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Dear Friends,

I hope that you enjoy reading how our Association has developed during this last year because a lot of time and effort has been given by our team of volunteers to improve on last year's ideas and work. Any suggestions or help that you would like to offer will be gratefully received and considered.

We are still in need of further help and hope that you will take seriously our concerns reflected throughout our reports. Financially, we cannot survive without help from your donations, and in our work we are in need of more volunteers able to give a little of their time working from home.

I invite you to send more articles for inclusion in our Chronicle to share your family stories or research results with each other and make it more personal. At the end of the day—we are one big Filby / Philbey family!

Kindest Regards,

Marion Filby (Editor)

## News from our Manager ~ Jim Filby

Yet another year has passed and as reported in our 2011 'In Touch' we had a successful and enjoyable, though small Reunion and AGM in July, with two officers being voted onto our depleted executive committee, Mark Filby and Alan Starkey, who are both proving to be an absolute asset to the running of our Association, which is good news.

It was with deep regret that the executive had to accept the resignation of our treasurer, Wally Filby, early in the New Year. His reason for resigning was, in his own words; "*That I am unable to continue in the job or on the executive because of a serious clash of personalities with the rest of the Executive Committee*". I was sorry to see him go, however, on behalf of the Executive Committee I would like to thank him for all his past good work for the Association.

I have taken on the responsibility of treasurer until we can find a suitable replacement acceptable to the Executive Committee; I am not finding this difficult or time consuming, so I am quite prepared to remain in this position for the long term. We do of course need a Data Manager, someone who is willing to travel to the National Archives at Kew and transcribe our Filby (all Spellings) information from the latest released Census Returns and other data putting them into an easily accessible format for storage in our Database: Inquiries to me please.

To assist our Webmaster in establishing an online shop I have opened a Filby Association Account with PayPal, which will enable all members with internet to buy goods from our online shop via credit card, and more importantly, enable donations to the Filby Association in the same way. Anyone without internet or who does not want to avail themselves of this service can still post their merchandise orders / donations to me:

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You will be pleased to hear that I can accept any currency and/or cheque from any country where we have members, although it does take a little longer for foreign cheques to clear. (There will be more about our website from our Webmaster.)

Last year I said that our DNA project was at a standstill. This year we have had two members requesting a Y-DNA test and offering to pay all, or part of the test themselves; this is again good news. Each DNA test costs from £65 to £150 depending on the test taken – and of course the US dollar to GB pound exchange rate. Any assistance in the cost will be decided by the need of our researchers. Our donors will remain anonymous unless otherwise advised, however, results of all our DNA tests can be found on the internet at [www.familytreedna.com/public/filby](http://www.familytreedna.com/public/filby). Anyone wishing to be a part of our DNA project can contact either myself or Marion Filby for further information without obligation.

I would like to thank on behalf of our members, all our hard working officers, especially our executive officers, for all their hard work and dedication. However, I must make a special mention of Marion Filby who not only being our GOONS Rep, Editor and Chief Researcher has this year taken on the extra task as Secretary - thank you Marion.

I hope that you enjoy reading all the interesting articles that Marion has prepared for this Chronicle, and that you will continue to support the Filby Association and all our officers in whatever way you can, be it with financial donations, family information and trees, articles for our editor, attending our next reunion and AGM, or even just words of support and thanks, which are always appreciated.

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## **Secretary's Report – *From Marion Filby***

In July, 2011, the Filby Reunion was yet again a most enjoyable event where new members mingled, and with the aid of Association Family Trees on our personal computers we established common ancestors for them and current members. It was interesting to see the look on their faces when they realised they were related!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Deputy Manager, Alan Filby, for organising our family gathering again, and Martin Moore of All Saints Church, for making this possible during reorganisation of the church facilities owing to the church hall coming under a demolition order.

Although the numbers present were not excessive, we are hoping that this year, on **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> July**, more members will try to attend, especially those who live on the doorstep in Norfolk. The AGM will be held in the church at 11.00am and followed by a service at 2.30pm. Afterwards, our Tree files and other records will be available to help you in your research. Also many interesting items on display and others will be for sale.

### **I would like to say a big “Welcome” to new members this year:**

Garth L. Hunt, Hughes, Australia.	Ian J. Filby, Ilkestown, Derbyshire.
Alan Hague, Harlow, Essex.	Doug Hague, Harlow, Essex.
Jean Hershberger, Maryland, USA.	Janet M. Amos, Laindon, Essex.
Paul A. Filbey, Victoria, Australia.	Rebecca S. Coates, Kendal, Cumbria.
Polly & Cedric Filby, Chelmsford.	Brian Petts, Belconnen, Australia.
Colin R. Philbey, Ontario, Canada.	Graham Fitt, Ipswich, Suffolk.

My apologies if in error I have missed anyone off this list.

Many of our new and established members have already said that they will be making their pilgrimage across the oceans to be with us at our Triennial Reunion at Filby, Norfolk, on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2013. We look forward to greeting you all in person. Start making your travel plans today!

Since becoming the Association Secretary I have updated our Register of Members to include the year you joined and the Tree Number where

your family is located, which will make our research for you much easier. In doing this I have also discovered that we do not have a new address for everyone who has moved house or changed an email address – please will you remember to update us when this happens otherwise we may lose contact with you.

If your family suffers a bereavement, celebrates an anniversary, marriage or Christening, we would also appreciate hearing from you as all this will be helpful to update our records for the future. If you would like any of these to appear in our August issue of the 'In Touch' or January issue of the 'Chronicle' please send the details to me at my home address, or preferably, to my email address shown inside the front cover and below.

This year has been the beginning of a new era within the Association because through discussion with our new and enthusiastic executive committee, ideas are being developed to boost our profitability in the near future, and we certainly need that to survive – I will leave you to read their reports.

If you have any ideas/suggestions or would like to assist us in anyway whatsoever, please do make contact because as volunteers ourselves we are always looking for help. You are only asked to give as much or as little of your time as you choose - in any direction, and depending on where you live, even a little of your time can help us achieve something otherwise impossible in our research.

Thank you.

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## **Tree Manager's Report – *From Alan Starkey.***

I became the Association's Tree Manager at the AGM in 2010, taking some of the workload off Jim Filby, our Association Manager. Like many clubs and associations, there is always a shortage of volunteers, so my offer was gratefully received. Then at the AGM in 2011 I was invited to join the executive committee, which I accepted.

Since my appointment I have worked closely with Marion Filby, our Chief Researcher – devising a new tree numbering system; an Excel spreadsheet to assist Marion in identifying which tree(s) an individual belongs to; and I am currently in the process of converting all the family trees held by the Association from Family Tree Maker 2006 to the 2011 version. This caused several of us to look at the way in which data is entered with the intent of coming up with some common standards. We have reached agreement on entering names including titles, just in case, and are currently working on the best way to enter place names.

To give you some idea of why place names are a problem, when an individual enters their family history data, they know exactly where they mean when they enter a place name. For example, on my own family tree, I just enter Middleton for the place name because I know that I mean

Middleton near Manchester in Lancashire, England. On an Association tree, I need to spell this out in full because there are so many Middletons, even within the same English county. Similarly, many Americans simply enter the State abbreviation e.g. Pa. for Pennsylvania. Or Brittons might enter Bucks as the abbreviation for Buckinghamshire. To make sure that other people are not confused, we need to standardise the way such places are entered and spell the names out in full.

That raises another question, how do we format the name – we British use town/city, county and country (possibly also including the village). Americans use township, county, state and country with an additional level of confusion possible as the townships can use county names, counties can use state names and other permutations. So what do we do when one element is missing? Suggestions are to use Unknown, or possibly a question mark in the appropriate place. So, if unsure which county Huddersfield is in, the place would be entered as Huddersfield, Unknown, England. Similarly, Amwell Township in the USA could be in either Hunterdon County, New Jersey or Washington County, Pennsylvania, so if the county or state was not specified it would be entered as Amwell Township, Unknown, Unknown, USA.

The spreadsheet of names has helped Marion identify a number of trees that have families in common. That means we can merge the trees, reducing the number we maintain and also extend some of the smaller trees back several generations. It can be a bit tricky merging trees when the information in the two trees doesn't quite match. For example, sometimes dates differ by a year because one is calculated from a census but the other taken from a parish register entry, a name is spelt slightly differently, a place on the border between two counties is listed in one county in one tree and the other county in the second tree. We do our best to resolve such differences, but where we can't then both sets of information are retained for resolution at a later date, either by the Association or the people who submitted the original trees.

