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PRESIDENT'S REPORT to AGM



Welcome to the 2019 Annual General Meeting. Another year has passed for the Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group. 2019 has been a busy and successful year.

During 2019 there was sadness – our members Ian Curtis, Colin Talbot and Jo Gemmell passed away. We miss them.

There have been some new programs for members to attend. DNA is quite a challenge for us to understand. These have been organised by Peter Tuck and Sharon Green who have opened up their homes for groups to share information and understanding. Sharon is also conducting a group on the first Wednesday of each month: one month a DNA group and the other a Family Tree Maker workshop with Michael Smith – this helps us all to understand new programmes and changes. Thank you to Peter, Sharon and Michael Smith.

While these activities have involved members, the Resource Room is being accessed by members and visitors on both open afternoons. These sessions are supported by Chris Grivell and Pauline Redman, with assistants Jim Binning and Alan Baulderstone. Kath Fisher and Judy Dowling are working on the Pioneer Register. Which continues to expand and is a great place to start searching.

Elizabeth Grocke has introduced us to interesting and varied speakers at our General Meetings and the Biennial Seminar was once again a success with members and visitors enjoying the full day activity with speakers and catering. A huge thank you to Elizabeth and helpers. If you are unable to attend a meeting, look for Elizabeth's column "Look What you Missed" in the Journal or access the Dropbox folder and see a video which has been recorded.

The support for the trading table continues to be an important part of our meeting days, not only for contributing or purchasing a jar of Jeanette's jam, a bunch of spinach or parsley but for a meet and greet time for each other – it is a busy place before each meeting and during the coffee break. To the volunteers who not only support the table with goodies, but also organise and look after the sales a huge Thank You.

To Mary our Secretary, many thanks for your support and work during the past two years.

Our finances have been very well balanced and presented to us by Lynette Gibson. This has involved trading table, membership fees, book sales, the Community Raffle and the current Christmas Raffle. Lynette will present the outcomes in her report today.

To the contributors of *Relative Thoughts* for our publication and the presentation, to Christine, thank you. Christine is always looking for articles – please keep them coming.

I am sure you have all had a look at our website – this has much information with the Group activities or some research. There have been a few hassles which have not fazed Pam. Thank you to Pam for her work to make it an interesting show case for our group.

To Nola who keeps track of us all with her work on the membership program, believe me this is not an easy task to keep up with member changes. I thank Nola who is unable to be here today. We all wish her well for her recovery from surgery. We look forward to seeing her next year on the reception desk.

Two other Committee members are Gay Jennings and Jenny Chapman - Gay has supported Lynette with the book keeping, and Jenny has been busy distributing flyers etc to Libraries and community centres for us, helping to get the word out there. Thank you to you both.

The last member on the Executive Committee to thank is Peter Tuck who has been our Vice-President for the past two years. Peter has been involved in the relocation process (unfortunately, still no news to pass onto you today). Thank you Peter for your support I will miss you being there on the end of the phone. As mentioned before Peter has been conducting a DNA group in his home – he welcomes any new members. There will be some months in 2020 when he will be off cruising, but when he is on land he will welcome you.

Thank you David Boyce and Heather Boyce who support us all with our computers, either with assistance needed or by trying to teach us at the Computer Evenings, which are held monthly here in the Resource Room.

The other important meet and greet is organised by Ros Dunstall in her home – The Aussie Group. If you have not attended, they are friendly and helpful afternoons to solve those brick walls or to share the find of a new relative or contact. Also share family stories.

During this current year we have had two excursions— one to Dunluce Castle at Brighton earlier in the year, and last week a visit to the *City of Adelaide* site in Port Adelaide. Both were interesting and informative times and worthy of a visit if you have not done so. We look forward to planning some more activities in 2020. Please see a Committee member or Ros if you have any ideas which would interest our members.

As you can see there are many opportunities to get assistance or share a friendly session with like minded people.

