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**Special thanks to all members who have participated and offered their help one way or another during this year.**

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Dear Members,

Opening this latest edition of our Filby Association Chronicle may be one of many - or your first introduction into how we unite our many family members from around the world. We hope that everyone will enjoy and feel the welcome and friendship we offer.

Since 1968 our Executive Officers have been maintaining contact through newsletters to keep everyone informed and aware of our development, and at the same time inviting anyone to share their own personal experiences and memories with us all.

In this particular edition I think we have covered every aspect to show what a united family we are. There's history for the researchers amongst you, with fascinating stories about our famous ancestors, and personal stories about our families and loved ones that will warm your heart. Please enjoy!

**Editor—Marion Filby**

## **From our Manager's Keyboard ~ Jim Filby**

Yet another year has passed and as reported in our 2012 'In Touch' we had a successful and enjoyable, though small Reunion and AGM in July. I am pleased to say that as your Manager I was re-elected onto the Executive Committee, promising to do my best for the Association during another 3 year term. At the same time it was agreed I should continue my responsibilities as Treasurer of the Association, but on a full time basis.

This year I have ordered some more Filby Association pens, two different types: a plastic pen which sells for 50p each or a metal bodied pen for £3.00 each. Both pens, along with the rest of our merchandise are on sale in our online shop and can be paid for by using a debit or credit card. 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 web site from our Web Master).

Our DNA Project is slowly ticking over. We have had a number of Filby males take the test, and more recently a Philbey, which costs between £80 to £150. We are hoping that other volunteers will come forward to take the YDNA test, especially those with other spellings of our surname: Filbey, Filbee Philby, and this will help us to determine if we are all descended from one ancestor.

Just after our DNA project started we had a request from a female Filby descendant whose records are on our database, she wanted to use our project to order herself an mtDNA test. In recent months we had a request from one of our lady (nee Filby) members who has taken the same test. We are awaiting her results. This mtDNA test costs about £80 should anyone else be interested.

The YDNA test looks at our paternal family whereas the mtDNA test looks at our maternal family. We ask our volunteers to pay for their own test and any assistance in the cost will be decided by the need of our researchers. All 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 yet again like to thank on behalf of our members, all our hard working officers, especially our executive officers, for all their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank all our members for their support.

I hope that you enjoy reading all the interesting articles that Marion has prepared for this year's Chronicle, and that you will continue to support the Filby Association and all our officers in whatever way you can, be it monetary

with 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.

Please don't forget that the reunion in 2013 is a Triennial Reunion to which we anticipate welcoming members from around the world, I am hoping to be able to stay a few more days in Filby this year to spend time with all our overseas and UK visitors.

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## **Web Master's Report – Mark Filby**

Firstly, I would like to confirm that I have entered the web site for consideration in the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) web site awards. We will find out in March if we have been successful in attaining an award. The format of the awards has been changed and we will now be judged in the Small society's category (less than 200 members) as opposed to the old One Name society category.

### **On-line Shop at [www.filby.org](http://www.filby.org)**

We now have a shopping cart to allow our members to purchase multiple items in one transaction. This keeps transaction costs to a minimum and allows more revenue to go to Association funds. Jim has sourced some new pens and these have been added to the shop for purchase – please keep watching the page for additional items as they become available.

Current and future website objectives.

There are a number of areas for future development:

- 1) Membership application online – I have yet to work out the best way to achieve this but a number of similar associations and societies offer this facility for new applications.
- 2) I am still working on a new framework for the web site, which would bring the site up to date. I have just updated my software and will make progress with the aim of re-launching the site by the middle of 2013.

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. The re-launch of the web site would benefit from some new material and any ideas for new developments would be greatly appreciated. Particularly welcome are any Filby related photographs.

As ever, suggestions for improvements are always welcomed from officers or members. Thank you all for your continued support this year, and best wishes for 2013.

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## Tree Manager's Report – Alan Starkey

It has been a quiet year for me this year. I have continued the work I was doing last year, e.g. adding source data references wherever possible to some of the smaller trees.

There are 9 smaller trees that link into our two major trees (which also link up). I am planning to accomplish merging these trees by the time of the reunion. It can be a slow process but there is a nice glow of satisfaction when a merge has been completed. In many cases, it means someone can now trace their ancestry back to the 16th Century.

I have bought Family Atlas software for my personal research. I have used the software to plot events for Filby's (of whatever spelling and the number seems to keep growing). For a single family or a single spelling, I can plot their migration. I can plot where the various name spellings are clustered. There is a time-line feature which is fun to play with – move the time-scale and see events pop-up and disappear to show how things change. It's a different way to look at all the data collected.

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## Secretary's Report – Marion Filby

I don't know where the years are going! Perhaps being busy is keeping us all out of mischief! This year there seems to have been a continual flow of queries to answer through our web site, and even more new information discovered as I plough through old paper files that I inherited as secretary.

Welcome to New Members plus family tree number for information:

- 096 Alison Philbey, Middlesbrough, North Yorks. England. (T03)
- 159 Bridie & Darren Filby, Hounslow, Middlesex, England. (T01)
- 171 Susanna E Filby, Cape Town, South Africa. (M301)
- 239 Nicola Forshaw, Currently living in Spain. (T02)
- 023 Elinor Tolfree, Dorset, England. (M105)
- 089 Susie Maluish, Australia. (T03)
- 135 Peter Hall, Australia (to locate)
- 140 Carolyn Tunstall (M64) Sutton in Ashfield, Notts., England.

This year we have lost quite a few of our founder members, which is very sad as we owe so much to them for creating the basis of our genealogical database. They will not be forgotten.

If anyone would like to help our working team we welcome your interest and look forward to hearing from you. You may give as little or as much time as you choose and work from home, but a computer is essential. Whatever field of work you would like to be involved in – please ask – we are always looking for people to eventually replace all of us, and coming in gradually can

enlighten you on all elements of Association business as I discovered. Whether in employment or retired - for relaxation or hobby, all are welcome.

**Please remember that if you do not inform us of a change in your email or home address you will not receive our journals. Several have been returned to us from both methods this year, which means all contact is lost and money wasted, so please keep us informed.**

As you will notice when you look at our Accounts, the rising cost of printing and posting two journals a year is expensive. We are hoping that we do not have to discontinue sending out either our "In Touch" or "Chronicle" by post unless ordered and pre-paid.

We also have to pay a subscription to the FFHS for each of our 273 members at no cost to them, a small annual donation would be helpful. We do not charge for our research, but a donation toward expenses goes a long way when showing gratitude. We would like to continue supporting All Saints Church at Filby, please help us to be as generous as ever.

A very big "Thank You" from us all - to those members who have sent donations in 2012, as listed on Page 34.

I would like to thank our Deputy Manager, Alan Filby, for his work during the year; Martin Moore of Filby village for liaising with Alan to plan our reunion, and all others who have given thought and time to assist in any way at all.

### **The Triennial Reunion**

**Saturday, 6th July, 2013, 7.00pm "Meet & Greet Dinner" at  
Bridge Inn, Acle, NR13 3AS (on the A1064 - 3 miles from Filby)  
Places by reservation only - through Marion Filby (Secretary)**

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**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2013, in All Saints Church,  
at Filby village, Norfolk, England.**

**AGM ~ 11.00am**

**Light Lunch Available from 12.00pm**

**Research Help & DNA Project**

**Filby Family Service ~ 2.30pm**

We look forward to welcoming our overseas visitors once again, and hope that as many as possible of our UK family will make **every effort to join us** and support this important event in our calendar.

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## **My Filbey Family, by Jessica Filbey, our Facebook Editor.**

Rebecca Filbey is probably the best cousin a person can have. She's a good person to have in your life period. She's smart, beautiful, kind and thoughtful. She sends you random cards in the mail to make you feel good, she sends you mixed CDs to help you get through a rough time, she always calls when she is in town, and she really knows about Scotch. Why am I telling you all this? Well, she had this great idea to get all eight of us Filbey cousins up to the Great Sacandaga Lake in upstate New York. My uncles have two houses there and I have dubbed it the "Filbey Compound." Plenty of room to host cousins, their spouses and their children. There was only one caveat: we had to prepare a presentation to show everyone what we had been up to.

Rebecca, like any good Filbey, was relentless in making sure we all bought our tickets, and planned who was going to make meals on what night for everyone. There were about 22 people in total up there, including some aunts and uncles who were not going to miss out on an opportunity to see their grandchildren. It was quite a feat she accomplished because we are spread out all over the United States, and one in the UK. I'm in Chicago, Illinois, Kirk is in Dayton, Ohio, Rebecca in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Josh is in Florida, Meg is in Texas, Adam is in Virginia, Ryanne is in New York City and Jonathan is in Oxford, UK. It was a big deal that we were all together.