I have been analysing the data from the family trees held by the Association and come up with the following statistics that I find interesting, I hope you do too. The first table shows the various spellings of the name "Filby", the earliest date that the spelling occurs and the place.

<b>Spelling</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Place</b>
Ffylbye	1520	Dickleburgh, Norfolk
Filbye	1552	Upton, Buckinghamshire
Filby	1575	Mattishal Burgh, Norfolk
Philbey	1604	Thuxton, Norfolk
Filbey	1610	Upton cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire
Filbee	1619	Chesham, Buckinghamshire
Philby	1664	Honingham, Norfolk
Philbee	1718	Heston, Middlesex

All the above are English counties. I find it interesting that the most common spelling today is not the earliest. Does the spelling change as a family moves from one area to another? What causes the spelling to change? Is it different standards of literacy? Or is it the interpretation of different dialects? If anyone has come across other spellings or earlier references, I'll gladly update this table.

The second table shows the earliest occurrence of the name in the country – birth, marriage or death, and how many times the name occurs with that country as the location. This is probably not very scientific but intriguing to see how far the name has spread and when.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Earliest Year</b>	<b>Count</b>
Unidentified	1548	280
At sea	1863	1
Australia	1843	158
Belgium	1921	4
Canada	1863	47
Ceylon	1885	2
China	2005	1
England	1520	3426
France	2002	6
Germany	1948	6
India	1912	5
Iraq	1921	1
Ireland	1844	7
Italy	1945	1
Korea	1971	2
Malta	1940	1
New Zealand	1962	7
Northern Ireland	1969	2
Saudi Arabia	1947	2
Scotland	1918	5
South Africa	1892	12
Sweden	1980	1
USA	1760	839
Wales	1907	8
West Germany	1967	1

Unless, of course, you know different, I found one or two of the statistics a little surprising, how about you? I can also produce the analysis by county for England and by state for the USA, even by the different spellings of the surname, if that would be of interest to anyone.

It has been an interesting 18 months and I look forward to many more.

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## **Webmaster's Report – from Mark Filby**

I am pleased to start my report with confirmation that filby.org has again been nominated for an award by the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS). We will find out in March if we have been successful in attaining a higher status award.

### **On-line Forum**

Despite an appeal at the AGM, the on-line forum has not seen any significant use by members and I propose that we remove this from the website. If any member would like to see the facility saved or developed in any way then please do e-mail me by the end of February, 2012. (mark@filby.org) If no feedback is received then I will remove this from the site and concentrate my efforts elsewhere.

### **Current and future website objectives:**

We have now added:

- 1) On-line sales of merchandise.
- 2) On-line donation facility.
- 3) US, Australian and European pages so our correspondents and members can have a unique place on the website. Please, please send in any information so we can justify these pages. Blank or out of date pages are not of any interest to other members.
- 4) Tree Manager page – Alan will constantly post information about current developments in the Filby family trees – please visit regularly.
- 5) Fun page – at the moment this has member's UK licence plates but again, please submit relevant material so we can make this interesting.

### **There are a number of areas for future development:**

- 1) Membership application online – still under consideration but the Executive Officers are unanimous in that the Association membership remain free to all.
- 2) Association Merchandise – lots of work going on behind the scenes to create many different items. Thanks to everyone who voted on the Facebook page and contacted us independently to express preferences. We all appreciate your feedback.
- 3) I am still working on a new framework for the website which would bring the site up to date. The main differences will be navigation and graphical presentation. As soon as my time permits I will create a totally new site that presents the material we have in a whole new way. If any member has ideas or preferences then these would be gratefully received and considered.

Can I again ask for more material that could be published?

Any interesting articles that can be published will be 'groomed' by the Executive Officers and relevant permissions sought as appropriate.

Suggestions for improvements are always welcome from all officers and members.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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## **Research Report—*from Marion Filby***

Last year was very hectic with so much research required on US Trees for new members. However, I was lucky because my colleague, Jean-Jacques Filby, having American family and ancestors was eager to assist. His internet research was throwing up so many new individuals that we created another five US trees, updated those we already held, and merged where we found common ancestors.

By the time our research drew to a pause in May while the new Association Trees DVD was created by Alan Starkey, I was living the lives of our ancestors who immigrated. Most of those around 1700 have yet to be associated with the families they left in the UK and this is still ongoing research.

At this same time research in the UK did not stand still because I was kept busy with regular tree updates from members, and my own personal challenge to go back further generations with some of our existing trees. Definitely not alone, I hasten to say!! I had my colleague, Sue Reynolds, who kept me busy with results from her internet searches too.

Without these two very eager and willing volunteers we could not have produced the massive amount of new information to develop further the trees on our database. For their effort and support I am most grateful and thank them both most sincerely for helping me. We also had some laughs from our findings—those mischievous Filbys!!

Since beginning research again after our reunion last July the direction has changed—we are now in Australia! Mainly because we have a few new members who have approached us, either through the website or directly. In looking for their immigrant ancestors we have been able to share our information and develop a complete new tree for the Philbeys.

I then located their British ancestors on our tree and we were able to merge and retreat further back to the 1500s in the UK. This also brought about the findings that a Philbey married a Filby in Australia, whose English grandfather Filby also married a Filbey, neither related at the time, but this resulted in another UK tree being associated with our new Australian tree. Too big to produce and merge as one, but links are shown on both trees.

Unlike ancestry.com and similar search engines, we do not charge for our services and wish to continue in this way. However, it has become more evident in the last couple of years that our generosity has been taken for granted, and in so many cases no offers of thanks via donations to The Filby Association have been forthcoming. We cannot survive without donations. Unless a mutual sharing of information is agreed then I will have to make the request for a small donation before parting with our work. This saddens me greatly, but reflects the changing face of family historians.

We have a vast amount of material painstakingly accumulated over a period of 50 years that is invaluable to any researcher. To help locate individuals in our database we use an Excel spreadsheet that Alan Starkey has adapted from our old Custodian database. This indicates what tree each individual is located in and if there is a match to another tree. We can also identify birth, marriage, and death - place and date, as well as parentage.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alan for all the work he has done since becoming our Tree Manager. He is always willing to do small updates to trees for me when we are advised of a birth, marriage or death. This saves a great deal of time not having to 'book out' a tree just to add a small entry when I am engrossed in a big family research project.

**The Association is currently putting a major transcribing project together. The goal is to capture genealogical records that are primarily, but not exclusively, in image format into an Excel spreadsheet, which would then feed into a much larger database. This would allow our researchers to perform more fruitful and faster searches that could link trees together, and at the same time provide valuable information for those who have asked for our help in researching their own family tree.**

**If you are willing to volunteer some of your time for the project, it would involve receiving a set of images from us via email or via a link, keying the information into an Excel spreadsheet, and then returning that spreadsheet to us. There is no pressure with deadlines or anything like that, and clear key-entry instructions and examples will be provided.**

**If you are interested in transcribing for us, please send an email to [jfilby@filby.org](mailto:jfilby@filby.org) with "Transcribing Project" in the subject field. Please state the amount of volume you could take on (we suggest starting out easy with up to 10 images). Also mention in your email if you have any preference / expertise for the type of records you would like to transcribe (i.e. census records, birth certificates, marriage certificates, etc.).**

## 50 Years Ago – by Marion Filby

I would like to reflect on the very beginning of The Filby Association.



It is exactly 50 years since our Founder, Ellsworth L. Filby, a civil engineer living in Kansas City, USA, as a retirement hobby in 1961, decided to try and find out from where in England his grandfather had been taken to the USA in the early part of the last Century. He made contact with various Filbys in the UK in search of his roots; two very important people at that time were Len and Mary Filby of Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

Mary and Len moved to Downham Market from Kings Lynn after Len's parents died. Len, now deceased, was a Past President 2003 – 2006. Mary has been our current President, since 2007, having been both Association Secretary and Manager through the years.

