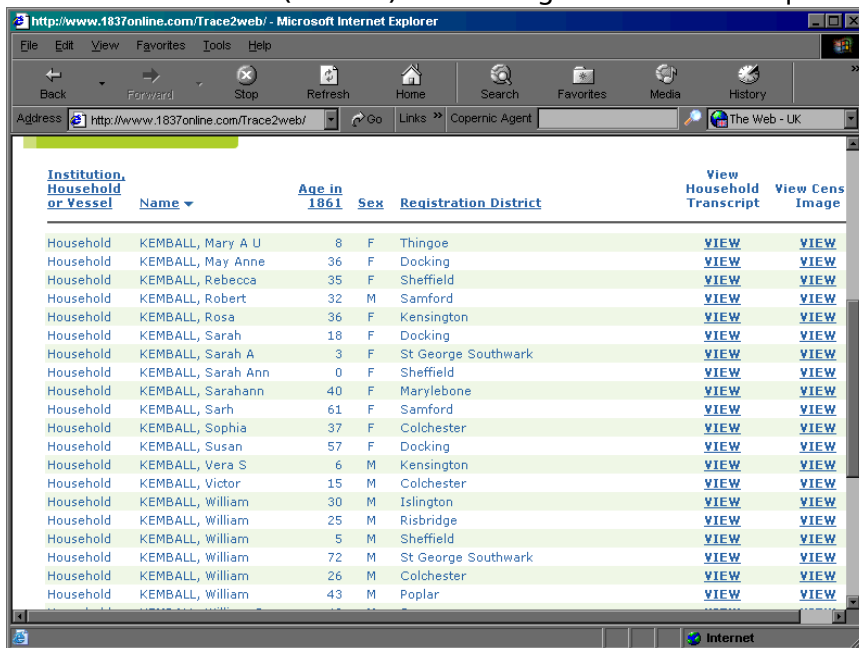


Figure 3 – Results page from the 1861 census

loaded by receiving requests for blanket look-ups (i.e. for all records for X surname), the service comprises:

- Births/Marriages/Deaths 1837–1983 for up to a 10-year period.
- Births/Marriages/Deaths 1984 to 2003 for whole period.
- Births/Marriages/Deaths, WW1, WW2 and the Boer War – up to a 10-year period for all or selected military records.
- Consular and High Commission returns – up to a

census for a specific name. The additional charge for this service will be £1.00 a page.

*Some of the users of this new Guild service will in time, obtain access to the Internet. This will mean they will become ineligible to use the facility. It is hoped this new service will provide a benefit to those Guild members who would not normally be able to gain access to 1837online.com's records.* ○

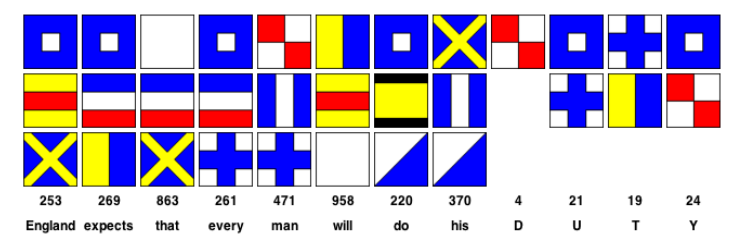
- Ten per cent bonus units at 1837online.com for Guild members who are regular Internet users – See page 23.

"Take a look at the Trafalgar website and do me a piece", Editor Roy Stockdill had said in a casual, I've-been-doing-this-for-years-and-it's-so-easy voice. I really should have known better! It always seems such a simple request, but quickly becomes a labyrinth through which only the most courageous or foolhardy would venture. I'll leave you to judge which I am on this occasion. Trafalgar Day, if you hadn't already realised, is on October 21 and this year marks the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

I needed some background. it was time to do some research. In these situations, I often start by looking on Wikipedia ([www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)). It's not my intention to explain this website but if you haven't found it by now, I recommend a visit. It's basically an enormous, ever-expanding encyclopaedia and terribly addictive for the curious. Try it.

I tried "Trafalgar" in Wikipedia's search field. Sure enough, there were a number of references, one of which was to a useful and well written account of the battle. If you're anywhere near places like Greenwich, Chatham or Portsmouth on October 21, you may find out why this was one of English history's finest and cruellest moments: simultaneously the victory at the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of its naval mastermind, Admiral Horatio Nelson.

"England expects that every man will do his duty". Sound familiar? If you're English, then it jolly well should do. It's a 19th century mantra that certainly resonated through nearly two centuries to a teenage



The famous signal from Nelson to his fleet schoolboy attending a school just outside Portsmouth, where Nelson's flagship, HMS Victory, is still safely kept in dry dock.

**HMS Victory**

But what was it all about? I've done the tourist trip around the Victory, of course, staring in amazement at those huge oak timbers and the incredible lack of space, but it's still difficult to imagine what it must have been like at the time. The tension everywhere, especially on the south coast of England when the threat of invasion was real. Think about it for a moment or two: there you are, tending your sheep on the Hampshire downs or landing your fish on the quay at Folkestone, going about your normal daily business, and just a few miles away across the water, this despot with imperial ambi-

tions is planning to change your world. A modern comparison must surely be the early 1940s, when the threat was from a different part of the continent. But I digress...

The focus of this piece is the collection of wonderful pages on The National Archives' website, Trafalgar Ancestors. If you've never quite worked out why this whole business at Trafalgar was important, now is the time to go and learn a thing or two. To quote the site: "British victory at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 decisively changed the balance of power and ensured that invasion was no longer likely".

To go on: "Trafalgar Ancestors lists all those who fought in Nelson's fleet at the Battle of Trafalgar. This includes Royal Navy commissioned and warrant officers, ratings, supernumeraries and Royal Marines. In 1805, the Royal Navy employed around 110,000 individuals.

So, if your ancestor served in the Royal Navy in 1805, there is roughly a one in six chance that they served in the Battle of Trafalgar. Trafalgar Ancestors can be searched by surname, but also using its advanced search facility, by first name; age on 21 October 1805; birthplace; ship's name; rating and rank." Enough said, then...

This was some battle. The 33 ships under Nelson's command, moving in two columns – an unusual tactic for the time – engaged an equal number of combined French and Spanish ships under Admiral Villeneuve, just before midday. By the end of hostilities, some six hours later, 19 French and Spanish ships were lost with a combined total of 6,953 French and Spanish casualties (4,408 dead), whereas on the British side there were no ships lost and just 1,690 casualties (449 dead). One of them, of course, was

Nelson, hit by musket fire at 13:25. He died at 16:30, by which time victory was assured.

The opening page of the Nelson Exhibition is [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nelson/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nelson/) (See Figure 1)

This gives you the choice of going straight to look for your ancestors or to take a more leisurely look at the background to the battle, beginning with a description of the Napoleonic Wars. I recommend you control your impatience and take a look at these pages first, since I found them very interesting.

