



# THE JOSSELYN SOCIETY

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## NEWSLETTER

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### New Date And Venue For Second Meeting.

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to change both the date and the venue of the next meeting. The new date is Sunday 6th Oct, the new venue is The Bell Inn, High Road, Horndon on the Hill, Stanford Le Hope, Essex. The venue is far superior to The Jobbers Arms as they are offering us a proper meeting room, also they have a larger room that as the society grows we can move into. They are able to offer us a proper menu at lunch time & also a finger buffet later on in the day. Due to this the following agenda will be adopted.

12.00 Arrive.

12.30 Lunch & General conversation. (Please note individuals will have to purchase their own Food & Drinks.)

14.00 Meeting. The following points to be discussed.

1:- The voting in of a committee, to comprise of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary & a Treasurer plus Three other members.

2:- Discussion on the aims of the society & the creation of our basic rules.

3:- Setting of a Membership fee. (3.00 PA has been suggested initially)

4:- Any other business.

16.00 Break for Refreshments. (Finger Buffet 4.00 per head)

17.30 Social (Any ideas ie: does anyone wish to give a talk on their family or a particular area of research.

### The Stanstead Strong Man.

Joslin was reckoned the strongest man in Stanstead, and before this poaching job, no one dared give him back an angry word. He stood six feet high, and was broad in proportion; I've seen him take an ass by the mane and tail and lift him about as easily as if it were a little dog. One day he was going along the road to Sturford, mounted on his own donkey, which was a good sized animal, when he came to the turnpike gate just passed Zion House. He asked the pikeman how much would be charged for his donkey to walk through. "Two Pence" was the reply. "And how much do you charge for carrying a parcel through the gate?" "Nothing," says the pikeman. "Whoa, ass, Whoa," cries Joslin, and quietly dismounting, he deliberately slips his head under the animal's belly, and seizing his fore legs with his hands, lifts him off the ground and carries him through the gate, setting him down on the other side.

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**NB: We need to inform The Bell of Numbers. Please phone either Bill or Peter on 0708 856932 or 0707 327917 at least 2 weeks before if you require lunch or finger buffet or both.**



"Gee up, Noddy." says he, getting on the donkeys' back, and on he goes.

From "The Autobiography of an English Gamekeeper, John Wilkins, edited by A. H. Byng And S. M. Stephens, 1882.

## A Personal Profile.

I am John Francis Josling and was born on 26th May 1910 in Victoria Park, South Hackney, London. I have no doubt you could then hear Bow Bells from Victoria Park, so I count as a cockney. They told me in the States in 1988 that I didn't sound like one, and I obliged with a sample of the Gorbliney accent.

But my contingent of the Josling clan came from rural Essex. (It is the same as Peter's branch, and he has proved us to be sixth cousins.) It was understood amongst my elders that my great grandfather (or perhaps his father) was a cooper, a maker of barrels, at Pleshey near Chelmsford. My grandfather, whom I knew a little distantly until he died in 1923, had kept a herbalist's shop in Hackney Road. My father (born 1875) was a solicitor's clerk, and I am a solicitor, though I do not practise as such.

I have lived in Leyton, Essex, where I went to school which also boasts Frank Muir as an old boy; Woodford, where I was married in 1935 (my wife died only this year); Loughton, in Epping Forest; Sutton, Surrey; and I now live at Fairlight, near

Hastings, Sussex.

I have four children. The elder boy is manager of a transport firm in Warrington, Cheshire and lives on the Wirral; my second son is professor of Economics at Stanford University, California; one daughter is married to an oboe manufacturer, and teaches piano and violin at Brighton and near Worthing; and the younger daughter lives near me at Ore, Hastings. There are nine grandchildren.

Peter will tell you, I hope, that I am fairly well-preserved for my age. I am still active in various societies, including the long-established Souvernir Normand, a friendship society consisting of sections in various countries where over the ages the Norman influence has been prominent. I am at present Chairman of the British Section.

My hobbies, when I have time to pursue them, are history and literature.

## JOCELYN SAVES LONDON

In 1471, when Henry VI was a prisoner in the Tower, the bastard of Falconbridge, one of the desposed king's piratical partisans, made a bid to plunder London. With 3,000 of his men he attacked Aldergate and Bishopsgate, and with others he set fire to London Bridge. Thirteen houses were burnt out, but the citizens, led by one Ralph Jocelyn, a brave Draper, drove off the fillibusters and chased them to Blackwell.

