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*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

FORTHCOMING SPEAKERS

at: **Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Theatre Street, Trinity Close,
Dereham NR19 2EP Starting 7.30 pm**

December The Mid-Norfolk Family History Society does not
meet in December

16 January East Anglian Defences by Trevor Burlingham

20 February WW1 Medals and Methods of Research by Jim
Lees

A few words from your Editor ...

Once again thank you for all your contributions to the Newsletter,
please keep on writing, we wouldn't have a Newsletter without you.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful
2013.

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Microsoft Word or Works, or handwritten, then please either:

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- post handwritten copy/CD/floppy disk, to me at the address
on the back of the Newsletter

**Deadline for inclusion in the next Newsletter - 16th January
2013**

Kate (Editor)

LETS LOOK AT A CHURCH

No.67 – St Peter, Ringland



‘Delightful ways bring us to this pretty spot in the curving wooded valley of the River Wensum, where a 15th century flint church, looking over the village to hills crowned with trees, treasures a rare old roof.’ Thus writing in 1940, Arthur Mee waxes lyrical about Ringland St Peter which he claims has ‘one of the best of the old roofs of Norfolk’ and no doubt not a lot has changed in the intervening years save for the increased volume of traffic we may encounter on our pilgrimage there.

The Ringland Hills are still a beautiful and relatively untouched area despite being only seven miles from the bustling heart of Norwich and we can see what attracted the famous painter of horses Alfred Munnings to them in the years before the Great War. St Peter’s, which today serves a settlement of little more than two hundred souls, dates mainly from the 14th century with the first vicar, one Thomas, listed as taking office in 1288. The church stands on a small hill at the western edge of the village and the flints on its southern side which the villagers would see as they went to

worship are of a superior cut and quality to those of the north wall so our forebears obviously believed that first impressions counted. The glory of St Peter's is without doubt its magnificent hammer beam roof, c.1460, which bears more than a passing resemblance to the slightly older one in Norwich's St Peter, Mancroft and if you only know this church from the outside as we first did, being unable to gain access until about the third visit, then you have missed its main feature. There are also a number of interesting pieces of Norwich Glass in this building, the Norwich School of Glass Painting being noted in the late Middle Ages for its fine work when the city as a whole was a centre of excellence for ecclesiastical art, only a relatively small amount of which unfortunately survives. The most striking example here, dating from the second half of the 14th century, is in the south-east window of the south aisle and consists of a roundel depicting a centaur, half man and half horse, playing a fiddle with his human upper body while a hunting dog runs about between his equine legs. The strange composite creature's tail is weirdly sprouting leaves and he is similar to the somewhat fanciful illustrations found on manuscripts of the period. This particular centaur is probably Chiron who taught Achilles music and hunting, hence the dog and fiddle. Centaurs are beasts of Greek mythology dwelling in ancient Thessaly whose inhabitants were noted for their horsemanship, which perhaps accounts for the origin of the myth among other Greeks for whom riding was still a novelty and who mistook man and rider for a single animal as did the Aztecs who had never seen horses when Cortés's army invaded. Robert Graves in *The Greek Myths* tells us that centaurs had a reputation for drunken orgies so it is perhaps surprising to find one among the saints in a Christian Church. The 14th century font is described in Cautley's *Norfolk Churches* as being 'typical East Anglian' which it undoubtedly is and has among its carvings a winged man representing St Matthew and the winged lion of St Mark so not only pagans could envisage hybrid creatures! Lyn Stilgoe's informative leaflet available in the church tells us that the two iron hoops on the top of the font were to lock the cover in place thus preventing left over holy water being purloined for use in witchcraft practices, presumably perceived as an ongoing threat in those days. The rood screen is worth a look but the panels, some of which seem to be missing, with their pictures of the Apostles are badly defaced and are thought to have been brought in from another church. Finally, before you leave this rewarding church, perhaps for an invigorating ramble in its picturesque hinterland, do not miss, above the doors, the rather impressive hatchment boards with their coats of arms and rather

piratical looking skulls and crossbones which were long ago carried at the funerals of two members of the local le Neve family before being displayed in their house and finally lodged in the church.

