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for our 40th Anniversary Celebrations.**

An organisation of people the world over with the surname of FILBY or its variants, FILBEY, FILBEE, PHILBY or PHILBEY devoted to furthering the study of the name derived from the village of FILBY, Norfolk in England—the genealogy of the various families with this name and the support of the Parish Church at Filby.

There are no annual dues or assessments but anyone desiring to help the Association through donations should contact the Treasurer. Family data will be welcome as research is encouraged on a hobby basis.

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Dear Friends,

This year we have seen a great deal of progress in the development of our Association that you will read about in these articles. We are also proud to be able to inform you of our growing membership across the world and continued enthusiasm in family history research.

Thank you for sending me your news and views, family stories, also births, marriages, and deaths to include in this issue.

Our readers enjoy hearing about their extended 'family' and sharing information so please keep sending photos and articles to me for future use. Deadline for inclusion in the 'In Touch' newsletter is 30th June, 2009, and our next Chronicle is 31st October, 2009.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Marion Filby (Editor)

News from our Manager ~ Jim Filby

This last year has been a busy time, not just for me, but for all our officers. We have made some improvements to the way our Association is being run, hopefully for the better; these are listed below:

1) We now hold a yearly A.G.M. on the morning of our annual reunion. This is always the first Sunday in July and details are posted in the Chronicle. We hope that where possible, members will attend and participate in the running of The Filby Association.

2) We now have a written constitution that was passed at our first A.G.M. by all members present. This has a number of advantages, one of which is that it has enabled our treasurer to negotiate with the Inland Revenue for us to obtain Gift Aid. (See Gift Aid Report).

3) We now have an executive committee of five people who run the Association on your behalf, these are as follows:

Jim Filby – Manager; Ruth Smith (nee Filby) – Secretary; Wally Filby – Treasurer/Data Manager; Marion Filby - Editor/Researcher/GOONS Rep.; and Alan Filby - Deputy Manager/Events.

4) Our Association is now a member of the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) this is in addition to being members of the Guild of One Name Studies (GOONS).

5) We have changed banks in order to upgrade our accounts, mainly to give us a better return on our deposits. (See Treasurer's Report).

You will notice on every insert with the Chronicle, including this years, there is mention of "(4a) Joint Fund". This account was bequeathed by Fred Filby, one of our founders. It is a fund jointly owned by The Filby Association and the P.C.C for All Saints Church in Filby; unfortunately, because of changes in officers this fund had stopped working correctly. It has taken nearly a year to sort this out because there were no signatories on the account; but at last we have changed the details on the account and have moved it to a higher interest account. The idea of the account is that All Saints P.C.C. receives the three years interest at our Triennial Reunion; and to increase the funds and make it inflation proof, we ask for donations specifically to be deposited in this fund. I hope you will continue to support this fund as this was the dying wish of Fred Filby.

As per the objectives of our new Constitution, our secretary, Ruth Smith, and I, took our displays to two venues in Filby village to promote our Association and genealogy research to the general public. The first was for two days on Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 20th July, in All Saints Church, during the 'Filby in Bloom Open Gardens' weekend. The second was held in the village hall on three days, Saturday, 23rd, Sunday, 24th,



and Monday, 25th August, at the 'Village Fete'. We think we were successful in promoting our Association because it was much appreciated by the villagers, but whatever the result, we both enjoyed our two week-ends in Filby.

We are hoping to take our display to the Guild of One Name Studies A.G.M. and Conference in April 2009, when prizes will be given for the best entered.

It is a part of our new constitution that the officers on the executive committee must be put forward in rotation for re-election every four years at our A.G.M. If unopposed for re-election, the officer will be deemed as having been re-elected for a further term. There is a notice of executive election/nomination in this Chronicle, as there will be in all future Chronicles.

This election does not mean that members cannot volunteer to help the committee in whatever way they can without having the responsibility of being on the executive. We would more than welcome anyone, especially our younger members, to come forward and help. The Association needs younger blood to take over when we decide to retire, and there is currently enough to be done to keep all volunteers as busy as they want to be. A lot of work is done behind the scenes such as: helping new members with their research, putting new data onto computer, keeping our website up to date, keeping our Master Trees up to date, and last but not least, putting all our old hand written and typed data onto the latest storage medium.

Our DNA project is almost at a standstill at the moment, waiting for me to raise money to pay for tests which are expensive, and waiting for members to volunteer to have themselves tested (see the DNA article in the 2008 Chronicle). However I can report that a Dr. Jane Gannon, from the U.S.A. has joined our project and has had an mtDNA test carried out, which is looking at the female line. I have been in touch with Jane, who is a Filby descendant, and I have asked her if she would like to join our Association. At the moment I am waiting for a reply; her family is on one of our trees (No. 125) and her DNA results are now a part of our Data.

At time of writing, another member has just joined our DNA project and we thank him for his generosity in taking the test. He will have to remain anonymous until his results are through, and then it is only if he agrees to his name being published that we will do this. You can review all our results if you visit. **www.familytreedna.com/public/filby**.

Finally, I hope you all enjoy reading the articles in this Chronicle and that you will continue to support the Association, and all the Officers, in whatever way you can; be it monetary, family information and trees, articles for our editor, attending our reunion and A.G.M., or even just words of support. I thank you all.

Please also find two inserts that I have enclosed with this issue for your consideration.

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**This photograph was taken at our
40th Anniversary Reunion at All Saints Church, Filby,
on Sunday, 6th July, 2008.
Were you there???**



Secretary's Report *by Ruth Smith.*

We have had a busy year in 2008, with enquiries from Asia, U.S.A., Canada, South Africa, and several European countries. We had an exciting 40th Anniversary, preceded on Saturday afternoon by our committee meeting and our first A.G.M. on the Sunday morning. We had one offer of help as you will see from the minutes of the meeting enclosed with this issue.

Jim and I had two visits to Filby in July and August. Mid-July saw us in the church hall for two days over the Filby in Bloom weekend with a genealogy display, and again for three days over August Bank Holiday weekend, which was held in the club room. We were able to help visitors in a more general way and it was a successful venture.

What about our next big celebration, our 50th Anniversary in 2018? Who will be the officers then? The present ones are all retired and have an average age 68 years young, therefore, may not be able to continue until then. We do need younger people to join us, so if there is anyone who can help in any way, however small, do get in touch.

We have had help in our research in South Africa, from William Gould, one of our members who lives there. We are always grateful to members who can help.

Please let me know if you have a change of home or email address. If you do not it could mean that you fail to receive the Chronicle and In Touch.

Filby in Bloom – The village won in its class in Anglia in Bloom, and came second in Britain in Bloom. Nottingham was the overall winner. There is also a Europe in Bloom and Norwich was entered in it last year.

Filby Church says prayers on All Saints Day, 1st November, for all those who have died. Mary used to write and ask for our late officers to be remembered and so I have continued to do this too. They also pray regularly for those serving in the Armed Forces, so if there are any Filbys/Philbys, or descendants in any of the Services, please do let me know and I will send their details to Rev. Graham Steel.

Don't forget to send us photographs and details of any marriages and births.

New Members

Cris & Ruth Filby, Attleborough, Norfolk.

Michele Filby, South Africa.

Mary Lilly, Cambridgeshire.

Gillian Bache, Solihull, West Midlands.

Wilfredo S Filby, The Philippines, Asia.

Paul Martin Filby, Surrey.

Rebecca Rice & Anthony W. Filby, Kent.

Roddy & Guy Filby, U.K., and their sister, Ann Chesworth, Canada.

Amber & Allen Hennigan and Amber's parents, Weylin & Patty Dawson, USA.

Linda Agnew, Southampton.

Maggie Camp, Suffolk.

Sheila Anne Filby, Cyprus.

Andrew Filby, Germany.

Brenda Grove, Essex.

Matthew Filby, Rutland,

Simon & Emma Filby, Essex.

Martin & Denise Filby, Kent.

I apologise if I have left anyone out.

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Notice of Election of Executive Officers

The Filby Association's Constitution states that at least one officer on the executive must be nominated for re-election every fourth year, for a further four year term of office. The election is to be held at the next A.G.M. and if the officer concerned is unopposed they shall be deemed to be re-elected.

This year the officer for re-election is Ruth Smith, our Honorary Secretary, whose term of office will be completed on the 31st July, 2009. Ruth has written and expressed a willingness to continue for a further term in office.

However, any member wishing to seek election for this post must be nominated and seconded by Association members. The named and signed nomination document i.e. (nominee's letter of intent containing membership numbers, names, and signatures of the nominee, proposer and seconder) must be received by the Manager at least 28 days before the Associations A.G.M., to be held on 5th July, 2009. The three members must all be present at the A.G.M. for the nominee to take part in the ballot.

**Our next 'Filby Sunday' at All Saints Church, Filby,
will be at 2.30pm on 5th July, 2009,
followed by light refreshments in the church.
This will be preceded by our A.G.M. at 11.00am in the
Church Hall. All are welcome.**

CAN ANYONE HELP?

Bernard Coupu is looking for his friend **Pauline Filby**. Pauline is an English Christian folk singer (folk, blues, gospel, rock). She sang gospel in an American Church in Paris, France. She was a great friend of his when she was in Paris between 1988/1990 and he would very much like news of her/from her. If anyone has any information please contact our secretary, Ruth Smith. Email ruth@filby.org.uk

Gift Aid Report

by Wally Filby (Treasurer / Data Manager)

Since Jim Filby became our manager, we, the officers on the committee, have been looking at ways to increase the profile of the Association, and of course our funds, from which any excess goes to help All Saints Church in Filby village.

One way was to become recognised as a Charity. If we did, we would be able to claim money from HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs) under the Gift Aid Scheme. We looked into this and found that at the moment the Charity Commission is not accepting any potential charity with a turnover of less than £10,000, but this may change in the

future.

However, I found out that HMRC accepts small voluntary societies and sports clubs as charities for Tax and Gift Aid purpose, even though they are not registered with the Charity Commission. I contacted them and was asked to send details of the Association, our constitution, and accounts.

I received a letter in July from HMRC accepting us as a Charity. I hurriedly produced a Gift Aid form to send out with the 2008 'In Touch'. Since then I have found out more about Gift Aid.

1) We can claim Gift Aid for donations made up to six years previously (from 2002). To this end I have written to as many previous donors with a form permitting me to claim on their past donations. If I have missed any one out please could you let me know.

2) It is not necessary to sign a Gift Aid form for each donation you make - you can sign a Gift Aid form that permits me to claim for all future donations made.