**Choice**

The search for ancestors gives you the choice of a Simple or Advanced search. Well, that's like offering a red rag to a bull as far as I'm concerned. I could have typed BENBROOK into the single field for the Simple search, but I went straight to the Advanced page and tried it there; wouldn't you? (See Figure 2).

Nothing, nada, zilch, not a sausage – but, then, that's my usual experience. So, time to try a wildcard search. The on-screen Search tips suggested I could try just using the beginning of the surname, like BEN\*, so I had a go. Sure enough, I had 64 hits, with 10 entries per page (See Figure 3, page 16). I looked through all the

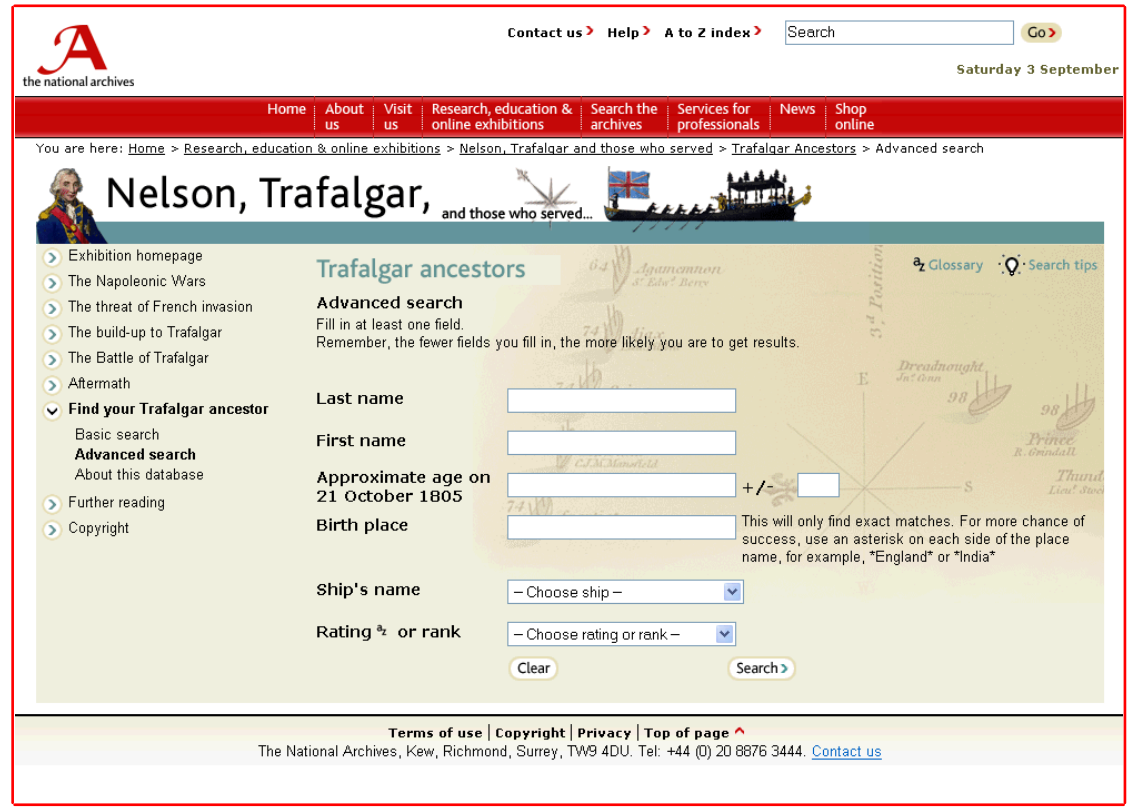


Figure 2 – Opening screen of Advanced search

pages; no luck. Not even any variant BENBROOKs, but I did find a Guild name: BENHAM. Stephen – are you reading this?

But just take a look at the other names on that page, especially the column showing the Place of Birth. If you thought that the ships' companies were all made up of men press-ganged in the alehouses on the south coast of England, think again. Canada, St Kitts, Malta, Prussia, and America are represented on this page alone. Intrigued by this idea, I tried a search through this database using \*France\* and \*Spain\* in the Place of Birth field as my respective search criteria – 53 seamen were born in France and 24 in Spain!

**More details**

This resource, although focused on those seamen who were at Trafalgar, includes more details than their Trafalgar service alone. Take the example of Alexander Hills, a Lieutenant on HMS Victory: the database shows his record from the time he enlisted on HMS Stag on September 22 1796 as a Volunteer 1st Class, rising through Midshipman to Master's Mate to Lieutenant, serving on 10 ships including HMS Victory and continues until 1809, when he was aboard HMS Garland.

Undaunted, I searched for another name from my family tree and chose GUNNELL. Success! (See Figure 4 page 16). William GUNNELL was a novice, (the term "Landsman", the on-screen Glossary explained, was a rating given to those men with no experience of serving at sea), and had been taken on board HMS Phoebe in 1804. I couldn't find an explanation of the initials "PFRT" in the comments, though. The extract explained the source, the ship's pay book, and there's even a catalogue reference, ADM 36/16809, in case I wanted to



Figure 1 – Opening screen of the Nelson, Trafalgar Exhibition

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## Trafalgar ancestors

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First name(s)	Last name	Age	Place of birth	Rank	
Francis	Benham	26	Reading, Berkshire, England	Ordinary Seaman	<a href="#">More... &gt;</a>
John	Benjamin	21	Newfoundland, Canada	Landsman	<a href="#">More... &gt;</a>
John	Benjamin	21	Plymouth, Devon, England	Midshipman	<a href="#">More... &gt;</a>
John	Benjamin	34	London, England	Able Seaman	<a href="#">More... &gt;</a>
William	Benjamin	24	St Kitts	Ordinary Seaman	<a href="#">More... &gt;</a>
William	Benjamin	20	Wales	Landsman	<a href="#">More... &gt;</a>
Joseph	Benjua	21	Malta	Ordinary Seaman	<a href="#">More... &gt;</a>
Brown	Benmixon	27	Emden, Prussia	Able Seaman	<a href="#">More... &gt;</a>
Robert	Bennet	36	America	Ordinary Seaman	<a href="#">More... &gt;</a>
Abraham	Bennett	17	Bristol, Gloucestershire, England	Boy	<a href="#">More... &gt;</a>

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Figure 3 – Search results for Ben\* (wildcard)

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**William Gunnell aged 31 born in London, England.**  
**Ship: HMS Phoebe**  
**Rank/Rating: Landsman**

**Service details**

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Comments: From: Victory PFRT

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**HMS Phoebe**  
 Ship's pay book number: (SB 776)  
 24 May 1804

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**Sources used**

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Catalogue reference: [ADM 36/16809](#)

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Figure 4 – Search results for Gunnell

order the document and examine it at Kew.

But did this greenhorn survive the battle? I don't know. I shall need to look further. This database is largely based on the ships' musters but, helpfully, The National Archives points me to several other sources: certificates of service (ADM 29/1-96) and Greenwich Hospital in-pensioners (ADM 73); and for officers, there are also passing certificates (variously ADM 6, ADM 13 and ADM 107) and survey returns (ADM 6, ADM 9 and ADM 11). Importantly, Trafalgar



Figure 5 – Ratings search

Ancestors, one page suggests, is “an ongoing project”, so we might see some more of these references incorporated in the months to come. I hope so.

