



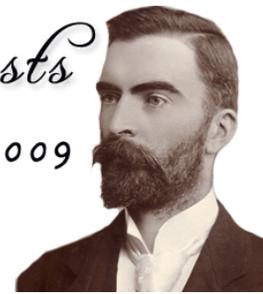
Waltham Abbey Enthusiasts

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Notice Board

➤ Trip To The London Metropolitan Archives

On the 11th July 2009 we plan to visit the LMA again so everyone who wants to come along let us know so we can arrange where the best place to meet up and how we are all getting there.

➤ Thank you to Pat & Sylvie

Many thanks to Pat and Sylvie for helping us out on Saturday 6th June in the library. Where we had a family history day along with Ray Sears. An interesting day and we look forward to seeing some new faces among us.

➤ Get Well Soon

We all would like to send our love to Mick and Ted and wish them both a speedy recovery and hope to see them soon.

➤ Free BMD

For all new researchers I would like to recommend Freebmd.org.uk. I have had so many results from this website and best thing about it is its free. Maybe you're looking for your great grand parent's marriage entry. Type in the name of your grandfather into the search and then it will bring up many results. If you click on the number that's highlighted and underlined, it will bring up everyone that was married on that day and this is where you will find your grandmothers maiden name in the list. For example if you know your grandfather was called Thomas Viller and he married a Crawford it will bring up both surnames in the list. It's easier with the less common names and helps if you already know your grandmothers maiden name.

www.freebmd.org.uk

Serendipity



The search for my ancestors had reached another of my great, great grand fathers. A John Banks who married Eliza Baynes, they lived in Helions, Bumpstead on the borders of Essex and Cambridgeshire. This deserved a visit.

Whilst looking around the church yard we came across a leaning tombstone that was half buried, but a name was visible. It was Alfred William Baynes (1873 - 1895). After some digging and cleaning up the epitaph it read:

"In loving memory of Alfred Baynes died age 22 years. Who died in his brave attempt to save inspector Littleton's life at the well, Pale Green November 12th 1895"



Via genes reunited I eventually made contact with a lady who was a distant cousin of Alfred Baynes. She kindly gave me access to her tree. However I could find no obvious link with my family but, after pursuing her tree more closely I found a Harriet Baynes (b.1840) had married a John Halls (b.1837) and he was the great, great grand father of one of our members, Sandra. Harriet Baynes turned out to be the cousin of Harry Baynes, who was Alfred Baynes father.

As yet I have proved no connection between the above and my tree as the Baynes family came from that area and I have no doubt there is a connection somewhere. Meanwhile, out of interest only I am investigating inspector Littleton and his death.

By Sue Heather

Talking To The Dead

If you read the article "Serendipity" by Sue you can see the value of visiting local cemeteries. Some may say it is gruesome but to find the names of your ancestors is in valuable in your research.

Most cemeteries are pleasant and peaceful places and are packed with history, so read the epitaphs. Some graves may not immediately fit in to your investigation, but if you discover your family name then write all the information down and where it came from. It's always better to take a photograph as long as it's legible, this also helps further down in your research when remembering the grave and where it was in the cemetery. I all so suggest if that if the cemetery is a long way off take a flask and sandwich and have a picnic with the past.

Mick Letts

Helpful websites –

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk
www.findagrave.com
www.classicnewspapers.com

Historical Directories

This website might be a great help to all of you who want to look up your ancestors trades. The website is a digital library of local and trade directories for England and Wales, from 1750 to 1919. It contains high quality reproductions of comparatively rare books, essential tools for research into local and genealogical history.

www.historicaldirectories.org

D DAY QUIZ WORD

To commemorate the 65th anniversary of D – Day veterans are assembling on the beaches – Landing grounds of Normandy.

Below are some clues to words associated with the landings.

1. CARTOON DOG SUPPLYING OIL -----
2. LONG SHARP WEAPON -----
3. A GOD LOOKING AFTER EVERYTHING-----
4. SWIMMING LORRY-----
5. PRECIOUS METAL-----
6. BRITISH GENERAL LEADING THE MEN-----
7. MUM IN AMERICAN STATE-----
8. WHERE WILLIAM CAME FROM-----
9. MYTHICAL GOD-----
10. BETTE MIDLER FILM-----

On June the 6th 1944 175,000 allied troops, mainly British, Canadian and American landed on the beaches of Normandy in the worlds biggest military operation ever. As the survivors dwindle they must never be forgotten.

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