Gift Aid can be claimed on donations made by U.K. tax payers. You must be a tax payer and pay enough tax to cover the tax we claim back at the time of making the donation. If you sign permitting me to claim on future donations, please let me know if you stop paying tax.

I can still claim tax if you are a couple and only one of you pays tax, as long as the tax payer signs the form.

One other point regarding Gift Aid: Our officers and researchers do a great deal for the Association and pay out of their own pocket without claiming expenses; this is their way of donating to the Association. Unfortunately, we cannot claim Gift Aid for donations in kind, so we are asking all our officers to claim their expenses. If they then wish to make a monetary donation I will then be able to claim Gift Aid on that donation.

I am hoping to claim approximately £400.00 in Gift Aid on donations made in the six years previous to this year's accounts, and approximately £300.00 for donations made on this year's accounts. These additional funds will be welcomed by All Saints Church in Filby village because the church hall that we meet in every year is being condemned. I am sure you would like us to help them provide alternative facilities for our meeting place each year in Filby village.

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Good news!

On 3rd December, 2008, we received £780 from HMRC on this years Gift Aid claim.

If you wish to make a donation and have not completed a 'Gift Aid Declaration', and would like us to claim Gift Aid on your donation, please contact me (email below), or any Officer, for a form to sign.

Wally@gutteridge-name.org (Treasurer)

Medallion Ceremony at the Guildhall

by Grace Filby BA(HONS) CERT ED FRSA Churchill Fellow

Friday 13th on a beautiful summer's day in London will always evoke special memories after an occasion in June, 2008, that was a great privilege and honour to attend.

The previous year I had won a Travelling Fellowship Award from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, to visit far-flung places including the USA, Canada, Poland, and the Republic of Georgia, where I could learn about phage medicine first-hand. In some countries this is used for treating infections, especially those that are resistant to antibiotics these days, like the dreaded MRSA. After about 12 weeks overseas in total, imagine the accumulated mass of research and photographs, video footage and stories to tell! Many new scientist friends and colleagues have since visited the United Kingdom for the first international phage conference in Edinburgh during July 2008.

Four weeks after the last phase of travel, my 20-page report was duly sent off to the Director-General and to many of the people who had helped with the research. There had been so much to summarize and bring to people's attention in the UK. Most British residents have never even heard of phages, let alone what potential they have in medicine! But in Georgia, for example, this life-saving, non-chemical method is used across entire hospitals, especially the Military Hospital in Gori – the one that was in the forefront of the news in summer 2008. Vials of phages for common bacterial infections are available over the counter in Georgian pharmacies for just £3 a box. I had first heard about the subject back in 1972 at university in one of those inspiring "Ah ha!" moments, but still over 30 years later it isn't easy for the general public to find out much about it in layman's language. Phages are invisible, you see, and very specific science depending on which bacterium is causing an infection. Even though a British microbiologist had first reported on this back in 1896 in India from the River Ganges, then the detail was discovered in 1915 by the superintendent of a prestigious animal welfare institution in London, and, amazingly, at about the same time by a French-Canadian scientist, much of it was hidden from our view – and later behind the old Iron Curtain!

Now each year about 100 Churchill Fellowships are awarded. In alternate years there is a ceremony when a VIP presents a specially engraved Silver Medallion to all Fellows who have completed their travel and their official reports. It was exciting to receive the formal invitation, plus a list of the special guests such as Trustees and Council Members of the WCMT, and the exact timing schedule. I was thrilled that it would be at the ancient Guildhall full of so much British heritage, which I had visited back in the early 1960's as a child. It is the home of those two funny mythical wooden giants, Gog and Magog. The impressive statuary around

the walls was a glorious history lesson about the 'Great and the Good' as I craned my young neck to look up at their noble faces carved in marble.

It would be another few weeks before we would know who was to be the VIP in 2008. The previous ceremony in 2006 was at Buckingham Palace and the presentations were made by Her Majesty The Queen. This year, we learned, it was to have been Prince William, but the Royal Navy had other plans for him chasing pirates in the Caribbean, so the announcement was that the medallions were to be presented by Lady Soames – what could be more fitting? Mary Soames is the youngest daughter of Sir Winston Churchill. This was very significant to me for several reasons. My first official talk was booked for her birthday in September (also Battle of Britain Day and Prince Harry's birthday). Also Lady Soames is about the same age as my parents. I had found from my archive research into 20th century medical history that Mary was born just after the time that phage therapy had been discovered!

It was tragic that her grandmother, Lady Randolph Churchill, had died the year before she was born (a bacterial infection had set in after a broken leg near the ankle). The same summer, baby Marigold, her elder sister, had died aged just two and a half, from a throat infection that proved fatal. Lady Soames' biography of her mother, Clementine, provides such a moving account of that dreadful time, that I, like many others no doubt, have wept on reading it. No wonder Winston was determined throughout his life, that science should find cures for such infections, and British scientists should be given the wherewithal. Did you know he was made an honorary surgeon – and Roosevelt an honorary vet? Yet from all my research to date, consulting eminent historians in the UK and the USA, there appears to be no evidence that he was aware of phage medicine. It is a puzzle to me. Did the correspondence not get past the clerks at No.10?

What was I going to wear for my big day at the Guildhall to meet Lady Soames? Well, since you are all sort of 'family', and many of you sharing the same surname at least, I will tell you a secret. I went to a nearly-new dress agency just along the road called 'Amazing Grace'. Over the years I have bought many items there. Silk would be ideal, but would it be the smart dress in bright pink, or an intriguing multi-layered flowing outfit in grey and cream – rather too big for me, but who would know with a few safety pins or stitches strategically placed?

Yes, I decided on the latter, and accepted the advice of the sales consultant about the right necklace. Shoes would wait for another day, and my favourite shoe shop in the centre of town. Earrings were no problem since my younger daughter, Melissa, had given me some dainty sparkly ones for a birthday present.

As with all special occasions, it was necessary to juggle the diary so that other essentials could fit around it. There was a delicate matter of some facial surgery that needed doing. It was a BCC (basal cell

carcinoma) that I wouldn't have known about if it hadn't been for the previous year's overseas travel. A very observant phage scientist who is also a dermatologist kindly checked it out for me. Having been referred to the top specialists at St Thomas's Hospital in London, would you believe the first available date for the surgery was just two days before the Medallion Ceremony? 'Quelle horreur' – absolutely out of the question, I thought. We don't want to frighten the horses! No, the high-precision surgery would have to be delayed just a bit longer until after the event. A full week of rest and privacy would be needed before going out in public. In fact, the scar has healed very well indeed. It is right between my eyebrows and very symmetrical. You can just make out the shape of a rather well-known car emblem. It even matches my key ring.

Hair done and nails polished, it was the big day. The weather was perfect. My guest selected his most elegant grey suit, and the perfect tie to add some bright and stylish colour. During the short walk from Bank Underground Station, I recollected that my ancestors had worked in banks and insurance companies right there in the heart of London. One of my nieces works for an international bank in a building right next door to the Guildhall.

Well, there I was in the Great Hall on Friday, 13th June – one of 350 people. After the usual electronic security checks so necessary these days, guests were seated on the left hand side - Churchill Fellows on the right, and in date order. I was just four rows from the front, beside the aisle by the memorial to William Beckford who was twice Lord Mayor. The carpet was red, and the seats were all red leather, embossed in gold with the Coat of Arms of the City of London. There were billowing floral arrangements at the front and rear of the platform, and The Blond String Quartet playing calm classical music. Even St. John's Ambulance were there in case anyone felt faint!

The huge stained glass windows in front illuminated the names of many hundreds of Lord Mayors of London, including Sir John (1703) and his son, Sir Humphrey Parsons (1730 and 1740) of my hometown in Reigate, 20 miles away. Yes, the wooden giants Gog and Magog were there at the back of the hall so I went to look closer. Apparently, they are taken out of the Guildhall on Lord Mayor's Day each November, and paraded around the City. The current building dates from 1411. The first Gog and Magog statues were destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666, replaced in 1708. These lasted until the Second Great Fire of London in 1940 (the Blitz in World War 2) so new carvings were made and installed in 1953 – the same ones I had first seen half a century ago.

There are banners and coats of arms up on the ceilings. The great carved memorial statues around the walls include Admiral Lord Nelson, William Pitt the Elder, William Pitt the Younger, the Duke of Wellington and now more recently, Winston Spencer Churchill. Over the years there have been numerous trials held there - including Lady Jane

Grey - a Queen of England for 9 days - and then executed; also lots of parties, banquets, dinners, presentations, and famous speeches. Sir Winston Churchill himself spoke there many times.

At 10.45am, everyone was to be seated. So returning to my seat, there was time before the three bugle calls to say hello to my neighbours in the 2007 group: Carrie Gibson from Renfrewshire who went to Nepal and Tibet and climbed to the top of Mount Everest with a female Scouts expedition; also Dr Sepehr Hafizi who went to the USA - his project was Imaging the brain in mental illness.

After the introduction by Lady Boyd, Lady Soames gave a wonderful speech about her father's vision and inspiration. It was his great concern about the lack-lustre approach to Science and Technology in the UK that had led to the founding of Churchill College, Cambridge. It was good to know that some of us receiving medallions had actually been researching science and technology themes overseas and were bringing this knowledge back to the UK for everyone's benefit.



Fortunately, when my subject was about to be announced, "The Health Value of Bacteriophages", the Director General, Major-General Jamie Balfour, and his PA, Judith Barber, both checked the pronunciation. Yes, I confirmed, it rhymes with ages. So that was another 350 people who have heard of the health value of bacteriophages. They destroy bacteria. If you are French-speaking, then they can rhyme with 'fromage' and the only people who don't seem to like them are cheesemakers. Apart from that, they are nature's little eco-friendly robots.

After the ceremony, we were directed to The Old Library for the reception where we chatted to other new Fellows, also Prof. and Mrs. Roger Motte (retiring Council member and Chairman of my interview panel in January 07) and Air Vice-Marshal Nigel Sudborough (previous Director-General). I was asked to summarise what I had achieved - in thirty seconds! Ah well, I could do that.

It was time to go. In a moment's reflection in the courtyard, a limousine arrived for Lady Soames. Back in Surrey what could be more welcome than a nice cup of tea and a chance to look at the Silver Medallion - another item for the family's box of treasures. It is made at the Royal Mint. The satin-lined box is engraved with "Winston Churchill Memorial Trust" and the medallion itself - "2007 GRACE FILBY". The reverse is heavily embossed with Sir Winston Churchill's distinctive profile and his weighty words "WITH OPPORTUNITIES COMES RESPONSIBILITY".

