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BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS
FROM OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
AROUND THE WORLD

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Editorial Ramblings

After last month's dreadful ordeal it is a pleasure to have something good to tell you. We have several items of exciting news to report: We are now in contact with some of our family with whom we've been out of touch for around 45 - 50 years! Not only that, but we've found some of the missing pieces from our family history book and are looking forward to meeting some of our family whom we've never met! Isn't that fantastic?

Another piece of exciting news is that Nadia, one of Grace's sisters, has been able to obtain a visit visa that will permit her to visit us here in England, so we're looking forward to seeing her again. Also, my son, Paul, has now completed the leadership course he's been attending that will enable him to receive his permanent promotion in the Royal Marines and he will be starting his new role as a Drill Instructor at the RM training centre very soon. Congratulations, Paul.

Also, my health continues to improve and I'm feeling considerably better. So much so that we were able to have a day-trip to a beach on the Welsh coast towards the end of May. Little Lad has also been ill, but is now recovering.

It's my birthday today (25th June). Another nail in the coffin. How I hate getting older. 60 - going on 28! I can't believe how my life has flown by so quickly. Deliberately, I went to work as usual and had no celebrations at all. Just another day nearer to the end of life's rocky road. How awful.

Late in the month (27/28th) we had the misfortune to be hit very hard by a computer virus that, in effect, wiped out my C:/ drive and also deleted the recovery files on my D:/ drive. This despite having up-to-date anti-virus software and malware protection. I'm now running (on my G:/ drive) an evaluation copy of MS-Windows 7, the new operating system by Microsoft and without much of the software I usually have running on my computer, so getting this edition of our magazine written and sent out has been quite an achievement. I'm even using a different version of the desk top publishing software I normally use, to complete this edition. Thankfully, I had stuck by my own advice, which I have passed on to you several times in this magazine; *"Don't store data on the computer's hard drives, but keep it only on external hard drives."* (or, at least, on a separate partition to the one containing the operating system). Therefore, I didn't lose any of my documents or photographs or any other data.

Work has been progressing on the repairs to the family home in the Philippines throughout the month and we've just heard (2 July) that work has been completed and the family have returned to live in their home once more.



Photograph above: Aberdovey Beach in Wales - pity about the windmills! *Photograph by Grace.*

Cover photograph: A carpet of Bluebells on the mountain side. Taken on our journey home from our day in Wales.

Family found....



From left to right (clockwise): John Head and his wife Barbara. Hilda Head (nee Simmonds), Diane (nee Head) and her husband Peter, Paul and Fran (our Australian connection). Next is Chris Head (Colin's wife), June Chequers (nee Woodrow), Colin Head.

Our Australian Connection (by Colin Head):

You will see that this photograph (*right*, of William Muggeridge) was taken in Tunbridge Wells where he was a police man, and where he met his wife, Edie. They had 2 sons, Tom and George and they emigrated to Australia (*Ed*: in 1928). Tom had a daughter called Wendy (and others) and George had 2 daughters, called Coral and Fran. When I was a young boy I used to write to Bill in Australia and also to Fran, who was a little younger than me. I lost touch for many years but then located Fran and we have been in touch ever since. She has been over to stay with us twice over recent years with her husband, Paul, but he has, unfortunately, died in the past few weeks. She has asked to come back and see us again so she may be coming in a few weeks and may stay for around 6 weeks. **Stop Press:** Fran is now in England - see photograph on next page.

Ed: My connection to this family is that my grandmother, Florence Cook (nee Muggeridge) was the sister of William Muggeridge. Colin, John and Diane's connection is that their grandmother, Lily (Simmonds, nee Muggeridge) was a sister of Florence and William. In the photograph above, Hilda Head (nee Simmonds) is Colin, John and Diane's mother. June Chequers (nee Woodrow) is the daughter of Winifred Woodrow (nee Muggeridge), another 'Muggeridge' sister (see overleaf).