***Here are the Filbey's starting top left:  
Kirk Filbey, Josh Filbey, Jonathan Filbey, Jessica Filbey (me!!), Risa  
Filbey (Josh's wife)  
Bottom row left to right:  
Meg Filbey, Ryanne Filbey, Rebecca Filbey, Staley Heatly (Meg's  
Husband)***



So, what do you do when you get all the Filbey cousins together? We drank, swam, drank, sat by the fire, drank, solved the world's problems, drank, laughed at kids, drank, played an insane game of croquette, drank, went sailing, drank, went out for ice cream, drank, laughed ourselves silly, drank, and basically had a great time visiting each other. It was a great weekend.

As far as the presentations go, they were awesome. We all had a little insight on what we were all doing in our daily lives. I have a new found appreciation for my cousins. We are all doing really awesome things. Things like, starting a farmers market in our town, writing grants to get new playground equipment, being a health educator in schools, being accepted into Oxford, selling food in a big city, researching our grandfather's role in WWII, researching and applying renewable energies, testing out airplanes in the Navy, raising kids, prosecuting bad guys.... Wow. My cousins are amazing!

We all had such a good time and we made a vow to do it again. Even though it was kind of crazy getting everyone together, I am glad Rebecca did. At the end of the day, your family is always there for you. We all found out that weekend that we are Filbey's and we stick together no matter what. We all value each other and love each other. What a great comfort to know that through life's trials and tribulations, you can always count on your cousins. In fact, I owe one of them a phone call right now.

**(Log onto [www.facebook.co.uk](http://www.facebook.co.uk) and search for “The Filbey Association” to find Jessica.)**

## **Did You Know....?**

.....that to 'run the gamut' was to sing the six notes of a mediaeval musical scale? The hexachord scale began at the gamma 'ut', and the challenge was issued as a result of men wearing spurs within a chapel or cathedral. Since they were not allowed to do so, the young choristers were permitted to take a fee of 'spur-money'.

The gentleman was exempt from this fee if he asked the youngest chorister of all to repeat the scale and he failed to do so. It is said that the Duke of Wellington escaped the fee, but Henry VII, and on more than one occasion, Henry VIII, were forced to pay. Occasionally, the boys proved themselves nuisances due to their diligence in collecting the toll.

“If any knight or other person entitled to wear spurs, enter the Chapel in that guise, he shall pay to the quiristers the accustomed fine; but if he command the youngest quirister to repeat his gamut and if he fails in so doing, the said knight or other shall not pay the fine.”

## Research Report – Marion Filby

Much of this year has been spent on additions to our trees from information gained through our membership. Please remember to send in your BIRTH, MARRIAGE and DEATH notices so that we can update your tree for future generations.

Several new trees have been developed from Ellsworth Filby's old paper records that have never been transcribed into our database, and many other small family groups added to extend existing trees. Five US trees are currently being transcribed.

A couple of photocopied Wills from the sixteenth century were lurking in a dusty folder that whet my appetite and after a period of two weeks burning the candle at both ends, I had uncovered a family tree linking to one (M130) that had challenged researchers for years. I developed it by eleven generations! There are still a couple more Wills dated around 1560 that I need to slot into place around Lewknor, in Oxfordshire.

Last year, with help from members we built on our Australian trees. This year I have been working on two trees in South Africa, which uncovered a third tree in Cape Town. Finding where immigrants originated through their record of Passage is one of the most difficult we encounter as detail is not always complete. However, every step forward leads to another clue to follow!

Thank you to my fellow researchers who take up any awkward challenge I throw at them – Sue Reynolds, Jean-Jacques Filby and William Gould, without whom we would not achieve the high results produced.

If you would like to know who among our membership are your “extended family” I can calculate relationships. To help, I list members identified on each tree below, **but if your name is not amongst those listed then I have not got your completed Family Questionnaire and would like you to contact me so that we can update your details on our database. This would be much appreciated – thank you.**

(T01) This tree includes all MY family who know who they are and are not listed! You may remember this complete tree back to 1520 was on the wall at our last Triennial Reunion.

009 Jenny Clarke; 013 Alan F Filby; 035 Marilyn Filby; 040 Kathleen Boast; 043 Keith Filby; 048 Jane Johnson; 066 Susan Cotterrill; 068 Katrina Filby; 087 Tony Bull; 091 Roy Filby; 092 Mary Lilly; 099 Eileen Sefton; 110 Albert Filby; 133 Stanley H Filby; 145 Olive Filby; 146 Peter Filby; 149 Nigel Filby; 153 Pam Bullent; 159 Bridie Filby; 165 Mavis Evans; 182 Alison Barton; 226 Marjorie Swinburne; 237 Roddy Filby; 238 Guy Filby;

(T02) C04 Mark S Filby; C06 Alan Starkey; C12 John D Filby; C16 Sue Reynolds; 004 Dr. Don Barry; 011 Molly Kuttner; 019 John Derek Filbey; 024 Marjorie Raynor; 037 Mary F Filby; 052 Derek Filbey; 073 Derek Filbey; 075 Enid

Filbey; 076 Jill Yates; 079 Philippa Laurenson; 082 Russell A Filby; 084 Sue Trumble; 103 Graham Fitt; 107 Michele Morrison; 112 Ed Filby; 129 Veronica Finn; 142 Trevor A Filby; 160 John H Filby; 161 Paul J Filby; 162 Brian G Filby; 164 John Ward; 176 Shelley Frazier; 179 Michael Fowler; 189 Harold Filby; 196 Lori Leek; 197 David Filby; 224 Russell G Filby; 229 Gillian Bache; 239 Nicola Forshaw; 248 Cliff Leeds; 250 Megan Kerlake; 259 James Harvey; 262 Madeleine Filbey; (Tree T01 & T02 do link but are currently kept separate due to size)

- (T03) C08 Kirk Filbey; C10 Jessica Filbey; 010 Ray Filbey; 038 Bob Filby; 064 Paul Wilkins; 072 Angela Philbey-Ashley; 088 Colin R Philbey; 096 Alison Philbey; 106 Marilyn Philbey; 109 Garth Hunt; 121 Mike Dewey; 125 Janice Quick; 141 Darryl Philbey; 173 Sharyn Baldwinson; 174 Maxine Philbey; 216 Lynne MacMillan; 223 Barbara Hayward; 265 Brian A Philby; 267 Alan Hague; 268 Doug Hague; 270 Janet Amos;
- (T05) C09 Helen Filby; 018 Doreen Downes; 034 Melvyn Filby; 054 William Filby; 077 Barbara Ralph; 080 Jack Filby; 095 Nigel Filby; 097 Brenda Grove; 119 Peter Lilly; 123 Brent Bowyer; 128 R G (Bob) Filby; 143 Daniel Filby; 191 James A Filby; 214 James W Filby; 234 Simon Filby; 271 Cedric Filby; 273 Rebecca Coates;
- (T06) C01 Our President - Mary Filby; C02 Jim Filby; 006 Wally Filby; 007 Ruth Smith; 044 Stephanie Filby; 045 Linda Filby; 046 Dawn Filby; 047 Andrea Filby; 049 Janet Filby; 050 Ian Filby; 051 Alan Filby; 060 Prof. Ivan Filby; 061 Stuart Filby; 063 Pat Coles; 070 Karl Filby; 086 Doris Guyton; 093 Ann Whithear; 195 Ivan Filby;
- (T07) 022 Eileen Mitchell; 041 Iris Smith; 178 Karen Westdijk; (T07 links to T02)
- (T08) 025 Elizabeth M Filby; 042 Charles Filby; 126 Paul M Filby; 180 Paul Wade; 231 Martyn Filby; 253 Eddie Tarrant;
- (T10) 033 Robert Filby; 036 Steven Filby; 144 Cyril Shrimpton; 183 Heather Kemp; 116 Janet A Edwards;
- (T12) 003 William Gould; 053 Sheila Filby; 081 Christopher Filby; 094 Erica Filby; 138 Leslie Filby;
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- (T18) 021 Mary Edwards; 208 Ray Tucker; 209 Allan Wishnowsky;
- (U04) 264 Jennifer R Filby Dickinson; 225 Matt Filby;
- (U06) 254 Darlene Bobloch; 269 Jean Hershberger;
- (U07) C11 Jean-Jacques Filby; 155 Michel A Filby; 156 William A Filby; 266 Jonathan Voorhees;
- (U08) 169 Jim Filby; 203 Barbara J Miller;
- (U10) 218 Shirley J Cahill; 251 Lisa O'Sullivan;
- (U11) 220 Anita Belcher; 008 Don R Filby;
- (M5) 098 Terry Filby;

- (M26) 139 Denis A Filby;
- (M31) 242 Christine Victory;
- (M52) 157 Ian Philby;
- (M54) 132 Ian Roberts;
- (M82) 154 Brigitte Filby;
- (M93) 062 Serena Taylor; 067 Brian Petts; 272 Paul A Filbey;
- (M102) 028 Richard D Garner;
- (M105) 023 Elinor Tolfree
- (M115) 114 Margaret Pitt; 205 Ursula Phillips;
- (M130) 005 Christine Williams; 240 Linda Agnew;
- (M131) 071 Judy Doree; 120 LBR (Brian) Filby; 124 Madeleine Filson-Filby;
- (M134) 111 Maurice French;
- (M143) 158 David Matthews; 257 Ian J Filby;
- (M144) 151 Barbara Cole;
- (M301) 171 Susanna Filby;

There are many of you with the same name, so please check your membership number against your name for personal identification..