There are many photos of this very special day, so do look up the Facebook album on the internet - Elizabeth Grace Filby. Yes, I was very pleased with the choice of outfit. The ultimate compliment was from Melissa, who said I looked like an Indian princess as I stood at the front door. That is wonderful. As we have all known since 1896 (haven't we?) there is a plentiful supply of an invisible bacteriocide in the healing waters of India's great River Ganges.

The Life and Times of ALFRED FILBEE

by Christine Williams, (Researcher)

Alfred Filbee was born into a typically agricultural family living in Mackney, a tiny hamlet near Brightwell in the Berkshire countryside, on 26th November, 1840. Both his parents (William and Martha) worked on the land and Alfred would follow them - there was not much choice as the parish of Brightwell was wholly agricultural, divided into small farms and was very poor. At this time there were some 611 people living in 126 properties. Alfred had two older siblings; Elizabeth, born 1837, and George, born the following year. Two more children were born after Alfred but both died before they were two years old, and his mother also died when she was just 39 years old. She was buried 6th October, 1853, in Brightwell churchyard. His father remarried just a few months later on 22nd April, 1854, to Jane Bayliss, who already had a son, Thomas Bayliss born in 1851. Alfred then had a half brother, William, born 1856.

Alfred's parents were not so poor however, that they could not send their children to school. It cost them two pence to send one child to school to learn to read and three pence if two children attended. If they wished their children to study arithmetic a further penny was charged. Rev. Marmaduke Thompson, Rector of the 900 year old St Agatha's Church in Brightwell, had arrived in the village from India in 1831, and found that the provision of schooling was somewhat inadequate and searched for a suitable site for a school, whilst some 40 children were being taught by the Rector's own family. In 1841 a piece of land was purchased on which there were two cottages put up for sale by the Poor Law Commission. The demolition of these cottages provided building material and, with the help from the National Society, a school was built at a cost of £270, of which £107 was raised locally. The school was open all week which included Sundays. At the time when Alfred attended there were about 35 boys and 45 girls being taught by a Master who received an annual salary of £30.

When he left school Alfred followed his parents and worked the land, becoming a 'fogger' when he was 20 years of age. (A fogger was an agricultural worker who fed the cattle.) By this time he had left the family home and was lodging with James and Hannah Greenwood and worked at Turner's Farm, in Benson, which is a small village not far from

Brightwell.

Ten years later and Alfred is to be found in Fetcham, Surrey, lodging at the Rising Sun. This inn dated back to 1358 and for many years was used as an ale house, with beer being brewed on the premises from locally grown hops, however, in recent times it became a 'Harvester Pub' and was demolished in 2005. At the time when Alfred was lodging there he was still working on the land. Fetcham was described in the 1870 Imperial Gazette as "*a parish in Epsom district, Surrey; adjacent to the river Mole and to the Epsom and Horsham railway, 1¼ mile W by S of Leatherhead, with acres, of 1,723, and a pop. of 390 in 70 houses.*" which made it even smaller than Brightwell.

Sadly, just a few years later Alfred hit bad times and was convicted for larceny at the Surrey Sessions on 1st May, 1876, and was sent to 'The House of Correction' at Wandsworth for six months. However, he never actually set foot there as he was committed to Fisherton House in Salisbury, as it was thought he was suicidal. Fisherton House was a "*private madhouse owned by W.C. Finch MD*", and was the largest licensed private asylum in the country. It opened on 1st January, 1844, with 112 patients (90 pauper and 22 private). By the time Alfred arrived, there were 616 patients with 502 of those being paupers.

Alfred stayed there for some three years before being transferred to Berkshire County Asylum, and was chargeable to the Wallingford Union. When he was admitted he was described as "*Physically he is a man in good health and condition and his heart and lungs showing no signs of disease. Mentally his mode of articulation and his gait would indicate incipient General Paralysis. He is dull and slow at answering questions.*" It was also stated that "*there is no information as to family or personal history.*" In which case why was he sent from Fisherton House in Salisbury back to Berkshire? - did Alfred's parents or his brother, George, now living in Wallingford, know he was there?

'General Paralysis' was a mental disorder and weakness occurring from tertiary syphilis. Today this disease is very rare but is easily treated with penicillin, but in the 1800s it accounted for up to 20% of all patients in asylums, and symptoms included sudden personality change and a change of ethical and moral standards (hence the larceny charge) followed by progressive dementia, and death usually occurred within three years.

Berkshire County Asylum opened in 1870 and was designed to accommodate 285 patients, but was almost full to capacity within the first year and was extended in 1880 to house 609 beds, and was almost a self-sufficient community.

When Alfred was there Robert Bryce Gilland was the Medical Superintendent with John Barron as his Medical Assistant. There was a large staff that included laundresses, a tailor, cooks, and bakers, a farm bailiff, and various servants, as well as 15 female attendants and 14 male

attendants to oversee the 445 pauper patients. The asylum also employed a chaplain and held regular services in its chapel. It had a library, and offered a varied programme of entertainments, such as sports, music, dances, and theatrical performances.

Despite a lack of effective medical treatment 30–40% of patients recovered and the asylum's regime consisted of rest and a nourishing diet, fresh air and exercise, and keeping the patients occupied with work and entertainments. On 13th June, 1879, Alfred *"was sent out to work in the garden and seems to have brightened up a little."* On 27th July, *"is in excellent health and robust condition. He is quiet, rational and industrious on the farm."* and 5th November, *"after becoming very dull, apathetic and unfit for work, he has rallied again considerably and goes out regularly to work. Is in fair health and is getting stout."*

Those patients who had recovered enough to go home were discharged on probation and given a monetary allowance so that they did not have to find work immediately. They were discharged after a month if they managed to cope in the outside world. However, it was not to be so for Alfred. His condition deteriorated as he had several paralytic attacks. On 24th December, 1881, *"He has broken down very much and is now confined to the ward and apparently not understanding what is said to him."* Once again Alfred picked up but by October, 1883, *"He has continued to become steadily more feeble and helpless and has never been able to be out of bed. His mind also became a perfect blank. He however, took food till the last."*

Alfred died at 12.03am on 2nd October, 1883, of General Paralysis, aged just 43.

TRAGEDY AND MYSTERY INVOLVING MILES FILBY OF WYMONDHAM, 1691 - 1771

by John Filby PhD

If your ancestors come from mid-Norfolk then it is possible that JOHN FFILDBY of Honingham was your "n times" Great Grandfather. He was my 8 * Great Grandfather.

JOHN, and his wife, ELIZABETH, had 5 sons, WILLIAM, JOHN, THOMAS, EDWARD and MILES, and one daughter, ELIZABETH, all born in the last decade of the Cromwellian period, 1650-1660, or in the first few years of the reign of Charles the Second. Unfortunately, the Honingham Parish Register for most of this period is missing and only the baptism of EDWARD, on 8 March, 1662/3, is still available.

While WILLIAM is my 7 * Great Grandfather and I have established the unbroken line of my family tree from him to myself, I have also become interested in EDWARD and his 18th Century descendants since, from their Wills, they appear to have been the more wealthy part of the family, and in MILES PHILBY and the tragic curtailment of his particular line. The latter is the subject of this article.

While the baptism of MILES PHILBY is unavailable JOHN and ELIZABETH FFILDBY are recorded as his parents in the Honingham Parish Register at the time of his burial in January, 1691/2. Also, WILLIAM FFILBY of Wymondham in his Will of 16th December, 1676 included MILES in the list of his kinsmen, a list that matched the children of JOHN and ELIZABETH. It appears that WILLIAM was JOHN's brother.

The earliest recorded event of MILES PHILBY is his marriage to ELIZABETH WHARTON at Honingham Parish Church on 22 January, 1685. They had four children, three daughters and one son, MILES. The first two daughters, ELIZABETH and MARY, died very young. The third daughter, ANN, was baptised at Honingham on 10 November, 1689, and MILES, the son, on 10 May, 1691. When MILES was only 8 months old, his father died and was buried at Honingham on 20 January, 1691/2. In his Will MILES left ELIZABETH, his wife, most of his assets for her lifetime with instructions that they were then to pass to his son, MILES. In addition he left £10 to MILES and £40 to ANN when they reached 21 years. He also made a bequest of £5 to WILLIAM WHARTON, his brother-in-law, to assist in supervising MILES and ANN.

Almost exactly 4 years after his death an inventory was made of MILES PHILBY of Honingham's possessions at the time of his death. This was prepared by THOMAS and WILLIAM WHARTON, Grandfather and Uncle, as well as Guardian of MILES' children. The list of Goods and Chattels contained 29 items totalling £82 17s 00d, the largest item being £52 in money. The inventory was dated 2 November, 1695, and signed by EDWARD FFILBY, MILES' brother. Why this inventory was prepared so long after his death is not clear. Maybe it was to establish what was available to meet the bequests in MILES' Will or it could have been triggered by his wife, ELIZABETH's death, which has not been found.

According to Parish Register entries ANN, MILES' daughter, married EDMUND NORRIS of Easton at Honingham Parish Church on 21 September, 1710, or at Hockering on 25 September, 1710! This confusion highlights the unreliability of some registry entries particularly when parishes were part of a joint living and rectors made cross entries, often from memory.

A volume containing abridged Court Books of the Manors of Mattishall, Tuddenham and Hockering, 1740, contains two entries concerning the transfer of Manor Properties from the elder MILES FILBY to his son. The first entry is dated 22 February, 1695, when MILES would have been less than 4 years old. The entry therefore refers to his guardian and grandfather, THOMAS WHARTON. It states:

"FILBY MILES Admitted in Fee after the Death of Miles Filby his Father and under the Guardianship of Thomas Wharton. To One Messuage formerly a Barn and one Rood and a Half of Land adjoining formerly of William Salter afterwards of Mary Richards in Hockering a Street called Beck Street and also To One Acre and Three Roods of Land formerly in Two pieces late of William Albie lying in Hockering between the Land of

*John Arnold called **Burlands** on the parts of the Wart and the Land of the Rectory of Hockering in part and the Land of Timothy Wix in part on the part of the East and abutt upon the Land of the said John Arnold on the part of the South and upon the Land late of John Rising in part and the said Rood and a half of Land where the said house is built towards the North. **Which Premises** The said Miles Filby the Elder deceased together with Elizabeth his Wife took up to Them from the Surrender of John Rising at a Court here held upon Wednesday the Fourteenth Day of October in the year of Our Lord 1691”*

The fees paid for these properties appears to be £2 0s 2d !

