

**Western Australian Genealogical Society
London and Home Counties Special Interest Group**

**Meeting Saturday 6 June 2009
Notes**

Meeting opened: 11am

22 members attended; \$47 was collected by donation to WAGS

Apologies: Nina Duncan, Audrey Holland, Maureen Ginn, Bernice Holbrook, Barbara Walker, Jen Pearce

WAGS/Group business

- WAGS website now has over 600 links to great genealogy sites
- What should we use the London Group page for?
 - maps showing the areas we cover
 - linked to a greater London map
 - London cemeteries
 - What about a London Blog? (discussion about who would 'feed' it...volunteers short on the ground...if anyone wants to take ownership let us know..)
- At the State Library on 1 August, we'll be doing a re-run of the London Blitz session
- 9 August – open day at WAGS
- 29 Aug – one day seminar – Michael Gandy is the key speaker

Great websites

We had a quick look at www.hiddenlives.org.uk

TODAY'S TOPIC: TEARING DOWN THE LONDON BRICK WALLS

We looked at six difficult cases and brainstormed some ideas which might help. These are the main points that came up:

1. Can't find the right person in village film, b1789. Some descendants of the family probably still live there:
 - write to someone in the village (eg Local History section in local library)
 - put something in local newspaper
 - join local family history society – look for them in www.genuki.org.uk
 - try county mailing lists – also in Genuki
 - some of the Family History magazines have sections to post names, places
2. Can't find marriage, Greenwich area, fisherman, ca 1690
 - look at other coastal communities, Essex, etc (fishermen would roam looking for good fishing grounds and call in to coastal villages – may have met bride there)
 - Check Pallots and Boyd's marriage index
 - check British Vital Records
3. Can't find in census 1841-1861. Know they married 1827(Pallots); found widow 1871.
 - Try various census search tips; eg no surname; wild cards; look for variances in spelling.
 - Find marriage on microfilm – may be additional clues (Pallots is bare-bones transcription)
 - Find death, get certificate, then search address in next census
4. Can't find marriage (1757) for quite prosperous person in Essex
 - Search surrounding parishes
 - Possible non-conformist marriage
 - Search for surnames
 - Write to Essex FHS
 - Mailing lists
5. How did Australian (b NSW 1890) get to London in 1901?
 - Search incoming UK Passenger lists (1878-1960) on www.ancestry.co.uk
6. Looking for owner of Pub in Whitechapel
 - Pub Mailing list; good website at <http://www.deadpubs.co.uk/LondonPubs/LondonPubIndex.shtml>
 - Directories, look under licensed Victuallers

Next meeting:

Sat 5 Sept 2009: Lee Ann Atkinson will present on "the Thames Legacy"

Meeting Closed about 12.50pm