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Medical Officers of Health Reports  
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*Welcome to the Spring 2020 LPSS Newsletter. Many thanks, as always, to our contributors without whom this Newsletter would be impossible to produce. We'd be glad to hear from you with contributions, feedback, comments, suggestions, letters for publication, research queries*

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**Spring 2020 Conference Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Roger Schofield Memorial Conference**

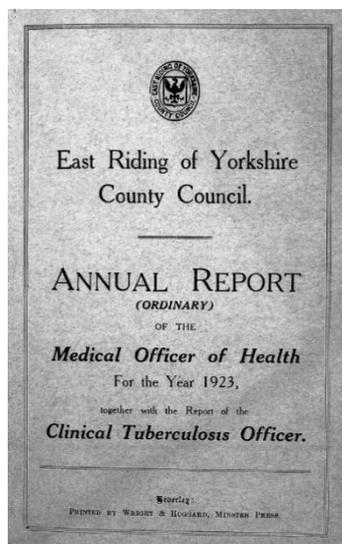
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**Programme and booking form – see back pages**

# Internet Resources

## Wellcome Collection of Medical Officer of Health Reports

*Chris Galley*



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Medical Officers of Health (MOH) were appointed as a consequence of growing concerns about unhealthy towns and the perils of epidemic disease. Their primary role was to improve the health of their district and they tried to do this mainly via sanitary improvement. The first MOH, William Henry Duncan, was appointed by Liverpool in 1847. This was quickly followed by John Simon in the city of London in 1848, and after local government reform in 1855, MOHs were appointed to each of London's 48 districts. Other districts followed suit, but as a consequence of the 1872 Public Health Act 1,453 urban and rural authorities were created covering the whole of England and Wales, all of which were required to appoint a MOH (similar legislation applied to Scotland in 1889). The duties of the MOH were wide-ranging and encompassed the provision of clean water, sewerage, street regulation, removal of nuisances, food inspection, regulation of markets and offensive trades, sanitary burials and the suppression of infectious diseases. Some of the

key figures in preventive medicine, notably Arthur Newsholme and George Newman amongst many others, worked as MOHs.

MOHs were also required to produce an annual report and these sources contain interesting material useful to the local population historian. These reports often provide key demographic data for their districts and they also describe the various work carried out by the MOH and his staff. MOH reports had no set format and allowed individual officers considerable scope to report on various health issues. Thus, from 1872 until NHS reorganisation in 1974 when MOHs were replaced by Community Physicians, the reports can provide unique insights into public health initiatives. As such they warrant attention by anyone with an interest in local health and population issues.

Individual MOH reports vary considerably both in form and content. Some of the best contain rich details not available elsewhere, while others appear merely perfunctory and contain little of interest. It is this variability that sparks interest since many of these documents have hardly been examined and their wider consultation will no doubt reveal important insights into sanitary progress from the late Victorian period onwards. Many of these reports are available in local archives around the country, although often they have to be viewed on microfilm. The Wellcome Library has an extensive collection of MOH reports which have been digitised, see <https://archive.org/details/medicalofficerofhealthreports> [accessed January 2019]. A separate site entitled London's Pulse <https://wellcomelibrary.org/moh/> [accessed January 2019] contains all the London reports together with brief discussions of the nature of the reports themselves and some background information about the changing face of London. This is an excellent resource. It is easy to navigate and is well worth exploring.

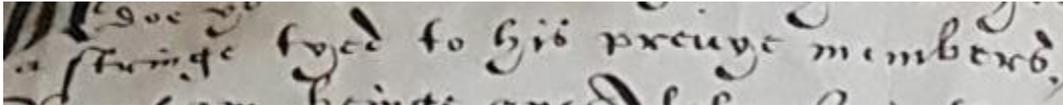
# Insulting depositions

*Mike Kipling*

*Whilst delving in archives over the years, the following no-nonsense depositions have caused me some amusement, which I hope readers will also find entertaining.*

In 1592, Sussex gentleman Thomas Maye accused iron-founder Thomas Hepden before Star Chamber of violent and riotous behaviour, including:

- Causing a man to be stripped naked in a Burwash alehouse, leading him with a string tied to his “privy members” and baiting him as if he was a bear.

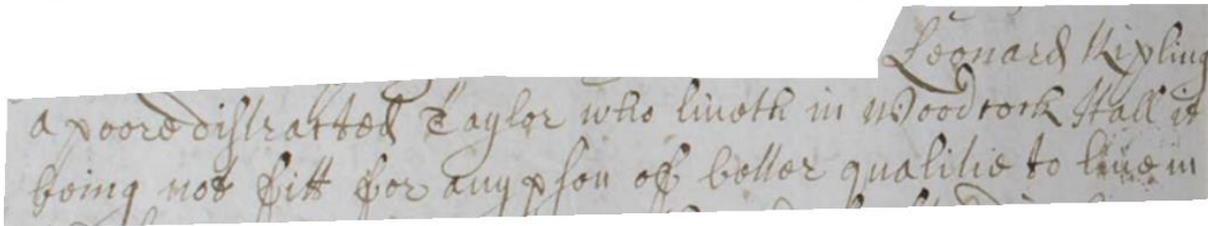


- Calling Hugh Walker, curate of Burwash, a “very knave” and threatening to beat him “like an arseworm”.
- Leading a disorderly party with guns and musical instruments around the Burwash alehouses one night “drinking, shooting and playing”.<sup>1</sup>