The second entry is dated 27 June, 1711, and states:

*“**FILBY MILES** Admitted in Fee after the Death of MILES FILBY his father **To One piece** of Meadow lying in Broad Meadows in Hockering aforesaid containing an Estimation One Acre between the Meadow of the Lord of this Manor towards the South and the Meadow late of James Stoughton Clerk towards the North **Which Premises** the said MILES FILBY deceased took up to Him and his Heirs at a Court here held the fourteenth day of October in the year of Our Lord 1691 from the surrender of John Rising”.*

The Fee involved was £1. The older MILES must have added this property to his estate approximately 3 months before his death but why it took 20 years to transfer it to the son MILES is not known. The delay, and the need for the above inventory, could be indicative of some dispute over MILES' Will.

In the margin of both the entries it is recorded that the properties remained in MILES' estate until, following his death on 15th September, 1771, they were transferred on 30th September, 1771, to ANN NORRIS, in accord with MILES' Will. Finally in October, 1775, the properties were transferred to ANN's daughter ,ELIZABETH, wife of WILLIAM LEGGATE, another one of the Beneficiaries of MILES' Will.

On 6 April, 1714, MILES married his cousin, SUSAN FILBY, believed to be the daughter of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH FILBY of Mattishall Burgh, at either Honingham or Mattishall Burgh. The marriage is entered in both registers. MILES and SUSAN had three children ANN, baptised at Honingham on 16 October, 1715, WILLIAM, baptised at Hardingham on 12 April, 1720, and MILES, baptised 22 May, 1725, at Hardingham.

In his Will of 6th May, 1723, WILLIAM FILBY of Mattishall Burgh made a bequest of 10 shillings to his “son” MICHAEL (MILES) FILBY of Hardingham. It was common practice at the time to refer to son-in-laws as “sons” and MICHAEL appears in the Will alongside other son-in-laws. It is also known from his children's baptisms that MILES was living in Hardingham at the time. By 1729 MILES and his family had moved to Wymondham where he was renting town lands at a cost of 13s/annum. This move appears to have coincided with the start of his rise to considerable wealth as can be seen from his eventual Will. It is possible

that he inherited Wymondham property from his Great Uncle NICHOLAS, who had inherited it in January, 1676/7 from his brother, WILLIAM FFILBY of Wymondham. The Wymondham Town Book, 1650 to 1780, records MILES as paying rent of 13s/annum for the use of town lands up to 1760 when his payments were increased to 17s/annum. It was also noted in 1760 that his payments were 2 years in arrears. On 18 August, 1763, a payment of £1 "1s was made by the town ffeoffees to MILES but the accounts do not say what it was for. The last entry referring to MILES was in 1770, shortly before his death when his rent had dropped to 15s/annum.



It was in Wymondham in the autumn of 1737 that tragedy struck the family when first the eldest son, WILLIAM, died, then his mother, SUSAN, quickly followed by her son, MILES, and finally the daughter, ANN, all within one month. They are all buried at Wymondham where a memorial in the floor at the west end of the nave of the Abbey Church commemorates their passing. The inscription reads "*Here lie the Bodies of SUSAN ye Wife of MILES FILBY & his three Children who died as followeth Viz. William: his Son Aug 22nd, Age 18; Susan his Wife. Sept 5th 45; Miles his Son Sept 11th 13; Ann his Daughter Sept 15th 21 years, In the year*

1737 Miles Filby". (photograph above.) The following year MILES married ELIZABETH DICKS at Kimberley, Norfolk, on 14 February, 1737/8. In the Norfolk Poll Book of 1768 MILES is recorded as living in Wymondham/Carlton Forehoe with freehold in Wymondham. He lived to be 81 years and was buried at Wymondham 15 September, 1771, when "MILES FILBY 1771" was added to the above stone. A plaque placed in the wall of the west tower also commemorates his life.

His Will, dated 14 February, 1759, and proven 17 September, 1771, left his Wymondham properties to his wife, ELIZABETH, for the rest of her natural life with instructions that they were to be sold after her death and £275 of the proceeds distributed as instructed by ELIZABETH in her Will, with the rest divided equally between his kinswomen:-ANN, wife of ZACHARIAH FOX of Ringland; MARTHA, wife of THOMAS LEGGATE of Ringland; ELIZABETH, wife of WILLIAM LEGGATE of Ringland and MARY, wife of THOMAS MACK of Weston. These were MILES' nieces, the daughters of his sister, ANN, to whom he left his properties in Hockering, the transfer of which was noted in the manorial records described above. MILES also left his properties in Crownthorpe to his brother-in-law and cousin, MILES FILBY, of Mattishall Burgh on the understanding that he would give £20 to his sister, Bridget. These were children of WILLIAM FILBY who left MILES 10s in his Will above. MILES also left £30 to JOHN FILBY of Hardingham, son of FULLER FILBY and

Great Grandson of the same WILLIAM FILBY. He then made bequests of £50 each to his wife, ELIZABETH, his sister, ANN NORRICE, and to THOMAS LEGGATE. His final small monetary bequests were to individuals living in Wymondham and £5 to the poor of the parish. Finally, after a few specific personal property bequests, MILES left the residue of his personal possessions to be equally divided between his above kinswomen.

About 4 years later ELIZABETH died, also to be buried at Wymondham. In her Will she left the £275 bequest from MILES to a number of her relations and other persons in Wymondham. Since MILES died with no male heirs this particular FILBY line died with him and this would have been the end of the tragic story of MILES and his family but for a mystery stimulated by documents, many compiled by SAMUEL FILBY, 1792-1871, that have been seen by the Filby Association's Researchers. These claim that SUSAN, MILES' wife, was not the daughter of WILLIAM FILBY of Mattishall Burgh but of RICHARD FILBY, another FILBY family living in Great Mattishall Burgh.

According to these documents this FILBY family inherited significant properties and lands from the CLERE FAMILY Estates in Norfolk through the marriage of SUSAN's Great Aunt ELIZABETH FILBY to HENRY or EDWARD CLERE. This marriage had no issue thus ending the CLERE family line, and when ELIZABETH died the estates passed by her WILL to her brother RICHARD, SUSAN's grandfather. RICHARD had a single son, RICHARD, who inherited the estates. He had three sons born at Great Mattishall Burgh, ROBERT, 1686, RICHARD, 1688, and JOHN, 1691, and two daughters, SUSAN born 1692 at Great Mattishall Burgh and ELIZABETH born 1693, Thelnetham, Suffolk. Unfortunately, I have not been able to find any evidence at the Norfolk Record Office of Great Mattishall Burgh and this second FILBY family nor do they appear in the existing parish registers or records of Mattishall Burgh (1653 to 1737) or Mattishall (1656-1768). According to the Filby Association Records it appears that ROBERT and RICHARD left Norfolk in the early 1700s and died in Heston, Middlesex in 1740 and 1761 respectively. It is claimed that JOHN also left home when young and died in 1767 but where is not known.

When SUSAN married MILES FILBY it is claimed that she usurped the rights of her older brothers and acquired the FILBY properties that descended from her great aunt ELIZABETH. How she is supposed to have done this while all three brothers were alive is not clear. It is also claimed that when he married, MILES had a middle name, FABLAIN, which he subsequently rejected by "Sign Manual". However, neither his baptism entry in the Honingham Parish Register nor the parish marriage records included this middle name.

Following the death of SUSAN and her family in 1737 it is claimed that MILES FILBY agreed to make his Will in favour of WILLIAM FILBY of Heston, born 1740, whose father, ROBERT, was the son of SUSAN's

brother, RICHARD. This WILLIAM FILBY had an illegitimate son, born in 1764, and named MILES, who SUSAN's husband, MILES, is supposed to have adopted and invested on his behalf in the Bank of England, property from the FILBY ESTATE that he had inherited from SUSAN. At the time of the adoption MILES had already written his Will, which is dated 14 February, 1759, and either intentionally or by oversight he did not modify it to reflect his agreement with WILLIAM. Therefore, when the Will was proven in 1771 WILLIAM of Heston tried to obtain the inheritance through the courts. The documents seen by the Filby Association researchers state that this attempt was contested by ELIZABETH FILBY, SUSAN's claimed sister, at Norwich Quarter Sessions 1771 and that WILLIAM lost the case and had to pay all expenses. The court ruled that the claimed inheritance was proven to be Hereditary Property and therefore could not be Willed away. The two older brothers of ELIZABETH being dead and no other male heir coming forward, the court determined that ELIZABETH was to assume the ownership of the properties. What is not clear is why, if the inheritance was regarded as Hereditary Property, the court did not rule that it should have passed down the male line to SUSAN's older brother, RICHARD, and then to his son ROBERT and hence to WILLIAM of Heston. The inference is the court was not convinced of the accuracy of this line of descent.

But was ELIZABETH, SUSAN's sister? It is claimed that SUSAN's sister, ELIZABETH, was born at Thelnetham, Suffolk, in 1693, and that she subsequently married JOHN MOSS on 23 March, 1711/12. A careful examination of the Thelnetham Parish Register and the Archbishops Transcripts has revealed no entry for the baptism of an ELIZABETH FILBY in or near 1693. The marriage of JOHN MOSS is recorded but his bride was ELIZABETH ISAAC not FILBY. ELIZABETH ISAAC was the daughter of BENJAMIN and MARY ISAAC and was baptised at Thelnetham in January, 1686/7. Further ELIZABETH MOSS, wife of JOHN MOSS was buried 9 September, 1727, so she could hardly have fought the court case of 1771. JOHN MOSS did not remarry and was buried as a widower in April, 1741. JOHN and ELIZABETH did have a daughter ELIZABETH, who was baptised at Thelnetham in April 1714. She married ROBERT FILBY, son of EDMUND and ELIZABETH FILBY, at Palgrave on 4th January, 1734/5. This ELIZABETH was buried at Snailwell, Cambridgeshire, in November, 1788, and therefore could have been the ELIZABETH FILBY who contested the 1771 Court Case. However she could not have done so on the grounds that she was the sister of SUSAN, MILES of Wymondham's wife. It is possible that she could have done so on behalf of her husband whose ancestors go back to NICHOLAS FFYLBYE 1520, and whose line may be linked in some as yet unknown way to the Great Mattishall Burgh family.

So was SUSAN, MILES' wife, the daughter of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH FILBY of Mattishall Burgh, or of RICHARD FILBY and his wife of Great Mattishall Burgh. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to

trace the original documents concerning the Great Mattishall Burgh family and hence only the notes made by the Filby Association researchers are available for consideration.