As long ago as 1962 Mary started helping Ellsworth Filby collate names and addresses of Filbys (all spellings) from telephone directories and any other available source throughout Great Britain. There followed letters asking for information about their family and known ancestors, which when returned, were the beginning of our paper filing system. During these early years this group of people grew and new friendships were formed whilst staying at each other's homes during their pilgrimage to All Saints Church at Filby village in Norfolk, where it is believed our name developed.

Ellsworth and his wife, Marion, came to England in 1964/6 and stayed at the Duke's Head Hotel in Kings Lynn. Most of their time was spent with Mary and Len, who drove them around the country visiting the homes of people with variants of our name to gather information. We still use those paper records, and many of our current members are either these people or their descendants, like us, when I came across the interview given by my husband's aged aunt and uncle. These families were the basis of what would eventually become our Association trees.

In 1968, Ellsworth and his growing loyal team of researchers decided to create The Filby Association, and became Founder Members inviting all those that had kept contact and were interested, to attend what he called "The Homecoming" at All Saints Church, Filby, on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. There were 250 Filbys in attendance including my husband, Alan, and me, with our first son, Andrew, then aged 16 months, (on right) Alan's brother, Bob Filby, sister-in-law, Elaine, and their daughter, Linda. Some of you reading this will remember it well because you were there. It was an amazing gathering of extended families that came together and united as one.



The first newsletter sent out after the event was called "Saga" then every year from 1969 when Mary became Secretary, and Frederick N. Filby, British Coordinator. It was in 1970 when Ellsworth made his way to Australia to trace all the Filbys that were descendants of immigrants, and so the Filby Association continued to develop and grow.

Officially we will be celebrating our Golden Jubilee - Fifty Years of The Filby Association, in 2018 – but I believe it is most definitely worth a mention that it is 50 years since our Founder, Ellsworth L. Filby, started the ball rolling with his own family history research – sadly, he died in 1976, but what a forethought he had!

Perhaps you would like to make a note of the date, the first Sunday in July, 2018, and start planning your holiday to Norfolk, England - from wherever you are in the world—we would like our fiftieth anniversary to be as big as our first "Homecoming" in 1968 - and we would like you to be there.

## **Megan Kerslake (of Filby descent) from Surrey .....**

.....forwarded some very interesting information about her ancestor, **William Filby 1729—1810**, a tailor in Water Lane, Blackfriars, and of 3 Pilgrim Street, Ludgate Hill, London. Having visited there myself I can tell you that the premises are still a shop but no longer tailors.

William Filby was made Free by redemption by order of the court on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1763, and admitted to the Freedom of the Company of Merchant Taylors on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 1763. Many of our members are descendants of William, and his wife, Ann Bellfield. (For information; now Tree T02, which is Tree 103 renumbered.)

**Below Oliver Goldsmith.....mentions the "famous" "bloom coat", (see photo) which was purchased from our ancestor, William Filby, tailor, of Water Lane, London, whose two sons, Miles and John, followed in his footsteps.** Megan says; "Below is bitty, but gives snippets, or glimpses.....I would love to get my hands on Mr Filby's chronicles that are mentioned, which I presume are his ledgers.....fascinating!"

To your blue velvet suit, £21 10s. 9d. Also, about the same time, a suit of livery and a crimson collar for the serving man. Again we hold the Jessamy Bride responsible for this gorgeous splendour of wardrobe. The spring-velvet suit alluded to appears to have been a gallant adornment (somewhat in the style of the famous bloom-coloured coat) in which Goldsmith had figured in the preceding month of May—the season of blossoms—for, on the 21st of that month we find the following entry in **the chronicle of Mr William Filby, tailor**:

A dress of George I is thus described by Horace Walpole: "A dark tie-wig, a plain coat, waistcoat and breeches of snuff-coloured cloth, with stockings of the same colour, and a blue ribbon over all:" and a summer visiting-dress of Walpole himself was: "A lavender suit, the waistcoat embroidered with a little silver, or of white silk, worked in the tambour, partridge-silk stockings, and gold buckles, ruffles and frill, generally lace."

Goldsmith, always a showy dresser, had, according to **the books of Mr William Filby, tailor, at the sign of the Harrow, in Water-lane**, a suit described as of Tyriaii bloom, satin grain, and garter-blue silk breeches, price £87.2s.7d; a velvet suit, £21.10s.9d and, sometime later, a green, half-trimmed frock and breeches, lined with silk; a queen's-blue dress suit; a half-dress suit of ratteen, lined with satin, a pair of silk stocking-breeches, and another pair of a bloom colour.

So much for the tout ensemble! We may as well, perhaps, devote a few words to the separate details of these costumes, and more particularly the head-dress. The cocked, or three-cornered hat, was generally lined with silk, and the flaps looped up, sometimes with gold or silver lace, to a button on the crown; it was capable of considerable compression, from the very nature of its shape, and was generally crushed under the arm when its wearer entered a house.

The wigs were of the most fickle fashion, sometimes fringed with thick curls, sometimes fluttering in ringlets, and at times bristling with short, crisp curls — now putting forth a long pendulous tail; then cur-tailed, with a mere sprout hanging down to the collar; and finally, boasting only a large bow of black or brown silk at the back. The "campaign wig" of 1702 was very full, curled, and eighteen inches in length to the front, with deep locks. Other varieties of wigs were known by the names of "the story" "tie bob," "the Busby," "the scratch," "the bag," "tie brown George," "the riding wig," "the nightcap wig," "the periwig," "the tie," "the queue." "The tie" was the wig that we described as having a bow or tie affixed to the back of it, but which degenerated into a string of silk or plaited hair, called from its similarity to that appendage, a "pigtail." These wigs were somewhat expensive (and certainly superfluous) articles of dress, as may be imagined when we state that, such was the demand for good natural hair for their manufacture, that the price was 3/- per ounce.

Goldsmith, more bitter in his satires than Addison, deals a blow to this fashion, in his *Citizen of the World*: "To appear wise, nothing is more requisite here than for a man to borrow hair from the heads of all his neighbours, and clap it, like a bush, on his own. The distributors of law and physic stick on such quantities, that it is almost impossible, even in idea, to distinguish between the head and the hair."

The cane, to which we have alluded, was not what is now-a-days comprehended by the word — a mere walking-stick, but a stout staff or wand, reaching almost up to the eyes of the wielder, who was stared in the face by a grotesque and hideous head, which was usually the top— it would be wrong to use the word handle. It was, in fact, the same baton which we may sometimes see carried by footmen at the backs of carriages on state occasions.



The large muffs which were in vogue about the middle of the century, must, one would think, have given the gentlemen somewhat of an effeminate appearance, and were in ludicrous contrast to the warlike sword that was girt about their waists. In two of Hogarth's pictures we have examples from which to judge of the effect of these appendages of winter

dress, namely, in Taste in High Life, and in the Arrest for Debt scene of the Rake's Progress. They appear to have been most in fashion about 1760-70, and only exceptional at other periods of the century. The sporting Earl of March writes thus in 1766, to George Selwyn, at Paris: "The muff you sent me by the Duke of Richmond I like prodigiously; vastly better than if it had been of tigre, or of any glaring colour — several are now making after it." And again: "Pray bring me two or three bottles of perfume to put amongst powder, and some patterns for velvets that are new and pretty." Might we not fancy it was a lady's letter, in-stead of a young nobleman's? — In after-years the infamous "Old Q." of Piccadilly.

*Oliver Goldsmith and Medicine*, by Raymond Crawford, M.D.Oxon, has the following details mentioning **Filby the tailor** again and for the last time essayed the practice of medicine. Reynolds urged on him that a regular calling gave a man a social status. Garth, Cowley, Akenside, Smollett, and others had successfully combined literature and medicine. **Prior, by the light of tailor Filby's ledger**, displays Goldsmith in purple silk small-clothes, a handsome scarlet roquelaure buttoned close under the chin, a full professional wig, a sword, and a gold-headed cane. **In the ensuing six months Filby was requisitioned for no fewer than three similar suits; the right effect was to be produced at any cost.** Next came a manservant, but still no practice; clearly Goldsmith's was a hopeless case.

