



England Project Newsletter

January/February 2019

Hello again, I can't believe that we are already two-thirds of the way through January 2019! We have had an incredible couple of months with a wonderful group of Orphan Trailers moving on to new teams in the project, some fantastic contributions by people on both the Sandringham Strollers and Windsor Warriors Teams in the recent Scan-a-thon, and thousands of improvements made to English profiles by every single one of you. You should all give yourselves a pat on the back.

An interview with: Janet Wild (Langridge-71)

1. When did you join the England Project?

On the 6th June 2018 I had been in the United Kingdom Project since the 5th March 2016

2. What is your current role, and what does that entail?

Being active in improving English profiles as part of the Profile Improvement team this includes taking part in the Sorcerers, bio building challenges and being the Lead for the England Data Doctor team, which is in turn part of the main Data Doctor Project were I am one of several Co-Ordinators. I also Co-lead the Sandringham Strollers Team for the 3 Thon events. In the recent Scan-a-thon the team uploaded 992 pictures. They were an amazing team to work with.

3. What do you enjoy most about the project?

The work I do for the project along with the collaboration in improving not only the tree profiles, but the members too. Watching the developments grow, the collaboration of the members and the pleasure of those graduating from our Orphan trail.

4. Is there a particular area of the project that you've worked on that you're proud of?

The Data Doctor Team and the Sandringham Strollers are two areas. Reducing the unsourced profiles in the Surrey County. I like the fact that there are categories for so many aspects, I frequently use the needs categories for when you need just one more source for a profile to be genealogically defined, the occupations and the author's categories are fascinating.

5. What are your hopes for the future of the England Project?

That the project continues to be innovative and proactive in developing not only the members but our profiles.

6. Do you have any words of advice for other members?

Join in the fun and collaboration. Build your branch slowly one profile at a time source as you go and share the memories, the family stories as these are the snippets that bring the people back to life. Ask questions in the G2G forum make use of other member's knowledge and skills, there is a wealth of experience on wiki tree tap into it. Oh and take the Orphan Trail it works at developing your genealogy skills.

Spotlight on: Managed Profiles Team

The Managed Profiles team continues to expand our managed profiles. We need your help to improve these profiles and a new list is available on our [Managed Profiles that need help page](#).

If you can help please put your name against one of the profiles, every improvement is worthwhile.

There are many new members and Orphan Trail graduates who may not be aware of our [Managed Profiles](#) page, and our page for [Profile Standards](#) to provide guidance for developing profiles. If you come across a profile that you consider the England Project should manage you can submit the details via our [form](#). The Managed Profiles team also runs a pre-1500 prep program for Orphan Trail graduates interested in working towards their pre-1500 certification. If you are interested in participating please contact [Vivienne](#). We also welcome our newest member, Jo Fitz-Henry who has shown exceptional research and organisational skills and will be real asset to Managed Profiles.

Flagship Profile: Virginia Wolf

This month's flagship profile is [Virginia Wolf](#). Although the England Project didn't do the bulk of the work, the project does take on profiles which need further development and this profile is a good example of that. It contains a fantastic bio, use of inline sourcing, and some great images.

If you'd like a profile you've been working on within the project to be the next Flagship Profile, let Susie know. It doesn't have to be a managed profile. It just needs to be something we are all proud of and can share in the project.

Team Changes

Since our last newsletter we have been very sorry to see [Joan Whitaker](#) step down as Project Coordinator for the Profile Improvements Team (PIT). Joan has been absolutely fantastic in this

role, as everyone who has worked with her will attest. Thankfully we are not losing Joan entirely. She is still active in the PIT and is also still leading Team Yorkshire. A huge thank you to Joan for everything she has done and is doing for England.

One piece of exciting news is that [Chris Weston](#) has agreed to step up as Project Coordinator for Counties. Chris has already been doing a fantastic job as Team Leader for Sussex and is already bringing in some great new developments to his team. This includes the introduction of Regional Coordinators (RCs) to help with the oversight of what is an enormous area of the project. Chris and I have been working together to identify good candidates for these roles and I'm thrilled to tell you that [Lizzie Griffiths](#) has agreed to be our first RC, looking after Northern England.

We have a number of irons in the fire at the moment and have put what each of us are working on in the announcements section of the Google Group. Let us know if you have any questions about it all. The project is growing so well that we are adding a couple of new areas in which people can get involved so stay tuned for that.

Above all else, keep doing what you're doing. It's amazing! Thanks everyone.

Onwards and upwards,

Susie :-)