**Do come along to our Triennial Reunion on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 at Filby in Norfolk and meet the rest of YOUR FAMILY!! Most of these trees will merge when we find more common ancestors.**

In our research we come across interesting information about our ancestors, did you know that we have some 'famous' and also 'infamous' Filbys (of all spellings)?

In the next few articles I have tried to include some of the stories that perhaps you didn't know—or maybe did—submitted by our members for your pleasure! They are all very interesting articles and to make them even more personal I have listed the family tree on which they appear— so, who's who on your family tree?

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.

## Philby of Arabia - by Jim Filby

*In November, 2011, the Federation of Family History Societies ran a competition for short stories of 1,000 words about member's ancestors. It was decided that I should write an article about Harry St. John Bridger Philby who spent years exploring Arabia from about 1914 onwards. The article below was submitted, but unfortunately, did not win a prize. I did, however, enjoy researching and writing the resulting short biography that I now share with you.*

### Harry St. John Bridger (Jack) Philby - Family Tree M126

'Greatest of Arabian Explorers' is engraved on his tombstone, and few would quarrel with those words. The book about St. John's life written by Elizabeth Monroe is called "Philby of Arabia". We start his story where life begins.

Harry St. John Bridger Philby was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1885, in Ceylon. He was the second son and child of Harry Montagu (Montie) Philby, born March, 1857, in Epping, England, and May Beatrice Duncan, born in Bangalore, India. They were married in 1883, in Ceylon, India. Montie was sent off to Ceylon in the 1870s to seek his fortune in the coffee trade.

Montie's mother was Mary Pondpa Bridger and known as Granny Bridger by Montie's children, naming their first three boys Tom, Jack and Tim. The nick name, Jack, stayed with Harry St John Bridger all his life. I will therefore refer to him in this story as Jack.

Jack was by far the harder working and brighter of the boys who went to a small pre-prep boarding school. He won a scholarship to Dover College, but the headmaster suggested that the scholarship be turned down as he was better than that and should be entered for the Westminster Challenge. In 1898, aged thirteen, he was entered and elected a Queen's Scholar and ambition began to stir.

From Westminster he won a scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he met with some disappointment in his first year by only getting a second in Classical Tripos. He decided to switch to Modern Languages, a subject to which he could shine. After getting a first for his Modern Languages Tripos he left for an Officer's Training Corps., camp at Tidworth on Salisbury Plain, and finally to Burlingham House to take the Civil Service Examination, which he passed and was accepted for the Indian Civil Service.

After two years in India he met and married Dora Johnston in September, 1910, and on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1912, their first son, Harold Adrian Russell, was born in Ambala in the Punjab, and nicknamed after Kipling's, Kim. Jack and Dora had two more children, both girls, Diana and Patricia.

Jack was then ordered to Arabia from India to join up with a small force which had been sent a year earlier. The force was to achieve three objectives:

- 1) To put heart into friendly Arab Sheikh's.
- 2) To protect the oilfields in South Persia.
- 3) Block the passage of German agents.

When Jack arrived the oilfields were safe and some of the Arabs were friendly.

Jack now had to deal with a number of Arab chiefs and the most important were: Mubarak, Sheikh of Kuwait, Khazal, Sheikh Muhammara, and Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud, the Amir (Prince) of Najd in Arabia, the latter, of whom, became an extremely close friend of Jack's.

By October, 1916, Jack's efficiency had sufficiently outweighed his shortcomings and he was promoted to Revenue Commissioner over a much senior man. Jack continued to work hard and in June of 1917, he was eventually sent on a mission to Arabia as Britain's Political Representative to talk to Ibn Saud, who later gave him safe passage across Arabia.

During Jack's time in Arabia he became great friends with Ibn Saud who eventually became the first King of Saudi Arabia. They became such good friends that King Ibn Saud Aziz presented his 16 year old daughter, Rozy Al Abdul Aziz, to Jack in marriage during November, 1945, and they had four children. During this time Jack became a Muslim and was known as Haji Abdullah.

Throughout his journeys in Arabia he continued to wear the local clothing in which he felt comfortable. He also painstakingly charted his every desert journey, not only mapping his journeys but describing the journeys in fine detail.

Jack's first great journey in 1917 was crossing central Arabia east to west from Uqair on the Arabian Gulf, through Riyadh, Khurma, Sail and to Jidda on the Red Sea, which won him the Founders Medal of the Royal Geographical Society. For safety during this journey they were advised to wear local clothing, also at this time Jack had grown a beard.

His second journey was in 1917 from Riyadh to Sulail and then back to Riyadh via a different route.

His third journey in 1932 was from Hufuf to Mecca.

His fourth and greatest journey in 1936-7, was from Mecca to Mukalla on the Gulf of Aden and back to Mecca. During this journey he was certainly the first European to have seen Abha, capital of Najran and the first European to reach Hadhramaut from the north. He also entered Shabwa, capital of the kingdom of the Himarites and Pliney's 'city of 60 temples'. Because he was a

Muslim and travelling under the aegis of King Ibn Saud he was allowed to stay, but all other Europeans who visited the city were forcibly ejected. His investigation of the old city shows that there could never have been 60 temples, or anything like that number within its ancient walls. The ruins of Shabwa have not stood the test of time, this Jack (Haji) believed to indicate that most of the buildings were constructed of rock salt from the neighbouring mines.

His fifth journey was in 1951 from Riyadh to Midian.

His sixth Journey was 1951-2 from Jidda to Midian and back to Jidda.

A final thought: shortly after Philby's great journeys mapping Arabia with such accuracy and diligence, the oil company with its aeroplanes, vehicles and new technology could do the job quicker (though more costly). Seldom has such an achievement been so ignored and forgotten.

One sad fact about Jack's close friendship with King Ibn Saud was that Ibn Saud wanted Jack to negotiate the oil rights for Britain, however, the Foreign Office would not allow Jack to negotiate as his rank was not high enough? How short sighted of the British? This ruled out Britain and allowed the oil rights to go to America through Aramoco.

N.B. Harry St.John Bridger Philby's son, Harold Adrian Russell (Kim) Philby, was in fact the infamous Double Agent.

Bibliography:

The Filby Association's research is on tree "**M126 Joseph Philby**" – no current member is listed, but if you know different please let us know. The book "Philby of Arabia" by Elizabeth Monroe. ISBN 0 86372 239 3.

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## **WILLIAM CHARLES FILBY (COMPOSER) FAMILY TREE T02**

*Born:* December 18, 1833, *Died:* June 22, 1913, Richmond, Surrey, England.

William Charles Filby, organist and composer was born at Hammersmith in 1833. He was organist of St. Peter, Hammersmith, in 1849, and afterwards spent time studying in France. He then became organist and choir master at Parish Church, Bromley, in 1853 when he married Eliza Matthews and they had three children.

He was also choir master and organist at St. Peter's, Walworth; St. Matthew's, Bayswater; St. Luke's, Westbourne Park ; Holy Trinity, Margate; Holy Trinity, Stepney; and since 1884, of St. Paul's, West Greenwich. He was conductor of Choral Societies at Greenwich, Chelsea, giving organ recitals in London, and in various provincial towns. Was one of the appointed organists at the International Exhibitions, 1882 and 1885. Lecturer on subjects connected with church music, the opera, and musical education.

His compositions are very numerous, and include settings, in Cantata form, of Psalms 13, 23, and 65; A Mass in E flat, op. 24; Mass in E, op. 28; Salve Regina, op. 67, and other music for the Roman Catholic Service. Anthems, settings of the Canticles. Operettas, Your Money or Your Life and Alabama Claims. A number of songs, choruses, and part-songs. Sonatas in E, op. 66, and G minor, op. 76, with many other pieces for pianoforte. Four organ voluntaries, op. 110; Three organ pieces, op. 124, etc. Revising editor of Lady V. Freke's tune-book, Song of Praise and of J. B. Mead's, The Treasury. Contributor of hymn-tunes to Hymns Ancient and Modern including Epiphany, Fortitude, Here O My Lord I See Thee Face to Face, Onward, St. Silas and Sundridge; The Bristol Tune-book, etc. Author of Piccolo Tutor (London: Williams); Flute Tutor; How to write music; The Student's Copy Book (London, 1882).

His brother, Stephen Filby (1834 - 1895), was organist of the Parish Church, Hammersmith, for over twenty years, and afterwards of Holy Trinity, Barnes, and the Parish Church, Wealdstone, Harrow. He took over the family drapery business in Hammersmith after his father died in 1879.

