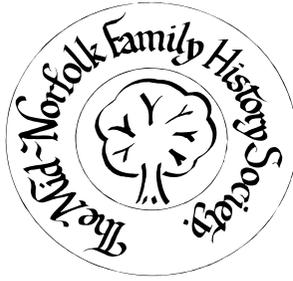


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## **A few words from your Editor ...**

I have recently retired from work and one of my ambitions is to progress further with my family history research, but so far I do not seem to have got very far, something always seems to get in the way. There is more information on line now than ever and the available websites are too numerous to list. One point I cannot decide on is which format to use – word processor or family history software.

It would be very interesting to hear how you write up your family history, so please write in and I will publish your letters.

Also, please write to me if you have any interesting stories about your research, have you discovered something exciting about an ancestor?

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Format for Newsletter Contributions** .... Preferably typed using Microsoft Word or Works, or handwritten, then please either:

- email the file to me at [Familyhis@aol.com](mailto:Familyhis@aol.com) or
- post handwritten copy/CD/floppy disk, to me at the address on the back of the Newsletter

**Deadline for inclusion in the next Newsletter – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

*Kate (Editor)*

## **FORTHCOMING SPEAKERS**

|               |                                                      |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 16 March 2011 | Huguenot Ancestry by Michael Gandy                   |
| 20 April 2011 | Family History at your finger tips by Meryl Catty    |
| 18 May 2011   | Researching the 2nd Boer War - 1899-1902 by Jim Lees |
| 15 June 2011  | Families in East India Society by Peter Bailey       |

## LETS LOOK AT A CHURCH No.61 – St Peter, Billingford



With its striking crenellated octagonal tower St Peter's, standing as it does on a slight rise, is an imposing sight and must have once dominated the important medieval route from Lynn to Norwich. Billingford, only about 6 miles from Dereham but seemingly more isolated, is not a large village, little more than a hamlet, its population numbering just over two hundred at the last count. An ancient burial mound containing an urn along with pottery and coin finds suggest however that there have been people living here since at least Roman times - there may have even been a villa in the area, the settlement growing near a crossing of the Wensum long before there was ever a church. The present St Peter's which is a Grade I listed building possibly has its origins in the 14<sup>th</sup> century but is mainly Perpendicular with alterations and additions continuing up to fairly recent times – H. Munro Cautley sums it up succinctly as 'a good church but much modernised', and also notes that it is relatively large considering its situation. Passing through a small porch of red brick which contrasts vividly with the flint of the rest of the building, one enters the noticeably uncluttered and spacious interior which at the time of our visit was beautifully decked out for a flower festival and walking to the front of the building, we briefly examined a window depicting a rather anxious

looking Peter, the church's patron saint, clutching the key to the kingdom of heaven and pointing at an open book bearing a legend which reminds us that he is indeed an Apostle and presumably not to be messed with. We were immediately drawn towards the giant 16<sup>th</sup> century eagle lectern with angry visage and cruel beak cast in latten an alloy of copper and zinc often used for memorial brasses and which Mortlock & Roberts tell us came, like other East Anglian examples, from the same foundry as the one in St Mark's Venice. This great bird which must weigh a ton stands astride the orb of the world on an equally massive base and is somewhat unusual being, unlike most similar eagle lecterns, of unpolished finish but impressive nevertheless. Not that this is the only international connection which tiny Billingford has for Arthur Mee entertainingly tells us of one Sir Simon Burley who lived in the village long ago and after rising to the position of ambassador under Richard the Second was charged with the mission of escorting Anne of Bohemia to England to be queen. Unfortunately, his career took a turn for the worst in later years and he ended his life on Tower Hill, victim of the headsman's axe. Back to St Peter's, the font is worth a mention, being in the form of a huge squat bowl supported on five pillars and of seemingly great age, its sides carved with arches and the whole octagonal in shape like the church tower itself. The massive pulpit, also of stone is, like the pews which have the typical poppyheads, Victorian but seems to complement the font quite nicely as they face each other at opposite ends of the building. Leaving St Peter's, we met the churchwarden who drew our attention to the tiny brick schoolhouse with flint decorated ends and crow-stepped gables which dates from the 19<sup>th</sup> century and which is used for services in winter due to the small numbers of the congregation and the impracticability of keeping the church warm enough. It is strange to think that it was not uncommon for Victorian school buildings to be built near churchyards. Perhaps contemplation of the graves acted as a *memento mori* for their young occupants! On a more cheerful note, for those who fancy a run out in the country we would recommend St Peter's, Billingford but take a road atlas.