Fran in Colin and Chris's Garden.
Photograph by Colin Head

Four generations of 'Heads'



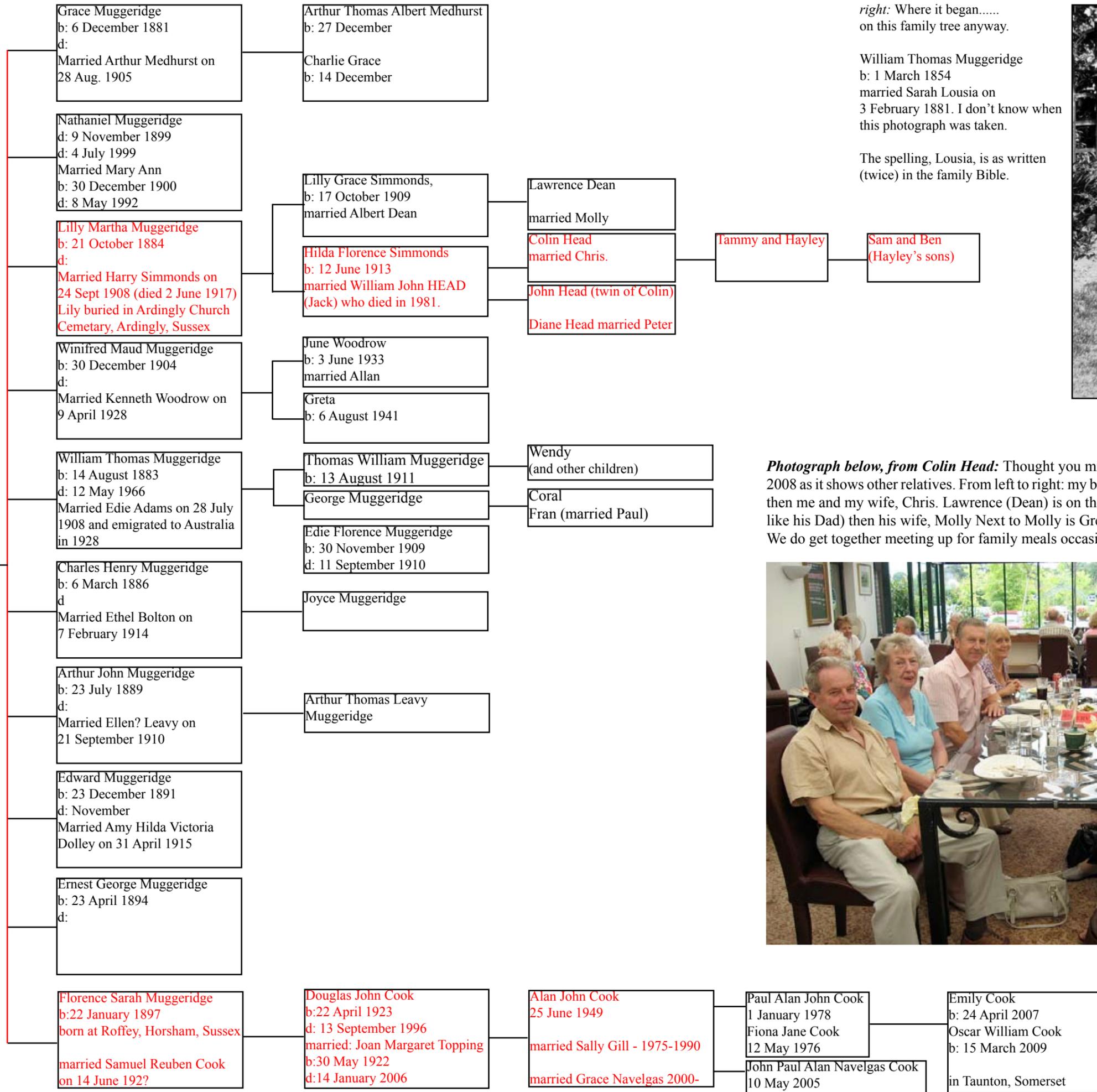
Top photograph: Three siblings, Diane, Colin and John with their Mum, Hilda Head (nee Simmonds) - aged 96.

