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Welcome to the tenth edition of B-J News

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the tenth edition of our newsletter. It marks, not only double figures for us, but the fourth Purim edition, meaning we have been doing this for four years now. In January, without any fanfare, British Jewry celebrated its fifth birthday as an email list. There are over 275 members now and this is a fairly consistent number of subscribers. We are continually humbled by the way our list members so generously donate their time, expertise and resources. We are also extremely proud of the way list members treat each other, with mutual respect and kindness. This is not something you see on all lists.

This issue is earlier than some other Purim issues, due to the calendar and so it has been a really quick turnaround since issue 9. As a result this issue is relatively thin, but we hope this will spur people to write something for issue 11 in August. The lack of weight is in part due to our list members in the Southern Hemisphere having been plagued by ferociously hot weather, whilst snow fell in California and all our listers there hibernated. In Britain we had the usual two days of snow, which made everything grind to a halt over much of the country. It happens every winter and yet we act surprised. I often wonder what our ancestors would have made of climate change. For many of them the elements governed their lives. How did tailors and furriers in sweat shops contend with the heat? Would they have survived the heat wave of last summer? What happened if snow suddenly fell in March on a Friday night in an Orthodox Jewish house, if the fire wasn't already lit? Did our ancestors know more about the weather than we imagine or were they caught out as often as we are? With all our technology we seem no better at weather predictions. As a child I grew up with people who lived by what colour the sky was at night or whether there were many berries on the holly in October. These were tried and trusted methods which seemed to work.

Climate change can also affect our ancestors even after their demise. Researchers need to bear in mind what sudden changes in temperature and humidity will do to their evidence chains. As the planet teeters and we hear about taxes on air and car travel to reduce carbon emissions, we should

remember that records are valuable and we should care for them appropriately. So, before Sydney is snowbound or the whole of Yorkshire installs air conditioning units, think of the cost, not just to the planet but also to your certificates and other valuable documentation.

Constantly battling to keep the website up to date, I am always amazed at your support and we now have 48 unique databases containing a massive 30,226 entries. This does not include the ALD, which is off-line, and alone contains over 27,000 individuals; look ups on this are still available. . Please avail yourself of all these resources. If you have anything - however small - to donate, then contact me from the website link and I'll arrange with you how to get it uploaded. [www. british-jewry. org. uk](http://www.british-jewry.org.uk)

Whilst I seem firmly looking backwards, as I transcribe records and upload datasets, Jackye is looking forward. Her latest "baby" is the Birds of a Feather meeting at the Salt Lake City conference in July. There are more details later in the newsletter, but if you are planning to go to Salt Lake City make sure you leave the slot free to go and meet other list members. If you are as yet undecided, then it's time to act before all the rooms are booked. Salt Lake City is the proverbial "candy store" for any researcher, with its miles and miles of films and books to plunder. You won't be alone there: Jackye will be ready to welcome you and she has been before, so she knows what she's doing!

Due to the date of the SLC conference we have decided to postpone publication of the Tu B'Av edition; the next edition of B-J News will now be published for Rosh Chodesh Ellul instead. This will give us the necessary time for Jackye to be able to report on the BOF get together. So, be there, and see your name in lights!

Now, as the weather warms or cools in your particular area, sit back, kick off your shoes and enjoy our latest edition. Once you have read it, please think seriously about submitting an article or other item for the next issue. We can't possibly keep this going without you.

Sherry Landa, Salford, UK



I've reserved a BOF meeting time for British Jewry members to meet each other at the Salt Lake City conference. I hope everyone will come together, meet face to face and share information. I think it would be a good idea to bring a "brick wall" question or two and maybe someone will be able to help you knock down that wall.

Birds of a Feather Meeting: Tuesday, July 17th at 8:15 am at the conference hotel (This is early but then you'll have the rest of the day free).

We thought everyone could sport an ID of sorts so BJ listers could spot each other easily. Sherry has redesigned our logo to reflect the conference and we'll be happy to email it as an attachment or you will be able to download it from the website soon. You can then stick it on your conference badge or pin it somewhere.