The most significant gap in the case for SUSAN being the daughter of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH is the absence of her baptism. There is however an appropriate 5 year gap in the sequence of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH's 8 children who were baptised between September 1688 and March 1708. The date of her birth is known by her age at the time of her burial in Wymondham Abbey. Further, WILLIAM's bequest in his Will of 1723 to his "son MICHAEL (MILES) FILBY of Hardingham at a time when it is known that MILES and SUSAN lived in Hardingham fits in with SUSAN being his daughter. Finally the reference in MILES' Will of 1771 to his "brother-in-law" MILES, and his sister, BRIDGET, fit in with WILLIAM and ELIZABETH's other children but not those of RICHARD and his wife. Much of the case for SUSAN being RICHARD FILBY's daughter hinges on the link to "her sister ELIZABETH" and the court case to recover the Filby Estate but it has been proved from currently accessible parish registers that the ELIZABETH who married JOHN MOSS was not a FILBY and hence the link does not exist. Why this error was not uncovered before or during the court case is a mystery or have the facts been misrecorded? Do we have the wrong ELIZABETH?

The documentation seen by the Filby Association researchers contains many apparently authoritative statements including references to court cases. For instance a notebook written by SAMUEL FILBEY records "Mattishall and Calthorpe are small manors and were possessed by Susan Filby and her sister, Elizabeth, and were Willed to Susan's husband, Miles Fablain Filby" However no evidence has been found of SUSAN's Will while those of both MILES and his second wife ELIZABETH are readily available from the usual sources. If MILES did inherit the "Filby Estate" through SUSAN why is there no mention of it in his Will written in 1759, long before his claimed agreement with WILLIAM of Heston. It has to be noted that SAMUEL, a source of much of the documentation, was a declared bankrupt and very keen to prove that he and his relations should have inherited at least a share of the "Estate". While there is little doubt that the "Filby Estate and Plate" existed there is still considerable mystery as to whether it ever came into the possession of MILES FILBY of Wymondham through his marriage to SUSAN. Family history is seldom an exact science particularly the further back the research takes one. The uncertainties highlighted in this article are typical of those faced during family history investigations and it is left, as always, to the inquisitive reader to reach their own balanced decision.

[N.B. During 2009 further research will be made by Marion Filby and John Filby, using some of the original documentation loaned to the Filby Association by descendants of Samuel Filbey. It is our hope that more facts may be discovered about this family which may answer the many outstanding questions.] Wish us luck!!! (Editor)

Greetings from the USA!

by Kirk Filbey (U.S.A Correspondent)

and Jessica Filbey Gill (U.S.A. Researcher)

We are pleased to announce that the Filby Association is now a “group” on Facebook! So far we have 31 members from around the world. These members all have the surname of Filbey, Filby, and there are a couple of Filbee’s in the bunch as well. We have had many interesting discussions such as “Did your friends refer to you as “Filbey” instead of your first name?” and the answer is “YES!” It’s amazing how many Filbey’s went through high school or college being called Filbey and never their first name. Chris Filbey from Georgia says his mom still calls him Filbey. We also found out there is a Filby cocktail. It’s made with three parts gin, one part amaretto, one part dry vermouth and one part campari. The drink is served in a Collins glass and garnished with an orange. Jessica gave it a try and it’s not for the faint of heart. Does anybody know the history of this drink and how the name came about?

More importantly though, we have established a connection with a younger generation of Filbey’s. We feel this Facebook group has gotten a group of people interested in genealogy and are more eager to learn about their surname. Hopefully this will encourage them to do some research on their own family trees and perhaps expand the general knowledge of the Filby surname. If you are interested in joining this on line group you have to be a Facebook member. It’s free and all you have to do is create an account at **www.facebook.com** You can do a search on groups or you can add Jessica (Jessica Filbey Gill) as a friend and she’ll make sure you get in on the discussions.

Finally, we wanted to pass on some advice, a friendly reminder to those of you doing research on your family trees. Please don’t forget to label old photographs or somehow document the content of photographs. Kirk recently acquired an old family photo album full of portraits from the late 1890’s to the early 1900’s. While he was able to readily identify pictures of his great grandfather, the rest of the people in the pictures were a mystery. Sadly none of the pictures were labelled and so identifying the rest of the folks will be a challenge. It’s amazing how fast pictures lose their meanings once they are removed from context and no one is there to explain them. Placing the photos in a well documented scrapbook can solve this problem, but even placing a few small notes on the back of the photo is tremendously helpful.

Well, that’s all from here. Enjoy the holiday season and please let us know if we can assist you with any family research questions.

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YOUR WEB SITE ~ www.filby.org.uk *by Jim Filby ~ Web Master*

I didn't do a report on our web site last year because I had taken over as Manager and unfortunately time was not on my side, which made it impossible to pen a report in time.

We are now into our eighth year on the internet with our own domain. We received sixteen contacts in 2007, and so far this year we have had thirteen contacts: eight from the U.K., one from the U.S.A., one from Canada, one from South Africa, one from Germany and one from Cyprus. All are now members of the Association and some are being helped with their research whilst offering new information to add to our data.

I haven't mentioned the various countries for our 2007 contacts, suffice it to say that we had a contact from Kidapawan City in the Philippines; a young man whose father was in the American Air Force and married a local girl. He and his family are now members of the Association and we have asked our U.S.A. correspondent to help him. His membership makes us a truly world wide Association.

Since accepting the position as Manager of The Filby Association in June, 2007, with all the extra work involved, and also retaining my previous position as web master, I am finding it difficult to give time to updating and improving our web site. We have a great team of people doing their bit for the Association but we need more helpers, especially from our younger members. I do not necessarily want to give up the job as web master, however, if there is anyone out there who would like to join the team and become our web master, please do get in touch with me to discuss the work involved.

I am only an amateur when it comes to web design. When I submitted our site for the GOONS web site award a few years ago it came nowhere. Perhaps one of our members who is a more professional web designer would like to join our team; I am sure they could improve the site and maybe win the award for us. A word of warning, none of our team are paid, all we get is satisfaction from the job, and the biggest bonus is that we make a lot of new friends.

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Data & Custodian Report

by Wally Filby (Treasurer / Data Manager)

For just over nine years I have been transcribing all our paper data started by Fred Filby, one of our founders, onto the Filby Custodian Database. Family Trees and the Trees Custodian Database are not included in this report as these are kept by Jim, our Manager.

In my last report, in the 2006 Chronicle, we had the following data for all spellings of Filby: Births, Marriage, and Death indexes from 1837 to 2003 inclusive. The British Census records for 1851 (Counties of Norfolk,

Devon & Warwickshire only), the 1881 census records complete (343 pages or households containing 1,052 people) and I had started downloading the 1901 census (62 pages containing 177 people). I did not do a report in 2007 as I was in the process of moving.

We also have some Parish and IGI records prior to 1837, Births/Baptisms - 84 records, Marriages - 71 records, and Deaths/Burials - 619 records. We also have the commonwealth War Graves Commission records of those who died in both world wars - 76 records. Also digitised onto computer are over 700 Birth, Marriage, Death, and other certificates, some from Australia, Canada, and New Zealand.

Since the 2006 Chronicle the following records have been added, Births 2004, 2005, and 2006, Deaths and Marriages 2004 and 2005, I also obtained 12 Scottish Births, and I have completed collecting the 1901 Census records contained in 429 pages listing 1,312 people. I also found that Fred had started collecting the Probate Indexes from 1858 to 1990 appropriately called "As Filby's Willed It". I have now added all the years up to and including 1998.

Besides being put onto the Custodian Database, all the above records have been transcribed into Microsoft Word and then converted into Acrobat PDF files.

The GOONS (Guild of One Name Studies) has made available to their members a searchable database for certain records, and we have placed on this server the following indexes: Births 1837-2006, Marriages 1837-2005, Deaths 1837-2005 and Probate 1858-1998, also on this database are the following British Census Records 1991 and 1881 both complete, and 1851 counties of Devon, Norfolk & Warwickshire only. This can be found by going to our website **www.filby.org.uk** go to records then click on the GOONS link.

For the future I have started on the task of completing the 1851 Census. These records are now available at the TNA (The National Archives) at Kew. Because I am in the fortunate position of having free travel in London, which only takes about 50 minutes each way, I am hoping to visit there at least once a week. I will also be adding to our records any other data that becomes available, so if any of you have certificates that I can digitise or any other data please send them. I will return the certificates as soon as I have digitised them. I can digitise documents of any size and colour.

Finally, I can also look up other records at TNA whilst there, so please ask for help if you need any,

All these records, together with Jims Trees and records are burnt onto DVD and updated each year, but only given to officers and researchers. No information that we are given, unless in the public domain, will be divulged to the general public without express permission.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and my involvement.

by Wally Filby (Treasurer / Data Manager)

Because I had been involved with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme for 20 years I wrote an article for the 2006 Chronicle about the Buckingham Palace garden party that I attended that year - celebrating 50 years of the awards. Since that article I have been asked to contribute another explaining the scheme and my involvement.

The award is a programme of leisure time activities that provide an enjoyable, challenging, and rewarding programme of personal development for young people. It consists of three levels: Bronze - starting age 14; Silver - starting age 15; and Gold - starting age 16. All levels must be completed before the participants twenty-fifth birthday. Each participant must pay for a record book at each level, and each section must be signed with a report by a person qualified in the activity being undertaken. Bronze and Silver have four sections, "Service", "Skills", "Physical Recreation" and "Expeditions", Gold has a fifth section "Residential Project". The first three are individual activities and participants can choose what they would like to do from a list of approved activities, the last two are group or team activities.

The activities are:

Service - to encourage service to the community, with 30 approved activities.

Skills - to encourage the discovery and development of personal interests, with over 150 approved activities,

Physical Recreation - to encourage participation and improvement in physical activities, over 80 approved sports or activities.

These first three activities must be a minimum of at least 1 hour activity per week over the proscribed period these are: **Bronze** - two for three months, the other for six months. **Silver** - one for three months, one for six months and the third for twelve months. **Gold** - two for twelve months and the other for 18 months.