*Streets South Of Fleet Street, from the <http://www.oldandsold.com/articles33n/fleet-street-2.shtml>* Noble has preserved some early references to Water Lane, and in his pages I find that it was 'presented,' in 1569, for its `fall' of water upon the people's heads; and in 1574, complaint was made concerning "grete dunghills conteynge by estimacion above 40 loade caste up by the water of the Thames," on its west side. Indeed, the place was for long in a fearful state; and in 1610, we are told that "the waie beinge soe stopped with dung and dirte that the passengers can hardlie passe, and the pavement soe broken and ruyned that if speedilie redresse be not had neither horse can drawe his loade nor passengers goe that waie." All this occurred when the lane was much narrower than it is to-day, but little seems to have been done, notwithstanding the matter was brought before the Common Council, intermittently, between the years 1594 to 1596, until after the Great Fire, when the street was enlarged, and if not beautified at least cleaned. There was a Black Lion Tavern about half-way down the lane, and among its residents was Tompion, the famous watch-maker, who died at his shop, at the north corner, in 1713; **and Filby, the tailor (at the sign of the 'Harrow'), who supplied Oliver Goldsmith with some of those suits of which the poet was so inordinately proud.'**

*The Citizen of the World* is a capital collection of essays, possessed of an imperishable interest and significance. The greatest men of that age, and the best, loved Goldsmith like a brother. Very soon we see Dr Johnson marching down Fleet Street arm-in-arm with Percy to take supper with Dr Goldsmith. The lexicographer has on a new suit of clothes and a wig finely

powdered, and looks uncommon through this unexpected scrupulosity of costume. Percy is impertinent enough to inquire the cause of this finery. "Why, sir," said Johnson, "I hear that Goldsmith, who is a very great sloven, justifies his disregard of cleanliness and decency by quoting my practice, and I am desirous this night to show him a better example."

This amusing incident marks the foundation of a great friendship. If ever Goldsmith had a friend, that friend was Johnson; if Johnson ever had a friend, that friend was Goldsmith. The story does not proclaim dear Noll a dandy this time. Doubtless his care or carelessness in garment kept pace, step by step, with varying moods. Evidence tells us how much he doted on finery and fashionable raiment **in those bills from his tailor, which to the very last remained unpaid. "Filby could afford the loss."**

From another article by a Mr Prior proving that Oliver Goldsmith died £79 in William Filby's debt and concludes with copying an autograph note with which he has been favoured by Filby's son: **"My father, though a loser to that amount, attributed no blame to the doctor, who had been a good customer and would have paid him every farthing had he lived. Half the sum was for clothes supplied to a nephew."**

*(Extracts edited by Marion Filby)*

## Did You Know that.....?

...the 'French' motto on the British passport is Anglo-Norman? DIEU ET MON DROIT has been used by English monarchs since it was adopted by King Henry V in the early 1400s. It is usually translated as *GOD AND MY RIGHT* and implies that kingship was only derived through God and heredity - and therefore was subject to no other monarch or temporal power. It is said that before the battle of Gisors in 1198, King Richard I, 'The Lionheart', used the phrase as a countersign to tell friend from foe, and also as a denial of any possible fealty to the King of France.

Around the shield of the Royal arms is a ribbon bearing the words HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE which translates as *SHAME BE TO HIM WHO THINKS EVIL OF IT*.

The story goes that while King Edward III was dancing with the Countess of Salisbury, her garter slipped to the floor, causing some courtiers to snigger at her humiliation; Edward simply picked up the garter and placed it around his own leg, uttering these words, as an act of chivalry. Whether this be fact or fable, he certainly did found a chivalric order shortly after the alleged incident, probably in 1346; he called it the Most Noble Order of the Garter and adopted HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE as its motto.

Both of these phrases are actually in Anglo-Norman (rather than French), which was the spoken language of the Court and of diplomacy from the time of the Norman Conquest in 1066 until the early fifteenth century.

## AUSTRALIAN PHILBEYS PLANNING REUNION IN 2012

Philbey family descendants in Australia are planning a **springtime reunion in Kadina (South Australia) in the southern hemisphere next year.**



**George Frederick Philbey (1832-1913)**, a farm labourer, emigrated from Buckinghamshire to South Australia, arriving in Port Adelaide on the “Surge” in 1852. In 1855, he married Mary Anne Symons (1831-1902). They had nine children. George tried his luck on the Victorian goldfields, then returned to South Australia to farm on Kangaroo Flat near Gawler. The family finally moved to clear land and grow wheat in Kulpara on the Yorke Peninsula. The Philbeys prospered and became pillars of the local community.

Since then, the family has grown and spread. Today, the descendants of George and Mary Philbey number in the hundreds, scattered throughout Australia and around the globe.

Family reunions were held in Cecil Plains (Queensland) in 1991 and 2009, attended by family members from all over Australia. The next reunion, which will mark the **160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of George Frederick Philbey in Australia**, will be held in **Kadina on 22-23 September, 2012.**

The organisers are planning a **full programme of activities over two days** for the 2012 event, including social gatherings, presentations by the different branches of the family, a musical performance, and an exhibition tracing the family’s history in Australia. The main venue will be the Kadina Town Hall. A church service will also take place, followed by a guided tour of Philbey ancestral sites in Kadina and the surrounding district.

The organisers are inviting **all Philbey family descendants in Australia and abroad** to come to the reunion. Moreover, they welcome any photographs, documents or other artefacts that could be put on display in the exhibition. Marilyn Philbey has been preparing a book tracing the development of the Philbey family in Australia, copies of which will be available at the event.

The invitation also extends to **more distant relatives**, whether Philbey, Philby, Filby, Filbey or however their surnames might be spelt.

If you are interested in joining us next year, please send a message to **Garth Hunt** at email address [glhunt15@gmail.com](mailto:glhunt15@gmail.com) or **Jean Hutchings** at email address [hutchkad@yp-connect.net](mailto:hutchkad@yp-connect.net) . If you have any material on the family which you think could add value to the exhibition or the book, please make contact with **Marilyn Philbey** at email address [mephilbey@bigpond.com](mailto:mephilbey@bigpond.com) .

The organisers will be sending out a further notice in the first quarter of next year providing some more details on the event and asking people to register.

## **Whose Ancestor? Can you help? Have you come across him in your search?**

### **Richard Filbee, Convict - Deported 1837**

The original references are in the Buckinghamshire, England, QS records. Richard Filby born 25 February, 1807, had two convictions, the first on 31 December, 1833, and the second on 3 January, 1837. Both convictions were at Petty Sessions, of which no records exist, so no details of the offences were given as all that happened at the QS was that the conviction was reported. However, the 1837 conviction was his second that was referred to the QS and he was sentenced to be transported for 7 years (QS record 07.12.10 H. Hailey.)

Fortunately, newspaper coverage of his crimes was found:

No 1. 1833: When he was 'of Hartwell' - the theft of a piece of mother of pearl and a penknife, with an accomplice William Davis - and both were sentenced to 6 months.

No 2. 1836/7: The alleged offence, stealing a lead pump, with accomplices John Allen and Edward Mooney in Hartwell.

Richard Filby was convicted in 1837 and transported to Van Dieman's Land in Tasmania, Australia on the SS Neptune. He was convicted and deported under the surname of FILBY but married under the surname of FILBEE.

Name: Richard Filby. Vessel: Neptune. Convicted Date: 3 Jan, 1837  
 Voyage Date: 4 Oct 1837 Colony: Van Dieman's Land  
 Piece: HO 11/11 Place of Conviction: Buckinghamshire, England

Then a change in spelling = Name: Richard Filbee. Death Date: 14 May 1887 Death Place: Tasmania Age: 71 Registration Year: 1887 Registration Place: Hobart, Tasmania Registration Number: 735

Also a marriage; Name: Richard Filbee

Spouse Name: Ann Mary Capenhurst.

Marriage Date: 7 Oct 1844 Marriage Place: Tasmania

Registration Place: Hobart, Tasmania Registration Year: 1844

Registration Number: 1203 FILBEE Richard - free

CAPENHURST Mary Ann SS. Hindostan 02 SEP 1844 CON52/2 p60  
RGD37/4 : 1844/1203

The "Record Of Marriage" re Richard Filbee does not list his father or mother, only—when, where, name, age, rank. Currier --- Des of parties, name of Clergyman and when. It also lists his witnesses. Reg. No. 8/1844 on 07 Oct. 1844.