Bottom photograph: Chris (Colin's wife) with their two daughters, Tammy (on right) and Hayley, together with two of Hayley's boys, Sam (in front) and Ben.

Photographs supplied by Colin - taken on 14 June 2009 at the family Bar-B-Q.



Muggeridge Family



right: Where it began..... on this family tree anyway.

William Thomas Muggeridge
b: 1 March 1854
married Sarah Lousia on 3 February 1881. I don't know when this photograph was taken.

The spelling, Lousia, is as written (twice) in the family Bible.



Photograph below, from Colin Head: Thought you might like to see this photograph taken in 2008 as it shows other relatives. From left to right: my brother-in-law, Pete, then June Woodrow, then me and my wife, Chris. Lawrence (Dean) is on the right at the back (I think he looks just like his Dad) then his wife, Molly Next to Molly is Greta Woodrow and then my sister, Diane.





Muggeridge Family Portrait.

This photograph is believed to have been taken at The Greyhound in Ardingly, Sussex in about 1935 to 1937.

In the circles are William (left) and Ernest (right)

Back row: Edward, Nathaniel, Arthur, Charles. Front Row: Florence, Winifred, Sarah Louise (Mother) William Thomas (Father), Grace, Lily.



Photograph taken at the wedding of Samuel Reuben Cook and Florence Sarah Muggeridge on 14 June 1927.

Back Row L to R: Edward Cook (Samuel Reuben's brother) and his wife, Ann; Arthur Medhurst, William Muggeridge, Amy and Edward Muggeridge;

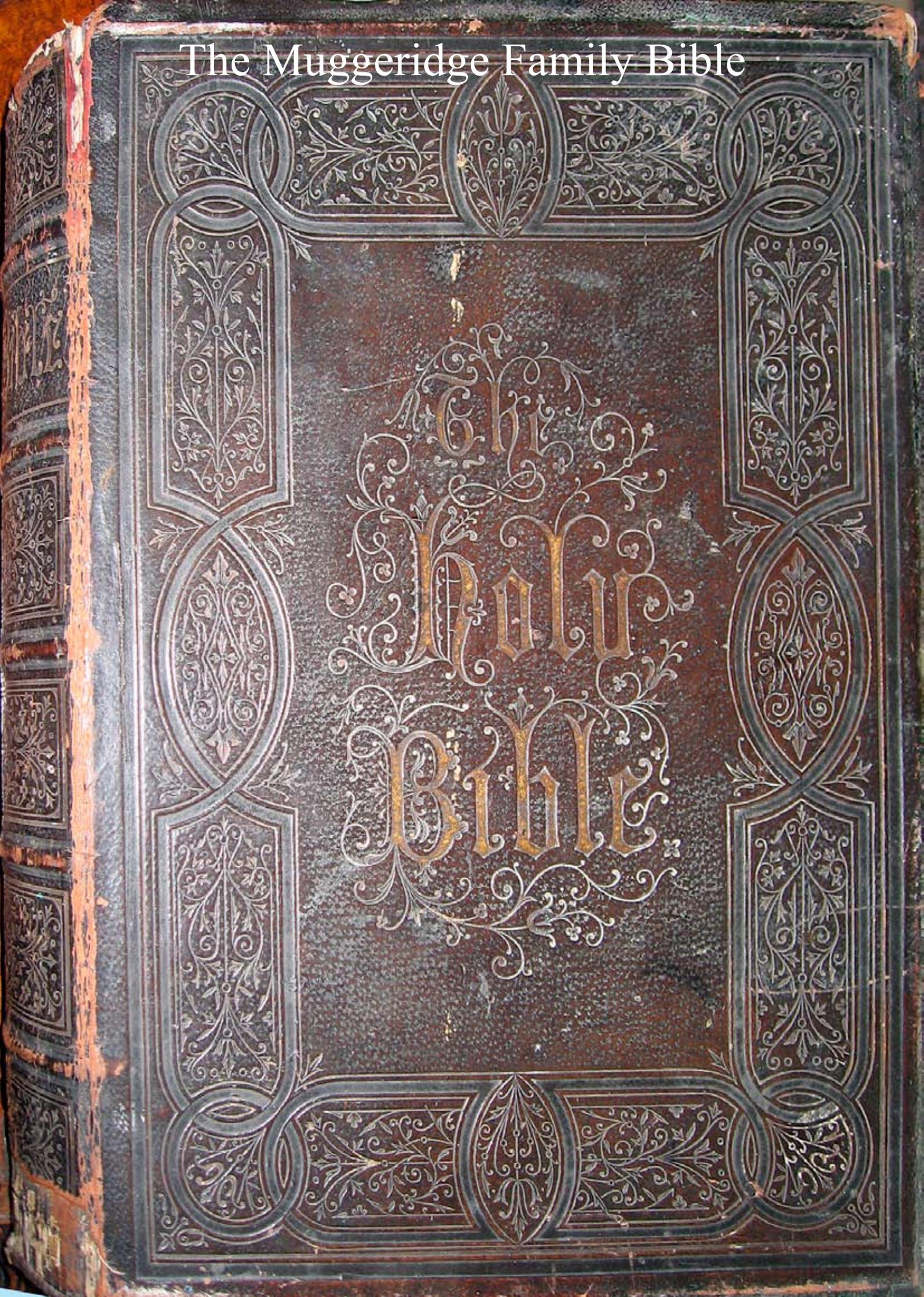
2nd Row: ?, ?, ?, Lily Simmonds (nee Muggeridge); Grace Medhurst (nee Muggeridge); Nathaniel Muggeridge; Edie (William Muggeridge's wife); William Thomas Muggeridge (Florence's Father); Ethel and Charles Muggeridge; Ollie Holman