The end of 2019 is here and I thank you all for your support and look forward to seeing you all in 2020 as the Fleurieu Peninsula Family History Group continues to grow. Our first meeting in 2020 will be on 18 January. This will be a presentation by the Resource Room volunteers to give us the update of resources, collections and online facilities. The Executive Committee and I thank you for your continuing support and may the Group continue to be successful.

Thank you for attendance here today and I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy festive season and safe new year.

Thank you

Joy Nieass

RESOURCE ROOM REPORT to AGM

The Resource Room has had a very productive year in 2019 with great attendances throughout the year, and implementing some of our new ideas.

This year we trialled workshops on the first Wednesday of the month, which happened for most months of the year. The subjects this year were either DNA based or FTM workshops. Michael Smith kindly conducted the Family Tree Maker days, so a big thank you to Michael. The DNA based ones were aimed at beginner to intermediate level helping many new to DNA members decipher their results and try and find their way through the DNA maze. These were well patronised with all available spots taken. We have increased our internet availability so that in 2020 more positions in these workshops are available. Subject suggestions are welcome.

Journals received from other groups were also made available via Dropbox. This resource is available to all members with internet access and is currently underutilised. We have also videoed some of our speakers with their permission, and these are also available for viewing via Dropbox. We aim to increase this aspect where possible, space permitting.

The Resource Room itself has had a great vibe all year, and it has been rewarding to see an increase in members using the Resource Room. We have added to our resource collection and the Pioneer Register has increased in size as well. The titles we hold for resale have been rejuvenated, and members have enjoyed the benefit of being able to purchase some titles relevant to their research.

I would personally like to thank the members of the Resource Room Committee: Resource Room Manager, Chris Grivell; Volunteer Coordinator, Pauline Redman; IT technician, Heather Boyce and committee members, Jim Binning, Ian Blatchford and newest member Alan Baulderstone.

We also have several volunteers that either help in the Resource Room or behind the scenes these are David Mutch, Jeanette Bell and Mary Sedgmen. The Pioneer Register is an important element in our Resource Room and we would like to thank Kath Fisher and Judy Dowling and their helpers for their unwavering dedication to this ongoing project.

The Resource Room Committee look forward to once again playing your hosts for the January meeting and introducing you to some of our other Resources that you may not be familiar with, so enjoy the holiday break and don't forget to take lots of family photos when the opportunity presents itself, and to record those family stories for future generations.

On behalf of the Resource Room Committee we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe happy and healthy 2020.

Sharon Green
Resource Room Coordinator

PIONEER REGISTER REPORT to AGM



This year we have significantly increased the number of names added to the Pioneer Register. Our aim to complete family group sheets for people in the Book *WW1 Anzacs of the Fleurieu Peninsula: Stories of Pioneer Families* was met relatively quickly.

Another aim for this year was to even more diversify our name and place entries and this seems to be working well as members are surprised to see their own families appear on the adopt-a-pioneer list. Thank you to members who contributed at a much greater rate this year.

The most significant change has been the ability to regularly add to the Pioneer Register list on our website which has led to some visitors to the Resource Room during the year to look at the family group sheets and extra information included. Thank you to Pam Hodges for enabling this to happen.

Recently we embarked on a thorough audit of the items in the Register, Index cards, web list and our own data base. By cross checking information we are picking up errors which have occurred when transferring information. This will be completed by January and the web page list will be updated. One disturbing outcome is that we discovered that a few of our register family group sheets have disappeared. Presumably some people have taken these home and not returned them. Please only take notes in the resource room.

If you enjoy researching families please select a name from the adopt-a-pioneer list. The list is quite diverse in the hope that you might sight a person of interest to you.

Once again thank you to all members who have continued to support us in this ongoing activity.

Kath Fisher and Judy Dowling

MEMBERSHIP FEES—REMINDER

For those members that have already paid their memberships for 2020, thank you.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible.

Reminder: There is a \$5.00 rejoining fee payable for any membership not paid by 28 February.

SPEAKER COORDINATOR REPORT to AGM

Judging by the attendance on the third Saturday of the month, you have been interested in hearing the speakers that I arranged throughout 2019. 2020 Guest Speakers are all in hand and again I hope I have a mixed bag for your enjoyment.