I had to try a bit more of the Advanced search, so I thought I might find out how many cooks there were. It was a straightforward matter of choosing it

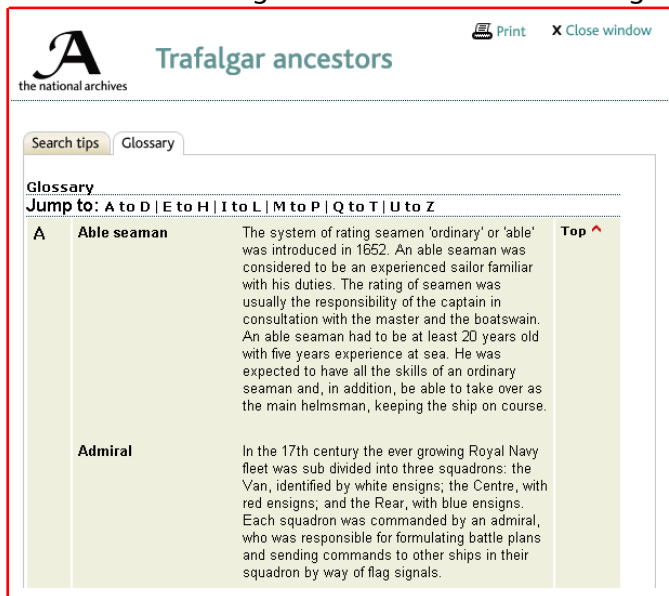


Figure 6 – Glossary explanation

from the drop-down list in the Rating or rank field (See Figure 5). Incidentally, if you find naval ranks as confusing as I do, just click on the word Rating beside this field, and the Glossary page will be displayed (See Figure 6).

As for cooks, there were 30 of them, plus one Cook's Mate, the 20-year-old George Corner, on board *HMS Naiad*. This poor soul had only joined up

(should that be “pressed”?) a few months before – to end up as a washer-up at Trafalgar. What a life!

And, believe it or not, there was (at least) one intrepid woman at the Battle of Trafalgar – Jane Townshend. She served on *HMS Defiance* and there are no details of her age or place of birth, but the website sadly notes that when she applied for a service medal in 1847 she was refused, despite the support of the captain of the *Defiance*.

## Shipbuilding

Somewhere in all this, it's just possible that my direct ancestors had a hand in this famous victory. Trading as carpenters in the thriving shipbuilding industry along the South Bank of the Thames during this period, it's quite possible that they may have worked on one of the ships of the Trafalgar fleet. *HMS Temeraire* was in the thick of the fighting and Turner's famous, and rather sad, painting shows her being towed to Rotherhithe, where the BENBROOKS worked, to be broken up. This was quite a few years after Trafalgar, in 1838, however.

Intrigued? I hope so. If you need any more bidding, here's a set of Guild names randomly selected from the Register that I can definitely say are present on the TNA website: HILLIER, BLISS, WHITE-BREAD, GREENWOOD, MILLINGTON, STANMORE, COOKSEY, REDWOOD, PARRY, QUARTERMAN, WHITFIELD, PRIEST, MERRITT, BENHAM, WINDER, PLANT, BABB, GRUBB, CLIFFORD, TOWN, MANSBRIDGE, MERRY, SHANKLAND, EMERY, BRAUND.

## Good chance

That's a list compiled by randomly opening the Register at a few pages and simply letting my eye settle on a name. About one in three gave me a hit, so there's a pretty good chance that there are lots of others, too. There are over 18,000 names – I recommend you take a look.

And if you want to do more background reading, here are some of the websites that I found interesting and useful:

- [www.nelsonsnavy.co.u](http://www.nelsonsnavy.co.u),
- [www.nmm.ac.uk/collections/nelson/](http://www.nmm.ac.uk/collections/nelson/)
- [www.ageofnelson.org](http://www.ageofnelson.org)
- [www.trafalgar200.com](http://www.trafalgar200.com)
- [www.royal-navy.mod.uk/static/pages/7076.html](http://www.royal-navy.mod.uk/static/pages/7076.html)

*And now I've finished my task, I think I deserve a large tot of rum. Splice the mainbrace, m'hearties!* ☹

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# update

Your guide to what's new  
in the Guild world

## Occupations Seminar in Sunderland provides a rich seam of social history

By Olwen Pollinger

**I** HAVE always been interested in social history but never really made the connection with family history. I was, therefore, intrigued when I was invited to attend the Guild Seminar on Occupations at the University of Sunderland on August 20. Seeing the brand-new buildings at the mouth of the Wear was alone worth the trip.

I had expected family historians to be an eccentric bunch but found them to be friendly people with lots of ideas to share. The four lecturers all had their own enthusiasms and made me look at social history with a perspective that traditional studies of local history don't usually match.

John Hanson talked us through an "A-Z of Occupations", never quite managing the X, and in the process opening up all sorts of



opportunities for research on CDs and the Internet. Since I have lived in a mining village for 20 years, the Coal Mining History Resource Centre was a good recommendation. And we finally found out what the legendary sagger-maker's bottom knocker did for his living!

In the next lecture, Neil Richardson, a local maritime expert, was puzzled as to why a relative of his had unexpectedly become a steam boat owner. This led him to research the sources of information on master mariners, ship and steam boat owners. Coal

mining, the growth of steam and shipbuilding in the North-East have left a rich maritime history, not only in shipping registers and customs houses but in the records of our local Marine School. The absence of global communication meant log books of shipping intelligence and sightings around the world were the only way to keep track of ships.



Neil Richardson

### Status

Neil discovered the answer to his question when he found tradesmen could gain in status if they became a ship-owner and formed groups to invest in shipping. His ancestor had been a butcher and then became a ship-owner and was entitled to call himself a Gentleman.

Following a similar theme of occupational status, Geoff Nicholson led us through "The History of Trade Guilds in Newcastle". Tradesmen and craftsmen formed guilds to protect their business and status. Prejudice was evident in that no Scotsmen were allowed to join. The guilds elected representatives to negotiate for them and developed an elite band.

They became the city leaders, only to have their power fade with the growth of enfranchisement and democracy. Geoff told us where to find all the clues and



Geoff Nicholson

see the architectural evidence, which is rapidly becoming lost in redevelopment in Newcastle, as in other old industrial cities.

In the final session David Butler showed how his detailed analysis of the household records of the Salvin family of Croxdale Hall, Durham, could tell us about the lives and expectations of domestic servants in the first half of the 19th century.

Domestic service was the biggest area of employment for women and included one-third of all working women in England. Contrary to the picture presented by historical novels and TV drama, this workforce was mobile and willing to move around for the best pay and conditions and knew their worth.



David Butler

At the end of the seminar I was left buzzing with a list of places to go and information to find. Croxdale Hall is a must and I will have a closer look at our North-East maritime museums.