Expeditions - to encourage a spirit of adventure and discovery, this can be by foot (walking), cycle, horseback, canoe, or sailing. Most expeditions are by foot (walking) and in groups, minimum four, and a maximum of seven in a group. It must be with a purpose and field study must take place during the expedition. A report of the field study must be produced by the group and each person must produce a personal diary of the venture. Sleeping must be by camping, each person and group must carry all food and equipment that they need for the duration of the venture. They must receive full training in all aspects including navigation and camp craft as they will have to travel on their own and look after themselves, but with check points during the day and leaders usually camp near the groups, but not with them. Foot (walking) expedition for each level must consist of (other modes of travel and of similar duration):

Bronze - over two days and one night camping using a camp site and at least 24 Km/15miles must be covered during the two days using footpaths in normal countryside, with at least 6 hours activity during each day. (This does not include time at campsites.)

Silver - over three days and two nights camping and at least 48km/30 miles must be covered during the three days using open countryside and footpaths need not be used, with at least 7 hour activity during each day. (Groups should wild camp one night out in the countryside no water or toilets.)

Gold - over four days and three nights and at least 80km 50 miles must be covered during the four days using wild country areas, with at least 8 hours activity per day. (Camping should be wild camping.)

Residential Project – (Gold level only) To broaden experience through involvement with others in a residential setting for at least five days and four nights.

Certificates are presented for completing each level. All Young people that achieve Gold are presented with their certificate at Buckingham Palace by either - The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles, or Prince Edward. (Prince Edward is the only Royal that has achieved Gold in the Award on his own merit.)

The award can be contacted at www.theaward.org.uk and it is now an internationally recognised award in just over 60 countries worldwide, although the name has been changed in some countries, but the programme is the same. If any participant completes part of the award in one country that achievement is recognised in all of the other participating countries and the participant can continue with their award in any other participating country. The international award can be contacted at www.intaward.org Countries in which we have members and who participate in the award are:-

Australia, known as “The Duke of Edinburgh’s award in Australia” contact at www.dukeofed.org.au

Canada, known as “The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Young Canadians Challenge” contact at www.dukeofed.org

New Zealand, known as “The Young New Zealanders Challenge” contact at www.challengenz.org.nz

South Africa, known as “The Presidents Award for Youth Empowerment” contact at www.presidentsaward.co.za I became involved with the award through a set of circumstances, which started when I left the Navy in 1970 and I joined an engineering firm machining metal parts. In 1980 I was asked if I would become a First Aider at work, which I agreed to do and was sent to the Croydon Red Cross Centre for the course where I found myself volunteering to join the Red Cross.

In 1985 I qualified as a Red Cross First Aid Trainer. In order to get experience I was asked by the manager of Croydon Red Cross Centre if I would take the Croydon Red Cross youth group for their First Aid Badge because the lady running the group was a nurse and not

qualified to teach First Aid, I agreed to do this, which would take one evening a week for 15 weeks. Half way through the course the nurse suddenly left and I found myself looking after the group of 15 young people aged 13 to 16.

I had not worked with youth before so I contacted Croydon Councils Youth service for advice and they sent me, free of charge, on an evening youth work course that they were running for volunteer youth workers. Whilst on this course I met the D of E Award Officer who was in charge of running the award in Croydon and was asked if I would run First Aid courses for the Service section of the Award. Having agreed, I am now involved with the award.

This was early 1986, and during the summer I was asked by the Award Officer if I would help by running the First Aid Section of an Expedition Leaders course. He was a qualified mountain leader and qualified to run the course, which is through the British Sports Trust and qualifies leaders to run expeditions at Bronze and Silver level. I agreed. Whilst discussing the programme with him he said that there was a spare place on the course and why didn't I join and qualify as an expedition leader - so I did. I am now not only involved with the Red Cross Youth, running First Aid courses for D of E, but also helping out with D of E expeditions.

In 1992 I was asked by Croydon Youth service if I would like to go to Capel Curig mountain leader training school in North Wales and qualify as a Summer Mountain Leader as the course and all expenses were being paid. This I did and passed the course, but to fully qualify I had to be assessed leading groups under supervision, which took me a further two years. Then from 1994 I could supervise Gold Expeditions. During this period I also gained climbing qualifications and all courses were paid for by Croydon Council Youth Service.



Now, not only am I looking after the Red Cross Youth, running First Aid courses for the Service section of D of E Award, and helping out occasionally with expeditions, I am also helping run the Wall Climbing and Abseiling courses for the Physical Recreation Section of the award.

In 1998 a new manager took over the Croydon Red Cross Centre, and against my wishes, closed the Red Cross Youth Group in Croydon. Croydon Youth Service helped me to try and reverse this decision but it was not to be, so I resigned from the Red Cross in disgust. I then took a more active part in helping as a volunteer with the D of E Croydon Open Centre, and in charge of this group was a part time paid worker assisted by volunteers, so I was now doing more expedition training and

supervising,

In 2000, a new Award Officer took over, and in 2001 the part time paid worker in charge of the Open Centre left and I was offered his job, which I accepted, and so now I am not just helping, I am in charge of running the centre and looking after the young people and all volunteers.

In 2004, the Youth Service sent me on a tutor's course run by the British Sport Trust, so I qualified as an Expedition Tutor and I am now able to teach new expedition leaders.

Last year due to personal circumstances and also having to move home, I decided to give up my part time work but I am still helping the Award as a volunteer. I continue to assist in helping schools start D of E Groups, and also help with assessing expeditions and teaching new leaders.

In 2002, I gave up my full time job at the age of 62 when the firm I worked for decided to relocate, but I continued with my part time D of E job because this work, in helping young people to achieve, is most fulfilling and rewarding. In 2004, just before I was 65 I was asked by letter from Croydon Council, if I wished to retire when I reached 65 - and replied with one word "NO". I was then asked in a further letter when I thought I would retire. I thought about this and replied, "I will retire when I can't do what I ask the young people to do.

Even though I am no longer being paid and am once again a volunteer, I hope to continue with this rewarding work for a long time to come.

There is a photograph of Walter Harry Filby on the back cover taken on Remembrance Day, 11th November, 2008, at Croydon War Memorial.

He is a Suez and Borneo Veteran and his medal list is (from centre to outside):

Naval GSM (General Service Medal) Near East Clasp—For Suez Crisis 1956. (He was injured when the frigate he served on was hit.)

CSM (Campaign Service Medal) Borneo Clasp—For Indonesian Confrontation 1962-64

VMSM (Voluntary Medical Services Medal) Red Cross long service medal 15 years after leaving the navy.

PJM (Pingat Jasa Malaysia) Malaysian Defence Medal awarded by Malaysia for Indonesian Confrontation 1962-64

Permission has been given by individuals to publish all articles used. Whilst every precaution has been taken to ensure accuracy of contents of this Chronicle during compilation, we apologise for any unintentional offence caused. Genealogy is not a precise art depending on old records etc. some of which are almost illegible. Members have given information to the association over the years some of which still has to be verified by our team of researchers. Mistakes will be rectified should you bring them to our attention. We thank you for your understanding.

Did You Know?...

.....that early passports (from the 15th century) were known as 'Safe Conducts' and issued individually by the monarch? They have been written in Latin, French, and English. A 1641 passport still exists today, bearing the signature of King Charles I.

Until 1858 they were not documents of national identity as the monarch or Privy Council could issue them to foreigners.

Prior to 1947 applicants were not expected to send birth certificates with their applications but were advised that the Passport Office might ask to see certificates in due course. The application form contained a declaration as to the truth of the facts stated (as it does now) which was countersigned.

Photographs were borne on passports from WWI but it wasn't until 1947 that a new form introduced in 1947 required all applicants to send in birth certificates to prove their nationality.

Nowadays 78% of UK nationals have passports. Modern ones are machine-readable and contain biometric data for facial recognition, optionally backed up with fingerprinting and iris data.

Historical passports from 1851-1856, 1858-1862, 1874-1903 are available from www.findmypast.com for a fee and otherwise at The National Archives: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/catalogue/RdLeaflet.asp?sLeafletID=109>

And did you know..... that the insane were sometimes 'farmed out' as labourers? This practice was common in Wales when willing relatives could not be found to house the ill person for a weekly fee which depended on the perceived danger. The alternative was to place them in Institutions such as ancient Bethlehem (Bedlam), which was opened in 1247. By 1860 the McNaughton Rules ("*...it must be clearly proved that, at the time of committing the act, the party accused was labouring under such a defect of reason, from disease of the mind, as not to know the nature and quality of the act he was doing, or, if he did know it, that he did not know he was doing what was wrong*") and the Criminal Lunatics Act had drawn attention to the poor conditions of existing asylums and Broadmoor was built as a result, specifically for the criminally insane. A siren is tested at 10.00am every Monday which will warn of escapees. Infamous inmates include:

Edward Oxford, who attempted to assassinate Queen Victoria while she was pregnant with her first child. Artist Richard Dadd, best known for his painting *The Fairy Feller's Master Stroke*, which inspired the early Queen song and Terry Pratchett's *The Wee Free Men*. In 1843 he killed his father, believing him to be the devil. Daniel McNaughton, who murdered Prime Minister Sir Robert Peel's private secretary, Edward Drummond, in 1843, in the case which led to the McNaughton rules. 'The Surgeon of Crowthorne' and [Oxford English Dictionary](#) contributor, William

Minor. Thomas Hayne Cutbush, Jack the Ripper suspect. Graham Frederick Young, thallium poisoner. 'Moors Murderer' Ian Brady. London gangsters Ronnie and Reggie Kray. Cannibalistic murderer, Robert Mawdsley, 'the English Hannibal Lecter', who murdered his first victim in 1974, another at Broadmoor and two at Wakefield. Ian Ball, who attempted to kidnap Princess Anne. 'Yorkshire Ripper' Peter Sutcliffe, the lorry driver who murdered 13 women between 1975 and 1980. Kenneth Erskine 'Stockwell Strangler', who in 1986 murdered 11 elderly people in their homes in Stockwell, South London. Racist and homophobic London nail bomber, David Copeland.

A Great Welcome From Our Canadian Filbys

by Marion Filby (Editor / Researcher)

When Alan and I decided to plan our trip across Canada last year we were at once invited by Association members, Ed and Diane Filby, of Ottawa, to spend some time with them whilst we were there. A few years earlier I had helped them trace Ed's ancestors during their visit to Norfolk, which also resulted in finding living relatives they didn't know they had.

Our 'Canadian Adventure' as it was called, involved nine weeks of travel, first by QM2 to New York, and then by train to Ontario where we met up with Alan's Canadian cousin, Melanie, who was to accompany us.

The three of us boarded the 'Canadian' at Toronto train station as 'Silver Class' passengers, which made the three day westward journey across Canada a very comfortable and elegant way to travel, and with our own 'cabin' for sleeping. During the daytime we had the added bonus of sitting in a 'capsule' above the roof of the train which gave panoramic views of the varying territory we passed through. Dining was first class, with both restaurant car and food delightful—definitely not British Rail!