From all of the above, it would appear that Richard Filby was transported in the Neptune in 1837, but was married as Richard Filbee in 1844, in Hobart, to Mary Ann Capenhurst. She, it would appear, arrived on the Hindustan, also a convict.

Richard was for a time in the service of Mr J Regan (?) of Hobart. Mary was assigned to Mr James in Hobart. They were given permission to marry in 1844.

Name: Mary Ann Capenhurst Arrival Date: 1839

Vessel: Hindostan Piece: HO 10/39 Province: Tasmania.

Title: Ledger Returns S-Z Year: 1846. Place of Conviction: Warwick

**If anyone can help find the names of Richard's parents and/or his and Mary's descendants we would be pleased to hear from you.**

**Thank you,**

**Marion@filby.org**

## **How Deportation to Australia Began**

**13 May, 1787** – The 11 ships of the First Fleet left Portsmouth, England, under the command of Capt. Arthur Phillip. Different accounts give varying numbers of passengers but the fleet consisted of at least 1,350 persons of whom 780 were convicts and 570 were free men, women and children and the number included four companies of marines. About 20% of the convicts were women and the oldest convict was 82. About 50% of the convicts had been tried in Middlesex and most of the rest were tried in the county assizes of Devon, Kent and Sussex.

**18 January, 1788** – The First Fleet arrived in Botany Bay, Australia, but the landing party was not impressed with the site and moved the fleet to Port Jackson, landing in Sydney Cove on 26 January, 1788 (now celebrated as Australia Day)

**1790** – The Second Fleet of convicts arrived in Sydney Cove.

**1791** – The Third Fleet of convicts arrived.

When the *Bellona* transport came to anchor in Sydney Cove on 16 January, 1788, she brought with her the first immigrant free settlers. The conditions they had come out under were that they should be provided with a free passage, be furnished with agricultural tools and implements by the Government, have two years' provisions, and have grants of land free of expense. They were likewise to have the labour of a certain number of convicts, who were also to be provided with two years' rations and one year's clothing from the public stores. The land assigned to them was some miles to the westward of Sydney, at a place named by the settlers, "Liberty Plains".

One in three convicts transported after 1788 was Irish, about a fifth of whom were transported in connection with the political and agrarian disturbances common in Ireland at the time. While the settlers were reasonably well-equipped, little consideration had been given to the skills required to make the colony self-supporting – few of the first wave convicts had farming or trade experience (nor the soldiers), and the lack of understanding of Australia's seasonal patterns saw initial attempts at farming fail, leaving only what animals and birds the soldiers were able to shoot. The colony nearly starved, and Phillip was forced to send a ship to Batavia (Jakarta) for supplies. Some relief arrived with the Second Fleet in 1790, but life was extremely hard for the first few years of the colony.

Convicts were usually sentenced to seven or fourteen years' penal servitude, or "for the term of their natural lives". Often these sentences had been commuted from the death sentence, which was technically the punishment for a wide variety of crimes. Upon arrival in a penal colony, convicts would be assigned to various kinds of work. Those with trades were given tasks to fit their skills (stonemasons, for example, were in very high demand) while the unskilled were assigned to work gangs to build roads and do other such tasks. Female convicts were usually assigned as domestic servants to the free settlers, many being forced into prostitution.

Where possible, convicts were assigned to free settlers who would be responsible for feeding and disciplining them; in return for this, the settlers were granted land. This system reduced the workload on the central administration. Those convicts who weren't assigned to settlers were housed at barracks such as the Hyde Park Barracks or the Parramatta female factory.

Convict discipline was harsh, convicts who would not work or who disobeyed orders were punished by flogging, being put in stricter confinement (e.g. leg-irons), or being transported to a stricter penal colony. The penal colonies at Port Arthur and Moreton Bay, for instance, were stricter than the one at Sydney, and the one at Norfolk Island was strictest of all. Convicts were assigned to work gangs to build roads, buildings, and the like. Female convicts, who made up 20% of the convict population, were usually assigned as domestic help to soldiers. Those convicts who

behaved were eventually issued with ticket of leave, which allowed them a certain degree of freedom. Those who saw out their full sentences or were granted a pardon usually remained in Australia as free settlers, and were able to take on convict servants themselves.

By 1790, a convict, James Ruse, had begun to successfully farm near Parramatta, the first successful farming enterprise, and he was soon joined by others. The colony began to grow enough food to support itself, and the standard of living for the residents gradually improved.

In 1804, the Vinegar Hill convict rebellion was led by around 200 escaped, mostly Irish convicts, although it was broken up quickly by the New South Wales Corps. On 26 January, 1808, there was a military rebellion against Governor Bligh led by John Macarthur. Following this, Governor Lachlan Macquarie was given a mandate to restore government and discipline in the colony. When he arrived in 1810, he forcibly deported the NSW Corps and brought the 73rd regiment to replace them.

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### **From the Rector of Filby – Reverend Graham Steel.**

Greetings and best wishes for 2012 from All Saints, to the Association members who hold Filby as a special place in their hearts.

I mentioned in 2010 that alongside our usual more traditional Sunday worship, we needed to provide opportunities of worship that meet the needs of younger families.

Our “Messy Church” initiative, part of a nationwide movement, is now attracting our largest regular congregation. This is very important for the on-going life of the church. It is putting real pressure on our facilities but we delight in having a challenge of this sort.

Also, as I mentioned previously, we are looking to incorporate similar changes at Filby that many other churches in Norfolk, and elsewhere, have already undertaken to make their buildings more suitable for the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We have consulted widely with the village and those who worship at the church, and received a wide range of responses. We are now consulting with English Heritage and other amenity societies before we can finalise our proposals and move forward. At the time of writing we are awaiting with much anticipation, the next steps.

I hope to have more news next time I write for the Chronicle. I am sorry I was not able to be at the 2011 Reunion as I had hoped, but I look forward to meeting as many as can come to the Reunion on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2012.

With every best wish,

Revd. Graham Steel.

## **Anglia in Bloom Results 2011**

The award ceremony was held in Colchester on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, and the village was represented by Derek Nicker and David Thompson. Filby won the Best Kept Village in East Anglia, with a Gold Medal, and Filby Post Office won the Best Commercial Premises. The allotments also got a nomination in the Grow Your Own category.

## **Great Yarmouth in Bloom**

Filby village won its third gold of the year to add to the two gained in the Anglia in Bloom competition.

## **Britain in Bloom Results**

On Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, Filby was awarded one of only three RHS Gold Awards to villages at the Britain in Bloom ceremony in Fife. The overall winner in the category was Luddenden in Yorkshire. This award brings a satisfactory conclusion to another successful year.

**The Next Filby Sunday will be on  
1st July, 2012, at All Saints Church, Filby,  
Norfolk, England.**

**AGM 11.00am—in the Church**

**Service 2.30pm**

**Followed by coffee and biscuits.**

**There will be time to discuss your family tree and get help with your research, our files will be available on computer. Merchandise will be available for sale as will back issues of our Chronicle.**

**The Next Triennial Reunion will be on**

**Sunday, 7th July, 2013**

**This is an event where we welcome more of our overseas members as it has a larger attendance. If you are considering joining us and would like information about the area and where to stay please contact any of us for details.**

## ANNUAL FILBY REUNION in the USA

The annual Filby family reunion was held in Washington, Pennsylvania on Sunday, 31 July, 2011. This reunion is held every summer on the last Sunday in August for the descendants of Orville Alva Filby. Attendance was lower than usual, with only 25 people attending this year.

Orville was born on 18 March, 1894, in Bristoria, Greene County, Pennsylvania, the son of Thomas Filby (1840-1905) and Alice Eliza Sargent (1849-1916). Orville married Ethel May Fischer on 21 March, 1914. They had four daughters and five sons. After working for the Washington Tin Plate Company, Orville then worked for 15 years as a janitor at Eighth Ward School. Ethel passed away on 12 November, 1978, at the age of 85, and Orville died on 19 June, 1980.



**This photograph was taken on their 60th Wedding Anniversary**

At the reunion, a printed copy of the family tree was available covering the descendants of John Filbey (1760-1826), Orville Alva's great-great-grandfather. Attendees provided updates and additions to the information.

The tree stems from research originally carried out by Ellsworth L. Filby.

Anyone interested in the next reunion please contact Jean-Jacques Filby [jjfilby@filby.org](mailto:jjfilby@filby.org) for information.