The seminar also left me with the urge to make my interest in local history more personal, but since my family name appears to originate in Germany it might be more rewarding researching the family of the mine owners who once owned my village. Then I think I will need to call on the expertise of the Guild and my fellow family historians. ○

\* *Olwen Pollinger is a sociologist with the NHS in Newcastle and was invited to give an independent view of the seminar. Pictures by Gordon Pollinger.*

• About 50 people attended the seminar. The principal was Rod Clayburn and thanks are due to members of the Northumberland and Durham FHS who assisted with finding the venue, publicity and a bookstall. ○

## Seminars update. .

THESE are the Guild's forthcoming seminars over the coming months...

### *Lesser-known Sources For Family Historians*

Date: November 19 2005.

Venue: Community Centre, Woolwell, about six miles north of Plymouth City Centre on the A386 Tavistock Road.

A seminar on lesser-known sources in the West Country, starting with the local Guild member, Peter Towey, talking about *Anglican Clergy after the*

*Reformation*. David Hawgood follows with the subject of *Surnames Outside the UK*. Dr. Todd Gray adds local colour after lunch: he will throw light on the world of fishing and their apprentices in 17th century Plymouth. Finally, Alan Barclay, of the Plymouth and West Devon Record Office, gives us some *Lesser-known Sources in Record Offices*.

### *Practical Computer Seminar*

Date: February 11 2006

Venue: Epsom

Our popular series of seminars

on computers continues on February 11 next year. We are offering three skill levels in order to overcome the problems of possibly talking down to many attendees who have a more than basic level of computer expertise. This is the place to get those computer questions answered.

May 27 2005 finds us up in Manchester, with a seminar provisionally entitled *Sources in the North-West* but more details will be in the next Journal. Keep your diary free.

Rod Clayburn

Secretary

Seminar Sub-Committee

## New venue, new speakers and topics for Guild 2006 Conference and AGM

WITH a new venue, new organiser, new speakers, new topics and hopefully lots of new faces, as well as the regular conference attendees, we are moving a little further north next year for the Guild's 2006 Conference and AGM, which is to be held from April 7-9 at Yarnfield Park Training and Conference Centre in Yarnfield, near Stone, Staffordshire.

Contrary to previous years, the conference will not have a specific theme, but will cover many areas of genealogical interest, from religion and religious records, through criminal ancestry and on to the very modern subject of DNA studies.

Yarnfield Park is a purpose-

built centre located off the A34, three miles west of Stone in Staffordshire. It is easily accessible from junction 14 or 15 of the M6 motorway and the main line stations of Stoke-on-Trent and Stafford are only a short distance away. There are many on-site facilities which will be available for our use, including the obligatory snooker room, but also a sauna, solarium, squash courts, tennis courts and indoor sports hall available for badminton, volleyball and five-a-side football.

### Programme

The full booking form will be sent out with the January Journal, but, as many of you like to book your place early, a preliminary booking form is included with this Journal. The programme is more or less finalised and topics include:

- Fire Insurance Records for Family and Local Historians.
- Records of Criminal Ancestors in England and Wales.
- Tracing that

Elusive Ancestor – Emigration and Immigration.

- History of the Workhouse.
- Methodism and Methodist Records.
- Denominations, Dynasties, Diaries and Dictionaries of Biography.
- DNA – Walking with Your Ancestors.
- DNA Testing and Surname Studies: Guild Members' Results

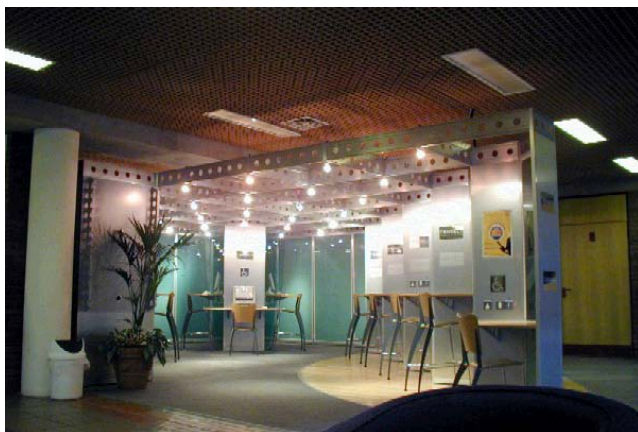
### Sponsors

We are lucky to have many well-known speakers and also to be supported by the Halsted Trust, who have kindly sponsored speaker David Hawkings, and 1837online.com, who are sponsoring the Conference as well as providing Guild members with many benefits, as outlined by Cliff Kemball in this Journal.

The conference brings together many like-minded ones and provides an excellent forum to share knowledge, good practice and ideas (occasionally with a glass of wine/pint of beer or two to assist you on your way!). I look forward to meeting you all in April, but in the meantime, if you have any questions, please e-mail me on [conference@one-name.org](mailto:conference@one-name.org).

Kirsty Gray

Guild Secretary and  
2006 Conference Organiser



The cybercafe area in the conference centre



# Why we are changing the Guild Constitution

By PETER WALKER

**In my experience of voluntary associations such as ours, the topic of changing the Constitution tends to be polarised. It is either greeted with supreme indifference or great excitement and concern. So those who want to switch off now, please do so!**

The Guild's Constitution has been changed on a number of occasions in its history, most recently in 1997. Since 1996 we have only been able to change the Constitution by a postal ballot of all members. This is good for our many members who cannot realistically attend our AGM, but does have the drawback that it is not easy or practical for members to counter-propose amendments.

We are not intending to change this system. We expect to hold the postal ballot in 2006 and hope to send out the proposed new Constitution and ballot papers with the next Journal.

## Charity

So why are we wanting to change the Constitution at this time? Our starting point is the recognition that the Guild is a registered charity and must operate within the Charities Act and various regulations and guidance from the Charity Commission.

Each Committee member is also a Trustee of the Charity – not that you'd realise that from reading our current Constitution. Charity status is valuable to us, as we can claim Gift Aid from our UK members on any subscriptions and donations. Claiming Gift Aid itself is subject to some complex rules from the Revenue & Customs (formerly the Inland

Revenue) and in the last year or so your Committee has been struggling to get to grips with all the rules about what we can spend our reserves on without breaching Charity Commission or Revenue & Customs rules.

Equally, we have had to keep an eye out for whether the profits we make from our bookstall sales affects our charity status. The Charity Commission has been signalling for some time now about taking a closer look at educational charities such as ours to ensure they are genuinely charitable in character.

## Problems

Some family history societies may find themselves with a few problems. We are not allowed to raise money and spend it solely on our members; we must devote our funds to charitable purposes which must benefit a significant section of the public.

De-registering as a charity is not a realistic option, as we would need to donate all our cash reserves to another charity and start again from scratch. A new Charities Bill is going through Parliament at present and this may mean yet further changes in the future.