The original parish registers are held at the Norfolk Record Office (Cat. Ref. PD210) and comprise Baptisms 1744-1927, Marriages 1744-1975, Burials 1744-1812 and Banns 1755-1901. Microform copies cover the same dates but Archdeacon's and Bishop's Transcripts start at 1600 and end in 1885 for Baptisms & Burials and 1837 for Marriages. The parish chest includes Terriers (registers of landed property described by site, boundaries & acreage) 1806-1980, Tithe rent charge accounts 1848-1893, Churchwardens' vouchers 1866-1893, Overseers' accounts 1747-1811 and papers relating to day school and night school 1857-1870.

*Roderic & Denise Woodhouse*

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

You can choose your Friends but not your Relatives

From a family history aspect, I have often thought it would be nice to have a really unusual surname - how much easier to research, if virtually every occurrence of a name was yours. I remember, from my days in the RAF, seeing John Whalebelly's name on the formal Dining-in menu cards, as bandmaster, and thinking what a strange name, although I didn't think I would like one quite that unusual, especially from my children's point of view!

In many ways, I owe my enthusiasm for family history to Don McLean, our President, who I first met at RAF Swanton Morley, where we both worked in the same department. Don ran the Station Family History Club, we became good friends and later founded the MNFHS together. He is second cousin to yesterday's famous Australian cricketer, Dennis Lillee and he used to say, "if you ever come across a *Lillee* spelt like that he will be mine". Well I did - on my wife's side. Four/five generations back Don and Shirley have a common ancestor, Mark Lillee. It is hard to believe that the son of a Glaswegian, married to a Norfolk Dumpling, was related to the daughter of a long line of Kentish Ag Labs, but it is true. And there is more, we discovered that Don and Shirley were actually born, albeit 10 years apart, in not just the same village, but the same two-bedroom cottage, at Manston in Kent - probably in the same room!

Returning to John Whalebelly, many years ago, we met his daughter, Jean. No longer a Whalebelly, her ex-husband had saddled her with the surname Loizou, which few of us could pronounce, let alone spell. Jean of course, was destined to become the Society's Editor, but before that, she and I spent a morning every week, over a two-year period, recording the memorial inscriptions, in Watton churchyard. During that time I met many of her Whalebelly ancestors, most unable to speak, for they reside there permanently, telling their stories on epitaphs in stone.

Just over a year ago, Shirley and I, were privileged to act as witnesses at Don and Jean's wedding ceremony. We were already related to my good friend Don Mclean, with his exceedingly common surname, but now by marriage, undoubtedly many times removed, also to Jean, nee Loizou, late Whalebelly, with her almost unique surname. How does the saying go? You can choose your friends but not your relatives? I seem to have chosen my friends and they have somehow turned out to be my relatives too!

TFG

## **IDENTITY THEFT! DON'T MAKE IT EASY FOR THEM!**

Identity theft is a real threat nowadays, and it is up to us all to make every effort to keep personal information belonging to ourselves and fellow Society members safe.

The Mid-Norfolk Family History Society takes every care to ensure that any personal details you have submitted are kept confidential. Your details are published in the Members' Interests Directory for the sole purpose of providing means of contact to aid family history research and are intended for use by Society Members only and not for general distribution.