The second stage of our journey began in Jasper, British Columbia, where we picked up a four wheel drive to take us through the Rockies and the fantastic Ice Fields of the National Park. We spent a week touring and stayed in log cabins at Patricia Lake and Lake Louise, the latter being so high up that we soon found the nights rather too cold without heating. The day time temperatures were in the high twenties and extremely pleasant for sight seeing. Lots of wild life, but not a bear to be seen!

From Banff, where we left our vehicle, we boarded the 'Rocky Mountaineer' as 'Gold Leaf' passengers, which afforded us yet again more luxury travel with elegant dining, and even better views from our 'pod' above the train. This is definitely the way to see Canada!

Our two day journey broke for an over-night stay in a hotel at Kamloops, but not before we had experienced the true 'lumberjack experience' of a tree felling competition, log rolling in water, and much more.

After departing the train we spent the day in Vancouver before catching a ferry to Victoria the next morning. Here we had rented an

apartment for the week so that we could see Vancouver Island with Melanie's daughter, Emma, and son-in-law, Adam, who live there. They took us everywhere—we were privileged to attend the opening ceremony of the 'All Nations Games' at Cowichan, where we were impressed by the friendship of the indigenous people. We visited Cathedral Grove to see the magnificent giant Red Cedars that are over 800 years old.

The following week we cruised the Inside Passage to Alaska, stopping at Ketchikan, Juneau, the capital, where we took a float plane ride over five glaciers. We paused a while in Yukutat Bay and were amazed by the beauty and size, not to mention the groaning, of the Hubbard Glacier, six miles wide and fifteen miles long! Sitka was our last port of call before returning to Vancouver for our flight back to Toronto.

Having a week at Melanie's home in Thorold we went sightseeing daily. Niagara Falls was a few miles away so we took our boat trip up to the face of the Falls, which was wet and wonderful, and Niagara-on-the-Lake a very elegant town. We toured many vineyards and visited relatives before setting off on our circular tour of Ontario by car.

During our two day stay with Melanie's friend in Parry Sound, we enjoyed swimming on many of the nearby beaches of Georgian Bay, off Lake Huron, and I was amazed by the vastness of the lake, it looked like an ocean! Wonderful forests and parks were in abundance here.

Our journey took us north east through Algonquin National Park and then south to meet Ed and Diane Filby at their cottage. They greeted us with their daughter, Cara, and Diane's mum, Cecilia. It had been a very long and hot journey, so before dinner we all dived into the lake at the bottom of the wooden steps down from their cottage, to enjoy the cool calm water of Little Silver Lake. The next day I even managed an hour in a kayak under tuition from Ed. What a blissful place to have as a weekend cottage!

This 'Filby' family were truly our 'family' and made us very welcome, as if we had known them for years. We have much to thank our Association for when given the opportunity to meet people as kind and considerate as Ed and Diane. During our two days we experienced a real farm auction that resembled a scene from *The Hill Billy's* to us Yorkshire folk, and we visited Wheeler's Pancake House in Lanark County, where we saw how maple trees are tapped to make syrup, (not to mention the feast of pancakes we sampled.)



Here we all are the evening of our first meeting. (Photo by Cara)

Continuing our circular journey we arrived at Wellington, in Prince Edward County, where we stayed three days with the mother of Melanie's friend. Once again spending much of our time finding exquisite beaches where we could swim and relax away from the intense heat, but I also have to say that this part of Canada has some really quaint and elegant towns not to be missed.

We returned to Thorold after a 900 mile circular tour to use our last week of the holiday seeing yet more of Ontario! Canada is indeed a magnificent country and so vast that we will need another visit to see more. I loved all the indigenous peoples and their traditions, they deserve to be very proud.

Sadly, our time had come to leave, and so after crossing the border into America we relaxed on a seven hour train journey to New York. Having spent the night with my nephew and niece in their apartment we embarked the QM2 for our return trip back to the U.K.

I wrote a daily diary whilst in Canada that I emailed en route by request to friends and family about our amazing adventure so that they were with us all the way. When we returned I heard that it had been forwarded even further through growing interest amongst their friends. It is now in book format with photographs.

I must again thank Ed and Diane Filby for inviting us to their home. Hopefully, they will come to England again and then we will be able to show them our hospitality and our ancient City of York.

BRITISH CENSUS

I have it on very good authority that it is most unlikely there will be any further census' taken after the 2011 census. This is explained as being because of the large influx of immigrants making a census out of date as soon as it is taken! It is no longer 'fit for purpose'. This is bad news for future family history researchers.

In addition, and of more effect on current researchers, is the news that no more Birth, Marriage, and Death records will be available on the internet. Currently these go up to 2006 (Births and Deaths). In future records will only be available at the Record Offices. They MAY also be available at selected libraries, though this is not certain.

Some good news—The Irish Census for 1911 is being put online. So far only Dublin is online but Counties Antrim, Down, and Kerry, may have also gone online by now. Donegal, Cork, Wexford, and Galway, are due to follow next. It is hoped to have the complete census online by the middle of 2009. At present searches are free (but for how long?)

Try <http://census.nationalarchives.ie/about/futureplans.html> to see how they are doing.

The following article was given to me by member, Marjorie Swinburne, whose father picked up a pamphlet in All Saints Church when he visited in the 70's. A few changes have been made so that it reads as the church is today. (*Editor*)

All Saints Church, Filby, Norfolk, England.

The Village

The place name indicates that the village is of Danish origin: the suffix “-by” is common in these parts and denotes a ‘settlement’: “Fil” of “File” was probably a proper name or, if it originally was “Fell”, it could mean ‘on a hill.’ The Norsemen must have found this sheltered bluff overlooking what was then a freshwater estuary, an excellent wintering camp with access to the North Sea and easily defended against Saxons from the West.

The Church

Filby was an important village in Saxon times and the original church which stood here was one of the earliest in the district. The present building and is dedicated to All Saints. It has been described as “the most beautiful in East Flegg.” John de Wykelwode is the first known Rector: he was presented in 1315 by Robert de Fileby whose family were then lords of the manor.

The Tower

This, together with its West door and window, is a fine example of the Perpendicular style (c.1400-1575). The fact that even a small community could boast such a magnificent church is due partly to the prosperity of the mediaeval wool trade in East Anglia. The unusual figures on the top corners represent the four Latin Doctors of the church. There are five 17th Century bells with chiming apparatus.

Tower Door

Why are there seven locks on the doorway to the belfry? One suggestion is that the tower, with its iron clad door, was used as a strong-room for the village valuables and as a refuge against marauders from the sea and other disturbers of peace. Alternatively, the door might once have been the lid of the parish alms chest?

The Font

The octagonal font in Purbeck marble is from Early English period (c.1200-1275). Despite a modern appearance, it is the oldest item in the church and was probably transferred from the earlier building.

Stained Glass

None is earlier than the Victorian period. The medallions in the North Aisle (left hand side) are an imitation of the 13th century style.

The Pulpit

The ‘wine glass’ pulpit is the original mediaeval one dating from the Perpendicular period: the stem probably used to be 15 inches longer.

Side Chapel

The altar in the South Aisle is dedicated to St. John the Baptist. The Aumbry was a gift from members of The Filby Association and was dedicated at the unique Filby Homecoming in September, 1968. We traced our descent from Roger de Fileby and others who were lord of the manor in the 13th and 14th centuries

Rood Screen

The lower part of the screen dates back to c.1450 and is one of the few surviving pre-Reformation painted screens. It is accounted second in quality only to Ranworth and was the work of the same school of Norfolk craftsmen. Although its beauty is faded, it reminds us of the power of colour and symbolism in an illiterate and bookless age.

Why should four of the figures depict Virgin Martyres of the 3rd Century? From left to right, the panels portray:-

1. St. Cecilia (AD 230) with wreath of flowers.
2. St. George and the dragon.
3. St. Catherine of Alexandria (AD 250) holding a sword and book and standing on a wheel.
4. St. Peter with keys.
5. St. Paul with sword and book.
6. St. Margaret of Antioch (AD 278) piercing a dragon with her crozier.
7. St. Michael the Archangel weighing souls.
8. St. Barbara (AD 235) with a tower in her hands.

Monuments

The "Lucas Angel" on the south wall of the chancel is a fine work of its kind and was executed by Hermann of Dresden in the 1830's. Near the altar steps, there are stones to commemorate three Rectors who between them ministered here for 140 continuous years. They are:-

James Wace	40 years (1681-1722)
Thomas Whaites	48 years (1722-1770)
Christopher Taylor	49 years (1771-1820)

Church Treasures

The chalice and paten are of solid silver and the former is quaintly inscribed: "1636 R.L. E.D. Churchwardines for the Towne of Ffilby." These Communion vessels have been in constant use since the reign of the Royal Martyr, King Charles 1. Edward Boys, Rector of nearby Mautby, had been his chaplain.

The registers date back to 1561, in the reign of Elizabeth 1, and are well preserved. Strangely enough, the only reference to the Filbys is an entry concerning the marriage of Elizabeth Filbye to Thomas Mantrope in 1661. The oldest registers have been deposited with the Norfolk Records Office.

Other Features

By the North and South doors are well preserved Stoups for the holy water with which the faithful crossed themselves on entering. The rim has been worn by the fingers of many generations.

On the right of each altar there is an opening which serves double purpose: the bread and wine for Communion are placed on the Credence shelf and the Piscina is a soakaway used in cleaning the vessels afterwards.

The Roof

One of the few remaining thatched roof churches in Britain and was re-thatched in 2006/7.

From the Rector of Filby – Reverend Graham Steel.

We are approaching our second year at Filby as I respond to an invitation to write something for the Chronicle.

Firstly, I want to wish you all God's blessing for the New Year.

The reality is that for many of us across the world, it may not be all that prosperous, but amidst the economic gloom which is forecast for us, some things do not change.

This place where we live, the home of the Filbys, is outstandingly beautiful. All Saints, Filby, has been the place of worship for the village for hundreds of years and we continue that tradition as we meet Sunday by Sunday and as the Filbys return to their roots on Filby Sunday, of course, the message of the Gospel still rings out, unchanged, with its message of grace and forgiveness.

Thanks to the hard work of the Churchwardens, PCC, my predecessors, members of the congregation, and support from the village, as well as the Filby Association, the church has been well maintained, but there are always things we need to do. Contrary to the impression some heritage groups give, churches have always been improved, changed, and adapted to meet the changing needs of the time.