Despite Maye submitting evidence from 17 witnesses, the accusations rebounded on him, as the court deemed the case unproven and the charges slanderous and defamatory. He was fined £40 with imprisonment.<sup>2</sup>

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In 1671, in depositions before the Archbishop of York’s court in a case concerning the occupancy of pews in Bowes parish church, Leonard Kipling is described as “a poore distracted taylor” and his dilapidated house, Woodcock Hall, is described as “not fitt for any p’son of better qualitie to live in”.<sup>3</sup>



Interestingly, eleven years after the Restoration, Leonard’s father is stated to have occupied the pew “both before and in the time of rebellion” and Leonard “in the late rebellion and since”.

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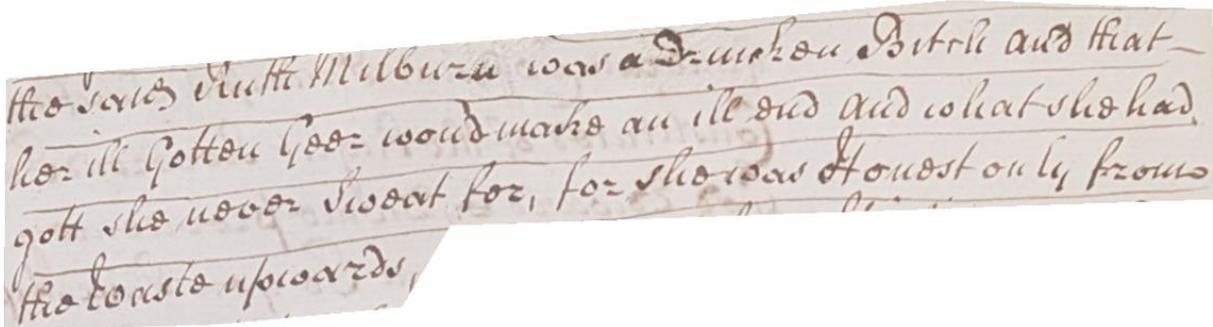
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<sup>1</sup> The National Archives. STAC 5 M13/6, M13/23, M16/22 and M40/39.

<sup>2</sup> William Paley Baildon (ed.). *Les reportes del cases in Camera Stellata, 1593 to 1609 from the original ms. of John Hawarde* (1894, Spottiswoode and Co.) p.81.

<sup>3</sup> Borthwick Institute for Archives. York Cause Papers. CP H 4590.

In 1735, Ruth Milburn accused Jane, the wife of weaver Robert Kipling of Barnard Castle, of defamation before the Durham diocesan court. She alleged that Jane called her a “drunken bitch” and said that she was “honest only from the waste[sic] upwards”<sup>4</sup>



I do not know the outcome of this case. Jane, incidentally, died in 1747 and is remembered by a simply-fashioned gravestone in Barnard Castle churchyard, which also commemorates a daughter, Ann, who died age 6 in 1732.



**The Local Population Studies Society held a conference in Oxford in October 2019 on the theme of *Paths to Marriage: Courtship in England and Wales, c.1700-c.1945***

***Ross Belson, Hayley Carter and Becki Hines, recipients of the LPSS May Pickles Fund, have provided their impressions of the conference and how it relates to their research.***

**Ross Belson:** I found the conference to be of great interest in all sorts of areas, but it was particularly useful in terms of my research into the nineteenth-century Sheridan family. I am currently writing about the early life of R. Brinsley Sheridan (1806-88), a grandson of the famous statesman and dramatist, as part of a biography of his sister, Caroline Norton. In 1822, when the younger Sheridan applied to the East India Company College, his mother gave 28 April 1806 as his date of birth, which is also broadly indicated in the register of births for St Mary Le Strand. However, Brinsley believed that he was born on 13 February 1806 and a birth date for around this time is also given in the *Morning Post*. The discrepancy is significant as, according to one source, his parents, Tom Sheridan and Caroline Callander, are reported to have been married on 21 June

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<sup>4</sup> Durham University Library Special collections. DDR/EJ/CCD/3/1736/13.

1805, after an elopement, in a ceremony which Tom described as ‘irregular’, since no clergyman was present.

A wedding on 21 June 1805 would therefore admit the possibility that, as he was born on 13 February 1806, Brinsley was conceived before his parents’ marriage. They were certainly married (or remarried) on 29 November 1805 at St George’s, Hanover Square, in the Vestry Minutes Book of which Brinsley’s father maintained there was a reference to the earlier marriage. However, I could not find any mention of this at the Westminster City Archives and had begun to have my doubts about the earlier marriage. It was therefore interesting to learn at the conference that ‘irregular’ weddings, such as that of Tom and Caroline on 21 June, were quite typical of the period.

**Hayley Carter:** I was first made aware of this conference through a fellow postgraduate student who had seen it promoted on twitter. With my research looking into marriage and courtship during both the First and Second World War, I knew that this conference was going to be invaluable to my research and the day itself did not disappoint. I was welcomed warmly and upon taking my seat it was clear that a vast majority of the conference speakers and audience members were already well acquainted with one another. This familiarity provided the basis for much topical, stimulating and lively debate at the end of every session. Everyone was welcomed and encouraged to contribute their own thoughts and opinions, safe in the knowledge that they would be respected and well received.