The original parish registers are held at the Norfolk Record Office (Cat. Ref. PD18) and comprise Baptisms 1560-1644 and 1688-1990, Marriages 1559-1664 and 1688-1968, Burials 1560-1643 and 1688-1988 and Banns 1754-1837. Microform copies cover the same earlier dates but from 1688 Baptisms finish in 1885, Marriages in 1900 and Burials in 1905. The Archdeacon's and Bishop's Transcripts all start in 1600 but Baptisms & Burials end in 1911 and Marriages in 1837. In the parish chest we find Terriers for 1879, 1933 and 1967, a Vestry book 1900-1952, Settlement Certificates 1708-1788, two Settlement Examinations (Lake 1784 & Cooper 1788) two Removal Orders (Sisson 1785 & Parfect 1788), an Account Book for Ann Le Neve's Charity 1883-1935 and a list of pupils with attendances for 1929-1930.

Roderic & Denise Woodhouse

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Member 750 – Ms C Pxxxxx, -----, -----, -----,
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JANE	All areas	Any period
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Member 752 – Ms M T Hxxxxx, -----, -----, -----,
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BARBER	NFK	17 th – 20 th C
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Member 753 – Ms M Bxxxx, -----, -----, -----,
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LINCOLN/LINKHORN Wendling NFK	Any period
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Member 754 – Mr G Bxxxx, -----, -----, -----,

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BUTLER	Brisley NFK	1700 to date
FOX	Brisley NFK	1700 to date
HOPSON	Brisley NFK	1700 to date

Member 755 – Mr M Cxxxxx, -----, -----, -----,
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CHILVERS	SFK	17 th – 18 th C
EVERSON	SFK	17 th – 18 th C

Member 756 – Mr C Fxxx, -----, -----, -----,

BULL	NFK	17 th C to date
FRESER/FREESER	NFK	17 th C to date
HAZEL	NFK	17 th C to date
HOOK(S)	NFK	17 th C to date
WILLMOT	NFK	17 th C to date

Member 757 – Mr R Bxxx, -----, -----, -----,

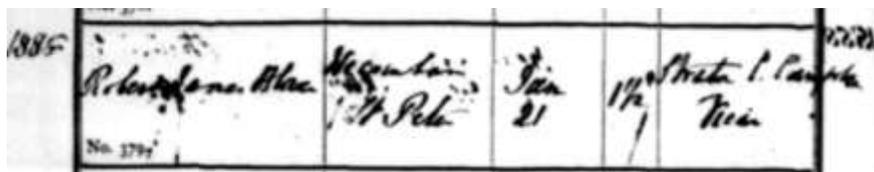
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BONE/BUNN	Mid NFK	18 th C
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Does your Research stand up to Scrutiny?

We had an e mail last month from a Margaret Lawrence who had discovered an entry for the burial of Robert James **BLOWER** on 21 Jan 1885 on Findmypast, submitted by the MNFHS. She suggested that we had incorrectly transcribed Robert's surname as **BLOY**. Fortunately Weasenham St Peter's original parish register images, up to 1900, are available on the Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS) website <Familysearch.org>, and it was a simple matter to find the entry in the burial register..



The Burial Register entry for Robert James Blower

With the aid of a magnifying glass and a little imagination it could be BLOWER. Incidentally, there are no other BLOWERS in the Weasenham burials database but several BLOYs, which was probably the 'best guess' used by the transcriber. To further complicate the issue there is no record of a baptism for Robert in the baptism register. However, a quick check on FreeBMD gave me: Deaths: Mar 1885 Blower Robert James, aged 1, Mitford 4b 233 and just to be sure, 18 months earlier: Births Sep 1883 Blower Robert James Mitford 4b 270 – surname confirmed.