Putting on one of my other hats as Raffle Lady, thankyou again for your support with the People's Choice raffle, all our allotted tickets were eagerly taken and sold and we raised \$500. Good job, **BUT** sadly I can't say that about our 2019 Christmas Raffle which is to be drawn today, I still have unsold tickets so why not dig deep in your pockets, handbags or nick out to the car and grab a couple of \$\$'s and come and see me—you still have time to buy your winning ticket, good value for \$1 each.

Now changing hats once again: catering for the Seminar and End of Year lunch. Thankyou to all for your contribution, it does make my job easier and we all are able to enjoy a great tasty lunch.

In closing thank you to my partner in crime Chris with the raffles and catering throughout the year. We work well together, that might be contributed to by being friends for over 50 years.

Thanks again to all. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and I will see you all in 2020.

Elizabeth Grocke
Speaker Co-ordinator

WEBMASTER REPORT to AGM

The past year has seen the continuation of web page updates and maintenance.

- Pioneer Register, with 50+ new pioneers
- Adopt a Pioneer list updated monthly
- Members Interest List
- Home Page
- Calendar—Updates of events maintained by Peter Tuck—Thank you Peter

New pages added:

- Library List
- Naming of the Fleurieu Peninsula
- Centenary Book Project—*WWI Anzacs of the Fleurieu Peninsula*

Pam Hodges
Webmaster

20 YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

The Executive Committee would like to acknowledge the following members who were awarded their 20 Year Membership Certificates at the AGM.

Shirley Boyce, David Boyce and Barbara Talbot. Nola Clisby and Anita King will be presented with their certificates at a later date.



10 YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

The Executive Committee would like to acknowledge the following members who were awarded their 10 Year Membership Certificates at the AGM.

James Usher, Lynette Gibson, Joan Davies, Peter Rundle, June Rundle and Gay Jennings. Lynette Elford and Heather Leske will be presented with their certificates at a later date.



JARED AWARD RECIPIENTS

This year the Executive Committee decided to present the Jared Award to two very worthy recipients—Ian Blatchford and Chris Smallacombe—in recognition of their outstanding contributions to FPFHG.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

This year the Executive Committee decided to award a Life Membership —to Sharon Green— in recognition of her many and varied contributions to FPFHG since she became a member in 2006. A decision that was unanimously supported by members in attendance at the AGM. Sharon was not only presented with a certificate, but a special badge—reading Life Member, along with her name. Congratulations Sharon.



VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENT

The FPFHG Committee and members wish to congratulate Ros Dunstall on being the recipient of a “Southern Suburbs Volunteer Award 2019. Ros was presented with her award by Amanda Rishworth, Federal Member for Kingston, on 12 November 2019, during a ceremony at Hallett Cove.



AUSSIE INTEREST GROUP REPORT to AGM

How quickly 2019 has flown by. We have enjoyed another successful year sharing and helping each other with Australian research and everything in between – you name it we discussed the subject.

As always we started the year off in February with plans to visit DUNLUCE CASTLE in May. This turned out to be a very enjoyable visit – along with the scones and cream.

DNA was the catchcry at every meeting, with most of us sharing finds and cousins along the way. The workshops that were presented by Sharon were most helpful.

Reunions, Dropbox, SAGHS new design website, Pioneer Register, Seminar, Ancestry changes, Book Creator, FTM2019, car accidents, Kernewek, and History Month were just some of the items we were faced with in a changing family history research world.

We celebrated a fantastic year last week by visiting the *City of Adelaide* Clipper ship which was our breakup for 2019. We all enjoyed this outing and look forward to another exciting and challenging 2020.

Thank you to everyone who came along each month with your stories, we look forward to more next year.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year 2020.

Ros Dunstall
Convenor

UK GROUP REPORT to AGM

This year completes the fifth year of the UK group in its current format, coming together after the Scottish and the English group hosts at the time called it a day.