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**Paul and Margaret Wilkins of Valley View, South Australia,** sent fragments of letters found in a family bible that were written by Paul's great-grandfather, John Price Philbey, a draper of Oxford, England, sent to Annie Durdin (nee Philbey) of Kulpara, South Australia. - **Family Tree T03**

*John P Philbey's uncle, George Frederick Philbey, immigrated to Australia in 1852 on the ship 'The Sturge' and married Mary Ann Symonds at the Maid and Magpie Hotel. He was 83 when he died and was buried 10th June, 1913, by Pastor Warren at Kadina Cemetery (path 37, block 18, grave 4) Mary Ann died aged 71 years and was buried on 25th August, 1902, at Kulpara Cemetery. George's second wife married again, Mrs Anthony, and was buried at Kadina Cemetery in 1920.*

**The letter fragments read as they were written:**

**Date about 1911:**

"I hoped to have heard from Kadina this last mail, but did not. Your grandfather should pay a visit to England. I should like to have a trip to Australia – I may someday if I can afford it.

We are all well I am glad to say, and hoped for all are too.

My young son is of age Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, and then he comes in for a little money, also an extra few pounds with his sisters, left by my wife's father when the youngest child was 21 years.

More news next time, Love to all, your affectionate cousin J.P.Philbey."



### **Letter date between 1914-17 (the war years)**

“There is a Great Camp near Weston now. We have no.1 aeroplane stationed here of the Royal Flying Corps. Also Highlanders from Scotland wearing the kilt, soldiers at the Base Hospital from all over England, and a great number of Americans have come to be drilled and take a commission. We have to darken windows at a fixed time and also the streets at night are always dark.

We are so busy at the shop sometimes hardly know what to do first. I have been reading this week Lady Brassey's Last Voyage in which she visited 1888, Australia at Adelaide, Ballarat, Melbourne. It is a fine book.

I hope you are getting a good harvest and the times better now you are back at Kulpara.

Our University Term opened on Saturday, but there are very few men come up; there are more ladies. The shops engage them very much now; grocers, hosiers, drapers, Ironmongers, bus, railways and milking.”

”Harvesting (?), but not for oats, there have been food crops of Hay. Bread is now 9p but meat is still very high in price, also milk and butter. Remember me to your people and to my cousin in New South Wales, the widow. If you ever hear of any of the Philbeys around Victoria.

I shall be very glad when this war is over, which I think will be about end of next January, that will make it 3 1/2 years, which I think is the time spoken of in the Book of Revelations in the X111 chapter, verse 4.”

“(?) even to beat ups for shooting. Please let me know when you receive this as now we have no posted notices about mails when they start out. If you could do with, or know any Drapers that could do with about 36 yards of the Ribbon, you could have it at 18/- the lot, as it cost about 48/- that length. It is Club colours not now used in Oxford. Kind regards to all your people with love from all. Very pleased to you this way, Yours JJP.”

*(A reflection of difficult times – editor)*

### **Did You Know.....?**

.....that historically, the Royal Family and other celebrities have been weighed in a wine shop? This wine shop in London, still open and in its eighth generation, continues to show the large coffee scales (and purportedly a secret tunnel to St James's Palace) in its premises. Its books, still being added to today, record of the weights of Lord Byron, the Aga Khan, William Pitt the Younger, the seven sons of George III including George IV, Robert Peel and even Beau Brummel. This in spite of the general trend for medical and other services to go to the Royals rather than the other way around!

## “Horizon Fever” – as discovered by Nicola Forshaw.

### Nicola (nee Filby) Family Tree T02



Archibald Edmund Filby, proclaimed “the World’s most travelled motorist”, was my uncle. He died before I was born and my father, naturally taciturn, rarely discussed his older brother.

My parents died in 1993, and I inherited a strange-looking and aged manuscript entitled 'Horizon Fever' by A. E. Filby. Without looking inside, I filed it away for future consideration. I had, after all, my own young family to raise and it would be another 20 years (80 since that expedition) before the manuscript would again see the light of day.

#### A.E. Filby -1938

"Look what I found!" I said excitedly to my husband, brandishing the manuscript. We'd already collaborated in other books I'd written.

"I guess I'd better start typing," he muttered.

Three months later, he had transcribed the four hundred-page document. We read the manuscript in wonder as we shared Archie Filby's own account of his extraordinary expedition through Africa, a trip that took four years, from 1931 to 1935, from London to Cape Town and back again.

The result is a book that reveals a bygone age, and an astonishing exploration. It tells of missionaries, pygmies, big game, gold-mining, crossing the Sahara and swimming in the Nile with crocodiles. One of Archie's companions was a monkey called Congo. Another was a dog that adopted him, until it was killed and dragged up a tree by a leopard.

Attitudes in those days were very different and often shocking. For instance, big game hunting was popular. Archie refers to adult Africans as 'boys' or 'natives'. On one occasion an Egyptian guard is treated with unconscionable thoughtlessness, which would horrify us today. Despite this, Archie's affection and respect for the indigenous populace cannot be disputed. He is clearly fascinated by the languages, customs and cultures of the African tribes he encountered - from pygmies in the Congo to the Masai in Central Africa.

We changed nothing of the original manuscript. It is exactly as Archie typed it in 1938, undoubtedly at the behest of his newly-wedded wife, Miss Fay Taylor, also a writer, whom he met following a radio broadcast he made from London. Sadly, their marriage was to become a tragic love story as Archie succumbed to one last bout of malaria, and Fay arrived at his bedside one day too late.

Apart from a very few, the photos in the book are Archie's, taken more than 80 years ago. One can only imagine the difficulties he encountered in recording his travels using only primitive camera equipment. The captions beneath the pictures are Archie's own.

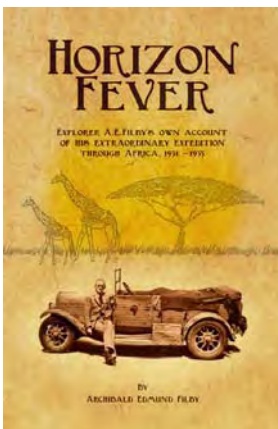
One final thought... Archie had little money. The trip to Cape Town in

1931 began in an ancient, sawn-in-half Rolls Royce, and was completed four years later in a 1922 Austin 20, the most modern of the four cars employed for the trip. The four thousand miles from Kenya to South Africa, undertaken in a Model T Ford, considered vintage even in 1931, is a testament to the car manufacturer, especially when one considers the appalling condition of the roads in Africa at that time.



### ***River Crossing to LamuLR***

I began by saying I never knew my Uncle Archie. Now I feel I do. I regret not having met him in life, but his spirit lives on. Archie comes across as a courageous, feisty, quick-tempered, bossy little man, but full of fun, generous and never one to bear a grudge. I imagine his companions found him difficult to travel with, but he made friends easily and was much in demand by the Press and for radio and early television broadcasts.



Publishing his book, 'Horizon Fever' has been a pleasure, and a Filby family affair, as my son designed the cover, and I'm proud to tell the world about yet another famous, previously forgotten Filby!

Horizon Fever by A. E. Filby ISBN 978-1781766415  
- Available from Amazon and all good bookstores.

**The Austin 20, one of the cars Archie used, now on display at the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu.**



## In Dedication of Ann Veronica Chesworth.

### Family Tree T01

*by Amanda Chesworth (her daughter)*

I enjoy telling stories about Mum but it would take a sizable book to tell them all. I'm glad of the opportunity to share a few with our extended Filby family.

Mum was born to Percy and Nancy Filby (nee Giddens) in Cambridge, England, on February 26th, 1938. She was christened Ann Veronica, after the novel of that name by H. G. Wells about an Edwardian suffragette fighting for the right for women to vote in England. As an interesting footnote, when Mum was at university she spent a weekend at the home of Lady Nora Barlow, Charles Darwin's granddaughter. The highlight of her stay was meeting G. P. "Gyp" Wells, HG's son and Professor of Entomology at the University of London. He was delighted to meet an incarnation of one of his father's heroines.

Mum was the first of four children, the others being Jane Vanessa, Roddy and Guy. They speak affectionately of their sibling rivalry and laugh at how they thwarted Mum's attempts to be boss.

Mum's childhood always sounded to me like a great adventure. A year after she was born, the war broke out and her father became part of the Intelligence Corps., working at Bletchley Park. After the war the family went to live in Cheltenham and Mum became an enthusiastic cyclist in Gloucestershire. Roaming between the Cotswold Hills in the east and the River Severn in the west, she developed her love of botany. Pates School in Cheltenham was where she developed her other passion, art, and first announced her ambition to become a botanical illustrator. One of her big adventures at that time was climbing the Devils Chimney.

Her parents divorced when she was 15 years old and her father crossed the Atlantic to live in Baltimore. She did not see him again until she visited him in Maryland when she was 21. It was left to my grandmother to raise the four children under straightened circumstances, and she did it with incredible creativity and fortitude.

I have great memories of my visits to the family home, an elegant Regency house on Priory Street, in Cheltenham. It was a home full of humour and love. In the late 1950s it became the subject of a book called *38 Priory Street and All That Jazz* by John Appleby. The reason was that Aunt Jane and Mum had started a jazz club in the basement of the house and a number of local musicians played there. Before they became famous, Brian Jones, Acker Bilk, and Chris Barber performed.