Angela Shire has very graciously donated some copies of her book Great Synagogue Marriage Registers 1791-1850. Ed: Angela Shire. Pub: Frank J. Gent, Crediton for the BOF attendees. They will be given away to the first 5 or 10 (depending on how many can be shipped over easily) who sign up for the meeting. The book is not available anywhere else except through Angela. Also remember that an additional 10+ years are now available on the B-J website.

I think we'll try to arrange a group picture so Sherry can post in on our website. If you intend to bring a camera, that would be helpful.

Please feel free to invite all non-listers with an interest in British Jewry. The more the merrier. I would appreciate it if you would let me know if you're thinking of attending.

Jackye Sullins, San Diego, CA, USA



AND THEN IT HAPPENED

I said it would happen. I knew it would happen, eventually. As sure as eggs were eggs it had to happen. If I kept going long enough, and wide enough, eventually the ALD and I would merge. Then, finally, we did.

I wrote about the ALD (All Leeds Database) and the life it has of its own, in issue 9 of the B-J News. Obviously, I have family already in the ALD: they were its starting blocks. The LANDA family are there, and some of their in-laws who were born or raised or died or saw a rugby match in Leeds. Then there are the in-laws of the in-laws and so on, and that is how the ALD developed. However, I always felt that, eventually, I would make a connection that started on the ALD and went to my tree, rather than the other way around. My tree is entitled *A Hedge*. Periodically, I get it out and look at it. Then I put it away again. For years it has sat, turning orange in autumn and green again in spring, but not getting any new twigs, or branches. *A Hedge* is in a sort of permanent state of waiting. It sits and waits for some long destroyed records in Lithuania to miraculously turn up - in English - and be posted to the internet. It waits for some cousin ten times removed to email that he or she has documentation of all my family back to the time of Adam and Eve to share. It waits, and nothing happens. Life's a bit like that, isn't it?

When I'm away from home, I always work on the ALD - days and days of more or less uninterrupted data typing. I flit about to get away from the sheer boredom. I have a spurt of doing burials, then I switch to censuses or marriages, and sometimes I pick a family or two and juggle three Excel files and about ten worksheets. At Christmas I was working on burials. They are quite depressing. They are also a pain because the book has about eight sheets which can't easily be merged because the data format differs from page to page. I "did" Mariempoler because it's short, and I had a go at Hilltop because it's quite short too, but I missed big chunks out because I was getting bored. Then I decided to change tack. I had

got to Z on Hilltop so I thought I'd have a go at doing all the Z surnames from everything - there couldn't be that many and it might make me feel better to actually complete something. When I got to ZACKLIN I found a fatherless family in the 1901 census, with a mother Betsy and some children all born in Manchester. I had to look for the rest of the family in previous censuses there.

They were easy to find: in 1891, there were more children, older. I looked in 1881: again, there were more children, older. So I looked in 1871 - and my search was over. I saved the files to the computer and checked Free BMD for all events between 1865 and 1950, with any variant spelling. Then I started typing in the census stuff. I found the father was Levi. I added the older children, refined details of the younger ones and checked BMD for them all. I managed to merge two individuals in ALD, both for one of the elder daughters, who had her father listed as Judah, not Levi, on her marriage certificate. I checked her details, and the two individuals were definitely one and the same, so I merged them and carried on. I had four possible marriage references for the children in locations other than Leeds. I went back on line and checked the possible spouses. I checked two of the children in 1901 to find which partners they married; I checked Jewish Gen's UK databases too. I noted the spouses. I put in the 1895 marriage of one son and his details from the 1901 census - verifying the wife. I tried looking for a daughter but couldn't find her under either spouse on BMD, so had to give up. That left one daughter, the youngest, Esther. She appeared to have been married in 1907 in London - but to whom? Without the 1911 census to search, I had left her till last as a sure dead end. The husband was either Solomon BORNSTEIN or Samuel GORDON.