To be fair, Margaret wasn't complaining, just pointing out our error, no doubt fully aware how easy it is to read poor handwriting when someone tells you what it says!

Just before submitting this, I discovered a minor primary source error at Marlingford. In the church there is a lovely memorial which clearly tells us that Mary Life died on **31 May** 1728. An almost

equally clear entry in the Burial Register tells us that Mary Life was buried **16th May** 1728. As both sources mention that she was the wife of Nathaniel Life Esq. it is almost certain that both are referring to the same person.

These two examples demonstrate how important it is to take nothing as factual, no matter how authoritative the source may appear to be. I wonder how many of us have the odd detail, or maybe two, in our family histories, which would not stand up to scrutiny?

TFG

CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS FAMILY HISTORY CENTRES

You may not be aware that the LDS Family History Centres (FHC) are spread throughout the world and their facilities are free and available to all. Their staff can provide help and advice for beginners and experienced researchers alike. Their vast worldwide collection of filmed records may be ordered for viewing at your nearest FHC which you can find by going to <familysearch.org/location>. Why not find out where yours is and make an appointment to see what they can offer you?

If you live in the Dereham area – your nearest FHC is on Yaxham Rd, by the Tesco roundabout, within the LDS church complex. It is run by Ken and Pat Parker. Amongst their resources they have two computers linked to the internet with Ancestry, Familysearch and Newfamilysearch, two film and a fiche reader. Remember, you don't have to be a member of the LDS church to use the facilities, they can offer advice and assistance and it is free. The centre is open on an appointment only basis, to book an appointment, or for other information contact Ken on 07747 845727.

TFG

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Another year has passed, I find myself still chairman and fortunately for the past year with the same committee and the same message – generally we are still doing ok.

Paid up membership is still gently falling, we've lost another ten members this year and it now stands at 230. However, our varied programme of speakers at our monthly meetings has continued to attract an average attendance of around 30. This figure excludes August when, quite unexpectedly, we had 18 visitors which brought our attendance for that night to a record 47. Whether this was due to Graham's success in advertising the event or perhaps the title, 'How to Avoid Mistakes in Genealogy', was a little to close to home, we are not quite sure.

Our Editor, Kate manages to keep our newsletter looking professional and interesting. and on behalf of the society I would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles during the past year. I would also like to make my annual plea and ask all our members to keep their eyes open, for anything of interest and send it to Kate, let her decide whether it is worth printing or not. I must mention Roderic and Denise for their sterling effort in writing the 'Let's Look at Churches' feature – I know from experience that it isn't easy to provide an article on the same theme every three months, and that's on top of looking after the Members Interests database.

We had a stand at the annual Gressenhall History Fair back in June but as you may remember it was on Jubilee Sunday and attendance was dismal. We also advertised the society with an unmanned stall at North Elmham Festival weekend over the August Bank Holiday.

Despite, a lack of volunteers for Memorial Inscription (MI) recording, we have managed to record another four churchyards. Most people know that we record on Tuesday mornings, sometimes there are only two of us, so if you live nearby and find yourself with just a single Tuesday morning free, why not come along and give us

a hand – every little really does help. Of course if you don't fancy MI recording or writing an article for the newsletter, there is still Burial Registers, many on line which need transcribing for our Burial Index. The Burial Index and the MI books, of which we sold 136 this year, have become an essential part of our finances.

Referring to The statement of Account, page 12, you will see that although the expenditure on the left hand side has remained roughly the same our income fell. Essentially because our income from the FFHS this year is solely from the royalties from our Burial Index on findmypast. Last year's comparison figure included our share in the profits from the sale of NBI3 which is unlikely to be repeated. The result appears to show that we have gone from an operating profit of £169.58 in 2010/11 to a loss of £264.98 this year. However, this is a simplified account and does not show our assets, particularly £280 worth of postage stamps (purchased to beat the price rise). So to sum up, financially we have just about broken even, we have almost £5000 in the bank and no immediate large expenditure forecasted. Consequently, other than a small increase in the admission charge for non-members to our meetings, we have decided yet again, not to increase membership fees.