It is worth reminding ourselves of our two charitable purposes, which we are not proposing to change:

- To advance the education of the public in one-name studies, this being defined as research into the genealogy and family history of all persons with the same surname and its variants.
- To promote the preservation and publication of the resultant data, and to maximise its acces-

sibility to interested members of the public.

I take the view that the first educational objective is not something just the Trustees are engaged in. Rather, all of you with registered names have signed an agreement to respond to all reply-paid enquiries about your respective names. In doing so, you are assisting the education of the public. Because of this, we can devote funds to assist you with your registered studies, since this supports our charitable objectives. We hope to do more in this area – watch this space.

That is why it is so important you all respect your agreement to respond to all enquiries. Also, it is the case that members can receive benefits up to 25 per cent of the value of the subscription before our right to Gift Aid would be impacted. These are not theoretical matters; the Society of Genealogists no longer claims Gift Aid on its subscriptions as the private benefits are considered to be well over 25 per cent of the value.

The changes to the Guild Constitution that we will be proposing to put to ballot next year comprise the following:

1. Changes to reflect that the Committee members are the Guild's Trustees and we are bound by a range of statutes and regulations.

2. Changes to reflect Constitutional "best practice", as promulgated by the Charity Commission.

3. Changes to the Guild Committee and sub-committee structure to streamline Guild governance.

4. A simplified expulsion procedure to remove the unwieldy and expensive postal ballot process and to introduce an appeal process sympathetic with modern human rights thinking.

5. Recognition that the whole of the Guild's governance is not just in the Constitution but also in a range of other rules and procedures, such as those covering financial matters, the rules covering use and behaviour on the Guild Forum and the various

Terms of Reference for sub-committees, post-holders etc.

At the same time, we intend to add a new Grievance Procedure to deal with problems where members are unhappy with something the Guild has done that affects them personally.

6. Some minor changes to reflect what has been current practice for some time, but which has never been documented in the Constitution.

7. Some other minor clarifications and tidying-up changes, recognising that we don't change the Constitution every year.

We are not publishing the full proposed text with this Journal, as at the time of writing the Committee have not yet had sufficient time to consider it all in detail.

Even so, work has actually been in train for well over a year under the leadership of Ken Toll, our former Chairman. However, a few words of further explanation on the above may assist understanding.

Concerning "best practice" (2), those interested may wish to look at Document CC22 from the Char-

ity Commission website, along with their model Constitution GD3, which will give you a good idea of the issues that need covering. Under (3) we are proposing to reduce the Guild Officers from six to four, so that the Officers will in future comprise the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

We intend to create a new Executive, comprising the Officers and three other Trustees, which will carry out the former role of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and make any necessary decisions between Committee meetings.

### Urgent

This recognises that the Officers have always dealt with urgent issues as necessary, but on finance matters the Registrar and Editor may not necessarily always be the most appropriate members, as compared with, say, the Bookstall Manager.

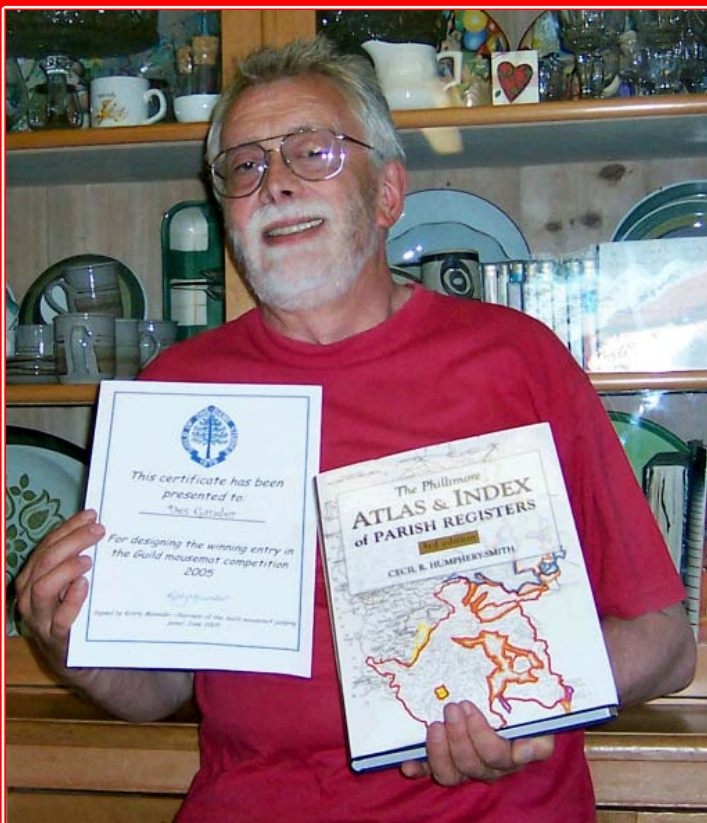
We are also removing the obligation that all Officers are automatically members of every sub-committee, as this creates an unacceptable burden and/or

expectation on these members. In future, we are proposing that only the Chairman and Treasurer are automatically members of each sub-committee and sub-committees will only need a minimum of three Committee members in their membership.

We hope we will never have to expel any member and it is many years since this has been necessary. But we cannot see the present process requiring an expensive postal ballot of all members is the right way forward. Instead, we propose a hearing in front of the Committee (with an accompanying friend, as desired), with a final appeal, if necessary, to the President.

I want the adoption of the new Guild Constitution to be as smooth as possible.

***So if any of the above causes you concern or you have other burning views about the present Constitution, please contact me as soon as possible, so we can either reassure you or make further adjustments before we have to commit to the ballot next year. ○***

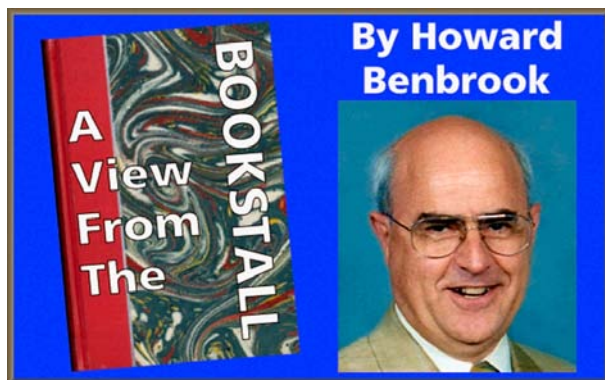


## ***Des Gander wins our design-a-mouse mat competition***

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Guild member no. 862, Des P. Gander, of Exeter, Devon, who was the winner of our competition – announced in the April Journal – to design a Guild mouse mat.

The mat will be produced in limited quantities to be given away to libraries, record offices and other bodies, and for use in Guild publicity.

Des, who runs the registered Gander One-Name Study, is pictured with a certificate and his prize for winning the contest – a copy of the invaluable *The Phillimore Atlas & Index of Parish Registers*. ○



## Situation vacant for a regional bookstall manager

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

In case you think I've been away on holiday, I've squeezed a few more items on to the price list this time around. The prolific Shire Books have extended their Victorian series of A5 booklets to include *The Victorian Engineer*, *The Victorian Public House*, *The Victorian Policeman*, and *The Victorian Schoolroom*, all neat little social summaries of Victorian life – great for background reading and not expensive.