I have a Samuel GORDON in *A Hedge*; he's related to me in two ways. One of his sisters, Annie - Aunt Naomi of The Jewish World - was married to my great-uncle Myer (MJ) LANDA. In addition, his mother, Bertha, was my great grandfather's sister; Bertha PULVER married AE GORDON, Chazzan of the Great Synagogue.

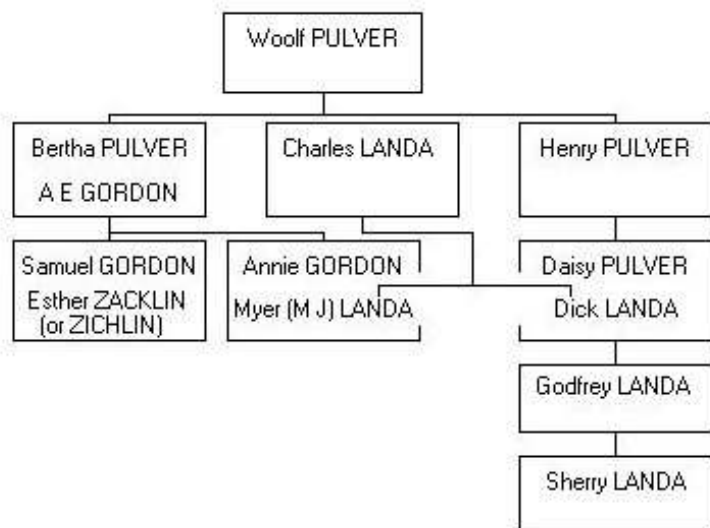
Bertha's brother was Henry PULVER who was the father of my grandmother, Daisy, who married MJ's brother - my grandfather - Dick (Isaac) LANDA.

There was something vaguely familiar about the name Esther ZACKLIN, and 1907 would have been about right for a marriage. As I opened *A Hedge* I had that tingly feeling in the pit of my stomach. I thought, at the least, even if Samuel had married someone else in 1907, I could still tie Esther to Solomon BORNSTEIN.

On Samuel's page I found that his spouse had been written as Esther ZICHLIN. The marriage year was given as 1907 and the source was a JC obituary for Samuel in 1927.

I have found nothing further in the JC on Esther ZICHLIN beyond the engagement and marriage to Samuel, and his obituary. I can't find any ZACKLIN entries for her siblings or her parents. To me, this doesn't matter. The point is, finally, after almost five years I have managed to find a link out of the ALD to my tree and *A Hedge* has, at last, grown a new branch.

Sherry Landa Salford UK



NEVER JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

As President of a Jewish Genealogical Society, I am often asked to give talks to other groups on a couple of topics: one is how to research Jewish Genealogy, and the other, using the libraries in the San Francisco Bay Area.

For those not familiar with the Bay Area, the region is "anchored" by three universities: Stanford in the south bay, University of California (Medical School) in San Francisco, and University of California at Berkeley. The region has been a hotbed of intellectualism for many years, as evidenced by one particular yardstick: the number of Nobel Prize winners; Berkeley and Stanford are in constant competition as to who has more. There is an apocryphal story, perhaps not too far from the truth, that when Prize winners have tea with the University President and are told they can have anything they want, everyone asks for the same thing - a guaranteed parking space!

When giving a talk on libraries, I usually focus on UC Berkeley, simply because of the breadth and depth of the collection; the campus is home to some 29 subject-specific libraries, as well as the Main Library. These house fully half of the whole UC collection, currently numbering some 10 million titles representing some 15 million items. (There are nine other campuses throughout California).

There are two online catalogue search tools; one is called GLADIS (just for Berkeley) and the other is MELVYL (which covers all ten campuses). It took a while before I found someone who could explain what the former acronym stood for: Global Library Automated Data Information System. As for Melvyl, to my mind this was an in joke: Melvil Dewey was the inventor of the public library cataloguing system - the joke being that the UC uses the Library of Congress system.