We are therefore asking you take care when destroying last year's Members' Interests Booklet. Please would you *shred or burn* the booklet when you have finished with it.

If you have any queries or problems please contact Kate (Editor).

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## **Who Do You Think You Are? Live The National History Show**

**25-27 February 2011**

**Olympia  
London**

For details see ... <http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.co.uk/>

## HANDS ON PARISH REGISTERS

At the January meeting Gill Blanchard gave a very interesting presentation on Parish Registers, and gave everyone something to think about.

Gill had prepared some extracts from PRs and members were asked to sort out the relationships from the entries, as follows .....

*Look at the following transcripts of parish entries. These all relate to the same family in one way or another. Make a note of the information included and see if you come up with possible relationships. Note any entries that don't appear to fit with others and say why. Now ask yourself:*

*What does this tell me?*

*What doesn't this tell me I want to know?*

*Where can I go from here?*

### **Shropham Norfolk Parish Registers**

#### **Baptisms 1776**

Sarah the Daughter of George and Margrett Burlingham was baptized March 7<sup>th</sup>. 1776.

#### **Marriages 1798**

P.44. No.132. Joseph Seaman of this parish Singleman and Sarah Burlingham of the same parish Singlewoman by Licence Eleventh September 1798  
Both signed.

Witnesses: George Burlingham. Isaac Seaman, x

### **East Bradenham Norfolk Parish Registers**

#### **Baptisms 1802**

Joseph son of Joseph & Sarah Seaman born 24 Dec<sup>r</sup> & bapt 26 Dec<sup>r</sup>  
1804

Isaac Son of Joseph & Sarah Seaman June 24

### **Briston Norfolk Parish Registers**

#### **Baptisms 1830**

P.58. No.463. Born May. 8. Baptized June 15th. Georgiana daur' of Joseph [&] Sarah Seaman. [late] Castlaw. Briston. Miller.  
1831

P.63. No.500. Born 30 June. Baptized 1831. 8 July privately. Mary-Ann daur of Joseph [&] Sarah Elizabeth Seaman [late] Castlaw. Briston. Miller.

### **Trinity Church Marylebone Middlesex Parish Registers**

#### **Baptisms 1835**

P.43. No.342. 1835 September 6th. Isaac [of] Joseph and Sarah Elizabeth Seaman. 43 Munster Street. Dairy Man

### **Norwich St. Martin at Oak Norfolk Parish Registers**

#### **Marriages 1826**

P.98. No.294. Isaac Seaman Bachelor of Reedham Norfolk and Maria Christmas Wright Spr. of this Parish by Licence twenty fifth April 1826  
Both signed  
Witnesses: Wm. Bulwer. Elizabeth Smith.

### **East Rudham Norfolk Parish Registers**

#### **Marriages 1829**

P.31. No.93. Joseph Seaman of Burnham Overy and Sarah Castlaw of this Parish by Licence fifteenth June 1829  
Both signed.  
Witnesses: James John Groom. Jane Bishop.

### **Burgh Castle Norfolk Parish Registers**

#### **Burials 1821**

P.6. No.43. Ann Seaman. Abode: Reedham. Buried: 1821 Sept:r 25th. Age: 7 years.  
1834  
P.17. No.130. Fanny Wright Seaman. Runham. 1834 Jan 2. Age: Mos 4.

### **Old Catton Norfolk Parish Registers**

#### **Burials 1842**

P.53. No.424. Isaac Seaman. Gt. Yarmouth. Norfolk. Decr 23 1842. Age: 38 years.

Source: Gill Blanchard

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Website: <http://www.pastsearch.co.uk/>

## APOLOGY FOR ERROR IN WINTER NEWSLETTER



I was really pleased with the reproduction of my photograph of the Stuart Royal Arms in our winter edition of the Newsletter (page 11). Maybe the actual photograph could have been better – a ten foot step ladder (not something I normally carry in my car) would have enabled me to reduce the ‘tapered’ effect, but the actual detail of this 400 year old painting came out better than I could have hoped for. How does the saying go? A picture is worth a thousand words! Perhaps I should have left it at that and forgotten about the 250 or so words that accompanied it for the two mistakes were definitely NOT deliberate ones.