In 1956 my mum left home to attend Manchester University to continue her studies of botany and art. On a field trip to the Peak District in Derbyshire she decided to steal another student's hat and hold it hostage until he agreed to

visit for supper. That man was my dad, Ward Chesworth. Two years later they were married and their first home together, they always bragged, was a garret in Stockport.

Six months after the marriage Mum and Dad immigrated to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where Dad pursued an academic career in geology. Mum loved Canada from the start, though Dad took a while to warm to the place. Not surprising really – they arrived in the middle of a typical Canadian winter.

My brother, Aaron, and sister, Delia, were born in Hamilton, and in 1964 the family of four moved to Pennsylvania where Dad had a postdoctoral position. My sister, Iona, was born there. Three years later the family was back in Canada. It was 1967, a hundred years after Canada was confederated, so Mum called our return - the family Centennial Project. In fact the new family home in the small Ontario village of Eden Mills was built in the year of Confederation and bears a historic plaque to that effect. This was my first family home. I was born there in 1970.

Mum was warmly welcomed into the community of Eden Mills. With three daughters, one son and a lively interest in the natural world she evolved into a marvelous Brownie, Guide and Pathfinder leader. Her passion for the wild never faded and she became expert in edible wild plants and weeds, which she taught at George Brown College in Toronto. She also wrote two booklets on the subject, illustrated with her own beautiful drawings.

Mum was involved with the Girl Guides of Canada for over 25 years, eventually at a high administrative level. For many years she also maintained the program for Lone Members, girls who lived in remote places, or who were unable to attend regular meetings. With her best friend, Mary Louise Hose, she also began the annual summer camp for disabled girls, at Doe Lake, near Huntsville, Ontario.

In 1979, as Program Commissioner for the Province of Ontario, she wrote and illustrated three Brownie handbooks for the National Organisation, and 110,000 of each were printed and distributed. They would have been considered best sellers in the world of commercial publishing. Her committee was also responsible for developing the Pathfinder Program still used today.

In 1974 Mum created two magazines called *Owls & Toadstools* and *Guidestuff* and sent them to subscribers around the world. She wrote, illustrated, and published the magazines for 20 years.

The province of Ontario is served by a number of Regional Heritage Committees, which advise local government on the conservation of built heritage and recommend sites for protection. After retiring from Girl Guides Mum volunteered for, and eventually chaired, the Eramosa Committee, which serves the region where we lived. Mum wrote booklets on the history of Eden Mills and surrounding areas. She helped preserve many historical homes, including our own. Mum was elected to the Provincial Board, but had to resign

due to ill health.

At the same time Mum became involved in environmental protection. She played an integral role in preserving the village of Eden Mills and deterring urban development from destroying its tranquility.

We were seldom bored as kids. To start with, we lived surrounded by shelves of books from floor to ceiling – good insulation incidentally against the Canadian winter. Following our parents' interests we read eclectically, and travelled widely in North America and Europe collecting flowers for pressing, and minerals, rocks and fossils to add to the household clutter. We identified animal tracks and could name the constellations of the night sky. We were shown a pathway into a fascinating world of diversity, adventure and excitement to us – a gift beyond price.

It wasn't until later in life that Mum developed a deep interest in history, specifically the 16th century. In the 1990s she stumbled upon a movie about Lady Jane Grey, Queen of England for nine short days. It's no more than a footnote to Tudor history because Jane never had an official coronation. She inherited the throne from King Edward VI but was soon deposed by forces in favour of Mary, her successor, who had her beheaded in the Tower of London. Mum pawed through history books, studied the way of life of the people, researched the philosophy, politics, and economy of the time, and came to know intimately many odd aspects of the life of Lady Jane. She then wrote an alternative history in which Lady Jane survived as Queen to build a utopian society with her husband, Guilford Dudley. This historical novel soon grew into seven volumes, and for the past 20 years during which she became increasingly bed-ridden, it was her great passion.



On October 24, 2011, my mum died of kidney failure at the age of 73. She died at home, surrounded by family.

The Saturday after she died we celebrated her life at the community hall in Eden Mills. We displayed family photographs, newspaper tributes, her creative work as a writer and artist, and passed out copies of her books. Over 150 people paid their respects and it became very clear that she had touched many lives. Later we joined my parent's oldest friends in Canada, Gwen and Fred Hainsworth, in planting a black walnut tree in her memory.

I now live in New Mexico with my husband and write this as a visitor to Eden Mills, but it will always be my home, where Dad lovingly continues to keep her space, as it has always been for as long as I can remember. My parents were together for 53 years.

A major way we are honouring her life is by putting her work online. She always wanted to share her work and the Internet provides that possibility. She and I actually built the first site together to showcase her work on Lady Jane Grey. You can visit this first effort at [www.thetenthday.com](http://www.thetenthday.com) and read about Mum in her own words. We would also enjoy hearing any stories or words you may wish to share at [micaflakes@gmail.com](mailto:micaflakes@gmail.com).

***Amanda is the granddaughter of our Late President***

***(From 1997 - 2002) P.W. Filby (USA)***

***(Editor)***

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## **RONALD ALBERT FILBY 1917 – 1963 was a Missionary in South Africa.**

**Family Tree T12**

*His nephew, William Gould, is a member and researcher.*

A book was written telling a dynamic and inspiring story of a humble man and his wife giving their all to share the Gospel at any cost to reach isolated tribes hidden deep in the jungles of Angola. How the truth of God's Word and His faithfulness transformed them and filled their lives with peace, love and purpose.

All that mattered to this dear couple was to live Christ before these people and win many to the Lord. God blessed all their efforts abundantly, keeping them safe from many dangers and won the love and respect of the tribes. This faithful servant struggled with cancer and lost his leg at the hip, he recovered enough to return to the mission station to hear the natives cry, "You must have loved us a lot to come back to us."

It was a short stay, but a sweet & blessed time before he returned home and was promoted to glory. His legacy lives on in the hearts and ministries of these dear saints, "saved by faith in Christ!" He died in Angola in 1963.

His wife, Kathryn, re-married to Mr Dyer after Ronald's death, and lived in Moori River at Treverton College where she was matron in charge of sick bay.

*The Ron Filby Story entitled "This One Thing" by James Ferguson,  
Africa Evangelical Fellowship. (Philippians 3:13,14)*

## Miscellaneous Press Items – *supplied by John D Filby (researcher)*

### 1. 1781 Norfolk Chronicle

Many of The Association's members can trace their ancestors to the villages of mid-Norfolk. Unfortunately, here their ancestors would have been at risk from the unlawful perpetrators of the day as demonstrated by the following News Item:-

*29th September, 1781.*

Last Saturday, about 7 in the evening, Mr Watts of Reymerstone, Mr Hare and Mr Thorn of Kimberley, Mr Leath of East Bradenham, Mr Barber Goddard of Reymerstone and Mr Reuben Gilman of Hardingham, on their return from Norwich were all separately stopped in and near Forhoe Wood in the parish of Kimberley, by two footpads armed with pistols and clubs.

.....Mr Hare resolutely declared he would not submit, and after receiving many violent blows in a scuffle with the two villains, who attacked him on each side, he escaped without being robbed.

One of the men was about six feet high, pale complexion, dark hair, had on a surtout coat, spoke with a soft voice and very quick. The other man appeared to be upwards of five feet high, stout male, a ruddy complexion, had a brown coat on, and both with hats flapped.

### 2. The London Gazette

This includes, amongst other records, insolvency and bankruptcy notices and actions and is a useful genealogical source since it often lists the current and past locations of the named individuals as well as their occupation. Here are a few examples:-

*Issue 18114, published 5th March, 1825*

Office of the Court for Relief of Insolvent Debtors, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields. Petitions of Insolvent Debtors, to be heard on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1825. The list includes:

**CHARLES FILBEY** (sued and committed as CHARLES FILBY) formerly of Snailwell, Cambridge, and also of Fordham, in the said County of Cambridge, Farmer, then of Wallington, Suffolk, and late of Isleham, in the County of Cambridge, following no business.

Note of opposition to the discharge of any Prisoner must be submitted three clear days, exclusive of Sunday, before the day of the hearing.

*Issue 18211, published 14th January, 1826*

Also at the Office of the Court for Relief of Insolvent Debtors, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields. Petitions of Insolvent Debtors, to be heard on 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1826:

**CHARLES FILBY**, formerly of Paul Street, Finsbury, then of Charles Street, City Road, both in Middlesex and late of Francis Place, Westminster Road, Surrey. Straw bonnet-maker.



*Issue 20034, published 5th November, 1841.*

Also at the Office of the Court for Relief of Insolvent Debtors, Lincoln's-Inn -Fields.

Prisoners, whose estates and effects have been vested in the Provisional Assignee by order of the Court, having filed their schedules are ordered to be bought up before the Court on 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1841.

**WILLIAM GEORGE FILBEY** (sued as WILLIAM GEORGE FILBY) formerly of Hanwell. Middlesex, Bricklayer, Plasterer and Slater, and late of No.11 Little Chesterfield Street, Little Mary-le-bone Street, Mary-le-bone, Middlesex, coal, coke and potato dealer, jobbing carman, and journeyman bricklayer.

