

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Bridal Pregnancy

Dear Sirs,

The following extract from a Russian periodical may interest, and possibly amuse, some British local historians and demographers. "Premarital relations are increasingly becoming a prologue to marriage. If our statistics concerned themselves with the percentage of first babies born in the first eight months of married life, they would uncover a great deal that is unexpected. Inasmuch as our statistics have nothing to say on this matter, I shall cite data from abroad. In Slovenia, one of the republics of Yugoslavia, of the total number of first babies born within the first 6 years of married life, 42% (!) were born in the first eight months" V.I. Perevedentsev, in Literaturnaia gazeta, 21 April 1971, translated in Soviet Sociology, 10, 1972, p.380). The article does not refer to the data on the historical incidences of bridal pregnancy in England; and the 'unexpected' comment suggests that Russian local historians have not yet got around to studying bridal pregnancy in earlier centuries in Russia.

Following my papers (Population Studies, 1966, 1970) on the English experience, as calculated from parish registers, I have been collecting additional and comparative references to this social occurrence and its historical incidences. For instance one I noticed recently Glostrap parish, Denmark (Scandinavian Economic History Review 20, 1972, 22-3). In relation to other countries (including Scotland and Ireland), references sometimes crop up in local histories that are not immediately available to me, or in more unexpected sources where I would not think of looking. If in the course of his general reading any reader should come across such a reference, I should be most grateful for a note.

Yours sincerely,

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Pre-1841 Enumerator's Schedules

Dear Sir,

With reference to your lists of these in L.P.S. I have come across one for Clowne, Derbyshire. The details are:-

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Clowne	1801	Parish Register (In Clowne Rectory)

Yours faithfully,

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Calendar of Middlesex County Records: A Reprint

Dear Sir,

I have read with interest Mr. Hair's article on 'Homicide, infanticide and child assault in late Tudor Middlesex' in Local Population Studies No. 9. Your readers may be interested to know that Volume 1 of the calendar of the Middlesex County Records, edited by J.C. Jefferson and published in 1886, on which his article was based, is being reprinted by the Greater London Council and will again be available in book shops on 25 May. Volume 2 of the series is also out of print and plans are in hand to re-issue it during the next twelve months.

Yours faithfully,

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