Firstly, of course the Royal Arms are in Great Witchingham church NOT *North Witchingham* (there is no such place in Norfolk). But worse, the thrust of the piece, a twist on the Julian calendar whereby someone can appear to be buried before being born, was ruined by my second error. I wrote that Charles II was proclaimed king in May 1661, instead of 1660, which made complete nonsense of the whole thing. I would like to think that our Newsletter is ‘easy reading’ and to those readers, who may have struggled to make sense of it, I can only say sorry.

When I apologised to Kate, our editor, she admitted that, she didn’t always read my submissions thoroughly because they were always error free! What an accolade, but also a warning to us all. However, don’t let my experience put you off sending in your articles and snippets. It is rare for errors not to be spotted BEFORE the Newsletter goes to print and even if the occasional one does get through, so what? Even mistakes have a positive side – it will be a long time before I forget that Charles II regained his throne on **14 May 1660**, information which will almost certainly never be needed in the quest for my family history but may come in useful someday, maybe in a pub quiz or something similar!

*Tom*

## YOUR LETTERS

Mike Christelow from Cheshire has asked for help ... he writes ...

*I am trying to validate some family history details associated with West Bradenham in the early 1800s. I'm looking for facts, as such, but I am hoping for some local professional opinion.*

*The 1841 census records a Thomas Tennant, Mary Tennant (wife) and Maria Tennant (daughter) living in West Bradenham, with Thomas's father Barton or Burton Tennant. Thomas, an agricultural labourer was born 1806 (approx), Mary in 1818 in Burnley and Maria in 1840.*

*I believe this Thomas Tennant was attested into the 97<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot in April 1824, in West Bradenham. The army records available in the National Archives show a Thomas Tarrant or Tannant, age 17, recruited in 1824. Apparently Thomas could not write so the details will have been recorded by the recruiting officer.*

*I'm interested in understanding how dialect and accent might have contributed to Thomas being recorded other than Tennant when enlisting, but I don't know enough about the Norfolk accent / dialogue to make a judgement on this. Thomas appears as a Tennant in the 1841 census but died in 1843, however his wife Mary continued to be known as a Tennant even after returning to Lancashire and before subsequently remarrying in 1846.*

*So, I'm hoping someone in your Society may be able to comment on the dialect possibility that might lead to Tennant being heard as Tarrant or Tannant. Having a knowledgeable local opinion on this would help firm the possibility that the soldier in the 97<sup>th</sup> Foot is the same as the labourer who later appeared in the 1841 census. Thomas is my great great great grandfather, hence my interest!*

If anyone can help please contact Kate (Editor) who will pass your reply on.

## MID-NORFOLK FHS NBI SEARCHES – SPECIAL OFFER

### Mid-Norfolk FHS National Burial Index Project

- i) The society's Mid Norfolk Burial Index is a database of entries taken from burial registers within an approximate 10 mile radius of Dereham. The society provides a reduced version to the National Burial Index at the Federation of Family History Societies. All Parishes are included for the period of 1813-1837, but the project is ongoing and most are covered more extensively. It currently holds in excess of 136,000 entries.
- ii) This search lists the forename/s of all deceased persons with that surname within the database, together with their date and place of burial along with further information (if included in the original entry) such as age, marital status, relationship and occupation. A list of all parishes and dates included is provided with the search results.

*During the month of March 2011* Mid-Norfolk Family History Society National Burial Index (NBI) searches, as detailed above, will be free to Society Members under the following conditions:

- Applications will be accepted by post or email but the results **will be sent to you by email.**
- Applies only to applications **received during the month of March 2011.**
- You may request searches of any number of names.
- If you want the results by letter then the normal charges will apply (£1 per name for members).