3rd Row: Polly Baker, sister of Sarah Louise Muggeridge; Susannah Nye (Reuben's mother), Hilda Simmonds (Lily Simmonds' daughter), Gladys Cook (Samuel Reuben's sister) Samuel Reuben Cook, Florence Sarah Cook (nee Muggeridge); Winifred Muggeridge; Sarah Louise Muggeridge (Florence's mother); Lily Dean (nee Simmonds); Grace Holman.

Front Row: Probably Arthur Medhurst (Jnr.); one of William & Edie Muggeridge's sons, probably George. Probably Violet and Vera, daughters of Arthur and Grace Muggeridge; Charlie Muggeridge (Jnr), Charlie and Ethel Muggeridge's son; one of William & Edie Muggeridge's sons, probably Thomas; Charlie Medhurst (son of of Arthur and Grace Medhurst).

The Muggeridge Family Bible

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BIBLE



Family Register.

PARENTS NAMES

HUSBAND *William. Thomas. Muggerridge.*

Born *March 1st 1854.*

WIFE *Sarah. Louisa. Muggerridge.*

Born *November 9 1862.*

MARRIED *February 3rd 1881.*

CHILDRENS NAMES

Grace Muggerridge Born December 6th 1881
 William, Thomas Muggerridge Born Aug 14th 1883
 Lily, Martha, Muggerridge Born. October 21st 1884
 Charles Henry Muggerridge Born March 6th 1886
 Arthur John Muggerridge Born July 23rd 1889
 Edward Muggerridge. Born December 23rd 1891
 Earnest George Muggerridge Born April 23rd 1894
 Florence Sarah Muggerridge Born January 22nd 1897
 Nathaniel Muggerridge. Born November 9th 1899
 Winifred Maud Muggerridge Born Dec 30th 1904

Grandchildren

Arthur Tomas Albert Medhurst. December 27th
 Charlie Grace. Medhurst. December 14th
 Lily Grace Simmonds. October 17th 1909
 Edie Florence Muggerridge. December 30th 1909.
 Tomas William Muggerridge. August. 13. 1911.
 Nellie Louisa. Grace. Muggerridge. February. 13-1913
 Hilda. Florence. Simmonds. June 12 - 1913
 Arthur. Thomas. Leary Muggerridge
 Douglas John Cook. April 22nd 1923.
 June Woodrow June 3rd 1933
 Greta Woodrow Aug 6th 1941.
 Greta Woodrow August 6th 1941.