*Issue 20232, published 9th June, 1843.*

Also at the Office of the Court for Relief of Insolvent Debtors, Lincoln's-Inn -Fields. Cases where orders have been made, vesting in the Provisional Assignee the estates and effects of the PRISONER. Their own Petitions to be heard on 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1843:-

**JACOB FILBY**, late of Waterloo Street, St Clement, Norwich, Farmer, out of business. In the Gaol of Norwich.

*Issue 20235, published 20th June, 1843.*

Prisoners who estates have been vested in the Provisional Assignee by Order of the Court, having filed their schedules, are Ordered to be brought up before a Commissioner on Circuit at the Court House, City of Norwich, on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1843.

**JACOB FILBY**, late of Waterloo Street, St Clement, Norwich, Farmer, out of business. In the Gaol of Norwich. Formerly of Cross street West, Pottergate Street, Heigham, Norwich, out of business, and formerly of Troston, Suffolk, farmer.

### **3. Filby Heath Tollgate**

Tollgates were introduced on major English roads by the enactment of the Turnpike Legislation in the latter half of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Their purpose was to raise funds for the repair and maintenance of the roads which were in a deplorable state.

The tollgate keeper was provided with a small house by the gate and, at a principal gate, could be paid as much as 5 shillings a day. It was however a 24 hours a day job with the constant inconvenience of being awakened in the middle of the night and being at risk of robbery and assault.

Tolls had to be paid for the use of the turnpike by coaches, 6d to 1s 6d, depending on the number of horses, and by horse drawn wagons at a rate of 3 1/2d per horse or 6d if only one horse. Unladen horses were typically charged 1 1/2d while cattle cost 4d a score with double on Sundays. Mail coaches travelled the turnpikes free of charge so the post horn call was sounded to alert tollgate keepers to immediately open the gate under the pain of a 40 shilling fine should they fail. A not particularly busy tollgate could take over £200 per year.

It appears from the following news items in a local newspaper that several of the Norwich Turnpike users, often the relatively rich, tried to avoid paying the toll at the **Filby Tollgate**.

*1781 Norfolk Chronicle 3rd February, 1781.*

On Monday last Thomas Gamble and John Allison, two farmers at Halvergate, were convicted before William Taylor Esq., one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Norfolk, of the offence of evading the toll at **Filby Gate**, and paid the penalty of five pounds, according to the statute. (£5 in 1781 is approximately equal to £300 in current money)

*1781 Norfolk Chronicle 28th July, 1781.*

On Tuesday last Mr William BOND, of Trimmingham, farmer, was convicted before William FISHER, Esq., Mayor of Yarmouth, of the offence of evading payment of the toll at **Filby Gate**, and paid the penalty of 5 pounds according to the statute.

*1781 Norfolk Chronicle 4th August, 1781.*

On Saturday last Mr S. PEACH, of Gimtingham, farmer, was convicted before W. TAYLOR, Esq., one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Norfolk, of the offence of evading payment of the toll at **Filby Gate**, and paid the penalty of five pounds, according to the statute.

#### **4. 1824 Bury and Norwich Post**

*28th January.*

At Bury St Edmund's Quarter Sessions **GEORGE FILBY** was indicted for receiving four pigs at Hepworth from one MIDDLEDITCH from Norfolk knowing them to be stolen. 14 years transportation.

*10th April.*

On Monday last four convicts were removed from Bury gaol to be put aboard the hulks at Portsmouth, among them was **GEORGE FILBY** of Stanton who is to be transported for 14 years.

***You will no doubt recognise some of the aforementioned as your ancestors! I have some of them on our Trees. Marion Filby—researcher.***

#### **Did You Know....?**

.....that Benjamin Disraeli (1804-81) was Britain's first and only Jewish Prime Minister? Jews were excluded from Parliament until 1858, but although his birth was registered at a Synagogue in London, his Italian Jewish parents then had him baptised at St Andrew's Church, Holborn on 31st July, 1817, allowing him a political career.

## **One Soldier's Story – by Kirk Filbey (US & Canada Correspondent)**

Over the last few years I have been researching my grandfather's service during World War 2. Starting with some initial research done by my uncle and a pile of assorted paperwork from my grandfather's belongings, I have slowly pieced together a detailed, but still incomplete record of his activities. This project has been an enlightening experience involving multiple visits to record archives, interviews with men who fought in my grandfather's unit, and countless hours pouring over faded reports, memoirs, and historical accounts. While this is par for the course for any genealogical research project, my quest has also revealed a completely new side of my grandfather, which had been a mystery to me for such a long time.

My grandfather, Robert Wesley Filbey, was born in 1924 in South Milwaukee in Wisconsin. Bob and his younger brother, James, were very active boys and grew up in a typical middle class family. In high school my grandfather seriously injured his back in a sledding accident. While he did recover, this injury would end up impacting the rest of his life. Meanwhile, far away in Poland, German troops moved across the frontier kicking off the start of World War 2.

In the fall of 1942 my grandfather was a freshman at the University of Illinois; the US had been at war for less than a year. In November 1942, Bob Filbey, along with most of his fraternity, enlisted in the military. Bob initially wanted to join the Navy but his back injury kept him out. In the end he joined the Army, but was placed in the enlisted reserve and received a deferment. I'm not sure if this deferment was also tied to his back injury, however he was able to complete his first year of college before being called to active duty in June 1943. Leaving his home in South Milwaukee, he traveled by bus to Camp Grant in Rockford, Illinois for in-processing and then was quickly put on a train bound for the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Wolters in Mineral Wells, Texas. This would be his home for the next several months.

On 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1943, Bob Filbey was assigned to 4<sup>th</sup> Platoon, D Company, 60<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion and began his training to become an infantryman. The standard training program at Camp Wolters was 17 weeks however my grandfather did not leave the training center until March, 1944. I'm not sure why he was there for so long; its one of the mysteries I'm still working on. I do know that he was in the hospital for a few weeks in July 1943 and again in February 1944 (once for a bad case of poison oak and again for his back I suspect). I also know he was a proficient marksman because he qualified on 5 or 6 different weapons. In any case, he finished up the course of training and finally received movement orders on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1944, for Ground Forces Replacement Depot #1, Fort Meade, Maryland. My grandfather was given about a week of leave so he caught a train from Texas and made his way back to Milwaukee to visit with friends and family. During this visit he also got engaged to Lois Wilson (my future grandmother).

After arriving at Fort Meade, Bob spent a few weeks waiting for orders. The United States was building up forces in England for the planned invasion of Europe that summer and so most troops expected to be sent to that theater. My grandfather was no exception; in early April he was sent to New York City and departed via ship for England on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1944. He arrived either in Liverpool, England, or Clyde, Scotland, around 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1944, was placed on a train, and soon arrived at a camp near Treborough, Somerset, England. He was assigned to the 487<sup>th</sup> Replacement Company, 89<sup>th</sup> Replacement Battalion. Troops assigned to replacement camps continued with infantry training because eventually they would be assigned to combat units to replace casualties. Bob trained with the 487<sup>th</sup> from 21<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1944. I don't have information on specific training he did however he may have taken part in some of the invasion practice exercises during that time. Unfortunately, he was injured around 31<sup>st</sup> May. I don't know the nature of his injury, however I suspect it was associated with his back.

On 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1944, Bob was admitted to the 185<sup>th</sup> General Hospital in Bishops Lydeard, Somerset, England. On 9<sup>th</sup> June he was transferred to the 184<sup>th</sup> General Hospital in Mansfield, England. He was released from this hospital on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1944, and reported on the following day to the 10<sup>th</sup> Replacement Depot in Lichfield, England. Sometime in the next two weeks he crossed the English Channel and landed on Omaha beach in Normandy, France. Once in France he was assigned to the 41<sup>st</sup> Replacement Battalion in Trevieres, France. The unit moved to Berigny, France and on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1944, Bob Filbey was assigned to K Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division.

My grandfather didn't have much time to get acquainted with his unit before being thrown into combat. On 4<sup>th</sup> August, Bob took part in an assault on the town of Vire, France. He was slightly wounded and received both a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for the action. The 38<sup>th</sup> next attacked the town of Tinchbrey, France, on 14<sup>th</sup> August. This was a chaotic fight with changing battle lines. Bob was listed as missing in action for a few days before turning up in the 5<sup>th</sup> Evacuation Hospital severely wounded. I have no information on where he was from 18<sup>th</sup> August to 23<sup>rd</sup> October; however, I suspect he was evacuated back to London to receive medical care and recover.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1944, my grandfather reported back to his combat unit, however this time he was assigned to L Company. At this time the company was stationed in Buchet, Germany in a defensive position along the Siegfried Line. Unfortunately, the Germans decided to extensively shell this position on 24<sup>th</sup> October resulting in numerous casualties, however, Bob emerged unscathed. L Company remained in this area from October to early December, rotating from the front to rest areas in Born and Vielsalm, Belgium. This part of the front was relatively quiet but both sides continued to exchange fire and the weather was cold and snowy. It was certainly no vacation spot.