Behind the scenes, our committee, not just those mentioned above, have done a superb job and thanks to the support of the membership, overall we have had another successful year. Thank you all

CHANGE OF SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

A few months ago Joan Allson, after joking about losing three pairs of glasses in a week, suggested that perhaps the time had come for her to step down as Membership Secretary. Looking back, I discovered that Joan took over the membership task in 2003. Armed with previous experience as a Company Treasurer and a good knowledge of computers and spreadsheets, I don't think it is an exaggeration to say that she revolutionised our membership

management and the distribution of our Newsletter.

In addition to the main job, Joan has always been a good committee member offering common sense and practicality. Behind the scenes it has been Joan who distributes the Newsletter, operates the members e-mail service, demonstrates our Burial Index at family history fairs and helps with the washing up at meetings. I am sure that I speak for us all in thanking her for those nine years of work on our behalf and wish her all the best for the future and hope we shall continue seeing her at our meetings.

I was expecting to have to ask Joan to ‘hang on’ while we found a replacement but fortunately, Sheila Moulton expressed an interest. Perhaps it would be more correct to say she couldn’t think of a good reason to refuse when I asked her if she would be prepared to have a go. Needless to say everyone was ‘in favour’ at the AGM. Sheila says that she is a little apprehensive about taking on the job but hopefully Joan will be able to pass on some of her knowledge. In the meantime, Sheila appears on the rear cover of the Newsletter as Membership Secretary, please be patient and bear with us if we make the occasional error while she is ‘finding her feet’.

Tom Garland

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42 A4 pages

£4.50 (£3.40 plus £1.10 p&p)



MID NORFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2012

	2011/12	2010/11		2011/12	2010/11
EXPENDITURE					
Newletters (printing, postage)	£ 1,056.14	£ 936.66			
Less advertising revenue	£ 30.00				
Meetings and Events	£ 1,121.03	£ 929.88			
Less door takings	£ 204.60	£ 112.67			
General Admin. (post, stationery etc)	£ 128.14	£ 134.28			
FFHS Subscription and Insurance	£ 126.68	£ 134.28			
Publicity	£ 32.98	£ 33.04			
Projects	£ 56.99	£ 28.93			
Library Purchases	£ 37.93	£ 55.00			
Equipment	-	£ 42.50			
Sundries	£ 31.25	£ 4.99			
Excess income over expenditure		£ 169.35			
TOTAL	£ 2,356.54	£ 2,449.31			
INCOME					
Subscriptions					
Publication Sales		£ 545.18			
Less printing postage	£ 368.22				
Less commission (to churches)	£ 10.00				
Less refund	£ 3.00				
Miscellaneous Sales	£ 381.22	£ 144.41			
FFHS On-Line Commission	£ 6.00	£ 46.05			
Donations	£ 160.58	£ 405.83			
Bank Interest	£ 137.06	£ 103.23			
	£ 2.96	£ 2.99			
Excess expenditure over income	£ 264.98				
TOTAL	£ 2,356.54	£ 2,449.31			

BALANCE AS AT 31st JULY 2012

LIABILITIES

Accumulated Fund		
Balance as at 31.7.11	£ 5,055.44	
Less excess exp. over inc.	£ 264.98	
Balance as at 31.7.12	£ 4,790.46	
Uncleared cheques	£ 103.72	
	£ 4,894.18	

ASSETS

Cash at HSBC Bank		
Community Account	£ 653.93	
Business Money Manager Account	£ 4,240.25	
	£ 4,894.18	

I report that the above Income and Expenditure Account is in accordance with the books and records supplied to me.

