

# Newsletter of the Shard\*low Study Group

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## Comment

The BBC family history program "Who do you think you are?" now in its third edition, continues in its usual format failing to mention all the work that has been done locating living relatives and finding the right Register with great grandfathers birth recorded. I know it is primarily an entertainment program but when these all appear as if by magic it does give people the wrong idea of how easy it. This is probably the reason why we sometimes fail to get a "Thank you" for a piece of information which may have taken some time and trouble to sort out.

One member of our group was considerably miffed to find all her family; including those living had been posted on the internet without her permission, this had been done by a person who had once contacted her as a distant relative and had added our members family as a branch of her own.

This is the reason I do not publish details of anyone born later than 1900 and those born earlier only with the permission of the person who supplied that information.

## Publicity

"The Norfolk Ancestor", the Journal of the Norfolk Family History Society published a short article I had written about the Shardelow branch of our study. I did mention the now more common spelling in the Midlands but concentrated on both the E and the A forms in the hope it might provoke some response.

I am putting together a similar piece on the Shardlow variant to send to the Derbyshire FHS.

## Mystery Solved

In [Shards #40](#) I wrote about a disc I had found that I could not remember having recorded, Bill Shardlow has told me it was information from him and very kindly says I did acknowledge it at the time. **Thanks Bill**

## New Contact

There had not been any new contacts for some time but no sooner than I started to write this than Fiona Shardlow stumbled on this site and contacted John. Fiona lives in the USA and was brought up in South Africa but the family can be traced back to the large family in the village of the same name in Derbyshire.

## Sex Ratio

Following up on a simple survey I did some time ago to compare the number of male and female babies registered with the Sharda/elow name which showed a slight bias in favour of the girls I decided to do the same thing for all variations together. The result reversed the difference but only by a small number; 605 / 577 which I am sure would not be considered statistically significant. The period looked at was the same; 1837 to 1950.

## Early Instalment System

A document dated 15 June 1257 has come to hand in which it is agreed that money owed to the

Crown (£47 7s 10p) by Hervey de Hecham might be paid at the rate of 2 Marks (13s 4p) each half year. The interesting part is that this sum was in respect of the debts of Robert de Shardelowe. As I understand it this relates to land owned by Robert and let to Hervey de Hecham.