

# Abbey Genealogy Enthusiasts

Issue : 6

Date: Wednesday 21st March 2007

Next Meeting Wednesday 25th April 2007

Our Website : [www.walthamabbeygenealogy.co.uk](http://www.walthamabbeygenealogy.co.uk)



## Notice Board

### ➤ **New on Ancestry!**

A new set of WW1 Records are now available on Ancestry. This mainly consists of images and transcriptions for service and pension records which reveal personal records for those who fought in the war.

### ➤ **Parishregistar.com**

This is a very helpful website for those with London Ancestors and good news they are currently adding more transcriptions and looking to expand in other areas of London and outside of London.

### ➤ **Archivemaps.com**

This website will give you access to high quality maps from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century of London and the British Isle. So if you want to compare and find those old streets where your ancestors once lived, that might not exist today, this will give you some idea of where abouts.

### ➤ **essexpub.net** – An interesting site that has quite a few links that might help people with Essex and London Ancestors, especially if your looking for occupations, old trades, streets etc. Worth a visit!

### ➤ **Irishorigins.com**

A good site for people with Irish ancestors, the site contains a variety of records, maps, census's, wills and Royal Garrison Artillery Records

### ➤ **Trip to The Latter Day Saints London**

We are looking to organize a trip to LDS Records centre on Saturday 28th April here they hold many records of microfilmed genealogical records, That contain millions of names that have been patron submitted or extracted from thousands of original birth, christening and marriage records.

LDS Chapel,  
64-68 Exhibition Road,  
South Kensington  
London W8 7AH

It is always wonderful to hear about other people's genealogy research and what they find out in their family trails. This is what Mike Cross has discovered in his tree.



## The Wainhouse Folly

The tower was built by my Great-Great-Great Grandfather John Edward Wainhouse between the years 1871- 1875 at King's Cross, Halifax, Yorkshire. Wainhouse owned the Washer Dye Works in the Calder Valley in South Yorkshire. The new Smoke Abatement Act of 1870 meant that the factory had to have the smoke and fumes taken out of the valley where the factory was built.

Issac Booth designed a chimney on the side of the hill overlooking the factory and the smoke would then be drawn from the factory to the chimney by means of a pipeline. There was an existing property next to where the tower was built, owned by Sir Henry Edward J.P. Work commenced on the chimney and Wainhouse took charge of the construction, and whilst there he took a shine to Sir Edwards young wife. Sir Edward took down the existing wire fence to boundary, and built a 6 foot high wall stop which he aimed for Wainhouse to stop seeing his young wife. Not being out done Wainhouse's chimney was now above the wall and he could see and talk to his new young girlfriend. Sir Edward, raised the wall another 4 feet to the height of 10 feet. Unknown to Sir Edward the tower height was going to be 253 feet tall, so he couldn't out do Wainhouse.

Wainhouse now was tired of the feud between Sir Henry and himself, so he decided to sell his Dye Works to his manager. The manager didn't have any money left to buy the half completed chimney, so Wainhouse decided to keep it, but change the design. He employed a new architect, Richard Swarbuck Dugdale and drew up new plans to build a tower which encased the chimney, like the one at Chateau Chamcord in France.

Wainhouse wanted the tower to be specially designed for astronomical and physical observatory. The original chimney was now being encased with a spiral staircase and the top was to be completed with an orgy of finials, pillars, buttresses and balustrades



. The final height was now going to be 280 feet at the cost of £ 14,000, with 403 steps to climb. The tower was bought by Halifax Council after the Wainhouse family became not interested in it for only £450 in 1919. Lately the area has been re- landscaped and is opened to the public on Bank Holidays and weekends during the summer. If you are lucky, or unlucky as the case might be, sometimes an apparition of a woman (believed to be Sir Henry's wife pining for Wainhouse) sitting at the base of tower crying inconsolably into her hands.

## March ‘

*This month was called Martius by the Romans, from the God Mars, and it received the name ‘Hlyd Monath’, i.e. ‘a loud or’ stormy month from Anglo – Saxon.*

## Our Ancestors Medical Dictionary A-C's

**Aphonia** – Loss of the voice resulting from psychological causes, such as hysteria

**Anasarca** – Generalized Massive Edema

**Bad Blood** - Syphilis

**Bilious Fever** – Typhoid, Malaria, Hepatitis or elevated temperature and bile emesis

**Black Plague** – Bubonic Plague

**Black Vomit**- Vomiting black blood due to stomach ulcers

**Brain Fever**- Meningitis

**Chin Cough**- Whooping Cough – Pertussis

**Cholelithiasis**- Gall Stones

**Cold Plague**- Ague Characterised by chills

**Coryza**- A Cold

**Consumption**- Tuberculosis

## Mick and Sue's Quiz Time -Answers

- |  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1-Deviants or a twist in a wire                    | <b>Kinks</b>                 |
| 2- 1 tenth of a litre                              | <b>10cc</b>                  |
| 3- Sandy coast young men                           | <b>Beach boys</b>            |
| 4-End of a prayer on turning in a road             | <b>Amen corner</b>           |
| 5- Insects   | <b>Beatles/Ants/Bee gees</b> |
| 6-Prickly bushes                                   | <b>The Hollies</b>           |
| 7-Moving pebbles                                   | <b>Rolling Stones</b>        |
| 8-A tribe living in a illuminated warning building | <b>Lighthouse - family</b>   |
| 9- They don't live in the east                     | <b>Westlife</b>              |
| 10-Last for ever                                   | <b>Eternal</b>               |
| 11-Hard of hearing wild cat                        | <b>Def Leppard</b>           |
| 12-A well educated organisation                    | <b>Culture club</b>          |
| 13- The beginning of everything                    | <b>Genesis</b>               |
| 14- Plaster or helping ring                        | <b>Band aid</b>              |
| 15- Slim Elizabeth                                 | <b>Thin Lizzy</b>            |
| 16- Maters and paters                              | <b>Mommas and Pappas</b>     |
| 17- A Preserve                                     | <b>Jam</b>                   |
| 18- Pius bretheren                                 | <b>Righteous brothers</b>    |
| 19- throttling murderers                           | <b>Stranglers</b>            |
| 20- weapons and thorny flowers                     | <b>Guns and roses</b>        |
| 21- Law enforcers                                  | <b>Police</b>                |
| 22- residents from a small hamlet                  | <b>Village people</b>        |
| 23- repeat more than damp,repeat                   | <b>wet wet wet</b>           |
| 24- Wallop crash bang                              | <b>wham</b>                  |
| 25-have the one there                              | <b>Take That</b>             |
| 26- dizzy light dyed hair                          | <b>Blondie</b>               |
| 27-initial start organisation septets              | <b>s club 7</b>              |
| 28-every canonised person                          | <b>all saints</b>            |
| 29- unemployed benefit application                 | <b>ub40</b>                  |
| 30- shelters from the sun or light                 | <b>shadows</b>               |

## Contribute to the Newsletter

Tell us how your getting on with your research so far and have you discovered any hidden skeletons you want share with us. Have you come across some unexpected Ancestors, lost relatives, a famous Ancestor? Or do you have any old photos and stories you would like to share in the newsletter, it's all history and we'd be happy to hear it.

Email : [cheryl@familypast.co.uk](mailto:cheryl@familypast.co.uk)