Search requests to me please ... [familyhis@aol.com](mailto:familyhis@aol.com) or if by letter, to my address, which you will find on the back cover of this Newsletter.

*Kate Easdown*

## THE GUINEA



In our winter newsletter Kate asked how much was a guinea worth, which set me thinking as why we had such a strangely named coin, why it had such an obscure value and which of my ancestors may have used it. There is no shortage of numismatic information available on the internet, much of it far more detailed than I needed, to answer my questions. Firstly, the name: it would appear that that came from Guinea, a country in West Africa, not a native coin, but the main source of the gold from which it was made. The guinea was first the first coin to be ‘struck’ by machine and was first produced in February 1663. I quickly became bogged down in almost meaningless units of measurement e.g. 44½ guineas would be made from one troy pound of 11/12 finest gold, each weighing 129.4 grains. Originally it had a value of £1, but unfortunately the price of gold fluctuated, and in consequence so did the value of the coin. Over the years, in an attempt to overcome this problem, periodically the size and weight of the coin changed, until 1717, when Britain adopted the *Gold Standard*, and the value of the guinea was fixed at 21 shillings. This remained the case until 1816 when we had a ‘re-coinage’ which introduced silver coins - half crowns, shillings and sixpences and two years later, the crown. At the same time the guinea was replaced by a smaller gold coin, the sovereign, with a value of 20 shillings. Amongst the last guineas to be minted were the *Military Guineas*, 80,000 guineas specially produced in 1813 to pay for The Duke of Wellington’s Army in the Pyrenees, as the local people would only accept payment in gold. Apparently, from the Government’s point of view, this was not such a good move, because they were reportedly traded on the open market for 27 shillings each, in paper money.

Although the guinea was replaced by the sovereign in 1816, some *professions* continue to use *colloquial guineas*, for the sale of property, land, horses, rams, even bespoke tailoring and furniture, the extra shilling often being taken as commission, some right up to decimalisation in 1971. Even today, the guinea is still in use in the horse racing world, where a few bloodstock dealers continue to trade in guineas, and of course, we still have the classic horse races with 1000 and 2000 Guineas in their titles, but the winner’s purse is now considerably more than 21 shillings to the guinea.

*Tom Garland*

## NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Member – 725 Mr A E Mxxxx, ----, ----, ----,  
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MOUL William	Swanton Morley NFK	1770+
MOULD James	Swanton Morley NFK	1792+
MOULD James	Swanton Morley NFK	1820+
MOULD Thomas C	Strumpshaw NFK	17 <sup>th</sup> C

Member 726 – Ms L Fxxx, ----, ----, ----,  
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FOX Phillis	Foxley/Dereham NFK	B 1772
FOX Robert	Scarning NFK	B 1805
FOX William Davey	Scarning NFK	B 1809

Member 727 – Mrs C Sxxxx, ----, ----, ----,  
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ADDISON	Saham Toney NFK	1779 to date
ADDISON	Brighthouse WYS	1908 to date
FILBY	Lt Ellingham NFK	1800 – 1870
FILBY	Brighthouse WYS	1870 to date
TAYLOR	Ovington NFK	1850 – 1900
CARTER	Saham	1800 – 1870
	Toney/Shropham	
	NFK	
KIDDLE	Saham Toney NFK	1780 – 1800
STANNARD	Saham Toney NFK	1800 – 1900
NOBBS	Shropham NFK	1830 – 1870



## FRANK WHEALS 1916-2010

Frank had been a member of the Mid-Norfolk Family History Society since 2000. I first made contact with him when I was involved with a project recording the men from East Bradenham who died in the First World War. His father, Gunner John Robert Elder Wheals died 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1917 aged 31 and is listed on the War Memorial in St Marys Church. Frank very kindly provided a photograph of his father in uniform which we were able to include in our book

When the Society visited the PRO at Kew, Frank came along to meet us and share stories of his research.. The Wheals family had been in the village of Bradenham for several generations and played leading roles in the community as carpenters, farmers and Beer house keeper/Inn keeper.