Signed *Cd. Lees.*

Date *28th Aug 2012.*

MNFHS BURIAL INDEX PROJECT – SPECIAL OFFER

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. All Parishes are included for the period of 1813-1837, but the project is ongoing and most are covered more extensively. The database has recently been updated and currently holds in excess of 141,000 entries.

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.

The Society usually makes a charge for searches of the database of £3 per surname (MNFHS members £1 per surname) inc. p&p. If you are willing to receive your NBI search by email then the charges are: non MNFHS-members £2 per name / MNFHS members 65p per name, please ensure you give an email address.

During the month of January 2013 searches 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 January 2013.**
- If you want the results by letter then the normal charges will apply (£1 per surname for members/£3 per surname for non-members) – payable in 2nd class postage stamps please.

Search requests to me (Kate – Editor) please ... familyhis@aol.com or if by letter, my address is on the back cover of this Newsletter.

Kate (Ed)

ETLING GREEN TO UTAH

Back in the summer, Joy Lodey, a member of the MNFHS, invited me to an exhibition on the history of Etling Green which is on the outskirts of Dereham. She knew that I had family history links to the Green so thought I might be interested. It was the Jubilee weekend and as I looked out of the window the rain poured down and it would have been very easy to not bother going, but getting out my umbrella I raced to the car trying not to get too wet.

While looking at the display Joy came over to me and asked which surnames I was interested in. One of my surnames was Ward. Immediately Joy informed me that a Brigham Ward had emigrated to Utah with another Etling Green resident. That was all I needed to trigger off my investigation.

With the help of Ancestry, Find My Past, Google, library books and people in the Dereham Mormon Church I was able to discover that the sister of my great x 2 grandfather, Elizabeth Ward, was baptised into the Church of Latter Day Saints (CLDS) in 1849. The first Mormon missionaries were sent to England in 1837. By 1850 the church had over 30,000 members in England. Elizabeth must have been one of the first members of the church in Dereham as the Mormon Church was not founded in Dereham until 24 March 1849. By 1851 there was an average attendance of 20 members, several coming from Etling Green. Elizabeth went on to have two illegitimate children, Thirza Ward in 1851 and Brigham Ward in 1853. In 1856 Elizabeth was excommunicated from the CLDS probably because she had not married the father of her children. In 1858 Elizabeth married Robert Stevenson and they had a son, George. There is no record of Elizabeth ever being accepted into the church after her marriage, however her husband was baptised into the church in 1868. Meanwhile, in 1866, both of Elizabeth's illegitimate children were baptised into the Mormon Church.

In 1871, together with John Trappet, another Etling Green resident,

Brigham Ward travelled to Liverpool. They boarded the ship SS Wyoming, the earliest compound-engine steamship built for trans-Atlantic service. It had had its maiden voyage just 7 months earlier.

Until 1868 virtually all Mormon emigrants crossed the Atlantic in sailing ships but after that date things changed. A new age of travel by steamship provided increased comfort, speed and safety. For the Mormon emigrants the threat of illness and possibly even death on the journey was a real risk. Travelling during the 19th century was neither easy nor safe and many were victims of sickness and disease. Some Mormons died en route but deaths among Mormon emigrants were less than those amongst other emigrant groups. Many of those travelling would have heard of deaths amongst their predecessors. All the Mormons travelled as a 'Church Family' and were subject to leadership and a well organised emigration system. On every journey Mormon agents ensured that provision was made for an adequate diet throughout the journey. Men travelling with each group were appointed as leaders responsible for the conduct, welfare, morale and religious services of the church passengers.

The SS Wyoming arrived in New York on 3 July 1871. Brigham disembarked the following day and that evening, together with many other Mormons, he set out for Utah, arriving at Ogden on 12th July. Brigham stayed at Ogden for about one month before heading for Skull Valley where he remained for 12 years. The dry mountainous area where native Indians lived must have been a considerable contrast to that of flat, cold Norfolk. Utah is semi-arid with extremes of temperature, being very cold in winter and extremely hot in summer. On 3rd January 1882 Brigham swore his intention to become a citizen of the United States of America renouncing his allegiance to the Queen of Great Britain.