Everyone knows the saying that one cannot judge a book by its cover; the best way of really getting to know the books in a library is to "walk the aisles" - actually pull the books off the shelf and look through them. Perhaps this is considered a quaint, old-fashioned concept in an age of online searching. However, it worked for me when I discovered a relation in a book...

Many readers will be familiar with the landmark book *East End 1888* by Professor William Fishman, first published in 1988. Naturally, when I first stumbled across it on the shelf, I thought: maybe there's something in it about my family. So I looked through the Contents page, and in the Index, but there was nothing. However I thought I would read it anyway.

So it was with considerable surprise that I came upon a passage that rang bells. I quote: "A five-storey warehouse tenanted by Messrs Koenigsberger, furriers, at 25 Commercial Street, employing 200 hands, burst into flames at 10 at night, while the hands were still working." Readers will be relieved to know that all escaped to work another day.

My surprise quickly dissipated when I realised I had a skeleton in my genealogical closet. Professor Fishman had erred, as the furrier was Harris Koenigsberg, not Koenigsberger, my great, great grandfather's brother, younger - and obviously far more aggressive in business. Harris quickly got back on his feet, with the insurance money, I'm sure, as not only was No 25 rebuilt, but he also acquired No 27 next door and continued working pretty much until his death in 1921.

I looked through the Index again; Fishman had written that this was the worst fire of the year, but there was no mention of "Fire" in the index, nor was Koenigsberger (sic) listed. There were two entries for Commercial Street, but neither was about the fire. So the maxim that one cannot judge a book by its cover - nor the Contents, nor the Index - certainly held true in this instance.

Finally, the biggest "kicker" with the joke being on me - perhaps the Professor was getting his own back - was that it never dawned on me while reading the book that William Fishman was the same Bill Fishman who married my Aunt Dora Levy!

Jeremy Frankel
California



WEBSITE RENEWAL

In June we will need to renew our web services to maintain our website. It has recently come to my attention that I cannot ask on list for donations to support this; I am therefore begging here. It is too early to know how much the exact figure will be, but last year it was just over £71. As we have said before **there is no danger** that the website will not continue. Jackye and I are quite prepared to fund it, but for the last 3 years or so the site has been funded by you. So, if you would like to make a contribution, just let me know. At this stage I am only collecting names; when we know the renewal costs I will privately email anyone interested. I will lay out the costs, and you will have a chance to pledge any amount. Last year we had a minimum donation of £5 just because it's hardly worth writing a cheque and paying for a stamp for less. We can take sterling, US dollars or Euros easily. Other currencies are more difficult, but where there is a will, there's a way!

Thanks in advance
Sherry Landa





LATEST NEWS ON CIVIL REGISTRATION

FFHS representatives met recently with the GRO (General Register Office) management team for the DoVE (Digitisation of Vital Events) project to review progress on the

project. The most important news we learnt was that a system is now being developed to enable the indexes to the digitised records to be searched via the internet, and these should be made available progressively from April 2008.

Work is well advanced on digitising the historic birth records (those from 1837-1934) and over 40 million of the 70 million records have already been processed. These have been loaded on to the EAGLE (Electronic Access to GRO Legacy Events) database. The EAGLE project will introduce a more efficient system of recording and tracking customer orders within the GRO at Southport, and its implementation is imminent.

Yet another bird's name has been chosen as the acronym for the third project - MAGPIE (Multi Access to GRO Published Index of Events). This will provide online indexes to the newly digitised records, and will be accessible via the internet, hopefully by April 2008. The FFHS has accepted the GRO's invitation to take part in user testing this new internet facility, although its search capabilities may be more restrictive than the wide-ranging possibilities we have asked for.

By April 2008, the historic birth indexes will have been loaded onto EAGLE and the historic death records (those from 1837-1957) should also have been loaded. This means that those indexes will be accessible via the MAGPIE system on screen terminals at TNA at Kew (as well as

via the internet) when the ONS facilities at the Family Records Centre close. Subsequently, the loading of the historic death records will be followed by the modern birth and death records, then the historic marriage records (those from 1837-1945) and the modern marriage records.