When we were organising a village history display in 2005, Frank was determined to attend. In fact he came for the whole weekend, bringing with him some very interesting photographs of his family in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century in the garden of The Black Horse pub, which various family members had run since the early 1840's. These we now have in the village archives. Frank was delighted to meet the couple now living in the property which had once been the Black Horse Pub and to have the opportunity to look around what had once been home to some of his extended family.

Sadly Frank was killed last October whilst crossing the road in Walton (Surrey) Town Centre. He was 94 and had been looking forward to a cruise in November. I shall remember him for his enthusiasm for family history, his attention to detail and his love of life. We extend our sympathy to his family.

*Margaret Bohn*

**It is not always possible to write a report for meetings where the content has been too visual, and the following book titles will give members a lead if they are interested in the topics.**

### **Identifying & Dating Victorian Photographs – Speaker Tom Doig**

Several books are written by Robert Pols.

- **Dating Old Photographs**  
ISBN 1853062316 or 979-1853062315
- **Family Photographs 1860-1945**  
ISBN 1903365201 or 978-1903365205
- **Understanding Old Photographs**  
ISBN 1899536019

Also available:

- **Family Photographs & How to Date Them** by Jayne Shrimpton ISBN 1846740991 or 978-1846740992

### **Interpreting Family Military History – Speaker Neil Storey**

- **Military Photographs and How to Date Them** by Neil Storey  
ISBN 1846741521 or 978-1846741524

### **Appreciating Parish Records by Peter Lawrence**

- **The Parish Chest** by William Tate

I found that this is available to read on line. Type into Google the title and author and follow the link.

Most of the above books are available in our own library I believe.

*Graham*

## TRACKING THAT ELUSIVE ANCESTOR

### Dr Colin R Chapman

*Dr Colin Chapman was the speaker at last April's meeting and this is the first opportunity I have had to include it in the Newsletter.*

Colin started by setting our minds at rest that he was actually going to talk about People Migration rather than a scientific one. A suitable introduction was an advert from 1853 showing that it would cost between 13 and 21 guineas for first and second class travel and £8 16s steerage to get to America. He also pointed out how important bullock carts had been across the world in moving people on their migrations.

He explained that we should look for both vertical – social or financially, and horizontally – occupational and geographically. Where we often think little change took place in social standing this was not always the case, and records can show that people have moved both up and down the rankings according to circumstances.

Equally people stay in an area but change their occupation, so a record might not look promising on occupation but other checks show differently.

He explained Emigration as movement from a hamlet to township, parish to parish, county to county or region to region.

Early records are often difficult, as it was not seen as important if somebody moved. Somebody moving from London to York or New York made little difference. The receiver might take a different view, however. Free search of American records of immigrants at [www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org) It was interesting to hear Roderic Woodhouse account his visit to Ellis Island after the break.

Passenger Lists (1890 – 1960), often from Liverpool, to America are an example. They can be viewed free at [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) but need payment for the full results.

Colin then suggested some reasons why people moved. The most forceful was for **Food!** Clearly in our distant past we had all moved around looking for food, and only slowly learnt how to grow your own! Although secondly Colin listed **Work** clearly they are often linked. No money = no food. As further

examples Colin mentioned The Irish potato famine and projects like the Seven Bridge, building canals and railways, where large numbers of people followed the work.

Many people moved from the countryside to the towns and cities in the 1840/60 as industry developed and agricultural work became less attractive or available. His third reason was looking for a **SPOUSE**. Often looking where markets and fairs are held in an area could prove a link when somebody moves away. Perhaps they found a spouse and went to stay. These reasons were of free will but others were not. *For The Rest of Your Natural Life* must have been received with mixed feelings by criminals. It certainly gave them a fresh start far away from their natural surroundings. However, stealing 3 goslings hardly seems fair punishment. I'm sure they were not my Rudd's that were sent from near Reepham!

