England Project Newsletter April 2018

Dear England Project Members,

Welcome to the first monthly England Project newsletter! This newsletter will help everyone stay in touch with what is going on in the project, and it helps us as a leadership team let you know what we have been working on. Gillian and I cannot believe that it has already been six months since the new-look England Project began, and we are delighted with the progress we have made so far. To mark this first six months, one of the team will be contacting each of you over the next week or two to thank you personally for the contributions you have made, check-in with how you are doing, and get your feedback on what you'd like to see happening moving forward, so stay tuned for our messages.

Here's to a fantastic next six months!

Susie and Gillian

Welcome and Introduction

Hello, this is Wendy, your friendly PC for Welcome and Integration. I help bring people into the project so that they feel at home, but I'm also available to help you find new things to do if you're feeling a bit lost or fancy a new challenge.

The England Project has been growing in leaps and bounds since our re-launch on 1 November last year. We've had a whopping 25 new members come on board in March alone. As Susie said, we'll be doing a 'check-in' this month to see how you are all getting along. In the meantime, I'm always happy to answer questions and help where I can, so please feel free to contact me.

Wendy

Orphans Team

The Orphans Team is an introductory 'Orphans Trail', taking from two weeks upwards, where people learn/brush up on their England-specific research skills and wiki markup with one-to-one attention. The data/sources include births, baptisms, marriages, censuses, deaths, and burials; the members work on orphaned profiles.

Since it began in January 2018, the Orphans Trail has produced a solid England Project foundation for 42 WikiTree genealogists, with some still working in the periods 1838-1970, 1700-1837, and 1500-1699. Those who have completed the Trail have gone on to work in other areas of WikiTree and the England Project.

Ros

Profile Improvers

Hi everyone, we've had a restructure and the Profile Improvement Team (PIP) is now also responsible for the management of the England Project Profile Protected Profiles (PPPs) and managed profiles. So far our England Project members Jack Day, Joe Farler, Pat Hickin, Carol Keeling, C.Mackinnon, Susie MacLeod, Corinne Morris and Wendy Sullivan have developed many profiles for England including Mazera Bisege, John Cantilupe, Charles Darwin, Robert Dudley, Margaret More, Dorothy L Sayers, Cardinal Thomas Wolsely, Christopher Wren to name just a few. Profiles are allocated to suit the interests and abilities of the PIP members. If you are an experienced Wikitreer and interested in joining the PIP team please contact me.

Vivienne

Counties Team

Hi everyone, the Counties Team is going through a bit of a transition at the moment. It was announced recently that we will be moving away from the county sponsor / helper format and towards county teams with team leaders. As WikiTree grows, it's really important that when new members come into the project we give them something to do. The teams will be dynamic groups dedicated to building and improving profiles for their county. We've already started to do that in Hertfordshire. Check out the <u>Hertfordshire Team Page</u> to see what we're currently working on. We're thinking of adding a "Hertfordshire Breweries" topic next (no prizes for guessing who came up with that one!) I'll be talking with all existing Sponsors about this transition in the coming weeks and months, but if you have any questions in the meantime feel free to contact me.

Susie

Sub-Projects Team

Me again,

The Sub-Projects Team is the latest team to get off the ground for England. We are currently working on cleaning up the categories for sub-projects. <u>Martin Allen</u> has already done a fantastic job of sorting out the Occupations in England category, and we will be looking at English Organisations and English Companies next. Check out the team page and if you'd like to contribute to this aspect of the England Project in any way let me know.

Thanks!

Susie