My research uses letter collections between couples to try and gain a better understanding of how they built and sustained their relationships during times of conflict. Being amongst others who share my interest in trying to understand the complexities of relationships, courtships and marriages albeit in differing ways, I found the conference extremely stimulating. I was happily reassured to hear many familiar links to my research so far, but also excited that the papers highlighted various avenues of thought I had not yet considered. The conference has prompted me to further consider the direct influence a person’s community, family and working environment would have on their choice of future partner. The sense of breaking with youth and the power dimensions within courtships and marriages. Also, the significance of the changing opportunities, available time and means individuals would have had in order to court. For all of this and more I am very grateful to the speakers and the committee for providing such an interesting and helpful conference.

**Becki Hines:** The LPSS Autumn conference ‘Paths to Marriage – Courtship in England and Wales’ was my first LPSS conference, but I am sure that it will not be my last. A fellow student signposted the conference to me as she thought the subject spoke directly to my research interests and I am grateful for her for doing so. My PhD is a local study examining women’s experiences of conducting relationships during the Second World War and the shifting boundaries of acceptable behaviour.

The broad range of speakers, covering not only different geographical areas but also from different disciplines, gave a varied and interesting assortment of papers. However, it soon became clear that common themes were recurring during the day. The importance of location, sticking to the known and ideas of belonging and identity were all frequently raised. It was interesting not only to hear the papers about the courtship rituals of ‘bundling’ and the ‘monkey walk’, both in Wales, but also the resultant discussions which highlighted how these were not necessarily unique to the area as similar rituals appear to have occurred elsewhere. This highlighted to me the importance of bringing together local studies to build a bigger picture. Other ideas that struck a chord with my own research were

those of: flexing and tensioning of boundaries; power versus freedom; the difference between flirtation and courtship; insider/outsider rivalry; and do lower classes have more freedom of choice? All of these are things that will shape the way I think about my research in the future. I am very grateful to the LPSS for welcoming me so warmly and enabling me to attend this wonderful and thought-provoking conference.

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## **Local Population Studies Society – who we are and what we do**

The Local Population Studies Society (LPSS) owes its origins to the foundation in 1968 of the journal *Local Population Studies*. This journal, which is still the official journal of LPSS and which celebrated its 100th issue in 2018, was created to offer a channel of communication between amateur family and local historians and professional demographic historians based at the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure. The idea was that it would enable historians of all persuasions pursuing local studies to communicate with one another, as there was evidence that in many cases, historians working on similar topics (and often using similar sources) but in different areas of the country did not know of one another's work.

For this reason members of LPSS are interested in a spectrum of issues relating to population and social structure, broadly defined. We are interested in how populations in the past changed; how and why the numbers living in particular localities rose and fell. Some of us study birth rates, some epidemics or causes of death and others research migration flows and their underlying causes. Some members are more interested in the social and economic structure of particular places, looking at the social relations between landowners, farmers and labourers, the role of farm servants and domestic servants, how the poor were treated, or the economic fortunes of those in specific occupational groups.

Much of the early work of members of LPSS focused on the Church of England parish registers, and these still provide a key source of research. However these days members also work on a whole range of additional sources, such as apprenticeship indentures, poor law records, ecclesiastical censuses, wills and probate documents, published census and civil registration data as well as diaries and autobiographies.

Fifty years and more on from its inception, LPSS members still consist of a mix of university historians, some of whom work on large scale projects using advanced statistical and data-handling methods; students at both undergraduate and post-graduate level; and those outside university who are interested in the history of one or more localities, perhaps whether they live, where they were brought up, or where their ancestors came from. LPSS seeks to provide an environment in which all members have the opportunity to collaborate, exchange knowledge or request information so that everyone can learn from the work and experience of others.

Each member, whether a novice or a scholar of many years standing, has expertise and knowledge to offer and can contribute to discussions, debates or projects. Those undertaking painstaking local case studies, for example, can provide rich contextual details which help others place national level over-

views in a much deeper context, leading to new interpretations and understanding. Those with experience of different data sources, techniques or data handling methods can help those working on such local studies to enhance and extend their work. By comparing and contrasting the results of similar studies undertaken on different places, answers may be found to questions which were perplexing when asked in isolation, or further questions raised to generate more research.

LPSS therefore welcomes as a member anyone who is interested in topics relating to population and social structure whether at the family, local, regional or national level. Lack of experience in historical, demographic or genealogical research is no barrier to joining. Enthusiasm and a spirit of collaboration and cross-fertilisation are encouraged. Members receive the journal *Local Population Studies* twice a year, this Newsletter twice a year, access to all back issues of *Local Population Studies* (which means access to the results of an enormous amount of previous research), and reduced rates when attending the two conferences per year that LPSS organises.