We have an enthusiastic group of members that attend our monthly gathering, with each session having an average of seven members in attendance, with some 16 different members attending over the last 12 months.

We are a self-help group, research based, and using provided computers with access to internet based resources. We bring our own computers if we want to work on our trees, and *Family Tree Maker* help is also available. We celebrate when one of us makes an exciting discovery, or makes contact with a previously unknown branch of our trees, or when another brick has been removed from our brick walls.

Find my Past and *Ancestry* are well utilised and *Scotland's People* has also been used with great success. We have reviewed help videos to increase our knowledge of the best way to use these online resources and of course brainstorming between ourselves on how to tackle or solve a problem happens frequently. The evening usually finishes with a lively chat and a cuppa.

The members of the UK group look forward to welcoming other members to our evenings, and we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sharon Green
UK Group Convenor

DAY DNA GROUP REPORT to AGM

Meetings commenced in February and were held regularly on the first Monday of the month. We covered a number of topics to suit the attendees during the year. Also, we have reviewed some of the concerns with having your DNA test, and what follows.

I attended, with Sharon, the DNA Seminar *DNA Down Under* presented by Blaine Bettinger in August and have used the details from that event for review during the following meetings. I also thank Jim Eustice for his information throughout the year, it all assists.

We have a small core group of attendees but all members are welcome. My contact details are available.

Thank you to all attendees and please let me know of any particular topics of interest. All the best to all in their research and for the season, and the coming year.

Peter Tuck
Day DNA Group Convenor

RELOCATION REPORT to AGM

Since the last AGM there has been no further proposal provided by the Church re any change to their premises. Our position remains the same. As far as we are concerned the church intends to relocate or rebuild at some time in the future and they will give us plenty of warning of any proposal, when decided. So, given the duration in time that these events take to finalise and the current terms of our lease here we intend to remain as is until we know what is proposed and then, we can make arrangements for the most appropriate move in those circumstances.

Peter Tuck
Vice President

DNA EVENING GROUP REPORT to AGM

This year has seen many more of our members that have had their DNA tested, which has resulted in a steady number of members attending our monthly sessions. We have averaged five members a get together, with some members attending regularly, and others periodically.

Over the course of the year we have had a look at *Ancestry* DNA, and the changes they have made, also looked at new features on GEDmatch, *My Heritage* and *FTDNA*. We have looked at DNA tools that are available, and dabbled with *DNA Painter*, and Auto Clusters in both *Ancestry* and *My Heritage*. We have encouraged members to upload their raw DNA to other sites other than the company that they tested with, and we have looked at our matches and results, and discussed how to interpret them as well as ways of using shared matches to help identify matches without trees or any other information.

Our group members enjoy sharing their successes and sometimes their frustrations. We are there to support one another and offer suggestions of how to tackle some of the mysteries that are thrown our way.

We look forward to helping more members unravel the mysteries of their DNA next year, and wish you all a safe happy and healthy 2020.

Sharon Green
DNA Evening Group Convenor

EVENING COMPUTER GROUP REPORT to AGM

I'd like to thank the Committee for allowing us to use the Resource room and some equipment. We've had attendances between nine and 16 members per meeting.

I'd like to thank Bev, Sharon and Joy for taking care of the kitchen for tea, coffee, cake and biscuits etc.

I must thank Heather for all of her help and assistance for the meetings and Kerry for showing us about *FTM Book Creator*, Photo Books and transferring pictures from mobile phones to your computer.

We've covered various topics. ie:

- Dropbox, Pictures in emails, Scanning (and resolutions),
- Caches, Ancestry ThruLines,
- Snipping in emails, Snip & Screen capture,
- Scams and Scam Watch, FTM how to videos,
- Disk Cleanup, Security updates in Firefox,
- Backing up your Documents, Pictures and Family Tree Data etc,
- Upgrade your laptop or Desktop with Solid State Drives, aka SSD's simply makes your system run faster.

Thanks also to the members who have come along.

Remember to support the Special Interest Groups as they are there for You.