For those records that have not been added to the MAGPIE project by April 2008, access will be available at Kew, as an interim measure, to the images of the existing indexes on microfiche and on computer. The original vellum and paper indexes will be moved to TNA at Kew, but will not be on open access.

As a separate process, the Registrations Online project that deals with current registrations (2007 onwards) will provide indexes of these on terminals at the FRC by July of this year, with an interim search capability that will be more basic than that eventually offered by MAGPIE.

We will continue to keep you informed of developments in this important area.

Geoff Riggs,
Chairman,
Federation of Family History Societies

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BOOK REVIEW:



THESE ARE THE NAMES: Jewish Lives in Australia 1788-1850,
The Meigunyah Press, Melbourne, 2006

A landmark publication for Australian Jewish genealogical research was launched at the State Library of Victoria on 3 December 2006. This was the long awaited *These Are the Names: Jewish Lives in Australia 1788-1850*, by Rabbi John Levi, Rabbi Emeritus of the Temple Beth Israel in Melbourne. A launch in Sydney followed.

This weighty 873 page, magnificently presented tome, was launched jointly by Melbourne University Press (The Meigunyah Press), the Australian Jewish Historical Society and the Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (Vic). It retails for A\$79.95.

Why is the book so titled? On the back of the jacket one finds two Hebrew words, “Sefer Shemot”, meaning “Book of Names” - otherwise Exodus, the second book of the Torah. The opening words of Exodus read “V’Eleh Shemot ...”: “Now these are the names of the sons of Israel who came into Egypt with Jacob ...”.

The book is the culmination of forty years of researching the lives of early Jewish pioneers, both convicts and free settlers. Levi’s 1976 publication *The Forefathers: A Dictionary of Biography of the Jews of Australia 1788-1830*, gave us a glimpse into the lives of 463 people who could be identified as Jews arriving in Australia during those 42 years. This latest book brings us twenty years further on in time and the number of biographies of early settlers has increased to over 1500. Over 900 entries reveal origins in England, mostly London.

There are very few Jews in Australia today who can trace Jewish ancestry

back to the first 62 years of European settlement, commencing with the First Fleet in 1788. Those who can are often surprised to find Jewish convict ancestors, of either sex, who had been tried at the Old Bailey and sentenced to transportation - some of them in that First Fleet.

The biographical sketches range from a few lines to a few pages, including convicts transported from England as well as free settlers who came of their own volition.

An appendix, titled *The Jews of Colonial Australia*, provides statistics and an analysis based on data extrapolated from the biographical data. Of particular interest is an analysis of the settlers’ occupations. Notably absent are agricultural workers, tanners, weavers, metal, wood, cane and cork workers. There are a few soldiers and sailors, one physician, one solicitor and two Hebrew teachers - one a convict.

This book will have wide appeal to the hundreds of thousands of Australians who wish to learn more about a Jewish ancestor. British Jewish genealogists will no doubt be eager to search the pages seeking ancestors who were transported to the colonies - New South Wales or Van Diemen’s Land - or sought their fortune as traders, hoteliers etc.. Some did return to England having served their sentences or, in the case of free settlers, having found the conditions too harsh.

Lionel Sharpe
Melbourne, Australia





TRUE! (OR IS IT?)

Some facts about the 1500s.

Most people got married in June, while they still smelled pretty good after their yearly bath in May. Nevertheless, brides carried a

bouquet of flowers to hide the returning body odour. Hence today's custom of brides carrying bouquets.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all his sons, the other men, the women, the children, and finally the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying: "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water".

Houses had thatched roofs: thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place animals could get warm, so all the cats and other small animals lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes animals would slip and fall off. Hence the saying: "It's raining cats and dogs".

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. A bed with four posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came about.

The floor was dirt, unless you were wealthy. Hence the saying: Dirt poor. The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in wet weather, so they spread thresh - straw - on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when they opened the door, it would all start slipping outside - so a strip of wood was placed in the doorway, to hold it. Hence the word "threshold".