There are a couple more booklets from West Surrey FHS, too, adding to the collection of Cliff Webb booklets on London research: *A Guide to London & Middlesex Genealogy & Records* and *A Guide to Middlesex Parish Documents*. Talking of London,

**Y**ES, I KNOW modesty is not my strong suit, but I still feel pleased when I reflect on the Bookstall's success over the last few years. It's become quite a thriving little business, adding a modest sum to Guild funds each year.

But, there's a limit to what I can do on my own and, like all good businesses, it needs to respond to change. I've always been uncomfortable that where I live means I have a southern bias

(erm, that's southern England – apologies to those of you outside the UK), and this means I can't normally promote the Guild beyond where I can reasonably reach in a day.

But now I'd like to change all that: I want to hire a Regional Bookstall Manager. It's a grand-sounding title, but what does the job entail? Below is what the advert might look like. Interested? Really? Well, you know what to do!

### REGIONAL BOOKSTALL MANAGER

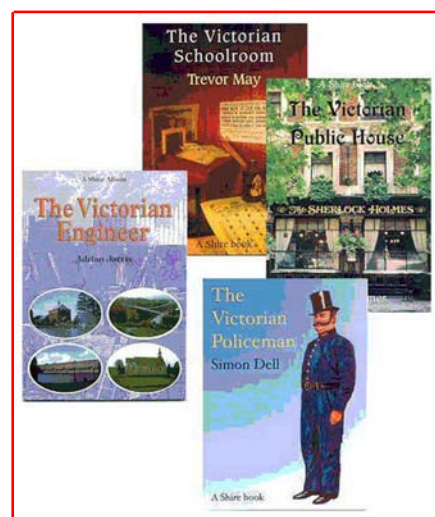
*Target Earnings: Thousands of smiles. This post carries a guaranteed bonus: a personal satisfaction that you'll make a real difference.*

*For more than 25 years, the Guild of One-Name Studies has built a reputation as the focus for surname studies and a source of valuable genealogical information to the family historian through its extensive, worldwide membership. The Guild's Bookstall is an integral part of that operation, promoting awareness of the Guild's services as well as making suitable products available commercially and thus making a valuable contribution to the Guild's funds. Continuing development has led to the establishment of the challenging new post of Regional Bookstall Manager, reporting to and supported by the Guild's Bookstall Manager.*

*This highly responsible post is perfectly suited to the entrepreneurial individual who can bring their own personal energy and flair to the task. The successful candidate will create their own Regional Guild Bookstall. Supported by local members, recruited through the Regional Representative, he/she will attend as many as 10 events a year, all at the weekend and typically in the North of England (travel expenses will be paid), offering a selection of items for sale from the Guild Bookstall. He/she will be responsible for reporting sales and for banking any takings. Stock re-ordering will be arranged through the Guild Bookstall Manager.*

*A personable manner is a crucial requirement for this post, and preference will be given to those candidates who have some experience in the practical use of a computer in genealogy. Candidates will be expected to own a car, which they will be willing to use to fulfil this role. In the first instance, please send details of your experience, and why you might be just mad enough to want this job, by e-mail to: [guild.bookstall@one-name.org](mailto:guild.bookstall@one-name.org) or direct to: Howard Benbrook, 7 Amber Hill, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 1EB, U.K.*

*The Guild is an equal opportunities employer. No animals were harmed in the testing of this advertisement.*



*Shire Books' series of new booklets on various aspects of Victorian life*

I'm now able to respond to orders for the historical London map I mentioned in the last issue (Greenwood's map of 1830), and there's news of another to come: Horwood's map of 1799 is in preparation and should appear by the end of the year.

For those of you who like reference books, I've acquired a small stock of the impressive *Oxford Names Companion*, based largely on the work of Patrick Hanks and Flavia Hodges, but this 1200+page tome weighs in at over 2kg, so I'm restricting it to "In Person" sales only.

And, in case you miss it, I'd

better point out that the edition of *Ancestral Trails* now on sale on the Bookstall (840 pages and "a defining work", said *Family Tree Magazine*), is the paperback edition – and that makes a big difference to the price. If you're fed up with all those helpful little books on British genealogy, this is the book that wraps them all up within one set of covers.

Take a look at Cliff Kemball's article on 1837online in this issue because the Bookstall is playing a part. I'm able to offer £5 vouchers for their service to members at a discounted price. Each voucher is the equivalent of 50 units valid for 90 days, which means you could look at 50 pages from the GRO index in that time, or up to 16 pages from their 1861 census, or a combination of the two.

### Price List

These new items mean there are one or two additions to the Price List, but some items have been withdrawn, too. I've removed two other vouchers used for online services, as they are no longer popular and I don't want to be left with unsold stock. Please make sure you consult the latest list with this Journal if you'd like to place an order.

### Where we've been

The Bookstall has certainly been on its travels. Although we had a summer break, since the last Journal we'll have been to these places: York, Wreningham (Norfolk), Weston-super-Mare, Aylesbury, Sunderland (courtesy of Sandra Turner), Maidstone, Gateshead, Dunstable, Kidlington (Oxon), Horndean (Hants). Did you catch the Bookstall at one of these places and say hello?

### Where we're going

And there's more! The programme for the final quarter of the year looks like this:

- Suffolk FHS Fair and AGM, Needham Market, Suffolk, Saturday, October 8.
- Hastings & Rother Family History Fair Hastings, Sussex, Sunday, October 9.

- Guild Introductory Seminar, Bransgore, Dorset, Saturday, October 15.
- Eastleigh Family History Fair, Eastleigh, Hampshire, Sunday, October 16.
- Cheltenham Family History Fair, Cheltenham, Gloucs, Sunday, October 30.
- WSFHS Open Day, Woking, Surrey, Saturday, November 5.
- Norwich Family History Fair, Norwich, Norfolk, Sunday, November 13.
- Guild Seminar, Woolwell, nr Plymouth, Devon, Saturday, November 19.
- Wimborne Family History Fair, Wimborne, Dorset, Sunday, November 27.

The Guild will also be represented, but without the full Bookstall, at these events: Aintree Family History Fair (November 6) and the Yorkshire Coast Fair, Scarborough (November 12). Thanks to Sue Atkins and Pete Redwood who've already volunteered for helping out there.

If you're local, why not pop along and help them out, too? And you must know by now, unless you're a new member (and welcome, if you are), that your knowledge and enthusiasm will always be welcome behind the Guild Bookstall. Let me know if you'd like to make a small contribution to your local genealogy community.

### Thank you to...

As ever, I'd like you all to know this is by no means a solo effort. There is no way that I can do this on my own, so my thanks are due to: Barbara Harvey (at least twice), Dave Ennifer, Chris Cooksey, Ron Woodhouse, Pete Redwood, Barbara Cromack, Kirsty Gray, Ken Dilkes, Hazel Stanmore-Richards, Richard Heaton, Margaret Allum and Sandra Turner (again).