Thanks

Dave Boyce

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Raffle:

1st Prize—\$100 Gift Voucher: Vicki Dunn

2nd Prize—\$50 Gift Voucher: Mary Ann Minor

3rd Prize—\$25 Gift Voucher: Janet Southam

Many thanks to Elizabeth for her organisation of the raffle, and to the members for selling the tickets.

Executive Committee

JOURNAL EDITOR REPORT to AGM

2019 has been an eventful year – with the redesigning of a new template for the journal and some very interesting articles from members. As always I look forward to receiving your contributions and welcome any feedback.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the group of proof-readers who help check the journal each quarter for their continued support. Your efforts certainly make my job easier. More proof readers are always welcome, so if you are interested in becoming a proof reader, please let me know. I would also like to extend a thank you to Jeanette Bell for labelling and posting the printed journals each quarter.

Please continue to advise either myself or other members of the Executive if you are having problems receiving your journal.

In addition, I would also like to extend thanks to those who have helped in the kitchen during the year – whether with the preparation of afternoon tea or helping with the clean-up. Without your assistance we wouldn't all be enjoying afternoon tea, and your support enables me to fulfil my role as Journal Editor during meetings.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

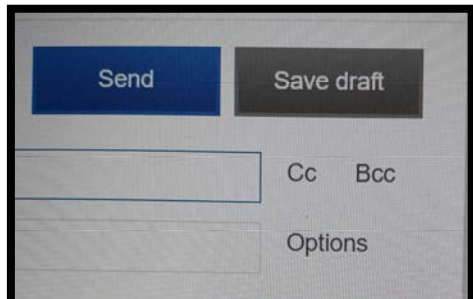
Christine Keen
Journal Editor

EMAIL ETIQUETTE

When sending emails to multiple people, it is important to respect the privacy of others and to remember that not everyone wants their email address shared publicly with others.

Accordingly, members are encouraged to use the Blind Carbon Copy or BCC option when sending emails to multiple people. To do this when creating a new email, click on the 'Bcc' button, instead of the 'To' button. If you are not sure how to do this, there are several members within the Group who can assist you.

Using this option ensures that people receiving your emails don't see everyone's email addresses.



Executive Committee

LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED!!!! By Elizabeth Grocke



September 2019 *Steve Kettle, Mount Compass*—Where do you start---did you know years ago Mt Compass was known as The Square Waterhole via Willunga, but then it was Mt Moon before it became Mt Compass.

Steve Kettle our guest speaker for the day spoke about his various photos on USB of the early settlers like the Hailstone, Wright and Stone families and many who contributed to the area.

Around the 1890s the Wright Brothers came to the area, rented land from the sheep farmers and began clearing the swamp to grow vegetables. The 1890s also brought a depression which put many out of work. There was no unemployment relief, so many turned to the uninhabited land in and around Mt Compass area to try to make a living.

Parliament at the time was persuaded to subdivide the land into working man's blocks so hopefully all could survive. There were about 45 blocks made available, with some families lasting a few years while descendants of others still populate the area today.

Electricity came to the area in 1953, amazing!!!

Mt Compass is a unique district with its history, firstly the difficulty of settling the area with its swamps and these then needed draining, and then there were others who looked towards the higher land, and this was found almost useless also, until superphosphate was used around the 1920s.

Steve with a great group of local history buffs, has gathered, collated and published several books on the area. They have a great archive collection of minutes, photos etc for further investigation if you have interest in the area, or a stray family member who may have taken up land in the area in the early years.



October 2019 *Margrette Kleinig, The Last Hurrah: The Emigration of Irish Domestic Servants to SA – the Inter-war Years*—Margrette gave an informative talk on how many unmarried women migrated from Ireland to Australia during the 1920 – 1939s to become domestic servants. These women applied for positions through the Domestic Servant Scheme funded by the Australian Government. Advertisements for applicants were placed amongst the 'Employment Classifieds' in newspapers. In order to be eligible for the scheme women had to be aged between 19 and 35, single or widowed with no small children and able to provide a work history and two references outlining their suitability for domestic service. Margrette shared stories of two women from different backgrounds, and their journey to South Australia under the Domestic Servant

November 2019 Show and Tell

Joy Nieass—Joy shared the story of her Mother-in-law's wedding dress, which was hand made in 1938, and has been worn by at least 13 brides in the family.