Anyway many citizens were sent to America and Australia. Others travelled because of religious freedom – Mormons, Catholics, Jews and The Pilgrim Fathers come to mind.

A further category that was mentioned was **Migration Organisers**. Individuals paid for people to move; Parish Vestries (Poor Law 1552-1834) were used to move people perhaps to gain an apprenticeship and thus remove them from the immediate financial responsibility of the parish. Vestry Minutes can prove useful for research.

The Emigration groups and societies frequently organised migration. There were groups that specialised in children, Dr Barnardo's, Women, Middle Class, Occupations etc.

Immigration records can be found at FO 83/21-2.

Another way to try and track a lost relative might be to look at possible routes that people were using at the time.

Cross-country might be on foot, by horse or carriage, possibly on a road or ancient way. These might be a ridgeway, pre-Roman trackway or religious route.

Water, sea, river or canals were often used where we might not consider them today.

As these new modes of transport developed they of course gave a new means of learning a crust so, for example, people moved along new canals as they were developed as a source of work. Sometimes they returned 'home' or literally found a new life and went missing from our local radar.

As time progressed rail and then air became further possibilities to consider.

## COMPETITION CORNER

The question for the Winter 2010 competition was ...

*I was watching the television recently when the racehorse sales at Newmarket were featured, but all the prices were in guineas, this apparently is traditional. So how much, in UK pounds, would I pay for a horse costing 1000 guineas?*

And Tom put pen to paper and came up with the answer in verse ..

The guinea, originally worth a pound, in days of old,  
Was a monetary coin made from African gold.  
But later, it simply denoted the sum of 20 shillings plus one,  
Which remained the case until 1971

Then, even with decimalisation, the term managed to survive  
Retaining the same value, but NOW - 100 pence plus five.  
Therefore, 1000 guineas, in the modern sense,  
Equates to the sum of £1050 and zero pence.

The winner of a voucher for one annual subscription to the Mid-Norfolk Family History Society is Sheila Moulton.

**The question for the Spring competition is .....**

**How many children did Queen Victoria have? And what was the name of her eldest child?**

Answers to Kate please by 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 ... either

*email* ([familyhis@aol.com](mailto:familyhis@aol.com)) or  
*post* (address on back cover of this Newsletter),

or

*bring* your answer to the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and hand it to Sue when you sign in.

Correct answers will be put into a bag and drawn at the April meeting.

There is one prize, which is the winner's choice of one annual single membership subscription, which will be in the form of a voucher **OR** the choice of one of the Mid-Norfolk Family History Society publications posted to the winner's home address.

Open to members only, UK or overseas. One entry per member. Please include your membership number with your entry.

\* 'FindMyPast' has offered a subscription renewal discount of 10% to FFHS Members as an added incentive for joining/rejoining. The code is FED65. The code cannot be used in conjunction with any other promotion or free trial and it will expire on 31 July 2011.

\* **Ancestry now have searchable BMD 1837 - 2005 online!**

## THE SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS

Please check the Mid-Norfolk Family History Society website - [www.tsites.co.uk/sites/mnfhs/](http://www.tsites.co.uk/sites/mnfhs/) - for a complete list of the Society publications, with prices and postage rates.

The postage rates are increasing in April, the new rates will be on the website.

*Kate*

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### **Visiting Norfolk to do some research?**

Why not stay at Albert's Cottage in the village of Ashill? Over 200 years old, the character cottage overlooks the village pond. Fully furnished, the cottage has two bedrooms, one with a four poster bed and the choice of storage heaters or a log burning stove.



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It is written by Andrew McNair and Tom Williamson, who is Professor of Landscape History at the University of East Anglia. The book has an ISBN 9781-905119-349 and is published by Oxbow Books of Oxford. It is available at Jarrold's and Waterstones but the cheapest alternative is Amazon who do not charge postage and have a small discount.

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