Brigham married Rose Ella Hatch who had been born in Utah but in 1885 she died of tuberculosis. In 1863 Brigham married his second wife Mary Christianna Osterman who had been born in Denmark.

Brigham had 7 children in total, two with his first wife and five with his second. By using the US census records etc. I have been able to trace many of their descendants and discover their occupations.

In 1876 Thirza Ward followed her brother to Utah. Possibly he had sent money to cover her expenses. Thirza travelled on the Nevada ship. At 11.30am on 24 May the ship left Liverpool. The following day they picked up passengers from Queenstown in Southern Ireland. There were 130 Mormons on board the ship. Prayers were held at 6.30am and 9.45pm each day. It was a mostly pleasant journey although they did have one severe storm during the Atlantic crossing. There was thick fog on the two days prior to arriving at Castle Garden in New York.

Castle Garden was a fort at the southern tip of Manhattan in New York City. From 1855-1890 immigrants arriving in New York entered through Castle Garden which was Americas first official immigration examining and processing centre. As the Mormons arrived in America they were met by church emigration agents who assisted them with arrangements for transportation across the United States.

The following day Thirza started the journey across America by rail, arriving at Salt Lake City on 14th June.

In May 1869 the transcontinental railroad was completed and therefore in the 1870s the Mormon pioneers were able to travel from New York across America to Utah, a journey of approximately 2,200 miles, by train. Prior to 1869 they would have had to join a 'wagon train', walking across the plains. They would have had a covered wagon pulled by oxen. If they were really poor they might have pulled hand carts. The journey would have taken about 6 months but the steam journey followed by a rail journey was only 3-4 weeks by the 1870s.

Just two years after arriving in America Thirza, like her brother, was naturalised, swearing allegiance to the USA. In 1878 Thirza married the American born Charles Frederick Hansen whose parents had emigrated from Denmark. Thirza and Charles had 8 children, the last child being named Quincy Laffayette after the man who baptised her mother back in 1849. They lived on a farm which they owned. In 1911 Charles Hansen became a High Priest of the Mormon Church. Thirza died in 1932 aged 80. I am lucky enough to have traced a lovely photo of Thirza, her husband, and all 8 adult children. Again, using USA documentation I was able to trace a considerable number of Thirza's descendants.

In 1850 the Perpetual Emigration Fund was set up which enabled converts to borrow the fare from the CLDS and pay it back after arrival and starting work in Utah. However it would appear that both Brigham and Thirza funded themselves.

In total I have traced more than 200 descendants of Brigham and Thirza. In some instances I've found obituaries for those that have died recently. The obituaries found in 'Deseret News', a Mormon newspaper, are of particular interest as they are often quite detailed, giving a summary of their life, occupation, interests and the size of their families. In addition they usually have a photo.

However my task is not complete. After the 1871 census I am unable to trace Elizabeth and Robert Stevenson in Etling Green or anywhere else in the UK. Neither can I find a death for either of them. A member of the Mormon Church has informed me that they are not in the Mormon Immigration Index but they must be out there somewhere.

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking those in the CLDS Dereham who helped me with my research by looking up Mormon data re members of the church which is not readily available to the public.

Sue Harris

YOUR LETTERS

Headstone Cleaner

Has anyone tried headstone cleaners? I've seen one for sale in a spray-on bottle at the large hardware store in Exchange Street in the city. It is made by HG and priced at £7.89. I haven't tested it myself. (Any feedback to Newsletter Editor, please).

Shirley

A word of appreciation

Just writing to say how much I enjoyed Sue Harris' piece Hindolveston to India (Autumn 2012). It is an excellent example of what the August speaker was saying with regard to Family History and/or Genealogy. I would love to know how she did all this research and what sources she used. Well done and thank you for another interesting Newsletter.

