England Project Newsletter
September 2018

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Welcome

Welcome to the September issue of the England Project newsletter. We are coming to the end of the Summer in the UK, so August has been a relatively quiet month, as most people have been on vacation. From some of the messages in the Googlegroup, we can see that some people have used their break to conduct research in different places.

Orphan Trail - Coordinator - Ros Haywood

There have been three graduates of the Orphan Trail during August, making the total number of graduates now 27, with 37 people actively making their way along the trail.

Profile Improvers Team - Coordinator - Joan Whitaker

There appears to be a significant number of Unsourced Profiles appearing this month in the Unsourced Categories. This probably gives a false impression. Most of unsourced profiles were already there, but people have been adding them to the unsourced sticker in preparation for this year's Source a Thon (more at the end of the newsletter on this). England Project members names regularly on the Saturday Sourcing Sprints and monthly Sourcerers Challenge. The challenge tracker shows that over 150 profiles have been sourced this month by these members, but the total number of sourced profiles will be higher as not all members join the challenges and use the tracker.

The Bio Builder Challenge runs from mid month to mid month. In July/August our members

completed 21 biographies for this challenge. Four of our bio builders are taking part in the August/September Bio Builders challenge and have already competed 52 biographies. Some biographies have also been completed on Project Managed profiles.

Data Doctors - Team Leader - Janet Wild

From the 29th July to the 26th August the Team, other Data Doctors and members of the community, cleared 5,072 suggestions for English profiles. We have a few more with zero suggestions at the end of August. We are trying to stay on top of new suggestions and are using these to show new and older members what can be done with a profile. When possible we leave a message on the profile amended to draw their attention to it, we try to leave the link to their suggestion list and for some a reminder or introduction to the How To pages. While this slows the rate of clearance it is using the opportunity to teach others and potentially reducing the number of suggestions.

The following table shows our largest suggestion numbers on the report for the 26th August:

Code	Suggestion	Total
511	Unique names (spelling)	6,886
210	Father was dead before birth	3,742
310	Mother was dead before birth	3,478
133	No Dates – Dates on relatives, Open unknown status	3,403
205	Father is too young or not born	2,851

This table shows the biggest and best reductions:

Code	Suggestions with biggest reductions	Reduction	Left
612	Location too early in birth location	1453	303
755	Wrong character in Nicknames	182	**ZERO**
835	Local file reference	512	5,758
851	GEDCOM uncleaned interpret date	530	6,572
	Total reduction for the month	**5,072**	**80,174**

Come along and join in the fun visit - https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:England_Data_Doctors_Team_Page

Connectors - Team Leader - Carol Keeling

A quiet month for the Connectors team, with most of the team on holiday. Some of the biggest unconnected English branches have been cleared recently by a non England project

member, (who lives in Australia). Carol is still working on Sussex unconnected and was able to help Neil Perry connect [Alf Wight aka James Herriott](), the vet/author as part of the Author's project.

The connectors are always on the lookout for new members. If you would like to help, please contact [Carol]().

[Managed Profiles]() - Coordinator - Vivienne Caldwell

The England Managed profiles continue to grow. We have continued to acquire profiles, including extended families, that need our help. Many of these have come from G2G posts. We still have a backlog of profiles in need and there is a new list on the [profiles that need work]() page. Please consider taking on researching a profile for the team, help is available if you need it and our [managed profile standards]() page has more information. Many thanks to the Project members who have made excellent progress over the last month.

Categories and Resources - Coordinator - Martin Allen

After a number of intensive updates with categories, August has been quiet. Volunteers are needed for help with the Greater London/Middlesex category. If you can help with this category, please contact [Martin]().

[England Projects Sub-Projects]() - Coordinator - Neil Perry

The English Authors sub-project now has 213 profiles currently identified, with project manager Ros reviewing more for inclusion in the project.

A number of new sub-projects are on the cusp on being announced. Keep an eye on your inbox for forthcoming details for sub-projects for English Artists, Politicians and Classical Music Composers, all of which will be looking for volunteers to help with the building of these projects.

If you have any ideas for a new sub-project, please let Neil know. The idea of a sub-project is to consider a facet of English life and look at the people that were involved or affected by it, along with their families, eventually connecting these people to the main tree, to see how we are all connected to these facets.

Other News

Project Coordinator for Counties appointed - Amy Utting

We are pleased to announce that [Amy Utting]() has been appointed as Project Coordinator for English Counties. More details on what Amy will be doing in this role in the next newsletter.

Source-a-Thon 2018

The end of September is time for the annual Source-a-Thon (SAT). The SAT is a frenetic weekend of adding sources to unsourced profiles. Remember, Wikitree believes that a sourced tree is vital for the success of the project. Did we mention there are prizes also?

If you would like to know more, see here. If you want to register to take part, you need to register your interest in G2G, see here.

We currently have three teams competing in the SAT - Sandringham Strollers, Team GB-Gen and Windsor Warriors. All teams are looking for members. Check out their pages and join in the fun!

RootsTech London
RootsTech promotes itself as the "World's Largest Family History Conference" and is held annually in Salt Lake City, but coming next year, there will be a RootsTech London. WikiTree always supports RootsTech in the US, so it is likely WikiTree will support the London event also. We hope to have more news about this in coming newsletters, but worth putting the date in your diary!