From article on London Bridge in The Recorder.

## Monumenal Inscription of John Joceline.

(Secretary of Archbishop Parker).

John Joceline, Esq, interred here doth lye, Sir Thomas Joceline's third son, of worthy memorie.

Thrice noble was this Gentleman, by birthe, by learning, great,

Of single, chaste, and Godly life; he was in Heaven a seat.

He the year fifteen hundred twenty nine was born,

Not twenty yeeres old, him Cambridge did with two degrees adorn.

Kings College him a Fellow chose in Anno forty nine,

In learning tryde, worthy he did his mind always incline,

But others took the Fame and Praise of his deserving Wit,

And his inventions, as their own, to printing did commit.

Sixteen hundred and three, it grieves all to remember,

He left this life (Poor's daily friend) the 28th December.

Inscription on the monument of John Jocelyn in High Roothing Church, Essex.

Please note when sending enquiry for information please send as much detail as possible. Have recieved several letters recently with something like the following, my G G Grandfather was John Joslin of Christchurch can you help. If possible send a tree of where you fit into the scheme of things. Many Thanks.



A letter was sent to The Mayor of the town of Josselin in France and a reply received. Many thanks to John Francis Josling who compiled & wrote the letter in French and also translated the reply.

Dear Mr Mayor,

I am one of the founders of a society formed by several people who bear a surname in common, although the name is written in different ways. Some of (like myself) are called Josling, others Joslin or Joscelyne, and there are other spellings.

Not wishing to take, for the title of our society, a form of the

name which appeared to lean towards one individual case rather than another, and remembering always that our family names probably come from a Norman or Breton source (for example, Norman : josse, from Breton ; iudh ), we decided to call ourselves The Josselin Society. (There are several similar societies in the United Kingdom ("One Name Societies") which are devoted to studying a particular name, and to facilitating correspondence and contact between people who share it.) Whilst I can assure you that we do not pretend to have any connection with the town of which you are at the head, we think that the foundation of our society will be of interest to you, and would like to send you our friendly greetings. No doubt, when we come to consider a programme of future activities, a visit to Josselin will be one of the ideas which our members will favour.

Indeed, some among us have already, either in the course of a motor tour, or in a short visit, come to know your town, embellished by the fine castle and quite charming surroundings.

For the present, Mr Mayor, we would like to express to you and to your town our warm friendship.

I am, Mr Mayor,

(PETER JOSLING)

Sir.

We thank you for having informed us of the foundation of your society, and it is with pleasure that we will welcome you to our community. [OR. we will receive you with pleasure when you come to our township].

Please receive, Sir, our especial wishes.

The Senator - Mayor.

The society has received attention in the Family Tree Magazine, the Essex Family Historian and also a review of the newsletter in the Journal of One Name Studies.

I take the liberty of quoting the review. The overall presentation is good, with bold clear print and right margin justification. However, on the adverse side the spelling is to say the least a little bizarre and the spacing after full stops sometimes nonexistent. I feel it was probably produced rather quickly to coincide with the

founding of the Society and that future issues will not have these small faults, which do not in themselves detract from this thoroughly enjoyable newsletter

I have written to M.E.R. who reviewed the newsletter thanking them for their praise and constructive criticism, and also to the other magazines thanking them for their support.

## Roman Josselins ?

But what undoubtedly proves the family to be of great antiquity is, that, when the Romans, after being masters of Britain for 500 years, took their final farewell of it, and carried with them many of their brave old British soldiers who had served them in their wars both at home and abroad, they rewarded their services with a grant of Amorica, in France, afterwards called Brittany, and as those Britons gave their name to the country in general, so probably they did to the particular towns and seats they inhabited. It is, therefore, reasonably supposed that some of this family were among them, and gave their name to the town of Josselin in the Department of Morbihan, in Brittany. But however this may be, the family derives its descent from Carolus Magnus (Charlemagne), King of France, with more certainty than the house of Lorraine or Guise.

From Material supplied by William F Joscelyne of South Ockenden, Essex.