**Historical research can produce some strange findings:**

### York County, Pa. USA - Horse Thieves

The 1858 annual meeting of the [York County Horse Thief Detecting Society](#) (YCHTDS):

Since the by-laws required that all members be present at the meeting perhaps one of your ancestors was among those charged to go out on "every road and by-road" looking for the thief. If they all showed up for the meeting the innkeeper needed a really big room.

I haven't found yet what the penalty was for a convicted horse thief in 1858 - it was probably pretty stiff, but I don't think it was as physical as that related by Lewis Miller in his *Chronicle of York, Pa.* Miller, who was born in 1796, relates a punishment witnessed sometime earlier:

"Old Mr. Joseph Kraft, Saddler, told me what he saw when old **Filby** was put to the whipping post and lashed, and his ears cut off] and nailed to the post, and the boys pelting him with rotten eggs. It was done for stealing a horse of Mr. Ritter...."

One note on the list of 1858 YCHTDS members reads: Since our forebears had a fondness for repeating the same names through the generations, the first name or initial of the father was used to designate the proper person. For example Michael Smyser, of P. could have been the son of Peter or Phillip; Michael Smyser, of M. would have been the son of Michael, Matthew or Martin. Occasionally they named the township in which the individual lived.

## **New Research on Frederick County, Maryland, USA.**

Settlement in the area of today's Frederick County, Maryland, began largely during the decade of the 1730s. It was then a pioneer area of scattered farms and no towns. Most of the early inhabitants were non-English stock. They were strangers in a new land, struggling to eke out a living while establishing their new economy and society.

Most were farmers. Artisans or merchants among them were rare. Their churches were more religious traditions brought from the old country than physical edifices constructed in the new. Church services were held in individual homes or barns whenever itinerant ministers chanced a ride through the area. Their saddlebag records consisted mostly of entries in personal journals and seldom survived the ravages of swollen fords, rain, snowdrifts or careless heirs.

What registers of vital statistics kept, began only toward mid-century as church notations for baptisms and marriages. The recording in church books of death and burials was so much a later thought that genealogists usually rely on probate and administration of estates to reconstruct the lives and families of Frederick County's first inhabitants.

When death came to the early settler's family, interment was usually made in a corner of the family farm. There were no stonecutters to fashion gravestones or carve inscriptions. Even home-made markers were rarely used to designate the site and they were soon lost or covered with forest mould.

## **Can anyone help me locate the family of Samuel Filby?**

Obituary of Samuel Filby dated 19 November, 1878. The Post, Frederick.

The death of Mr Samuel Filby, one of the oldest residents of this city occurred at the residence of Mrs Adams, corner Market and Sixth this morning at 5.0 clock. Mr Filby was aged about 70 years (b 1806/8?). At one time he was a stage coach driver famous for his skill in handling six horses with as much ease as he would one. He drove the old continental line between this city and Hagest well before the days of railroads. His funeral will take place at 4.00pm on Sunday afternoon.

**WILL of Miles Philby**—son of John Filby, grandson of Michael (Miles) Filbey 1610—Note the change of spelling in only 3 generations.

**MILES PHILBY** was born 1664 in Honingham, Norfolk, England.

He died 17 January, 1692, in Honingham, Norfolk, England.

He married **ELIZABETH WHARTON** on 22 January, 1685, in Honingham, Miles Philby, Yeoman of Honingham, prepared a Will dated 15 January, 1692.

“In name of God, weak in body, sound and disposing mind and memory, soul to God, body to Christian burial. To wife Elizabeth P all those lands, messuages, tenements and appurtenances late purchased of John Reyseing in Hockering; for life and then to my son Miles P. and to his heirs for ever. To son, Miles P £10 at 21. To daughter Ann P £40 at 21, but if said Miles P. challenges my said Will re half moiety of messuages, tenements, edifices and appurtenances in East Dereham which became forfeit to me by surrender of Thomas Kempe by deed 18 November, 1659, property to aforesaid Miles on death of my wife to be forfeited to my daughter Ann and to her heirs for ever. If both Miles and Ann die then all to wife Elizabeth and to her heirs for ever. All goods, chattells, personal debts owing me, to said wife, she sole executrix. She to give a bond of £10 to perform Will to my brother-in-law William Wharton.”

signed Margaret Johnson, Ales Child, witnesses. No probate attached.

**Inventory of the Personal Estate of Miles Filby of Honingham. No.71 Norwich.** Administrated by Thomas and William Wharton, grandfather and uncle and also guardian to the two children, Miles and Ann, of the aforesaid Miles Filby, viewed valued and appraised by us whose Bonds are herunto subscribed.

Imprimio - 2 feather beds, bolsters, bedsteads, curtain valance with other furniture as they stand £7.0.0

Item livery cupboard, little table, 3 chests, 2 boxes, a coffer and wicker chair, a rack, hearthwarmer, a bowl, a chair, a cushion. £1.2.0

Item 15 pieces of pewter £1.0.0

Item 3 kettles, 2 skillets, an iron pot, a warming pan, a brush and candlestick £1.16.0

Item pair of Anderson fire pan tongs, 2 hats, a guiron, a cleaver, box iron, bellows, old axe, 6.0s

Item another parcel of pewter, a shelf and joynt stool 2.0s

Item a half barrel churn and frame, a mashfatt, 2 junkins and a spit and tuber £1.0.0

Item a old copper 5.0s

Item a mattock, 3 wedges, 4 wymbles, 2 forms and old gough, 2 old cows, a musk fork, a spare draft hocka and pilling iron 10.0s

Item also included—a patton shave and dough scrape

Item a wash killer and clapping board another stool 2.0s

Item in the dairy, 6 bowls, 4 fats, a frying pan and chelves £1.05.0

Item a bed as it stands £1.12.6

- Item five sacks and old churn 4.6s  
 Item one glas, one box, a little pewter and one silver spoon. 10.0s  
 Item a piece of cradle, a riddle pason bought, 2 tube. 1.0s  
 Item 2 fans and a bucket 8.0s  
 Item 1 cart and rope £2.15.0  
 Item three horse beast £5.10.0  
 Item 3 pairs of traces, 4 halters, and thillecgar(?) £1.15.0  
 Item 2 swaith oakes, one tub and carting shore, 2 forks. 4.0s  
 Item 6 cow racks and one leathyer 4.0s  
 Item one drain chrome, a knife, a trough, 2 pair clocks, one halter, one hatchet, a muck crome, a sack 10.0s  
 Item 5 old troughs, a parcel of wood, a bee block 6.0s  
 Item 2 fork shafts and two pairs of old harrows 10.0s  
 Item a plough bolster, a cooks spindle, silverons(?) and counter 4.0s  
 Item an old counter, a stone jug, 2 letts part of a dugghynd, wheler and 2 old shoods 11.0s  
 Item In money spent and desperate £52.0.0  
 Item one ewe sheep and lumber about the house and yard 5.0s

**Sum total £82.17.0      SIGNED Thomas Murell & Edward Filby**

*Sworn by Thomas Wharton one administrator of the goods with testament annexed of the said deceased—the 2nd May, 1696*

## **22nd February, 1695. Transfer of Manor Properties**

### **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 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." Fee £2.0.02p

### **27th June, 1711. Transfer of Manor Properties—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!" Fee £1.0.0

## Our DNA Project ~ by Jim Filby

I reported last year that the DNA project was at a standstill, this year, I am happy to announce that we had two volunteers who each came forward and paid for their test. The first participant took a Y-DNA37 test and the second a Y-DNA25 test.