## HOW TO JOIN LPSS

Membership of the LPSS is by annual subscription. Our annual subscription rates, which are due on 1 May annually, and include either online-only or online and print access to *Local Population Studies* and the LPSS Newsletter, are:

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### LPSS funding support available

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**Roger Schofield Fund:** *The Roger Schofield Fund provides grants to individual researchers whose work furthers the aims of the Local Population Studies Society. Further details are available on the website.*

**May Pickles Travel Bursaries:** *May Pickles was a long-standing and very active member of LPSS. She died (aged 91) in October 2013, and in her will very kindly made a bequest to LPSS. We use this bequest to provide travel bursaries to enable those who would not otherwise be able to attend LPSS events to do so. For further information, please see website or contact the LPSS Secretary Rowena Burgess ([secretary@localpopulationstudies.org.uk](mailto:secretary@localpopulationstudies.org.uk)).*

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### ***CALL FOR PAPERS: Romance, Revolution and Reform***

*Founded in association with the Southampton Centre for Nineteenth Century Research, and now working towards its third Issue, Romance, Revolution and Reform continues to welcome papers from researchers at any stage in their careers, from the Humanities and the Social Sciences, offering support throughout the publication process and employing a double-blind peer review policy, which engages the most appropriate experts to maintain a high standard of scholarship.*

Papers are invited of between 4,000 and 8,000 words on any aspect of reform during the long-nineteenth century. Potential topics could include: reform legislation; domestic and foreign policy making; health and sanitation; infrastructure and urban improvements; education; (dis)enfranchisement; politics; philosophy; economics; slavery and emancipation; resistance to reform and Conservatism; literary and print cultural reform; the fine arts, music and culture; gender and sexuality; religion and dissent; and Church, State and Constitution.

The Call for Submissions is open until Sunday 12 April 2020. However, if you submit a draft up to a month before this date, we will offer some informal feedback before it is formally considered by the board, so that you are able to make some preliminary edits prior to the piece being sent for peer review.

If you are interested in submitting a paper, please look at the policies on our website ([www.rrrjournal.com](http://www.rrrjournal.com)) especially the Submission Handling Policy. If you have any questions about submitting an article, or some ideas, please do send us an email at [rrr@soton.ac.uk](mailto:rrr@soton.ac.uk).

### ***'The Guild of One-Name Studies***

*is the worldwide centre of excellence in one-name studies and promotes the interests of both the individuals and groups who are engaged in them. Established in 1979 and registered as a charity in 1989, the Guild provides its members with the means to share, exchange and publish information.'*

**16 May 2020: 'On the Wrong Side of the Law'** From big time villain to petty thief, we can probably all find one or two ancestors who didn't manage to keep on the straight and narrow. We return to this West Country venue to discover more about the working of the criminal justice system, and the court and prison records that will help us track down individuals, and to explore the fascinating links between crime writing and genealogy.

**Venue:** Ruishton Village Hall, Cheats Road, Ruishton, Taunton, TA3 5JD

**1 August 2020: Those who served** Nearly every generation has known war. Whatever their reasons, whether press-ganged, patriotic or penniless, many of our ancestors served and their stories from Napoleonic times to the two World Wars can be revealed in the records. The search is on for further speakers to improve our strategy and strengthen our campaign!

**Venue:** Stock Village Hall, Common Road, Ingatestone, Essex CM4 9NF

**10 October 2020: Widening Horizons** This 'tools and techniques' seminar will be run jointly by the Guild of One-Name Studies and the Local Population Studies Society, with various speakers looking at ways of collecting, analysing and interpreting data collected in the process of one-name studies or local population analysis.

**Venue:** Solihull Methodist Church, Blossonfield Road, Solihull B91 1LG

*Non-members are welcome to attend. Further details, including cost and an application form, will be available before each event at <https://one-name.org/>.*

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# Notice of the Society's Annual General Meeting, 2020

The Annual General Meeting of the Local Population Studies Society will be held at 12:45pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020, at the **Department of Geography, Cambridge University, Cambridge**. All members of the Society are warmly invited to attend.

## Agenda

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of 2019 AGM (printed in this Newsletter, see below)
4. Matters arising
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Conference Report
8. Book Club Report
9. Newsletter Editor's Report
10. *Local Population Studies* Editor's Report
11. Review of LPS Editor's honorarium
12. Elections to the Committee
13. Any other business

## Elections to the Committee

Dr Chris Galley and Ms Rowena Burgess have come to the end of their term of office and are willing to stand for re-election.

In addition, we have one vacancy, anyone wishing to put themselves forward for election, or to nominate someone else, should submit a written nomination, stating the position for which they are standing and whether or not the candidate will be attending the AGM, accompanied by statements of support from five members of the Society, to the Hon. Secretary at the address below by 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

**Any other business** – if you wish any further items to be added to the Agenda, please send them by Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, to the Hon. Secretary at either the postal or email address below.

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# Local Population Studies Society

## Annual General Meeting 2019 Minutes

*The Annual General Meeting of the Local Population Studies Society was held at 1.15p.m. on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019, at Wilson Carlile Centre, Sheffield*

There were 27 people present.