In those days there was always a big kettle hanging over the kitchen fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight, and then start again the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old".

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon". They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat". ¹

Those with money had pewter plates, and food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing death by lead poisoning. This happened most often with tomatoes so, for hundreds of years, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "upper crust".

Ale or whisky was drunk from lead cups, and the combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. A passer-by would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days, and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

When folks started running out of places to bury people, they would dig up coffins and take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, one out of twenty-five was found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realised they had been burying

people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night - the graveyard shift - to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "Saved by the bell".

And that's the truth. Now, whoever said history was boring?

Submitted by Cherry Cane

¹ Editor's note: There were no Jews in England at that time!



NEXT ISSUE

The next issue, B-J News 11, will be available to download from the website on or before Tuesday 14th August 2007. The submission deadline is therefore 22nd July 2007. Contact us at [jewish@slanda.fsnet.co.uk](mailto: jewish@slanda.fsnet.co.uk)



Births, Marriages, Deaths and
Censuses on the Internet

UKBMD UPDATES

Cheshire BMD has started work on the final batch of records, and can now see a light at the end of the tunnel. This was the first BMD project and it is great to see its success.

Lancashire BMD has updated several times since our last newsletter, and now has partial Synagogue marriages from both Manchester and Liverpool online.

<http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/>



NEW TO THE NET

1851 MANCHESTER UNFILMED CENSUS

The whole of the recovered water-damaged material from the 1851 census (Manchester) is now available on-line at www.familyhistoryonline.net, the only on-line site to offer this material.

2006 saw the end of the project to retrieve the unfiled data, and the publication of the final districts on CDROM. MLFHS also piloted making this available on Family History On Line (FHOL) and, following the success of the pilot, a big push was made to get the full data on-line for the start of 2007.

FHOL is a commercial site, but one that is operated by the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS). It operates on a pay-to-view basis with a variety of charges according to the data offered. For the 1851 unfiled material, the basic charge for full details of an individual is 10p. This contains all recovered information relating to that person. For a further charge of £1.00 you can download an image of the reconstituted enumeration book page, showing all recovered details. MLFHS receives a commission on each "hit", but the beauty of FHOL is that any income net of commissions and site operating costs is retained by FFHS and used for the general benefit of UK family historians, and does not line the pockets of a commercial operator.

The census data remains available on CDROM, which may be more attractive to those with substantial families in the areas affected, but the on-line presentation firstly allows you to see at no cost whether there is any data for a name in which you have an interest, and secondly allows you to access that information at a moderate cost.

DIARY DATES Taken from GENEVA website
<http://geneva.weald.org.uk/> 4th March to 31st August 2007 inc.

March	6 FRC, LND	Tracing Merchant Seamen - A free talk
March	7 SoG, LND	Institute of Historical Research - Sources for Genealogy
March	8 SoG, LND	Take the Tyranny out of Distance
March	10 Pudsey, WYK	Pudsey Family History Fair
March	10 York, YKS	Family History Fair
March	10 SoG, LND	Starting your Family History Online
March	11 Port Sunlight, CHS	The Merseyside & Cheshire Family History Fair
March	11 Poole, DOR	Dorset FHS Open Day
March	12 SoG, LND	Using 'Pay-per-view' Websites Workshop
March	13 FRC, LND	Tracing Your Ancestors at the FRC - A free talk
March	14 SoG, LND	On the Right Track: Railway Staff Records
March	15 Canterbury, KEN	Introduction to Family History 6 week course
March	15 SoG, LND	Canada Online
March	18 Poole, DOR	Dorset Family History Open Day – <i>date changed to 11th March</i>
March	20 FRC, LND	Census Returns Online - A free talk
March	21 SoG, LND	Using Legacy Software
March	22 ONLINE	Ireland: What Chance Success?
March	24 Haywards	Sussex Family History Group