MARRIAGES

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- Grace Muggerridge }
Arthur Medhurst } August 28th 1905.
William Thomas Muggerridge.
Eddie Adams } July 28th 1908
Lily Martha Muggerridge.
Harry Simmonds } Sept 24th 1908
Arthur John Muggerridge }
Helen Leary } Sept 21st 1910
Charles Henry Muggerridge }
Ethel Bolton } Feb. 7th 1914
Edward Muggerridge }
Amy. Hilda. Victoria. Dolley } April 3rd 1915
Rueben Saimal. Gook } June 14th 1921
Florence Sarah Muggerridge.
Winifred Maud Muggerridge }
Kenneth Woodhouse } April 9th 1928



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DEATHS

Mary Simmonds. Killed in France June 2nd 1917

William Grace died 1st of March 1883 in his 18th years

Martha Middleton died 2nd of March 1883 in her 26th years.

Thomas Muggerridge died 10th of March 1893 age 74 years.

Charles Grace died 4th of June 1886, age 39 years.

Edward Grace died 20th of November 1888, age 61 years.

Edward Baker died 31st of March 1905, age 68 years.

Sarah Grace died 7th of December 1906, age 82 years.

Edith Florence Muggerridge.

Died Sept 11th 1910 age 9 months 2 weeks

William Thomas Muggerridge died May 12th 1936

Edith May 32 years.

Henry William Grace. died Feb 6th

Age 79 years.

Arthur Thomas Muggerridge died Nov

Charlie Grace. Medh

Lily Grace Simmonds Sarah Louisa Muggerridge

Edie Florence Muggerridge died Feb. 19. 1953.

Thomas William Muggerridge age 90 years

Pellie Louisa Grace Muggerridge

Hilda Florence Simmonds.

Arthur Thomas Leary Muggerridge

Douglas John Cook. April

June Woodrow June 3rd 19

Greta Woodrow Aug 6th 19

Greta Woodrow August 6th



Photograph by Grace

ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਨਵੇਂ ਕੇਂਦਰ

ਛੋਟੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਵਾਲੇ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੱਦਾ ਅਤੇ ਕਈ ਤਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੇਹਤ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰ ਸਕਣ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਏ.ਬੀ. ਸੀ.ਡੀ. ਅਤੇ ਵੁਲਵਰਹੈਪਟਨ ਸਿਟੀ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਨੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਨਵੇਂ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਫੰਡ ਕੀਤੇ ਹਨ।

ਜੌਹਨਸਨ ਸਟ੍ਰੀਟ, ਬਲੈਕਨਹਾਲ ਵਿਖੇ ਸੰਨਬੀਮ ਚਿੱਲਡ੍ਰਨਜ਼ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਅਤੇ ਆਲ ਸੇਂਟਸ ਰੋਡ ਵਿਖੇ ਆਲ ਸੇਂਟਸ ਚਿੱਲਡ੍ਰਨਜ਼ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਇਸ ਸਾਲ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਹਨ। ਪਾਰਕਫੀਲਡ ਵਿਚ ਵਿਡਸਰ ਨਰਸਰੀ ਵਿਖੇ ਆਖਰੀ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਇਸ ਸਾਲ ਬਾਅਦ ਵਿਚ ਖੋਲਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