1. **Welcome and Introduction:** Professor Colin Pooley welcomed everyone and chaired the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Heather Falvey, Andy Burn, Andy Hinde, Peter Franklin, Sue Jones
3. **Minutes of the 2018 AGM:** These were approved and there were no matters arising.
4. **Amendments to the Constitution** The following amendments to the Constitution were approved:

**Section 20: Existing committee members may be re-elected at the AGM with only two nominations from members in good standing**

**Section 27: The Executive Officers will have powers via common consent to vote on expenditure in order to promote and achieve the Society's aims, as set out in clause 2 above. The accumulated amount of expenditure, net of income, agreed by a majority vote of the Executive Officers without recourse to the Society's Committee in a single financial year should not exceed 20 per cent of the Society's monetary assets as recorded in the previous year's audited accounts. Expenditure in excess of this amount requires the majority agreement of the Society's Committee**

5. **Secretary's report:** the work of the Secretary was outlined especially with respect to the increase in workload following the movement of the office from Oxford to UEA. The Chairman and other committee members were thanked for their advice and support during the year. A copy of the report is filed in the minute book.

The Chair thanked Rowena Burgess for the work which has increased in the last couple of years.

6. **Treasurer's report:** Mike Kipling's second year as Treasurer and a copy of his report is filed in the minute book. The accounts were circulated to the meeting, the main changes the removal of administrator costs have led to an improvement in the overall accounts. The proposal to adopt the accounts was agreed nem com.

The independent examiner, Annie Tindley, for the next financial year was approved nem com.

7. **Conference report:** Thanks to those involved with the arrangements at Sheffield, which included a couple of student bursary places awarded through 'The May Pickles Fund'. Two conferences have been held in the last year at Oxford and Cambridge. The autumn conference will be in Oxford, on the theme of Courtship, on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
8. **Book Club report:** A copy of the report is filed in the minute book. Sales in the last year have been zero. Peter Franklin thanked Terry Shaw/Mike Kipling for their work on the finances as well as conference organisers, administrators and volunteers for setting-up/taking down the virtual book stall.
9. **Newsletter Editor's report:** A copy of the report is filed in the minute book. The last two issues 63 and 64 have been mainly circulated digitally. Thanks to Andrew Hinde for arranging printing and postage. The editor would welcome both comments on the newsletter and also contributions
10. **Local Population Studies Editor's report:** A copy of the report is filed in the minute book. The journal has been published twice in the last year and included a range of papers from different authors, from established academics to students. The editor is looking for papers from a range of contributors and welcomes receipt of articles. The Board would be able to support authors to produce articles for publication. One new development for issue 101, one article has been published Gold Open Access. Thanks to members of the Editorial Board for their contributions.
11. **Review of LPS Editor's honorarium:** Andy Hinde will not be taking an honorarium in the coming year. This will continue to be reviewed in the forthcoming year.
12. **Elections to the Committee:** the following appointments were approved by the membership having been duly nominated and seconded.

Andy Burn and Kevin Schürer, nominated by Rowena Burgess, seconded Colin Pooley  
One vacancy remains

Colin Pooley has come to the end of his term of office and a vote of thanks was given by Kevin Schürer for his work and contribution, as Chair, to the Society.

Eilidh Garrett was nominated as new Chair of the Committee, which was approved, and she was welcomed.

13. **Any Other Business:**  
None

**Meeting closed at 1:40 pm**

# Journal: Local Population Studies

## *Local Population Studies* 103 Autumn 2019



Issue 103 of the Local Population Studies Society's journal, *Local Population Studies* is available in both hard copy and electronic versions.

The electronic version, available through IngentaConnect, includes all the content listed above plus the second instalment of Chris Galley's treatise on infant mortality: a comprehensive examination of the use of parish register data to measure infant mortality trends and differentials in England between 1538 and 1837. Its contents are:

An article on 'Estimating Population Sizes and Demographic Trends in Ipswich, c. 1570-1620: Re-Evaluations and New Approaches', by Tiffany Haller Shumaker

An article entitled "'A Town Built on Migration?'" Calculating the Human Capital Value of Migration to Reading, 1851-1871', by Daniel James Gooch

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The regular review of the periodical literature published during the year 2018

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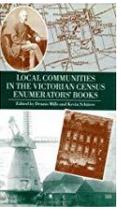
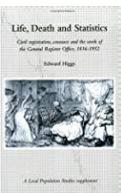
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# LPSS Books available

*Andrew Hinde*

The Local Population Studies Society has copies of various books that it has published which are available to members for as long as stocks last

	<b>Author/ Editor</b>	<i>Title</i>	<b>Publication year</b>	<b>Price (including postage and packing)</b>
	Arkell and Schurer (eds)	<i>Surveying the People: Interpretation and Use of Document Sources for the Study of Population in the later Seventeenth Century</i>	1992	£10
	Mills and Schurer (eds)	<i>Local Communities in the Census Enumerators' Books</i>	1996	£10
	Goose, Arkell and Evans (eds)	<i>When Death Us Do Part</i>	2000	£14.60
	Mills	<i>Rural Community History from Trade Directories</i>	2001	Free
	Higgs	<i>Life, Death and Statistics</i>	2004	£13.00
	Goose (ed.)	<i>Women's Work in Industrial England</i>	2007	£14.95

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## LPSS member survey 2019 summary

*Thank you to all members who took the time to respond to our survey in November, and particularly for all your detailed and thoughtful comments. We used them as a starting point for discussions at our Committee meeting in December.*



49 members took part in the survey, 41 online (via email) and 8 from the paper copies sent out in the post. Both sets of responses have been collated together here. Three-quarters of these are over the age 60 (and only one is under 30), and they live across England, with concentrations in London and the South-East, Oxford, Leicester and Yorkshire (see map).