In early December the 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was pulled out of this part of the front to begin another combat operation to the north. Around 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1944, L Company left their positions in Buchet and moved to an assembly area in Kahlterherberg, Germany, not far from Camp Elsenborn, Belgium. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division was ordered to attack and secure the Roer River dams to the north because the Allied command feared the Germans would release water from the dams and flood large areas as a defensive measure. From 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December, the three regiments of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division were involved in a battle near the Wahlerschied Road junction. Terrible winter weather moved in, denying air cover for the US troops and allowing the Germans to continually shell the troops. Men on both sides of the conflict lived, fought, and died in absolutely horrible conditions before US troops secured the crossroads. The victory was short lived however as the Germans began their long planned counteroffensive, also known as the Battle of the Bulge on 16<sup>th</sup> December, which caught the Allied forces completely by surprise.

General Walter Robertson, Commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, quickly recognized the German attack in his sector was part of a larger offensive and quickly surmised the road junction running through the twin villages of Krinkelt/Rocherath; Belgium were key to controlling movement in the area. He immediately ordered the division to begin a pullback to the twin villages on 17<sup>th</sup> December. Since the 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was closest to the villages, they were ordered to take up defensive positions in and around the villages. The regiment's mission was to hold the villages at all costs and allow the rest of the division and any other scattered US units to pass through and reorganize further back from the front lines on Elsenborn ridge. Despite being on the move, living out doors, under fire since the 13<sup>th</sup>, the 38<sup>th</sup> held the villages for the next three days, allowing the rest of the division to pull back. More importantly, the stand at the twin villages completely disrupted the northern half of the German's counterattack, helping doom the overall operation.

The 38<sup>th</sup> held off numerous German attacks on these critical villages. The US troops lacked air and armor support but they did have exceptional artillery support from the division. The battle in the villages was fought house to house with many areas being retaken by both sides. The fight went on day and night. The lack of armor support was particularly painful for the regiment, forcing the men to sneak up on German tanks at night to take them out with explosives. Late in the evening of 19<sup>th</sup> December, the regiment finally got orders to pull out of the villages. Sometime during this movement on the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, my grandfather was badly wounded from either German artillery or tank fire. Bob earned yet another purple heart and the entire battalion earned the Distinguished Unit Citation. Bob was now out of the shooting war but next he had to fight to stay alive and recover.

After being patched up in Eupen, Belgium, my grandfather was evacuated to England and admitted to the 216<sup>th</sup> General Hospital in Longleat Park, Warminster, England. He remained there until 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1945, when he

was transferred to the 316<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital in Cowglen Hospital, Glasgow, Scotland. On 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1945, he departed Gourock, Scotland, aboard the RMS Queen Elizabeth, arriving at Halloran Hospital, Staten Island, New York, on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Bob's next hospital was Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee and eventually in early 1946, Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He was finally discharged on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1946, having been promoted to Private First Class. He made it.

My grandfather was disabled for the rest of his life, walking with braces on his legs and a cane and carrying shrapnel in his body to the very end of his life. But he never gave up. He married Lois Wilson and together they had four sons and a daughter. Bob had a long, successful career in the phone company, was extremely active in the Boy Scouts, and eventually retired to Florida. He lived to see all his children succeed, and his grandchildren start their lives. We have all inherited his stubbornness!

My grandfather was a regular guy who stepped up to defend his country and was thrust into the most significant event of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He did everything that was asked of him and overcame every challenge to succeed in life. I wrote this account not to brag about my grandfather, but rather to show the fruits of my research over the last few years and perhaps inspire others to investigate their own families. We can't all be related to kings and queens and other famous personalities, but the "regular" people we are related to can be quite extraordinary.

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## **Philbey Family Reunion in Australia – by *Garth Leslie Hunt***

Over 200 Philbey descendants gathered at the Town Hall in the South Australian town of Kadina on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2012. They came to celebrate the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival in Australia of George Frederick Philbey (1832-1913), who emigrated from Buckinghamshire as a free settler.



Family members came from all Australian states. Some travelled over two thousand kilometres to attend this very special occasion. The youngest descendant present was Annabella Daniel, who was just seven weeks old.



**Photo**  
**The oldest was Mrs Norma Siegert**  
**(nee Philbey), aged 92 years.**

The Town Hall had been decorated with creations from native flora and farm products, prepared by Mrs Marie Day (nee Philbey) to symbolise the family's rural and agricultural traditions. Mrs Helen Philbey set up a display showing all the main branches of the family and their relationships.

All attending the reunion were given colour-coded name badges enabling them to identify their particular branch. Mr Graeme Wearn was the Master of Ceremonies. He introduced His Worship Mr Paul Thomas, Mayor of the Copper Coast Council, who officially opened the reunion. The mayor acknowledged the many contributions made by the Philbeys in pioneering and developing the agricultural economy of the Copper Coast region.

Mrs Joyce Wearn (nee Philbey) gave an overview of the Philbey family in Australia. At her request, descendants from each of the main branches stood and identified themselves amid warm applause. She acknowledged the presence of other Philbey lines from New South Wales and Western Australia whose forebears arrived in separate migrations.

### **Photo**

**Master of Ceremonies Mr Graham Wearn and Organising Committee Member Mrs Joyce Wearn**

Ms Jean Hutchings, the Chair of the Organising Committee, outlined the history of the family in the United Kingdom, before George Frederick undertook the long and perilous voyage to Australia.



The reunion launched the book, *Philbeys: Clearing the Way for Future Generations*. Compiled by Mrs Marilyn Philbey, it traces comprehensively the history of the Philbeys in Australia. Containing a wealth of historical material, the book includes biographies, reminiscences, testimonies and photographs documenting the progress of all family branches. (Copies are available at \$A50.00 plus postage from mephilbey@bigpond.com.)

The first day concluded with a concert, compered by Mr Trevor Philbey, whose programme ranged from classical music, to Country and Western, to "old time favourites. As well as Trevor Philbey, performers included nine year old Emily Chambers, Neil Philbey, Eric Philbey, Libby Miller (nee Philbey) Katrina Philbey, Mrs Dawn Adams (nee Philbey), and Lesley Lahey. The concert underscored the range and depth of Philbey musical talent.

Many descendants joined a church service on Sunday at the Kadina Wesley Uniting Church. The Reverend June Ladner noted the contribution Philbeys had made to churches in the district over the years, including as lay preachers, organists and pianists in services. Mr Graham Philbey (Victoria) gave a Bible reading.

After lunch in the Church Hall, a number of descendants visited 'ancestral sites' in the district, including the ruins of George Frederick's homestead near Bute and his grave at the Kadina cemetery.



### Photo

**Andrew, Michelle, Lewyn  
and Ryan Philbey, and Julia  
Mitchell from King Island,  
Tasmania,**



### Photo

**Durdin  
descendants  
of George  
Frederick  
Philbey**



The Kadina reunion was a special occasion for many descendants, who had left the district many years ago and had all but lost contact with kinsfolk and the community. It provided an opportunity to re-establish family ties and to learn about how others had fared. The reunion brought home the fact that since the arrival of the Philbeys in Australia, the family has grown (we estimate that there are over 4,000 living descendants) and prospered. Data gathered in preparing for the reunion shows Philbeys scattered in every corner of the continent and in all walks of life.



**Photo  
The Queensland Philbey  
group.**

**Left to right:  
Lesley Lahey, Alison Polzin,  
and Joy Hill, and Meegan,  
Glennis and Darryl Philbey**

Along with the Organising Committee (Jean Hutchings, Marilyn Philbey, Ian Philbey, Joyce Wearn, Kay Philbey, Heather l'Anson and Garth Hunt), many hands contributed to the reunion's success. Local voluntary organisations (the Yorke Peninsula Family History Group, the North Yorke Peninsula Rotary, the Uniting Church Day and Night Fellowships and the Copper Coast Battle Dragons), who provided valuable logistical and catering support.

Descendants gathered for the last time that weekend at the 'Royal Exchange Hotel' for an informal farewell dinner. All agreed that the reunion had been memorable and an outstanding success, which deserved follow-up. Some raised the possibility of another reunion in a few years' time, perhaps in Victoria or Western Australia. **A number were also planning to attend the Filby Association Triennial Reunion, currently scheduled for 6/7th July, 2013, in Filby Village, Norfolk (UK).**

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**We have already heard that there will be 10 members coming to our Filby Reunion from Australia—we hope more will join them from other countries and that our British members will make every effort to attend and welcome these V.I.P. guests.**

**We are all related as COUSINS however many times removed—come and meet YOUR FAMILY!**

**The Triennial Reunion—2013 (see Page 5)**

**Saturday, 6th July, 7.00pm "Meet & Greet Dinner"**

**Sunday, 7th July, 11.00pm AGM / Research/ 2.30pm Service**

## **“Lest We Forget” – by Bob G Filby, very proud at 89 years of age.**

I had a lovely experience this summer as I was asked by my Regimental Association if I would go over to Normandy for the 67th Anniversary events in Bayeux celebrating D-Day 6/6/1944. I originally said I could not go because of Joyce's health problems and I am now her registered 'carer'. However, the family came to my aid and looked after Joyce, and moreover, my son, Nigel, took me to Bayeux in his car.