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

## Bonus units from 1837online.com

By Cliff Kemball

THE GUILD is establishing a closer relationship with 1837online.com, which will involve a degree of future co-operation and mutual assistance between the two organisations.

In return for this co-operation, 1837online.com are providing a package of benefits for our members and the Guild will, in return, provide greater assistance in the marketing and development of the services of 1837online.com. The extent of the benefits and assistance provided will depend on the nature of the relationship that is finally agreed. Details of the link between the Guild and 1837online.com will be the subject of a future article in the Guild Journal.

The purpose of this short article is to let Guild members know that the Guild has negotiated a 10 per cent bonus on 1837online's units, using a promotional code, for all registered members. This means that all registered Guild members who currently use 1837online.com's facilities, and those Guild-registered members who plan to register with 1837online.com, will be able to receive an additional 10% on the units they purchase simply by quoting the promotional code. For example, if a member applies for the £25 package they will receive 345 units rather than 313 units. By using the £120 package registered Guild members will receive 2,640 units rather than 2,400.

*The promotional code is shown on the Guild flyer enclosed with this journal. This bonus is ONLY available to registered Guild members and under no circumstances is this promotional code to be passed on to non-Guild members or to be displayed on the Guild forum. ○*



## My annual plea – do remember to renew your Guild subs on time!

**W**ith this Journal you will find the annual Subscription Renewal Form. Please read the instructions carefully to see whether you have already paid for 2006, or have an existing Standing Order (SO) or Repeat Transaction Authority (RTA).

If you don't, and are due to pay, it will help us greatly if you send your payment promptly. Payments should be sent to the Renewals Secretary, Rod Clayburn, whose address is on the Form, not to me. Do it now! It is so easy to say: "Oh, I'll do that when I've finished reading the Journal", to put the Renewal Form aside, and then forget all about it. You do have until the end of January to pay, but paying promptly helps Rod and saves him the effort and cost of sending out reminders.

Every year a few members forget to pay by the deadline and only realise that they haven't renewed when their Journal doesn't arrive or they are removed from the Forum. If your membership lapses and you have been sent a reminder, then you will have to rejoin at full cost.

Please also look and see whether you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD). If you haven't, and you are a UK taxpayer, please fill one in. We can recover the tax paid on your subscription and any donations you make to the Guild. This is a valuable source of Guild income and deprives the Inland Revenue of some of your hard-earned pennies! A form can be found at...

[www.one-name.org/members/GiftAid2005web.pdf](http://www.one-name.org/members/GiftAid2005web.pdf)

It is important for us to have

up-to-date details of each member for sending your Journal or messages or for others to contact you, so we need to know when you change your postal or email address.

The easiest way to do this is to use the "Change" form in the Members' Room on the website or to send a message to [changes@one-name.org](mailto:changes@one-name.org)

This ensures that all relevant Post Holders are informed. If you don't have e-mail, or want to change your study details, you are welcome to send me details of any changes by post or e-mail. My postal and e-mail addresses are on the inside front cover of the Journal.

However, there are a couple of points to bear in mind. Firstly, we don't usually acknowledge changes received, since we would be forever writing replies. We now try to update the on-line Register every week so it shouldn't take too long for a change to be made.

Changes are also shown in the next paper Register supplement. Changes to address and study details can be easily seen, but if you change your underlying e-mail address your Guild alias will not change. You can easily check whether a change has been implemented by sending a test message to [youralias@one-name.org](mailto:youralias@one-name.org)

If the message is not bounced but comes back to you at your real e-mail address, then we have made the change.

The second thing to remember is that the Journal goes to press a month before the cover date. Journals are sent out based on the information we have at that

date. So for this Journal posting labels were produced based on the information we had at August 31.

If you notified us of a change of address after that date we couldn't incorporate it. Likewise, the Register Supplement was produced at the same date, and changes after August 31 are not included. If you know you are going to move in the last month before the Journal is issued, and can do so, please inform us in advance.

*A few moments thought may save problems later.* ○

### Guild Website Awards

ONCE again, the Guild is running its popular Website Award to find the best member's site relating to their one-name study. This year, however, we are dividing the award in a different way. There will be two awards, one for the best website and another for the best Guild web profile, the new Guild service described by Paul Millington in the last Journal.

Guidance on what we are looking for in a website can be found here:

<http://www.one-name.org/members/webaward.html>

To enter for the Website Award, send an e-mail before November 30 to...

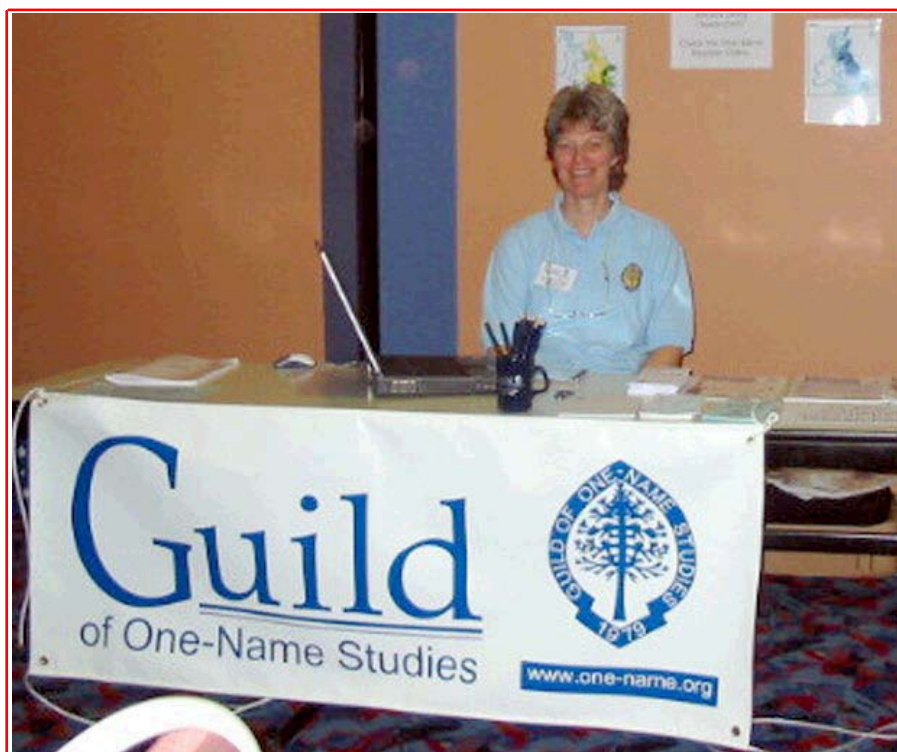
[web.award@one-name.org](mailto:web.award@one-name.org) with...

- Your name and membership number.
- The section entered, i.e. website or profile.
- If entering a website, its full address.