Michael Smith—Michael shared the story of a farthing from his great great grandfather, that has been framed, along with a photo of his great great grandfather.

James Usher—James shared some of the songs by John Charles Thomas, that his father used to listen and sing along to on the radio, such as *The Green Eyed Dragon* (released in 1932). How different things were before we had television.

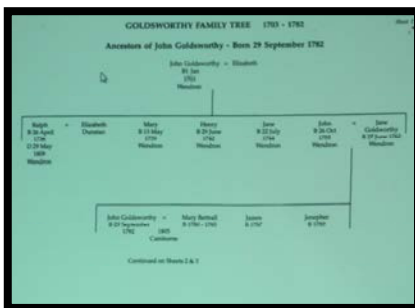


Ian Blatchford—Ian shared a selection of family photos believed to have been taken in 1912, many at Victor Harbor and surrounding areas.



Peter Tuck—Peter shared part of his family tree from 1882, in particular the story of Henry Percey Gardner, and his connection to the Church of Raukkan and Point Pearce.

Jan Lokan—Jan shared a part of her Goldsworthy family tree from 1703-1782, particularly the ancestors of John Goldsworthy, born in 1782. This was to show a basic error in the tree her cousin, had researched, but he included the wrong 'John'. Jan told how she had found the correct John from archived court trial records in the Cornwall Record Office.



Joan Davies—Joan shared a painting of 'The Glen' from about 1912, and it's connection to her family.

THE DASH

The Dash

by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash.
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people
in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash,
would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

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HOW THE LONDON BOROUGHS GOT THEIR NAMES

This item is from the website <https://londonist.com/2013/07/how-the-london-boroughs-got-their-names>. Those who placed the text on the web acknowledged the sources shown at the end of the article. It is noted that the spellings of 'chieftan' and 'low laying' are not as they would be used today.



More than fifty years ago, the *London Government Act 1963* received Royal Assent. It paved the way, two years later, for radical changes in London's political boundaries. The 32 boroughs that we still know, love and pay our council tax to, were created. (The tiny City of London — also known as the Square Mile — holds different political status to the 32 boroughs, and carried on as normal after the Act.)

Many former boroughs (Finsbury and St Pancras, for example) disappeared overnight, though you can still see their names on old street signs around town. The new, bigger, amalgamated boroughs needed new names. In most cases, ancient appellations were chosen. So here's our guide to the etymology of London's boroughs. Find out which areas are named after sheep, chalk, crocuses...and a hill in Yorkshire.

Barking and Dagenham

Barking is an ancient, Anglo-Saxon phrase, first recorded as Berecingas. The name either derives from a local chieftan called Bereca or means "the settlement by the birch trees". Dagenham is also ancient, first recorded as Dæccanhaam in 666 AD. 'Haam' means 'home' or 'homestead' and Dæcca was presumably a local land-owner or leader.

Barnet

The borough of Barnet contains plenty of Barnets — High Barnet, Chipping Barnet, Friern Barnet, New Barnet... All derive their names from the Anglo-Saxon word 'bærnet', which suggests the clearing of woodland by burning. It was first recorded as Barneto in 1070.

Bexley

Recorded in Domesday Book as Bix, and later as Bixle (a good name for a breakfast cereal, we think), 'Bexley' translates as pasture by the stream — presumably the River Cray, which still flows through the area.

Brent

The most ancient borough name of all. Brent predates the Anglo-Saxons and even the Romans, and comes from a Celtic word meaning 'holy one' or 'high place'. A river of the same

name still flows through the borough. It is one of only a handful of pre-Roman names still in use in the London area, along with Penge, Thames and London itself.

Bromley

Yet another Anglo-Saxon derivation. Bromley was first recorded in 862 AD as Bromleag, which means 'a woodland clearing where broom grows'. Interestingly, the other Bromley (Bromley-by-Bow) is of different derivation, coming from a word meaning bramble field.