Jean Palmer

RECENT SPEAKERS

At the August meeting Peter Bailey's subject was 'How to avoid mistakes in Genealogy'. Peter left a handout sheet dealing with the main points of his presentation (2 x A4 sheets).

I don't have the space to include these handout sheets in the Newsletter but if you would like a copy please email me (familyhis@aol.com) and I will email a copy to you, or please send me a stamped addressed envelope (50p).

Kate (Ed)

LET'S LOOK AT A CHURCH – NOS.52-67

'Let's Look at a Church' is a regular feature of the Newsletter and below is a list of churches covered since I became the editor (Winter 2008).

If you would like a copy of any of them please email me (familyhis@aol.com) and I will email a copy to you free of charge, or please send me a stamped addressed envelope (50p).

Kate (Ed)

- No.52 – St Swithin, Bintree
- No.53 – All Saints Bawdeswell
- No.54 – All Saints Wood Norton
- No.55 – St Nicholas West Lexham
- No.56 – St Mary the Virgin, North Elmham
- No.57 – All Saints, Stibbard
- No.58 – All Saints Weston Longville
- No.59 – St Thomas, Foxley
- No.60 – St Margaret, Morton-on-the-Hill
- No.61 – St Peter, Billingford
- No.62 – St Nicholas, Twyford
- No.63 – SS Peter and Paul, Salle
- No.64 – St Andrew, Attlebridge
- No.65 – St Margaret, Swannington
- No.66 – St Mary, Reepham
- No.67 – St Michael, Booton

THE NOMINAL ROLE OF THE RAF ON FORMATION 1 APR 1918

The Royal Air Force was formed by the amalgamation of the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps on 1 April 1918. In August 2012 Findmypast made pages from the nominal role available on line. Was your ancestor one of the original 181,000 members of the RAF? You can search by Surname / Initial/s. and

Air Force No.	Name	R.N.A.S. or R.F.C. Trade Classification	Remustered to Air Force Trade Classification	R.N.A.F. Rank or Appointment	New Rank in Air Force	Date of Joining	Date of last Promotion	Normal rate RAF Pay	Terms of Enlistment
97425	Herry, W. A.	Electrician	Electrician	A. Mech. 2.	A. Mech. 3.	24/9/17	-	2s. 0d	DW
97426	Harvey, A. S.	Driver (M.T.)	Driver	A. Mech. 2.	A. Mech. 3.	26/9/17	-	2s. 0d	DW
97427	Hoare, E.	Misc. (Discip.)	Disciplinarian	Corporal	Corporal	26/9/17	28/9/17	2s. 4d	DW
97428	Mason, C. W.	Misc. (Discip.)	Disciplinarian	A. Mech. 1.	Private 1	27/9/17	1/12/17	1s. 8d	DW

if you decide to download you will receive the **whole page** that includes your man.

The top of a typical page from the database

To give you an idea of the content the first four lines are transcribed and rearranged below (Note: it is in 'Service Number' order NOT alphabetical)

Air Force No.	97425	97426	97427	97428
Name	Herry WA	Harvey AS	Hoare E	Mason CW
RNAS or RFC Trade Classification	Electrician	Driver (MT)	Misc (Discip)	Misc (Discip)
Remustered to RAF Trade	Electrician	Driver	Disciplinarian	Disciplinarian
RNAS or RFC Rank or Appointment	A Mech 2	A Mech2	Corporal	A Mech 1
New Rank in RAF	A Mech 3	A Mech 3	Corporal	Private 1
Date of Joining	24/9/1917	26/9/17	26/9/17	27/9/17
Date of last Promotion	-	-	28/9/17	1/12/17
Normal rate RAF Pay	2s. 0d	2s .0d	2s. 4d	1s. 8d
Terms of Enlist.	DW	DW	DW	DW

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