More than half of respondents indicated their main interest in population history is personal; about a fifth are students and just over a tenth ‘professional’ historians. They gave a wide-ranging set of historical interests, some general (‘social and cultural history of early modern England’), some rooted in English localities (‘a Cumbrian parish study of illegitimacy’), single names or families, or covering specific topics over a wider area (‘British Methodism’).

**Engagement:** About three quarters of members read ‘most’ of the journal and four in five read ‘most’ of the Newsletter; only one respondent seemed not to engage substantially with either. Around half had been to several conferences and a third had never been to a conference – though this group are still likely to engage with the printed material.

**Conferences:** The comments suggest a general perception that the quality of presentations at LPSS conferences is high, or there is a mix of higher and lower quality papers. Members mostly say they have a good atmosphere as well, though there are a couple of concerning comments suggesting members don’t always find the conferences welcoming – ‘the academics stick together’, ‘there is a sense it is all the same speakers’. We are working on how to make sure conferences are open and welcoming for all..

Members are happy with the cost of the conferences themselves, but sometimes find transport very costly, which isn’t surprising given the disparate locations of the membership. A couple suggest a focus on ‘transport hubs’ for locations if possible (e.g. Birmingham), noting that Cambridge and Oxford can be difficult to get to from anywhere other than London.

Members also had useful and varied suggestions for conference themes, which we will use in our planning.

**LPS Journal:** The vast majority of members read the journal regularly and are happy with the content. Many seem to particularly appreciate the reviews, and a couple would like to see some more instructional-type articles. Most don't (or rarely) get the journal through Ingenta connect, and in comments they're keen to see the paper journal continue.

**Newsletter:** The vast majority of members read the newsletter regularly, and the recent makeover has received very positive feedback. Members comment on the look and style, and that it is easier to read. They don't have many suggestions for improvement, including content.

**Website/social media:** A smaller proportion engage regularly with the website, but most do occasionally. A minority engages with social media. This section also attracted fewer comments (suggesting a generally lower level of interest in it anyway). Some members don't have internet access; others comment that they might visit the website more often if the content changed more often and that similarly more 'comment' on Twitter and posting on Facebook would be welcome.

**Book club:** Most members don't use the book club at all (and none use it regularly). Quite a few used to peruse books at conferences, when the logistics allowed ('chance to view before purchases').

#### **Other:**

Very few of the members who responded had received research funding from either fund, though most do appear to be aware of them both.

Most highlighted meeting and connecting with like-minded people as the biggest positive of society membership, alongside accessing research and 'keeping up to date' (which correlates with the high readership of both the Newsletter and the Journal). Members who are no longer to come to conferences (e.g. due to health) particularly appreciate this.

General suggestions include looking further at group or research projects, and thinking more about the training offer for non-professional historians.

**Then and now:** The responses to this questionnaire are similar to those of the questionnaire LPSS asked its members a little over twenty years ago, in 1998. Then, as now members were a mix of amateurs, students and academics, with the majority being amateurs and in the main aged over 50. Then, not as many had attended conferences as do today but their views on the conferences were broadly similar to today's members. In those pre-internet days, the book club was used more often by members and of course there was no website or social media (no question was asked about the journal or the newsletter).

# News from the Local Population History Book Club

*Peter Franklin*

## ***LPH Book Club goes Online:***

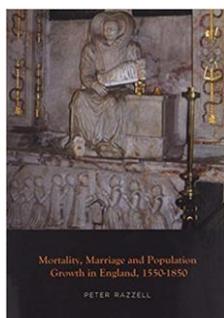
The Book Club went online on Friday, 11 October 2019. Many apologies for the delay. If you click on 'Book Club' on the home page of the Society's new website, you will find details of the Club and how it operates, and can move to the List of our current titles. This includes publication details and prices, and also images of the front covers or dust-jackets of each title, with a descriptive blurb – much more information that we have ever been able to provide in the Newsletter.

If you do not have ready access to the internet, please feel free to contact me at my postal address and I will be happy to send you a paper copy of the List.

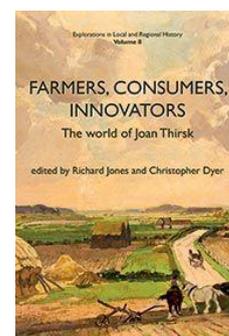
## ***Prices and Ordering:***

We are still offering our titles at a 30 per cent discount, as announced in Newsletter 63. And everything is post free except for overseas orders, on which postage is charged at cost.

To place an order, please contact me either by email at [peter.franklin1066@gmail.com](mailto:peter.franklin1066@gmail.com), or by post at 46 Fountain Street, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 0QP.



***New Titles Revisited:*** Our generous terms include the last crop of new titles which were announced in Newsletter 64 (February 2019). Among these you will find Richard Jones & Christopher Dyer, eds, *Farmers, Consumers, Innovators. The world of Joan Thirsk*, (Univ. of Hertfordshire Press, 2017, paperback), at the bargain price of £11-85, and Peter Razzell, *Mortality, Marriage and Population Growth in England, 1550-1850*, (Caliban Books, 2016, paperback), at £7-00, both post free.