There are only three Officers of the 'Pompadours, who landed in Normandy 1944, still alive and I was the only one well enough to make the journey, so there was a lot of pressure on me to represent the D-Day soldiers, although younger Regimental people came with me. We stayed for four days and visited all the places where memorials have been erected in honour of the 2nd Essex (we captured Bayeux on D-Day plus 1 without destroying the beautiful city), but in other battles we suffered terrible casualties and the local French people are very appreciative of the sacrifice made by our soldiers.



There were, of course, sad moments for me when I visited the graves of all my men killed in action, but the gratitude of the locals is something I shall always remember. Nigel was well received and was asked to lay wreaths at some of the cemeteries, which was quite an honour.

**Photo—Bob Filby in a very pensive mood having just visited some of the graves of the many soldiers killed in action. In just one battle when he was a very young Platoon Commander, he lost 17 of his Platoon of 28!!**

For the first time we were able to attend a Memorial Service in Bayeux Cathedral and it was magnificent and beautiful. There were dignitaries present from all over the world and Sir Peter Ricketts GCMG, Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador to France, read one lesson; John Farmer, The National Chairman of the Royal British Legion gave the Exhortation, and I was given the great honour of being asked to recite the Kohima Epitaph in front of the huge congregation. When I went to pay my bill for four days accommodation in Hotel Le Bayeux, the management would not accept any money from me and said they owed me far more than I owed them - I was most grateful. Perhaps the fact that amongst my medals was a Military Cross and Croix de Guerre (presented to me by President de Gaulle) stood me in good stead!!

I have written a report on the visit for the final edition of our Regimental journal 'The EAGLE'.

***I am pleased to say that Bob & Joyce are still enjoying their G & T's!!  
Read “The Filby Cocktail” - Chronicle 2010 (editor)***

## Treasurer's Report – 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2011, to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2012.

I have pleasure in presenting the Treasurer's Report for the year 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2011, to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2012. 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) You will notice that our Officer's expenses came to £880.82, a reduction of £588.30, which is in line with our efforts to keep costs down; In spite of this our officers have donated £1,150.00.
- 2) The Gift Aid of £393.21 that we received from HMRC was for last year's donations. I will be claiming £373.13 on this year's donations.
- 3) The research cost was for a YDNA test and an mtDNA test of two volunteers: N.B. Those who volunteer are asked to pay for all or part of their tests via donations; this payment by the Association is at the discretion of our chief researcher. We thank the volunteers.
- 4) 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.** This shop now has a shopping trolley which means that you can buy more than one article at a time.
- 5) The interest on the Premium Account is abysmal at the moment at 0.01% so I have not transferred any excess money into that account; it therefore stays the same this year.

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).	£315.00	
In Touch (inc. Postage).	£135.00	
Website	£ 65.00	Total: £650.00

Included in the Subscription to FFHS is Indemnity Insurance for our hard working Officers. We try to keep the cost of our two journals to a minimum by using email wherever possible and enabled us to reduce costs by 16% from £780.00 to £650.00 this year.

Of course we do need further money to finance our shop and our research, in addition 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 make a purchase 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 all those listed who have sent a donation to the Association this year:

- 012 Eileen Southgate, Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex.
- 053 Sheila Filby, Horley, Surrey.
- 103 Graham Fitt, Ipswich, Suffolk.
- C06 Alan & Christine Starkey, Holmfirth, Yorkshire.
- 010 Ray & Colleen Filbey, Virginia, USA.
- 112 Ed & Diane Filby, Ontario, Canada.
- 212 Bernard Filby, Walthamstow, London.
- 029 Fred & Jean Filby, Bridport, Dorset.
- 027 Ron & Kath Filby, Doncaster, Yorkshire.
- 007 Ruth Smith, Colchester, Essex.
- 040 Ray & Kathleen Boast, Diss Norfolk.
- 096 Josephine Chipchase, Tyne & Wear.
- 223 Barbara Hayward, Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire.
- 025 Elizabeth Filby, Cottingham, Yorkshire.
- C02 Jim Filby, Blidworth, Nottinghamshire.
- 091 Roy & Sylvia Filby, Bedford, Bedfordshire.
- 188 Patrick King, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.
- 082 Russell & Erica Filby, Norwich, Norfolk.
- 042 Charles & Daphne Filby, Meopham, Kent.
- C05 Alan & Marion Filby, York, Yorkshire.
- 033 Robert & Doreen Filby, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire.
- 011 Henry & Molly Kuttner, Edgware, Middlesex.
- 013 Alan & Pat Filby, Bedford, Bedfordshire.
- 019 John & Pauline Filby, Croydon, Surrey.
- 052 Derek Filby, Bexhill on Sea, Essex.
- 169 Jim & Lois Filby, Florida, USA.
- 032 John Filby, Abridge, Essex.
- 204 Julie Harper, Nebraska, USA.
- 135 Peter Hall, Australia

Donations after 1st December , 2012, will be included on next year's list.

**Jim Filby (Treasurer)**



## Obituaries

**Mrs Doris Filby** (nee Addison) wife of the late James Henry Filby,  
Died 18th January, 2012, age 90.

Her daughter, Christine, is married to our Tree Manager, Alan Starkey.

**Glynn Adams Philbey**, aged 84, of South Australia.

Passed away 31st August, 2012, sadly missed by all his loving family.

**Leslie Filby**, 15th November, 1927—18th March, 2012.

He leaves a widow, Elizabeth Mavis Filby, who writes:

“He took great interest in The Filby Association and was one of the first to supply Ellsworth with information about this branch of the family, of which he was very proud”

Christine Williams wrote;

I am afraid that my mother-in-law, **Helen Rose Williams (nee Filbee)** died last year (2011) after a short illness, aged 92. She was happy in her last year living in sheltered accommodation in Attleborough, Norfolk, where we had persuaded her to move because she was still very independent.

## Belated Congratulations on your Marriage

From **Brian Petts** of Belconnen, Australia—I do have some updates on my Filbey family I need to send to you. The biggest is -

I got married on the 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2011, at Homestead Café at Hall, NSW.

To **Lynne Karen Chamberlain**, born Harpenden, 1956.

## The Boast Family's Year of Celebrations

Photo

**Kathleen (nee Filby) and Raymond Boast**  
were married at Wingfield Church,  
2nd August, 1952.

Kathleen is the daughter of the Late Frederick and Edith Filby of Wingfield, who were Founder Members of The Filby Association.



Their daughter, Eileen Sefton writes;

I know Ellsworth Filby visited my Nana and Granddad in the early days of his quest and they helped him as much as they could with local information and Granddad's family tree; they were quite excited with the whole idea. My grandparents were very special to me; I was born on Granddad's 40th birthday (in their front bedroom), and we only lived nine doors away.

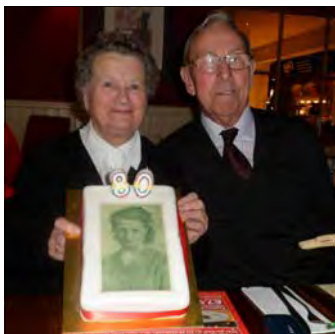


**The cake cutting celebration at my parent's 60th Wedding Anniversary on 2nd August, 2012.**

I would have loved to have arranged a big 'do', but was under strict instructions that they wanted a quiet affair. They love family gatherings with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A family meal was arranged with myself and my husband, our daughter, son, and their spouses and four great granddaughters, Erin, the baby, arrived on 16th June, 2012. Jonathon, our step great-grandson was also there but missed the family photo call below.

Then mum celebrated her 80th birthday on 21<sup>st</sup> October, so we went over to St Neots, near to where our son and daughter and families live, and had a lovely lunchtime meal in a local restaurant followed by bubbly and cake at our son, Neil's house.

The little ones were so hyped up by the time we got there that it was hard to get our four granddaughters to sit down for long with Mum and Dad for this photo!



It was a bit of a 'birthday' week. Neil's 33rd birthday was on the 17th and middle daughter, Sophie, was four the day after. Also, this year our son-in-law celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> and Chris, my husband, his 60<sup>th</sup>.





**Atherton Douglas Filbey**

was born on 20th January, 2012, weighing in at 7lb 14oz.

His proud parents are

**Adam and Hollie Filbey**, and brother, **Whitaker**, aged 2.

They live in Roanoke, Virginia, USA.

**Oscar E Bevington** was born on 24th October, 2012.

A second son for Catherine and Nicholas, and brother for Samuel Edward who was born 24th August, 2008.

Grandparents,

**Nicola and Robert Forshaw**

are proud to announce

the birth of

**Indy Grace Barnes** who arrived on 8th August, 2012,

to her parents, **Karly and Cameron**, in Melbourne, Australia.



We hope you have enjoyed reading this edition of The Filby Association Chronicle. Please consider sending an article for our next publication to share your memories or research with other members, and if you need help with the writing, just ask.

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