# TRACING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY.

## 2:- BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS . POST 1837.

St Catherine's House stands on the corner of Aldwych & Kingsway, Opposite to Bush House, it is here that the indexes for Births, Marriages and Deaths are housed. It is not a good idea to try and travel here by car, as if you can find anywhere to park it will be expensive. There are three tube stations nearby, Aldwych (only open during peak hours), Temple and Holburn. Living North of London I have always parked my car at Cockfosters & taken the tube from there.

Anyway you have arrived at the entrance, you are about to enter clutching your notepad and pencil, in the next five minutes you will decide whether you really are interested in Genealogy or not. Inside you are confronted by rows of shelves holding the indexes of all Births (Red covered books), Marriages (Green covered books) and Deaths (Black covered books) since 1837 when it was made law that everyone in the land had to register these events.

You can tackle your research in two ways, either you go in armed with enough information to look for a known descendant, always remember to allow a search at least five years either side of the date you think your ancestor should be, people do lie about their age.

Or you can do a blanket search of one name from 1837 to the present, NB all Joscelyne, Joslings and variations have been recorded up to 1901.

Now for the testing bit you find the shelf with the year you require plus the quarter (the records are split into quarters for each year) you require, then you have to find some where to lay this heavy volume down, to say that St Catherine's House bustles with people is an understatement, there are reading desks and you just have to shove your way in at times it gets a bit rough and people get a bit hot under the collar. By the time you leave you will feel tired, but if your search has been successful very happy with your progress.

Having found what you require make a note of the Year, the Quarter, the full Name of the person, the Area and the Reference Number. Now you have to order the certificate, so next you find the required form and fill in all the details you have noted and take this to the cashier. There are two types of certificate for Births a short certificate or a full certificate, these cost Three Pound Fifty Pence and Five Pound Fifty Pence if you pick them up yourselves, this you can do four days later. If you use their postal system it takes Five weeks and costs Fifteen pound. Marriage and Death certificates only come in Full versions.

Recently the task has been made slightly easier by the release of copies on fiche, several Record Officers now have copies and the Society of Genealogists has Births and Marriages up to 1901. But you will still need to go to St Catherine's to order your certificates. The certificates you receive hold the following

information. 1:- Birth certificates. When and where born, The child's name if known, the child's sex, the father's name plus their occupation (The father's name is only mentioned if known, single parent families are not a new trend.), the mother's name plus her maiden name, the name and residence of the informer, the date of registration. A short certificate is also available these give very little information and are of little use to the genealogist.

2:- Marriage Certificates. The date of the Marriage, where it took place, the name of the bride, the name of the groom, their occupation, where they live, their age, their condition ie spinster, their father's name and occupation. Also always look carefully at the witnesses they are normally related.

3:- Death Certificate. The date of the death, where it occurred, the cause of death, the age of the person, the name and address of the informer.

Next month we will cross over the road and go to Somerset House where all Wills Post 1857 are kept.

## THANK YOU.

Many Thanks to all of you who have written in supplying information. A special thanks to Ben Joscelyne of Braintree, Thomas Moore of Heston and Sharon Doyle of Santa Barbara USA for amount of material of use to the research of the name they sent. I look forward to meeting all of you that can attend the meeting on the 6th October. Peter Josling.



# I BEQUEATH CONTINUED

Last month I printed the will of my Great Aunt, this inspired Arthur Joscelyne to send me the Will of John Jocelyn of High Roothing, which is his favourite Will. It is quite long so I have selected some of the highlights.

I do firste of all thancke God who havinge compassion on me whom he created and placed in the worlde hath made me to live the most of my life in the light of the gospel, borne about the ende of the yeare of our Lorde 1529 when I was drowned accordinge to that my first bringing up in waste deepe darknes of superstition and idolatrie being taught to pray to Roodes stickes and stones onlie in the latter tonge as well publiclie as privatlie whereof I understande no worde, and this was then the common usage of everie man and woman in those daies. But prayed be God that hath made the gospell so to spredd itselfe far and neare everie where in the lande for these fiftye yeares from my firste beginninge (excepte five superstitious yeares o Queene Maries raigene).

The will continues for sometime with John asserting his Faith. It then continues with his request on his death.