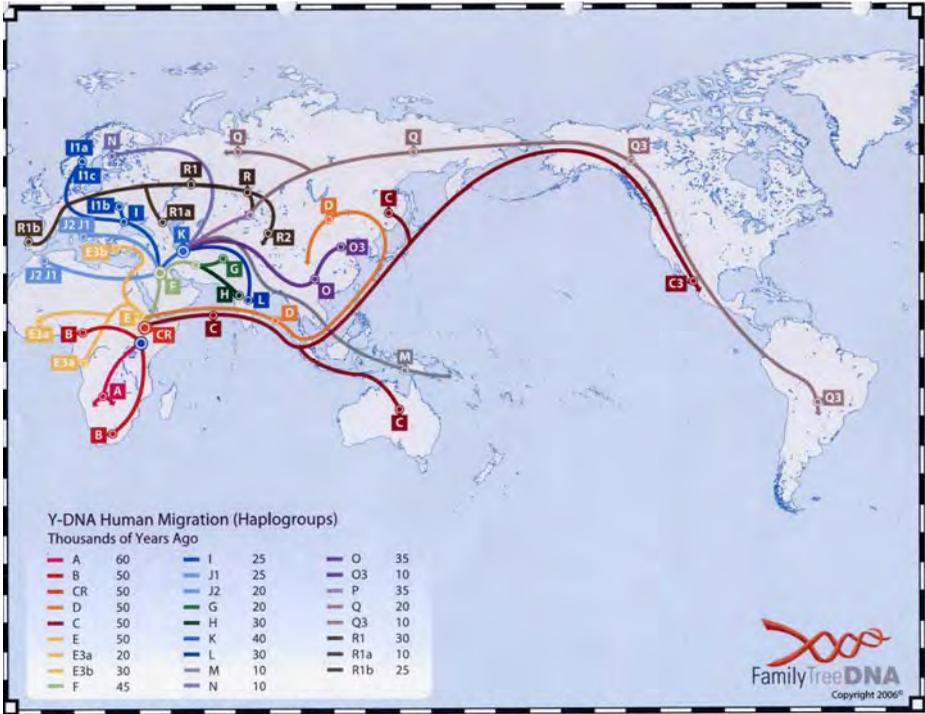
Let me explain; the numbers relate to the number of markers tested, the different tests with costs are: Y-DNA12 at £65, Y-DNA25 at £70, Y-DNA37 at £95 and Y-DNA67 at £150; these prices are approximate and are dependant on the Dollar to Pound exchange rate at the time of ordering as all tests are carried out in the USA.

We started our project with 37 marker tests and have found that unless our researcher requires a deeper analysis, then a 25 marker test is adequate to indicate where further research is required. We ask all our volunteers to pay for their tests themselves, we will of course, if our Chief Researcher requests the test, pay part, or cover all costs. Every participant will remain anonymous until they give us permission to release their names.

Below is a chart showing the 25 marker results so far. You will note that the first two do not have the Filby gene, i.e. are not matches in common with other results. As previously reported, we investigated further and located both non-paternity events for these volunteers, so with respect, their names will be kept private. Our other volunteers are willing to release their names when reporting DNA results: No. 92726 – James Arthur Filby (Manager): No. 97794 – Alan Victor Filby (Deputy Manager): No. 154762 – Mark Steven Filby (Webmaster).

| Kit Number             | Haplogroup | DYS393 | DYS390 | DYS19 | DYS391 | DYS385 | DYS426 | DYS388 | DYS439 | DYS389I | DYS392 | DYS389II | DYS458 | DYS459 | DYS455 | DYS454 | DYS447 | DYS437 | DYS448 | DYS449 | DYS464         |
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| Filby                  |            |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |        |         |        |          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |
| <a href="#">142692</a> | I1         | 13     | 22     | 14    | 10     | 13-14  | 11     | 14     | 11     | 12      | 11     | 28       | 15     | 7-9    | 8      | 11     | 23     | 16     | 20     | 28     | 12-15-15-16    |
| <a href="#">95030</a>  | R1b1a2     | 13     | 24     | 14    | 10     | 11-14  | 12     | 12     | 13     | 13      | 14     | 29       | 17     | 9-9    | 11     | 11     | 25     | 16     | 19     | 28     | 14-15-18-18    |
| <a href="#">199416</a> | G          | 13     | 24     | 15    | 10     | 14-14  | 11     | 13     | 11     | 12      | 11     | 29       | 16     | 9-9    | 11     | 12     | 23     | 16     | 21     | 31     | 12-12-13-13-14 |
| <a href="#">214351</a> | G          | 14     | 24     | 15    | 10     | 14-14  | 11     | 13     | 11     | 12      | 11     | 29       | 15     | 9-9    | 11     | 12     | 23     | 16     | 21     | 31     | 12-12-13-13-14 |
| <a href="#">92726</a>  | G          | 14     | 24     | 15    | 10     | 14-14  | 11     | 13     | 11     | 12      | 11     | 29       | 16     | 9-9    | 11     | 12     | 23     | 16     | 21     | 31     | 12-12-13-13-14 |
| <a href="#">154762</a> | G          | 14     | 24     | 15    | 10     | 14-14  | 11     | 13     | 11     | 12      | 11     | 29       | 16     | 9-9    | 11     | 12     | 23     | 16     | 21     | 31     | 12-12-13-13-14 |
| <a href="#">97794</a>  | G          | 14     | 24     | 15    | 10     | 14-14  | 11     | 13     | 11     | 12      | 11     | 29       | 16     | 9-9    | 11     | 12     | 23     | 16     | 21     | 31     | 12-12-13-13-14 |

From the two volunteers this year, the first tested was No.199416 - Jean-Jacques Filby; his result shows where there is only one marker (DYS393) that has mutated, and only by one count. This mutation is expected and is insignificant as far as any analysis is concerned. The second participant is No. 214351 – James Albert Filby; and his markers are identical to the other three earlier tests. All five belong to Haplogroup G (green on map) so this is what we are calling the Filby Gene, although there may be other families (surnames) with that same haplogroup.



The results so far indicate that all those with Haplogroup G will eventually join onto our largest family tree, and if not already on that tree, all we have to do is search for a link by finding a common ancestor at some point on both trees. The results also prove that all these Filbys are from the same ancestral roots.

So far only those with the surname Filby have taken the test; we would of course like further volunteers to take part; more importantly we would like males with different variations of our surname spelling to come forward – Philbey / Philby / Filbey / Filbee. This would allow us to determine if the name variations were down to a scribe's misspelling of our name or if they have a different haplogroup.

The test is a simple mouth swab that you can do yourself then post it off in the phial and envelope provided. Results will take about six weeks. Easy! We invite you to join our project.

There is a full report in our 2008 Chronicle explaining more fully Y-DNA testing and how to analyse the results, if there is anyone who does not have that report, contact me and I will send you a copy.

Once again we are looking for more male members willing to take part in the project, so if you are interested would you please contact either me or Marion.

## Treasurer's Report - from Jim Filby

### 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2010, to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2011.

I have pleasure in presenting the Treasurer's report for the year October, 2010, to September, 2011. On the next page you will find a summary of our Income and Expenditure over the year, a few explanatory notes are shown below:

- 1) We have two accounts, "Current" and "Premium", in previous years these accounts have been accumulated into one report, however, this year they will be kept as separate accounts. This year's brought forward figures of £141.92 and £100.15 equals the last year's accumulated figure of £242.07.
- 2) You will notice that our officers' expenses came to £1,358.48; this is offset by donations from our officers of £1,469.12.
- 3) The Gift Aid of £366.15 that we received from HMRC was for last year's donations. I am claiming £388.53 on this year's donations.
- 4) The research cost was for DNA testing of two volunteers: N.B. Those who volunteer are asked to pay for all or maybe only part of their own tests via donations; this payment by the Association is at the discretion of our chief researcher. We thank the volunteers.
- 5) We transferred £50.00 from our Premium account at the beginning of the year to pay our subscriptions. You will notice however, that there is an odd 13p, this was money transferred into the account by PayPal when our account was set up.
- 6) The PayPal account was set up to enable us to open an online shop on our website [www.filby.org](http://www.filby.org) **Donations can also be made** to the Association via this account using your credit card, **click on 'donate' and follow the instructions.**
- 7) Alternatively, you can still send a donation direct to:  
 Bank: Barclays (Please advise Jim Filby when this method is used  
 Sort Code: 20-24-64 to action a receipt)  
 Account Name: The Filby Association  
 Account Number: 93616762

We are heavily reliant on donations from members to keep us viable. Below is a list of our approximate yearly outgoings before we even think about any other business:

|                              |         |                |
|------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Subscriptions (GOONS & FFHS) | £135.00 |                |
| Chronicle (inc. Postage).    | £460.00 |                |
| In Touch (inc. Postage).     | £120.00 |                |
| Website                      | £ 65.00 | Total: £780.00 |

Included in the subscription to FFHS is indemnity insurance for our hard working officers; the cost of our two journals we try to keep to a minimum by using email where possible, and we have also reduced the cost of our website substantially from last year.