Camden

Both the borough and Camden Town are named after Charles Pratt, 1st Earl of Camden, who owned land here in the late 18th century. Camden Place was his seat in Kent, itself named after William Camden who lived in the property from 1609.

Croydon

The borough and its largest conurbation take their name from the Anglo-Saxon phrase *croeas deanas*, and later *crogdene*, which, contrary to Croydon's current appearance, meant 'valley of the crocuses'. The valley was no doubt a centre of crocus cultivation, yielding saffron.

Ealing

Ealing was first recorded as Gillingas around 700 AD. Gillas was another of these local chieftans, and the 'ingas' part denotes 'the followers of'. The spelling has since flitted among Illing, Gilling and Ylling, before finally settling on Ealing.

Enfield

Two possibilities here. It could derive from the fields belonging to a chieftan called *Ēana*, or it could be named after the Anglo-Saxon for lamb, which was *ēan*. Either way, Enfield was first recorded in Domesday Book as a small settlement called *Enefelde*.

The Royal Borough of Greenwich

London's newest Royal Borough also has Anglo Saxon origins, stemming from *Grenewic*, the green place on the bay (which it still is).

Hackney

The name is not recorded until the 12th century, but Hackney was undoubtedly settled much earlier, as evinced from the 'tun' of Dalston and Clapton and the 'wic' of Hackney Wick. A leading theory suggests origins with *Haca's ey*, an 'ey' being an area of raised ground in marshland.

Hammersmith and Fulham

Hammersmith has disputed origins as a place name. Some sources suggest it derives from *Hammoder's Hythe* (a safe haven belonging to *Hammoder*), others, perhaps more satisfyingly, suggest it's simply a concatenation of 'hammer' and 'smithy', denoting an area important for metal working. Fulham is an area belonging to an Anglo-Saxon called *Fulla*, but rather than the usual 'ham' meaning homestead, this one was originally 'hamm', signifying a bend in the river.

Haringey

The borough name, as well as its conurbations of Haringay and Hornsey, derive from *Haeringes-hege*, the enclosure belonging to Saxon chief *Haering*.

Harrow

It's thought that this name denotes a heathen shrine (hearg), built on Harrow Hill. Caroline Taggart (see sources) notes that its earliest recording is Gumeningae Hergae, a heathen shrine of the Gumeningas tribe.

Havering

Havering might now seem like a relative backwater borough to most Londoners, but it was once home to an important palace of Edward the Confessor. Its name is recorded in Domesday Book as Haueringas, for the followers of a man called something like Haefer.

Hillingdon

A 'don' usually denotes a hill in Anglo-Saxon place names, and Hillingdon is no different. It's in Domesday Book as Hillendone, suggesting a hill belonging to a man called Hille, Hilla or Hilda — probably where Hillingdon Hill rises near Uxbridge.

Hounslow

This one's not certain. It might derive from Honeslaw, meaning an area of land suitable for hunting, or it may indicate a hill claimed by a man called Hund or a tribe called Hundi.

Islington

More properly, it should be Islingdon, as (like Hillingdon and Wimbledon) the name denotes a hill (don), here formerly governed by a Mr Gisla. Old records call the place Giseldone (1005) and Gislandune (1062). The area was known as Isledon well into the 17th Century.

Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

Kensington's yet another place named after an otherwise forgotten Saxon chappie. This time, Mr Cynesige or Kenesigne. Chelsea's a bit more interesting, with various ancient spellings along the lines of Chelchith, meaning the landing place or wharf for chalk. Chalk would have been used in fertiliser.

Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames

Kingston was an ancient seat of kings. Recorded as Cyninges tun in 838, the name means King's manor or estate. Several 10th century kings were crowned here, as still remembered in the area's Coronation Stone, near the Kingston Guildhall.

Lambeth

Rather satisfyingly, the name means 'landing place for lambs', and it's a shortened version of the earlier Lambethitha (hitha being a common ending for riverside landing places like Rotherhithe).