At Filby, amongst other things, we are thinking about ways to give us more meeting space; we need to improve lighting and consider putting in a sound reinforcement system. But rather than do this piecemeal, I am hoping we will be able to catch a vision for how we see the church serving the community in the years to come, and then prioritise the improvements we need to make to the building.

But we could of course, meet for worship in a shack – Jesus was born in a stable!! The church is people, and it has been good to begin to get to know the community and members of the Filby Association as we meet together year by year. People have commented on the welcome they receive and that is key to the mission of the church, and I trust that is your experience too as we meet together for Filby Sunday.

I look forward to meeting many of you on Filby Sunday.

Filby Association Accounts 2008**HMRC Charity Reference No XT10887****Reserve Account (With Nat West)**

Balance as at 1 st October, 2007		£1,057.64
Income	Bank Interest	£ 9.32
Balance as at 30 th September, 2008		<u>£1,066.96</u>

Current Account (With Nat West)

Balance as at 1 st October, 2007		£734.69
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Income	Donations Association	£1,856.53
	Donations Joint Fund	£ 80.00
	From Nat West	£ 120.00
Goods Ties Etc Sold & Book		£ 132.50
	Total Income	£2,189.03

Expenditure		
	2008 Chronicle (Includes Postage)	£ 300.04
	2008 In Touch (Includes Postage)	£ 112.50
	Guild Subscription (Goons)	£ 12.00
	Purchase of Goods	£ 677.72
	Officers Expenses	£ 994.15
	Total Expenditure	£2,096.41

Excess of Income over Expenditure	£ 92.62	
Balance as at 30 th September, 2008		<u>£827.31</u>

Balance sheet as at 30 th September, 2008		
	Reserve Account	£1,066.96
	Current Account	£ 827.31

Accumulated fund at 30 th September, 2008 (To be transferred to new Barclays Accounts)		<u>£1,894.27</u>
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Wally Filby (Honorary Treasurer)**Examiners Report**

I have examined the above accounts for the year 1st October, 2007, to 30th September, 2008.

The examination of the invoices & receipts and explanation given of expenditure, and the records of donations & moneys received, together with bank statements, make the above a true record of the Income & Expenditure of the Filby Association, and in my opinion are in line with the Aims & Objectives of the Filby Association as stated in their Constitution.

Signed

Date: 16-10-2008

W A Cumber
Honorary Treasurer
Croydon Royal British Legion

Treasurer's Report 2008

I have pleasure in presenting my seventh report as treasurer, to cover the year from 1st October, 2007, to 30th September, 2008. At the bottom of our accounts you will notice an Independent Examiner's report; this in accordance with our new constitution and because we are now recognised as a Charity for tax purposes.

Also our donations and expenditure have risen, which is partly due to our 40th Reunion in July, and to our now being able to claim Gift Aid. Please see the Gift Aid report elsewhere.

Due to the fact that Marion, our Chronicle Editor, and then Jim, our Manager, spotted that we were not getting the proper return on our reserve account (less than 0.1%), representation was made to the bank, and then to the Financial Ombudsman who negotiated with the bank to reimburse us £120. They also advised us to change banks. After surveying several, the committee decided to change to Barclays because they give a better interest on the reserve account (3.65%), plus we will get internet banking and other benefits, which we hope will make overseas donations easier. This change has been carried out to coincide with our accounting year. Because of this change which will take about 5 weeks, 4 cheques totalling £105 received just before our accounting year end could not be banked with our old bank, so this money has been banked with our new bank and will be shown in next years accounts.

As we now have internet banking, if anyone would like to donate direct into our bank account the details are as follows:

Barclays Bank: Sort Code: 20-24-64. Account Name: 'The Filby Association'. Account No: 93616762.

We rely on your generous donations, and now being able to claim Gift Aid will be invaluable as costs are rising and we wish to get the best returns from your continued generosity.

I would like to thank all of you who have sent donations during the year; below I name all those who have contributed, excluding those who wished to remain anonymous:-

Sheila Filby, Horley, Surrey,
Barbara E Filbey, Sherborne, Dorset.
Connie Filbey-Allison, California, USA.
Ron & Kath Filby, Doncaster
Mary Filby, Downham Market, Norfolk.
Henry & Joan Filby, Cambridge
Geoff & Betty Philby, France
Ray & Kathleen Boast, Diss, Norfolk
Mel & Jean Filby, Hornchurch, Essex.
Russell & Teresa Filby, Acle, Norfolk.
Ray & Sue Filby, Coventry.
Mary Edwards, Hawkey, Hampshire.

Violet Irving,,Brixton, London
Edith Christiansen, Oregon, USA
Daphne Nichols, Erpingham, Norfolk
John D Filbey, Sanderstead, Surrey
Katrina Filby, Abingdon, Oxfordshire.
Jane & David Johnson, Cheltenham
Roy & Sylvia Filby, Bedford
Tinker Taylor, Downham Market, Norfolk
Barbara Hayward, Hadley Wood, Herts.
Nevin Boswell Filby, Victoria, Australia.
Marilyn Filby, East Harling, Norfolk.
Marjorie Swinburne, Hartlepool.

Patrick King, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.	Steven Filby, Waltham Cross.
Mr R Filby, Spalding, Lincolnshire.	Christine French, Tasmania, Australia.
Mrs O Filby, Norwich, Norfolk.	Mary Lilly, Cambridgeshire.
Lawrence B R Filby, Pinner, Middlesex.	Ann & Albert Filby, Luton, Beds.
Guy Filby, Abbeymead Gloucestershire.	Ann Chesworth, Ontario Canada
Jill & Don Barry, Ellen Grove, Australia.	Robert A Filby, Cheshunt, Herts.
Jo-Ann Buck, Sandwich, Kent.	Alan F Filby, Bedford
Doreen Downes, Chelmsford, Essex.	Francis G Filbee, Cheshunt, Herts.
John H Filby, Roughton, Norfolk.	Paul & Jane Filby, Torquay, Devon.
Barbara Ralph, Mere, Wiltshire.	Peter & Lynn Filby, Henleaze, Bristol.
Mavis Evans, Camberley, Surrey.	Rod Filby, Spalding, Lincolnshire.
Derek & Pamela Filbey, Bexhill on Sea, Sussex.	
Harry Briars-Filby, St Ives, Cambridgeshire	
Bob & Joyce Filby, Thames Ditton, Surrey.	
Leslie & Elizabeth Filby, Cottingham, Yorkshire.	
Charles & Daphne Filby, Meopham, Kent.	
Josephine Chipchase, South Shields, Tyne & Wear	
Henry & Molly Kuttner, Edgware, Middlesex	
Eileen Southgate, Westcliff on Sea, Essex	
Eileen Sefton, Worlingham Beccles, Norfolk.	
Russell & Erica Filby, Old Costessey, Norfolk	

If any names have been left off the above list in error I give my apologies.

Wally Filby (Treasurer)

Family Announcements

Births

Proud parents, **Emma and Simon Filby**, announce the birth of
Melody Leigh Filby, sister of Skye Gemma Filby.

Melody was born on 16th July, 2008, at Queens Hospital, Romford,
and is a spitting image of her sister.

She was five days late. (*photograph on back page*)

Carole and Andrew Filby are delighted to announce
the birth of their son, **Leo James Filby** on 25th April, 2008.
(*photograph on back page*)

Helen and Dan Filby of Los Gatos, California,
are pleased to announce the birth of their son, **Jack Alexander Filby**,
on 21st September, 2007.

New members **Ruth and Cris Filby** had a daughter,
Willow, on 1st March, 2007.
They were married on 15th July, 2005, and live in Attleborough

Marriages & Anniversaries

Jane and Paul Filby would like to announce the marriage of their youngest daughter, **Louisa Filby, to Luke Weir**, on 20th August, 2008.

Caitlin Filby, daughter of **Lynn and Peter Filby**, and granddaughter of **Mary and Nevin Filby** was married to **Robert Haala** on Saturday, 18th October, 2008, at Koornang Uniting Church, Murrumbeena, Melbourne. The reception was at Quat Quatta, Ripponlea, Melbourne.

Belated congratulations to **Jack and Carol Filby**, who live in Canada, on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the summer of 2006. Parents of **Helen and Dan Filby** of Los Gatos, CA.

Annette and Chris Filby announce the birth of their son, **Joshua Wayne Filby** on 17th July, 2008, in Adelaide SA. First grandchild for **Helen and David Filby** and first great grandchild for **Mary Filby** (who lives near Darlington.) (*photograph on back page*)

Other news from here: **Tristan Filby**

(**Helen and David's** nephew, and son of **Michael and Linda Filby**) married **Alicia** in January, 2008, in Adelaide SA.

Jaclyn Filby (**Tristan's** sister) married **Wade Fahill** in November 2007, also in Adelaide.

Congratulations to

Marty Filby who proudly received his helicopter pilot's licence in July, 2008.

His parents, **Daphne and Charles Filby**, of Gravesend, have been flying with him, as have his wife and two children.



Deaths

Mrs Rose Filby passed away on 6th October, 2008, aged 95. She had been in very poor health since suffering a stroke just over 2 years ago. She was the widow of **William George Filby** and they lived in Goff's Oak, Hertfordshire.

Blanche Chapman (nee Philbey)

Passed away peacefully on 10th January, 2008, in Bristol, aged 92. Sadly missed by all her family in England and in Canada.

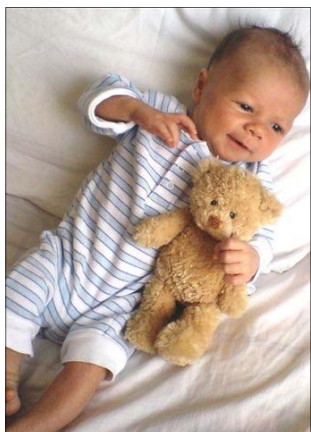
Lesley and Keith Johnson announce the death of Lesley's mother on 21st September, 2008. (Keith was our 40th Anniversary photographer)

Our treasurer, Wally Filby, on Parade 11th Nov. 2008, at Croydon War Memorial.



Louisa Filby and Luke Weir on their Wedding Day, 20th August, 2008.

Melody Leigh Filby
Born 16th July, 2008,
At 9.04am
Weighing 8lb 3oz.



Leo James Filby
Born 25th April, 2008,
at 12.20am.
Weighing 7lb 8oz.

Chris and
Annette Filby
with their son,
Joshua
Wayne Filby.
Born 17th
July, 2008 at
Adelaide SA