		Heath, SXW	Conference and 34th AGM
March	26	SoG, LND	Scared of the Mouse?- Mastering the Computer
March	27	FRC, LND	The Making of the GRO Indexes - A free talk
March	28	SoG, LND	What you need to Know about Army Records
March	31	Wisbech, CAM	FFHS AGM & GM
March	31	Northallerton, NYK	North Yorkshire County Record Office Open Day
March	31	Canterbury, KEN	Reading Old Documents
March	31	Cleckheaton, WYK	Family & Local History Day at Cleckheaton Library
March	31	SoG, LND	I'm Stuck
March	31	SoG, LND	Using Office Software for Family History
March	31	Cleckheaton, WRY	Family History Open Day Event At Cleckheaton Library
April	1	Stockport, CHS	The Stockport Town Hall Family History Fair
April	3	FRC, LND	Army Ancestors (Other Ranks) 1760-1918 - A free talk
April	4	SoG, LND	Using the Society's Library- No charge, but advance booking is required N.B. Does not include tour.
April	6-9	SoG, TNA & FRC	<i>Closed for Easter</i>

April	10	FRC, LND	Ancestors in British India - A free talk	May	4	RHA Halls, LND	<i>Society of Genealogists Taste of Family History</i>
April	11	SoG, LND	Genealogy and Genetics				<i>— replaced by Olympia event below</i>
April	13-15	(to be announced)	Guild of One-Name Studies Conference and AGM	May	5	RHA Halls, LND	<i>Society of Genealogists Family History Show</i>
April	14	Thirsk, NRY	Family History Fair				<i>— replaced by Olympia event below</i>
April	15	Poole, DOR	Beginners Course Part 1 (Part 2 on 29th April)	May	5	FRC, LND	Family History on the Internet - A free talk
April	16	SoG, LND	Using 'Pay-per-view' Websites Workshop	May	5-7	Olympia, LND	Society of Genealogists Family History Show
April	17	FRC, LND	Choosing a Genealogy Package - A free talk	May	7	SoG, TNA & FRC	<i>Closed for May Day Holiday</i>
April	18	SoG, LND	Using the British Library Newspaper Library for Family History Research	May	8	FRC, LND	Births, Marriages & Deaths at the FRC - A free talk
April	19	SoG, LND	Visit: Parliamentary Archives at the House of Lords	May	9	SoG, LND	Sources for Family History Research at the Imperial War Museum Library
April	21	Birmingham, WMD	First Steps: one day course for beginners in Family History	May	12	Northwich, CHS	NWG FHS Conference 2007 Working Lives
April	21	Culloden, INV	18th Annual Conference of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies	May	12	Canterbury, KEN	Pre-1837 Sources
April	22	Worthing, SSX	The South Coast Family History Fair	May	12	York, YKS	FACHRS Annual Conference: Upstairs, Downstairs: The community of the Country House
April	24	FRC, LND	'Merrie Islington' - A free guided walk	May	12	SoG, LND	My Ancestor went to America
April	25	SoG, LND	Family Historian Software for Advanced Users	May	12	Chertsey, SRY	Who do you think you are? Free drop-in family history advice session at Chertsey Library
April	29	Poole, DOR	Beginners Course Part 2	May	13	Maidstone, KEN	The Kent Family History Fair
May	1	FRC, LND	Nationality & Citizenship - A free talk	May	15	FRC, LND	One-Name Studies - A free talk
May	2	SoG, LND	My Ancestor was a Lawyer				