Of course we do need further money to finance our shop and our research. One of the reasons we can claim Gift Aid is because we regularly (at our Triennial Reunion) make a donation to All Saints Church in Filby village, so please keep sending donations or buy gifts from our online shop, everything helps our cause. (For those of you who do not have internet access details of items for sale are elsewhere in the Chronicle and can be ordered by post).

I would like to thank most sincerely all those who have made a donation to the Association this year, the list is below and also contains membership numbers for your reference:

- 053 Sheila Filby, Horley, Surrey
- 098 Terence & Kathleen Filby, Beccles, Suffolk.
- 142 Trevor A Filby, Ipswich, Suffolk.
- 040 Mr & Mrs Boast, Diss, Norfolk.
- 019 John Derek Filby, Croydon, Surrey.
- 188 Patrick W King, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.
- 110 Mr & Mrs A E Filby, Luton, Bedfordshire.
- 096 Josephine Chipchase, South Shields, Tyne & Wear.
- 223 Barbara Hayward, Hadley Wood, Herts
- 027 Ron & Kath Filby, Doncaster, Yorkshire.
- 164 John & Wendy Ward, Whyteleafe, Surrey.
- 129 Veronica Finn, Minchinhampton, Glos.
- 034 Melvin Filby, Hornchurch, Essex.
- C03 Alan & Marion Filby, York, Yorkshire.
- C11 J.J. Filby, Saint Jacques, France.
- 113 Lois Filby, Clearwater, Florida, USA.
- 007 Ruth Smith, Colchester, Essex.
- 253 Eddie Tarrant, Eastbourne, East Sussex.
- 080 Jack W Filby, Ontario, Canada.
- 079 Phillippa Laurenson, Hamilton, New Zealand.
- 191 James A Filby, Rainham, Essex.
- 169 Lois Filby, Lecanto, Florida, USA.
- 152 Mrs May Gregory, Cheltenham, Glos.
- 078 Barbara Filbey, Sherborne, Dorset.
- C13 Mark S Filby, Felixstowe, Suffolk.
- 033 Robert A Filby, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire.
- 128 Bob G Filby, Thames Ditton, Surrey.
- 160 John H Filby, Roughton, Norfolk.
- 130 Mrs D J Nichols, Erpingham, Norwich.
- C02 Jim Filby, Blidworth, Nottinghamshire.
- C15 Alan Starkey, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire.
- 072 Angela Philbey-Ashley, Montreal, Canada.

I apologise if any names have been left off the above list in error.

**Jim Filby (Treasurer)**



## Merchandise for sale

There are a number of items for sale on our website at [www.filby.org](http://www.filby.org) or through our Manager, Jim Filby, via normal post.

Either:

**Website** - Go to the 'merchandise' page and select the items required with quantities. These can be paid for using your Credit or Debit card via PayPal as explained.

Or:

**By post** — if you would prefer to buy the goods by post from our Manager, Jim Filby, post your requirements to Jim using the enclosed/ attached order form.



- 1) Embossed Tie in either Navy Blue or Maroon at **£6.00 each**.
- 2) Embossed Ladies Ties in Navy Blue at **£6.00 each**.
- 3) Embroidered Ties in Navy Blue, Green or Maroon at **£10.00 each**.
- 4) A CD of our first 40 years Newsletters and Sagas at **£3.00 each**.
- 5) An enameled Lapel Badge showing the Filby Crest at **£5.00 each**.
- 6) 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flat Paper Weight at **£5.00 each**.
- 7) A small Association Car Sticker at **£1.50 each**.

For items 1 to 6 the post and packing is: **In the UK £1.50 and outside the UK £2.50 and the post and packing for the car sticker only is a stamped addressed envelope for return.**

## Golden Wedding Anniversary



**Congratulations to Charles & Daphne Filby** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 16th September, 2011, holidaying in Tuscany.

Charles is the second great-grandson of Joseph Filby 1795-1870, Welney, Norfolk, on Tree T21.

His father was Joseph Filbee (1740) West Dereham, who had four children with the surname Filbee and just the one Filby—Joseph.

Joseph Filbee's father was George Phillippe (Abt 1710) whose first son had his surname then three more spelt Filbee, which is an example of how the surname can change from generation to generation.

## Marriages

On May 3rd, 2011,

**Michael Jonathan Ashley married Alyson Young** in Jamaica, where they also spent their honeymoon before returning to Montreal.

Son of Philip Kent Ashley and his wife, Diane.

Grandson of Angela Philbey-Ashley and Roger Ashley of Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

On 4th June, 2011,

**Adam Filby married Tracey Leach**

The weather was perfect and the service was held outside.

The evening dancing was enjoyed on the veranda of the Rivermead Golf Club (in Aylmer, Quebec, Canada - across the Ottawa River from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada). ***Photograph on back cover shows the happy couple with Ed and Diane Filby, the groom's parents.***

## Obituary

**Ann Veronica (Filby) Chesworth** aged 73 years, died on 24th October, 2011 at Eden Mills, Ontario, Canada. Wife of Dr. Ward Chesworth, mother of Aaron, Iona, Delia and Amanda and grandmother of Laura. Ann was the daughter of our Late President, Percy William Filby, and sister to Jane Johnson, Roddy and Guy Filby. Confined to a wheelchair most of her life, she acted as the village historian and catalogued Eden Mills many Heritage Buildings. She was a prolific writer & loved by all.

## Obituaries

**Lois R Filbey** aged 87, passed away on Tuesday, 30 August, 2011, in Clearwater, Florida. She was born on 31 July, 1924, in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Lois graduated from Lawrence College, Appleton, WI. in 1945 and married her high school sweetheart, Robert W Filbey, in 1946 upon his discharge from the US Army.

Together, through over 50 years of marriage, they raised 4 boys and a girl (Robert, Richard, Raymond, Russell and Ruth). As her family grew up and began leaving the nest, she got back into teaching. She taught elementary school music and was very active in the Kappa Delta Sorority. She was a life long member of the Episcopal Church and was a very active congregant (choir, altar guild, office help). She loved playing bridge, cribbage and various card games. She made beautiful quilts for her children and grandchildren.

Bob and Lois first lived in Champaign, IL. and then moved to Milwaukee, WI. In 1957, they moved to Chatham Township, New Jersey, where they lived until 1981 when Bob retired. They then moved to Dunedin, FL. and finally Lois settled into life at Regency Oaks, Clearwater, FL. in 2003.

Lois is survived by her brother, Fred Wilson, five children, their spouses, eight grand children and ten great grandchildren. Lois is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Robert, and her sister, Lillian.

A memorial service was held on 13 September, at Regency Oaks Town Hall, Clearwater, Florida. Lois was laid to rest with her husband, Robert, in the family plot at Saint Marks Cemetery, South Milwaukee, WI.

In lieu of flowers donations were made in Lois's name to Suncoast Hospice Foundation, Clearwater, Florida.

**Laura Ellen Filby** died on 27th May, 2011, aged 101. She was the widow of Derek William Filby 29.11.1913—01.12.1961 of Rectory Farm, Aldborough, Norfolk.

Laura had a good life and didn't ail much until the last eighteen months when she became very frail. She was buried with her husband at Aldborough Church on the 10th June, 2011.

She is greatly missed by all her family.

**Elaine Muriel Filby** aged 79, died on 23rd September, 2011. She leaves her husband, Bob Filby, daughter, Linda, and son-in-law, Richard, also grandchildren and great-grandchildren, family and friends.

She endured a long illness with strength and conviction reflected by her positive personality and outlook on life. She was much loved by everyone and will be sadly missed.

Elaine was sister-in-law to Alan and Marion Filby, officers of the Association.



**4th June, 2011.  
Wedding Day in Aylmer,  
Quebec, Canada  
for  
Adam and Tracey Filby.  
With Adam's parents,  
Ed and Diane Filby  
of Ottawa, Canada.**

### **FOUR TROPHIES!!!**

**Last September John H Filby looked a very proud man after winning four competitions at Suffield Bowls Club, Cromer, Norfolk.**

**John has been playing now for sixty years and it looks as though he would be a challenge for anyone to beat.**

**Congratulations and well done you!!**



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