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## Website and Social Media

LPSS's website is [www.localpopulationstudies.org.uk](http://www.localpopulationstudies.org.uk). It contains information on the Society and its activities, including its conferences, its Journal and its tweets.

If you have any suggestions and comments, or if you spot any links that don't work or information that might be wrong, I'd be glad to hear from you at [web@localpopulationstudies.org.uk](mailto:web@localpopulationstudies.org.uk).

***Andy Burn, Web/Social Editor***

# Roger Schofield Memorial Conference

Saturday 4th April 2020  
University of Cambridge



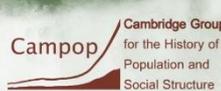
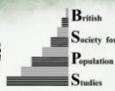
Hosted by the Local Population Studies Society and the Cambridge group for the History of Population and Social Structure.

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A conference to commemorate the late Roger Schofield and his great contribution to the fields of History, Population Studies and historical Demography. The programme will reflect on Roger's work and the legacy he left for future generations of researchers. It brings together a number of international scholars who as students or colleagues benefitted from his inspiration, encouragement and support or who enjoyed grants from the Roger Schofield Research Fund.

The conference is free to attend but you must register in advance. There will be a charge of £20 for refreshments to include a buffet lunch. The conference will close with a drinks reception

For more information and to reserve a place go to [www.localpopulationstudies.org.uk/conference](http://www.localpopulationstudies.org.uk/conference)



## Roger Schofield Memorial Conference Speakers' brief biographies

**Prof. Richard Smith**, Emeritus Professor of Historical Geography and Demography at Cambridge University and Fellow of Downing College, studied for his Ph.D. under Roger's supervision, and eventually succeeded him as director of the Cambridge Group. Richard's doctoral research was on medieval English peasant inheritance practices. Later he would use manorial court rolls and taxation records to analyse medieval marriage patterns and practices and continues to have an interest in the use of such records to determine the size of England's late medieval population size. As Director of the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine at the University of Oxford, Richard combined the study of historical demography with the social history of medicine to research ageing and support systems for the elderly in particular. More recently his research focused on the English Old Poor Law and its impact on mortality and his latest project considers epidemiological change within the English urban system across the three and a half centuries from 1600.

**Prof. DeLloyd Guth** studied for his Ph.D. at Clare College, Cambridge alongside Roger under the supervision of the famous historian G.R. Elton. Prof. Guth taught at Lancaster University and at a number of universities across North America and is now an Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of Manitoba. He has written on a wide variety of subjects, with titles ranging from *Tudor Rule and Revolution, essays for G.R. Elton from his American friends; The Age of Debt, the Reformation and English Law; Family law in the medieval world, an international survey; and*

*Late-Medieval England, 1377-1485 to The Assassination of John F. Kennedy: A Complete Legal and Historical Bibliography*. The University of Manitoba hosts a long running series of annual DeLloyd J. Guth Visiting Lectures in Legal History.

**Dr. Samantha Williams** is Reader in Social History and Academic Director for History at the Institute of Continuing Education, University of Cambridge, as well as an Official Fellow and Director of Studies in History at Girton College. She has a BA in History at the University of Lancaster, and a M.Sc. in Economic and Social History from Oxford. She completed her Ph.D. on poverty and welfare provision under the Old Poor Law at the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure, to which she is still affiliated. She is the author of *Poverty, Gender and Life-Cycle Under the English Poor Law, 1760-1834* and *Unmarried motherhood in the metropolis, 1700–1850: pregnancy, the poor law and provision*. In 2011 Samantha received a grant from the Roger Schofield Research Fund which helped to fund some of the research for the *Unmarried Motherhood* book.

**Dr. Rosemary Leadbeater** completed her Ph.D. in 2016 as a mature student at Oxford Brookes University. Her thesis examined the incidence, spread, experience and prevention of smallpox in the eighteenth century. This led her to conclude that parental immunity to smallpox was a key factor in protecting young children in the home environment, and that community containment and isolation practices were successful in impeding the disease. She also explored the role of the inoculator and extent of inoculation practice in Oxfordshire and its surrounds from the 1760s onwards. Her wider research scrutinised the position of the smallpox carer, revealing high levels of both stress and resilience, concluding that spousal, parental and kinship networks were vital components of care. Rosemary received a grant from the Roger Schofield Research Fund to help her pursue her work in the early days of her research and now teaches social history and the history of medicine at Oxford Brookes University.

**Prof. David Cressy** is Humanities Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Ohio State University and Research Professor of History at Claremont Graduate University in California. He studied social and economic history with Roger at Clare College, and became Roger's first graduate student at the Cambridge Group before moving to America. His publications include *Literacy and the Social Order: Reading and Writing in Tudor and Stuart England* (1980); *Coming Over: Migration and Communication between England and New England in the Seventeenth Century* (1987); *Bonfires and Bells: National Memory and the Protestant Calendar in Elizabethan and Stuart England* (1989); *Religion and Society in Early Modern England* (1996); *Birth, Marriage and Death: Ritual, Religion and the Life Cycle in Tudor and Stuart England* (1997); *Travesties and Transgressions in Tudor and Stuart England: Tales of Discord and Dissension* (2000); *England on Edge: Crisis and Revolution 1640-1642* (2006); *Dangerous Talk: Scandalous, Seditious and Treasonable Speech in Pre-Modern England* (2010); *Saltpeter, the Mother of Gunpowder* (2013); *Charles I and the People of England* (2015); and *Gypsies: An English History* (2018). His articles in *Past and Present* include 'Kinship and kin interaction in early modern England' (1986), and 'Purification, thanksgiving, and the churching of women in post-reformation England' (1993).