All entries will be acknowledged on receipt and the results will be announced at the Guild AGM in April 2006. ○

## • INTERNATIONAL NEWS •

# Guild makes its fair debut Down Under in NSW



By Lynette Begg

**THE GUILD of One-Name Studies has made its Fair debut Down Under. On August 28 in Maitland, NSW, Australia, I sat for six hours promoting the Guild, listening and talking constantly to enthusiastic family historians from near and far. It was a very successful but exhausting day.**

From the moment the doors opened, I was inundated by a constant stream of people with all manner of questions. I literally talked myself dry! Fascinated by *Surname Atlas* being able to map their surname interests in the 1881 census, quite a few people then found their surname was already being researched by a Guild member, so excitedly wrote down the contact details and went off with a big smile. So, if you receive an enquiry from Australia soon, it could easily be because these people visited the Maitland Family History Fair.

Many people looked upon me, as a representative of the Guild,

as someone who would know where to look for information, so already the reputation of the Guild is one of people knowing what they are doing and being experienced researchers.

Several times I had to deal with three people or groups at once, one wanting a surname shown in *Surname Atlas*, another wanting clarification of information in the Guild Register and another wanting to tell me about their family history research experiences or asking where to look for information.

I was able to give out lots of brochures on the Guild and the current registered surnames, while several people took membership forms and some samples of recent Journals were appreciated by the very keen researchers. *Surname Atlas* ran hot all day – and the laptop survived! I was exhausted but jubilant and reported back to “head office” with the recom-

mendation to make the stall an annual undertaking at the Maitland Family History Fair, and wherever other GOONS were willing to spare a day to promote the Guild in Australia. However, I strongly recommend no fewer than two people on the stand!

The Guild will be received very well in Australia if the Maitland Fair is anything to go by. Enthusiasm was high and there was a genuine fascination in people researching just one surname. I would like to thank Howard Benbrook, who went to no end of trouble to send out a package of brochures, Journals, the *Surname Atlas*, and other items, not to mention a Guild shirt that was the perfect size (thanks to his wife's help) and worn with pride.

### Advice

Howard was very encouraging and offered lots of help and advice, as well some suggestions which really worked well. Sandra Turner was also helpful with advice, suggestions and encouragement and Kirsty Gray was equally encouraging. I would like to thank the Guild and its Officers for being totally behind the Fair and supporting it very enthusiastically and I look forward to further ventures in promoting the Guild Down Under.

I must apologise for the photo. It was taken after the hall had emptied at the end of the day, so the look on my face reflects my tired satisfaction and not the fact that I sat idle all day with no customers! Far from it. ***I'm very pleased to report that the Guild is alive and well Down Under.***

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## World War I and II CD look-ups for Guild members – by JOHN CARBIS

**F**OR THE BENEFIT of new members, and older members who may not yet have taken advantage of the service, here is a reminder that the Guild has copies of the following CDs from which look-ups for specific names of soldiers of the British Army who died in two World Wars may be downloaded to paper.

### **SOLDIERS DIED IN THE GREAT WAR 1914–19**

During this war, there can hardly have been a family in Britain which was not touched in some way by tragedy. In 1914 the British Army went to war with an army mainly based on voluntary enlistment and which numbered something over 270,000, with a further 486,000 Reservists and Territorials. In January 1916, for the first time in the country's history, conscription was introduced, producing by November 1918 a further five million, of which over half were volunteers.

In 1921, 81 volumes embracing every regiment and corps of the British Army were published, listing approximately 635,000 soldiers and 37,000 officers who had died during this war. Searches of this database may be made by one or as many elements as may be required, as follows:

- Regiment or corps, battalion or sub-unit of a regiment.
- Surname, Christian names.
- Place or county of birth [no dates].
- Place of enlistment (in some cases this will include the place of residence).
- Number and rank.
- Cause, place and date of death.

Sometimes there is additional text indicating service with another unit. In addition, for officers decorations are shown.

### **THE ARMY ROLL OF HONOUR – WWII**

This is of soldiers who died in the Second World War 1939–45. It contains the complete Roll preserved in TNA under Reference WO304. Searches may be carried out for the Regiment or branch of the Army September 1 1939 and December 31 1946, and also includes those deaths in service which were non-attributable (natural causes etc., as well as those who were killed in action or who died of wounds or disease). The Roll does not include “disgraceful” deaths, i.e. men who were executed for capital crimes whilst in the Army.

Searches of this database will provide the following information.

- Regiment or branch of the Army at death.
- Surname, Christian names.
- Where born (county), place of domicile (county).
- Initials, number, rank, theatre or country.
- Where fatal wound was sustained or death occurred, Decoration and by date.

The information represents that which the then War Office felt appropriate for its own purposes, and the information which the Imperial War Graves (now the Commonwealth) Commission desired, and that which could be made public.

Details of how an extract may be obtained from the above CDs is shown in the Members' Room section of the Guild's website. For members who may not have such access, then please write to me (address and telephone number at the end of this article), together with as much information as possible about the soldier concerned and enclosing an A5-sized, self addressed envelope.

The Guild requires a charge for this service as follows: £2.00 for

the first four A4 pages, with a further 10p for each successive A4 page

With each of the CD-ROMS there is a further facility to produce a “Memorial Scroll” for the individual concerned. Should such a scroll be required, please contact me by phone with details of surname and Christian names of the person, and from which war this may be required. Cheques should be made payable to the Guild of One-Name Studies

Where the initial look-up reveals more than one individual of that particular name and initials, then confirmation in writing will be requested as to which look-up is to be downloaded.

### **ARMIES OF THE CROWN**

The authors have divided this CD-ROM into two parts:

1. Regimental Histories of the British Army. This contains a list, together with a brief description of the numerous bibliographies that are available; however, autobiographies have been omitted.

2. Regiments and Corps of the British Empire and Commonwealth. This, in addition to providing bibliographies, provides details of Precedence, Military Chronology, and General reference. This later section includes the “Rarity, Research value, Sources and Contributors”.

As will be noted, this does not provide information on individuals, but rather biographies of the various units both of British and of the Commonwealth, which in the past have gone a long way to the formation of the whole being that was loosely termed the British Army.

Details of how an extract may be obtained from this CD are the same as for the two World War CDs. ○

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"scotland-north" as appropriate (put "-" instead of a space).

Where there is no e-mail contact, the message will go to **rep-coordinator@one-name.org**

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# Our Kirsty is wed



*KIRSTY MAUNDER, our Guild Secretary, married Michael Gray at Reading Register Office, Yeomanry House, Reading, on Friday, August 5 2005. Family and friends, including several Guild members, travelled from far and wide to join the celebrations at the wedding and later at the Prudential Ibis Club for the reception. Kirsty took a week off from Guild duties to sun herself on honeymoon at the new resort of Taba Heights in Egypt. Pictured with the happy couple are bridesmaid Sarah Goldthorpe and best man Trevor Moseley.*

*The following day saw the wedding of another Berkshire Guild member, Marion Harper, who married Mick Hopkins at Maidenhead and will now be known as Marion Harper Hopkins. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins!*

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