I give and bequeathe to the Queenes Colledge in Cambridge whwre in the yeare of our Lorde 1549 I was made fellowe of the howse by Doctor Cramner late Archbischopp of Canterburie the chefe visiter of the Universitie is Kinge Edwards daies one hundred poundes of good and Lawfull monie of England to purchase therewith landes for the maintenance of an Hebrew lecture yearlie for the maintenance of an Hebrew lecture yearlie for ever in the saide colledge, wishinge no one man to be reader above two yeares but that some other doe succede that divers thereby maie growe learned in the same tonge. I give and bequethe to my nephewes Richard Jocelyne Esquire and John Jocelyne gent his brother sonnes of my brother Richard Joceline Esquire deceased, to eyther of them the somme of five poundes of lawfull monye of England. I bequethe to my nephewes Thomas Joceline Esquire eldest sonne of my brother Henrie Joceline Esquire deceased and also my nephewes Francis Josceline, Henrie Joceline and Anthonie Joceline breteren of the saide Thomas Josceline to everie of them the summe of five poundes of lyke monye. I give and bequeathe to Thomas Joceline the sonne of my saide nephew Thomas Joceline at whose christening I was chosen a witnes, the summe of ten poundes of lyke monye. I give and bequeath to the daughter of my nephew Roberte Lee Esquire and of Marie his wyfe at whose Christeninge I was also chosen a witnes the sume of X (Ten Poundes) of lyke monye. I give and bequeathe to Wynifrede Jocelyne my neece daughter of my saide brother Henrie Joceline the sum of XL of lyke monye. I give and bequeathe to my neeces Elizabeth Joceline and Katherine Joceline syster of the saide Wynifrede Joceline to eyther of them the sum of VL of lyke monie. I givr and bequeathe to my servant Denis Goodey my Bayliffe VL and my rydinge cloke. I give and bequeathe to Henrie Newell my servant VL. I give and bequeathe to my servant Olde Newell the keeper unto my cattle and groundes XLs(shillings). I give and bequeathe to my plowe men there quarters wages and to evere of them twentie shillings besides. I give and bequeathe to my nephew Christipher Joceline one of the younger sonnes of my saide brother Henrie at whose chritening I was chosen a witnes terme poundes. I give and bequeathe to my servant John Allam five poundes. I give and bequeathe to my lovinge friende Henrie Maynard Esquire myne olde acquaintance one hoope ringe of golde of value three poundes with this inscription Christus mihi vita(Christ my life) which I will have to be the inscption in all ringes I give. I give and bequeathe to Mistress Maynard his wyfe one ringe of golde of the valewe of XXXs. I give and bequeathe to my Cosines Francis Barington Esquire and John Wyseman Esquire and to Richard Francis Esquire to everie one ringe of golde of XXs. I give and bequeathe to my beloved frende William Towre Esquire one ringe of golde of XLs. I give and bequeathe unto my sister Marie wyfe of my brother Edward Joceline Esquire. To my saide nephew Roberte Lee, to my neece Marie, his wyfe, to my neece Grace Ball one other of the daughters of my said brither Henrie Joceline, to my nephew Edmund Allan Esquire, to my cosin Jefferie Gaite Esquire to my familiar friende and acquaintance Mathewe Salweye gent to everie of them one hoope ring of golde XXs. I give and bequeathe to Robert Cullin who hahe



been a true olde servante to our name one ringe of golde of Xs. I give and bequeathe to the poore of the saide parishe of High Rodinge VL to be given and distribited upon the daie of my funerall by my executor. I will that all the saide VL. Laste so mentioned shall be paide by executor aforesaid within one whole yeare next after my decease. The residue to my nephewe Roger Higham Esquire and to my neece Anne his wyfe all my goods chattles debtes monie plate corne as well growing as being in the howses and all other thinges whatsoever not gyven nor bequesthed.

The will then finishes in the normal manner revoking all other wills etc.

## FOOTNOTE

With reference to the article on the review of the newsletter by The Guild of One Name Studies. I don't feel so bad now, please note M.E.R. that I am not the first one of the family with Bizarre spelling. P.J.

Please send all inquires and information etc to Peter Josling,  
61 Golden Dell, Welwyn Gdn City. Herts. AL7 4EE. Please enclose a SAE for reply.