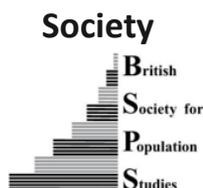
**Prof. David Levine** completed his Ph.D., in 1975, under Roger Schofield's supervision. He currently works at the University of Toronto. His research interests include history of education with special

reference to social modernization and economic change, the history of schooling in relation to demographic analysis and family history, the history of literacy, the social history of education in relation to popular culture, educational history in England and the historiography of the history of education. Some of his best-known works are: *Family Formation in an Age of Nascent Capitalism*, *At the Dawn of Modernity: Biology, Culture and Material Life in Europe after the Year 1000*; *The European Experience of Fertility Decline. A Quiet Revolution, 1850-1970* (edited with J.R. Gillis and L.A. Tilly); *Reproducing Families: The Political Economy of English Population History* and two books co-authored with Keith Wrightson: *Poverty and Piety in an English Village: Terling, 1525-1700* and *The Making of an Industrial Society: Whickham, 1560-1765*. In recent years his interests have extended to include ‘cinema and social history’ as well as ‘Shakespeare and cultural literacy’.

**Prof. Jim Oeppen** collaborated with Roger, Tony Wrigley and Ros Davies on two of the most influential works in English Historical Demography: *The Population History of England, 1541-1871: A Reconstruction* and *English Population History from Family Reconstitution, 1580-1837*. He is widely credited with developing the ‘generalised inverse projection’ method of population estimation used to great effect in the first volume. Jim has gone on to work first at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock, Germany, before moving to the Interdisciplinary Centre on Population Dynamics at the University of Southern Denmark, where he is an Associate Professor. He works on a variety of topics including long-term changes in life-expectancy, and forecasting mortality and cause of death, as well as investigating urban-rural differences in mortality, compositional data, and missing data problems.

**Prof. Simon Szreter** is Professor of History and Public Policy, University of Cambridge, and Fellow of St John’s College. He was one of Roger’s Ph.D. students, 1979-83, and was appointed University Lecturer in Modern Demographic History in 1984. In 2002 he co-founded History & Policy, [www.historyandpolicy.org](http://www.historyandpolicy.org). He has researched, written and taught extensively on ideas, concepts, registers and measures of population; on public health and mortality; on reproduction, gender relations and sexuality; and the relationship between history and public policy. His principal publications include *Fertility Class and Gender in Britain 1860-1940* (1996), *Health and Wealth. Studies in History and Policy* (2005), *Sex Before the Sexual Revolution: intimate life in England, 1918-1963* (co-authored with Kate Fisher 2010), *Registration and Recognition. Documenting the Person in World History* (co-edited with Keith Breckenridge 2012) and most recently the edited volume, *The Hidden Affliction: sexually-transmitted infections and infertility in history* (2019). Widely-cited articles have appeared in *Social History of Medicine*, *Economic History Review*, *Population and Development Review*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *International Journal of Epidemiology*, and *World Development*. In 2019 he co-authored with Hilary Cooper and Ben Szreter, *Incentivising an Ethical Economics*, which was the joint winner of the inaugural 2019 IPPR Economics prize.

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Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge

**Roger Schofield Memorial Conference**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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 There will be a charge of £20 per person for refreshments, including a buffet lunch.

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*LPSS has a limited number of student bursaries, to cover conference costs and reasonable travel expenses, will be met from the May Pickles Fund. For further details please contact us on the conference email above*

## **Roger Schofield Memorial Conference - Programme**

9.30-10.00: Registration & Coffee

10.00-10.10: Introduction

10.10-10.50: Professor Richard Smith (Cambridge)

Roger Schofield, historian and demographer: an appreciation

10.50-11.30: Professor DeLloyd Guth (Manitoba)

Taxation and writs, populations and piss-pots: Roger Schofield measures history

11.30-11.45: Comfort Break

11.45-12.15: Dr. Rosemary Leadbeater (Oxford Brookes)

“I think it highly necessary to have it done before they go out into the World;”  
inoculation, responsibility and patterns of familial transmission of smallpox

12.15-12.45: Dr. Samantha Williams (Cambridge)

Plague and poor relief in Cambridge, 1665-66

12.45-14.15: Lunch Break (Lunch to be served at 13.15)

LPSS members please note the society's AGM will be held 12.45-13.15. We hope non-members will use this period as an opportunity to network

14:15-14:55: Professor David Cressy (Ohio, Claremont Graduate University)

Literacy, Social Structure, and Local Social Dramas

14:55-15.35: Professor David Levine (Toronto)

The Rich Past and Desiccated Future of Parish Register Demography

15.35-16.05: Tea

16.05–16.45: Associate Professor Jim Oeppen (Odense)

Genealogies as a Source for Demographic and Genetic Studies: some estimates of bias.

16.45–17.25: Professor Simon Szreter (Cambridge)

Early modern family, demography, economy and government policy

17.25–17.30: Closing remarks

17.30–18.30: Drinks reception