Lewisham

Leofshema is thought to be derived from the Jute name Leof or Leofsa, with the hema bit being a variant on 'ham' or dwelling.

Merton

The name is again Saxon and means either farm by the pool or Maera's homestead. The former is perhaps most likely, as Merton stands on the banks of the Wandle and its associated flood plains.

Newham

One of the few borough names not to derive directly from ancient roots. Newham was

formed in 1965 from East Ham and West Ham, the 'new' bit conjured up to declare that, yes, this political entity is new. The 'ham' part of the name indicates, in this case, low-laying land surrounded by marsh.

Redbridge

Quite simply, named for a red bridge which bestrode the River Roding from the 17th century, until it was knocked down for road improvement in 1922.

Richmond upon Thames

Another relatively recent coinage (well, around 1500), Richmond took its name from the now -vanished Richmond Palace, built on the river by Henry VII. His former title was Earl of Richmond, relating to the town in Yorkshire. That place's name comes from Old French for 'strong hill'.

Southwark

This ancient part of London was settled by the Romans. Early records call it Suthriganaweorc or Suthringa geweorche, meaning 'the defensive works of the men of the south' (i.e. Surrey).

Sutton

Recorded as Sudtone in Domesday Book, the name translates roughly as 'south farm'.

Tower Hamlets

Predictably, the name refers to the hamlets and villages closest to the Tower of London. Despite having the whiff of a modern coinage, the name has been used for centuries.

Waltham Forest

Waltham Forest is an ancient name for what we now call Epping Forest. Waltham meant 'forest estate'. The borough contains Walthamstow, which was originally called Wilcunestowe (meaning welcome place), but gradually morphed into Walthamstowe.

Wandsworth

Wandsworth takes its name from the River Wandle, which remains one of the delights of the borough. The Wandle got its name from an Anglo Saxon called Waendel, who owned land round here.

City of Westminster

The name relates to the famous Abbey — 'mynster' being Old English for a church. The 'West' part simply denotes it as west of the ancient City, and its great church of St Paul. In Anglo Saxon and early Norman times, the area was known as Torneia or Thorney Island, for an islet of that character, upon which the abbey and Palace of Westminster are built.

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UPCOMING SPEAKERS & EVENTS



All meetings are held at 1.15pm, Uniting Church Hall, 23 William Road, Christies Beach. If you have a suggestion for a suitable speaker please contact Elizabeth Grocke with details.

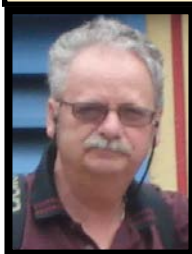
18 January—Resource Room, Show and Tell

15 February—Marj Thornton, Bletchley Girls

21 March—Dr Samantha Battams, Secret Art of Poisoning

18 April—Alison Painter, Coopers Brewery or Beer Barons

RESOURCE ROOM OPENING TIMES



The Resource Room is available to members for research. During the opening time before the Saturday general meetings, Resource Room volunteers will not be available to give assistance with 'Family Research', but books, newsletters and magazines can be borrowed from 12.00pm to 1.15pm, and during the afternoon tea break.

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The evening computer class is held in the Uniting Church Hall, 23 William Street, Christies Beach. A gold coin donation is requested to help cover the cost of the hire of the hall. The Group meet monthly on the second Monday night of the month at 7.30pm.

The program consists of a presentation on a specific topic followed by a question and answer session. Bring a tagged laptop from home but if you cannot you will be seated with someone

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EDITOR'S NOTE by Christine Keen



It's hard to believe that it's already 2020, and the calendar is already filling with events.

As always I look forward to receiving your contributions for *Relative Thoughts* during the year. Your articles can be about your own stories of family research: hit a road block—need help; an event you attended in History Month; tips for others; planning a reunion; anything else that you think may be of interest to members. This is your journal.

I'm always looking for proof-readers too—so if you have a good grasp of English, and think you'd like to give it a go—feel free to contact me, either via email, or speak to me at a meeting.

Christine Keen

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