May	16	SoG, LND	Senate House Library Collections Online - using the Helpers Website	May	30	SoG, LND	Coroners Inquests
May	16-19	Richmond, VA, USA	National Genealogical Society Conference and Family History Fair	May	31	SoG, LND	Researching London Transport Staff
May	17&24	Norwich, NFK	Wills & Administrations Workshop. 2 parts	May	31&7Jun	Norwich, NFK	Workhouse Records Workshop. Two parts
May	19	Nottingham, NTT	Guild DNA Seminar	June	2	Shrewsbury, SAL	Shropshire Family History Society Open Day & Fair 2007
May	19	Penrith, CMA	The Cumbria History Fair	June	2	SoG, LND	Scanning Documents and Photos
May	19	SoG, LND	Using Family Tree Maker Software for Beginners	June	2	SoG, LND	Researching Welsh Ancestry
May	19-21	Bovey Tracey, DEV	20th Anniversary of The WITHERIDGE Family History Society	June	2	FRC, LND	Tracing Your Ancestors at the FRC - A free talk
May	21	SoG, LND	Open Day for non-members to tour the Library (Free)	June	6	SoG, LND	Medal Detecting: Your Ancestor's Military Medals
May	22	FRC, LND	DNA In Your Family History Research - A free talk	June	9	SoG, LND	Researching London Ancestors
May	23	SoG, LND	Using Roots Magic Software	June	9	Cwmbran, MON	Gwent Family History Society Open Day
May	24	SoG, LND	St Bartholomew's Hospital Archives & Museum	June	11	SoG, LND	Using 'Pay-per-view' Websites Workshop
May 24 - 1 Jun		Bucks Mills, DEV	BRAUND Society 25th Birthday reunion including Victorian living history event on 25th, 28th & 30th	June	13	SoG, LND	Have you any Skeletons in the Family Cupboard?
May	26	Buxton, DBY	The Central England Family History Fair	June	14	SoG, LND	Sun Insurance Records: A Place in the Sun Project
May	26	SoG, LND	Using Scottish Record Offices	June	14&21	Norwich, NFK	Records of the Poor pre 1834 Workshop. Two parts
May	28	SoG, TNA & FRC	<i>Closed for Spring Holiday</i>	June	15-17	Montreal, CAN	ROOTS 2007
				June	18-22	Canterbury, KEN	Tracing Your Family History
				June	20	SoG, LND	Surnames in Genealogy

June	23	Plymouth, DEV	Devon FHS Summer Special	July	28	Aylesbury, BKM	Buckinghamshire FHS Open Day
June	23	SoG, LND	Introduction to Genealogy Software	August	2	SoG, LND	Timelines: The Windsor Era
June	25	SoG, LND	Scared of the Mouse?- Mastering the Computer	August	4	SoG, LND	Using Family Historian Software - a practical
June	26	SoG, LND	Society Fellows Meeting	August	4	SoG, LND	What you need to Know about Parish Registers
June	27	SoG, LND	Heraldry for Beginners	August	6-7	Birmingham, WMD	Conference on Contemporary Grants of Arms
June	28	SoG, LND	Overlooked Sources: Churchwarden and Vestry Records	August	11	Worcester, WOR	The West Midlands Area Group Local & Family History Fair
June	30	York, NYK	Yorkshire Family History Fair	August	11	SoG, LND	Latin Workshop for Beginners
June	30	SoG, LND	Preserving and Conserving Documents for Family Historians	August	16	SoG, LND	Timelines: The 21st Century
July	4	SoG, LND	My Ancestor was a German Immigrant - Where did he come from?	August	18	Kew, SRY	Service Records Seminar
July	5	SoG, LND	Timelines: The Tudors	August	18	Brecon, BRE	Powys FHS Local & Family History Fair
July	11	SoG, LND	My Ancestor Worked in the Theatre	August	18	SoG, LND	On the Up: Documenting the Middle Classes
July	12	SoG, LND	Timelines: The Stuarts	August	25	SoG, LND	Understanding Title Deeds (late addition)
July	14	SoG, LND	What You Need to Know About Civil Registration	August	25	SoG, LND	Death, Disease & Medicine in the 18th & 19th Centuries
July	18	SoG, LND	Finding Marriage Records	August	27	SoG, TNA & FRC	<i>Closed for August Holiday</i>
July	19	SoG, LND	Timelines: The Georgians	August	29	SoG, LND	Photography and the Family Historian
July	21	SoG, LND	Beginner's Course 2 parts, concludes 28 July				
July	25	SoG, LND	Genealogy on the Palm				
July	26	SoG, LND	Timelines: The Victorians				
July	27-29	Worcester, WOR	Dalton Genealogical Society Gathering and AGM				