ਇਹ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਪੰਜ ਸਾਲ ਦੀ ਉਮਰ ਤੱਕ ਦੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਮਾਪਿਆਂ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਟੋਡਲਰ ਗਰੁੱਪ, ਸਪੀਚ ਐਂਡ ਲੈਂਗੁਏਜ ਗਰੁੱਪਸ, ਬੇਬੀ ਹੈਲਥ ਕਲੱਬਜ਼, ਪੇਅਰੈਂਟਿੰਗ ਕੋਰਸਿਜ਼, ਹੈਲਥੀ ਈਟਿੰਗ ਪ੍ਰੋਮੋਟ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਵਰਕਸ਼ਾਪਾਂ, ਫੈਮਲੀ ਸੁਪਰਟ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਨਾਲ ਕ੍ਰੈਸ ਸਹੂਲਤਾਂ ਸਮੇਤ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ।

ਇਹ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਮਾਪਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਦੇਖਭਾਲਕਾਂ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਕਈ ਤਰਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਹੂਲਤਾਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਚਾਇਲਡ ਐਂਡ ਫੈਮਲੀ ਹੈਲਥ, ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਆਫਟਰ-ਸਕੂਲ ਕਲੱਬਜ਼ ਵਰਗੀਆਂ ਸਰਗਰਮੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਲਿੰਕ, ਇਸਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਬਾਲਗ ਵਿਦਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਸਿਖਲਾਈ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ।

ਵਧੇਰੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਆਲ ਸੇਂਟਸ ਚਿੱਲਡ੍ਰਨਜ਼ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਨਾਲ 01902 877540 ਤੇ ਜਾਂ ਸੰਨਬੀਮ ਚਿੱਲਡ੍ਰਨਜ਼ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਨਾਲ 01902 552919 ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ ਜੀ।



Grace and JP in the community...

As you can see in the above photograph, Grace and JP are mixing with the locals (*centre of back row*). The front cover of the local magazine is shown overleaf (some of the magazine is in English!). The celebration is the opening of the Sunbeam Centre where Grace and JP go to for a few hours every week.

and now the owner of her first car!

Grace is now the proud owner of her first car, a Vauxhall Astra Estate. She hasn't driven it yet but is eagerly waiting to get behind the wheel as soon as she's passed her driving test.



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TRANSFORMING ALL SAINTS, BLAKENHALL AND PARKFIELD



Local sportswoman
Rachael Heyhoe-Flint
opens the Sunbeam
Children's Centre

CHILDREN'S CENTRES OPEN

The first of a network of children's centres for the ABCD area have opened their doors.

ABCD and Wolverhampton City Council have funded the three centres that will help families with young children and offer a range of health support and information.

Sunbeam Children's Centre is based at the refurbished family centre in Johnson Street, Blakenhall and was officially opened in February by local sportswoman Rachael Heyhoe-Flint.

All Saints Children's Centre, which is part of the new Work Space in All Saints Road, opened in

March, while the centre at Windsor Nursery in Parkfield also recently opened.

The centres support parents with children aged up to five years old and offer a range of services including Stay and Play (a group for parents and toddlers), speech and language groups, baby health clubs, courses on parenting, workshops promoting healthy eating, family support, as well as crèche facilities.

As well as focusing on children's needs, the centres offer parents and carers a wide range of facilities, such as child and family health (with access to health professionals), links to schools and activities such as after-school clubs, plus information on adult education and training.

ABCD has also funded two speech and language development workers to work in the centres and across the area to help parents encourage their children to talk (for more details see page 4).

Harmesh Mal, Resident Chair of ABCD said: "The centres are much more than just a building, by working together we aim to give each child and their family the best start in life.

"The network of children's centres will provide a valuable resource to the community on their doorstep."

For more information call All Saints Children's Centre on **01902 877540** or Sunbeam Children's Centre on **01902 552919**.



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Fire Alarm!



Grace and John had a visit from the Fire Brigade recently, which gave Little Lad the opportunity to be a firemen and enjoy playing with a real fire appliance.

(Photographs by Grace)



