

Goostrey Snippets

.....Happy New Year

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Normans and Vikings

During the later part of last year we were having some minor difficulties with spam posts to the Guestbook and I was having to regularly visit it in order to delete the idiotic posts that were being made on it. They were all made by the same person who seemed to be earning a commission from various foreign web sites selling dodgy drugs that would only be available on prescription in the UK. I have now updated the guestbook but if you do see any such post I suggest that you just ignore it. I won't tire of deleting them so it will only be a matter of time before our friend gives up and gets a life.

By now you are probably wondering what all this has to do with **Normans and Vikings**. Well having to pay so much attention to the guestbook reminded me of one post within it It is here I should apologise for using the gentleman who posted the question as an example but I am sure that I will be forgiven as it is in fact an often asked question. The gentleman stated that he would be very grateful for any information which would connect us with the Normans and/or the Vikings. Bearing in mind that our primary concern here is with the surnames of Goldstraw and Goostrey and in the knowledge that all Goldstraws are supposed to be descended from Goostreys, the answer is really quite straight forward; there is nothing that would connect us to the Normans and probably nothing to connect us to the Vikings.

It seems unlikely that any of us are descended from the Domesday recorded Godric, a Saxon who founded the first recorded family of Goostrey as this line seems to have died out. If we were descended from Godric then we could without a doubt say that we were of Saxon origins and if this were to be the case we would have been on this soil far longer than any Norman interloper and therefore have a more ancient claim to the land; why therefore would we want to be Norman? It is more probable that we come from far humbler stock than even Godric, who was lord of Goostrey, and are named Goostrey simply because that is where we came from. If this is the case then this would also indicate that we most likely have absolutely no Norman blood—don't forget that we were conquered and subsequently occupied by a relatively small number of Normans and in the main their descendants are quite well documented.//

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New look to the Newsletter

2007 sees the launch of a brand new Goldstraw & Goostrey Genealogy Newsletter. I have put together one or two “news letters” in the past but these have mainly been simple one page bulletins or merely reminders and prompts for the web site. These early newsletters were particularly useful for imparting information on the run up to the 2005 Gathering but as more and more of the “family” are signing up to the mailing list I felt that it was high time the Newsletter became a bit more grown up.

This new Newsletter is not intended just to be my soap box so if you have anything you would like to be included please feel free to send it to me by email.

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Normans and Vikings

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Having set the Normans to one side for the moment, let us now have a look at the possibility that we could be descended from the Vikings. It is known that the Vikings raided Chester in the year 893 but this daring raid culminated in the Danes' being besieged within the bounds of the city for all of two days. Now we are all well aware of the legends surrounding the Viking raids but I somehow think that the fact they were besieged, coupled with the fact that they only lasted for two days, meant that they were most probably a tad distracted by a far more pressing need, that of self preservation. Frankly even if the Danes managed to drag themselves away from the vitally important task of keeping alive, it seems to me highly unlikely that any but a few who are descended from Cestrians could with any credibility claim to be of Viking blood.

Why, I wonder, would we have a desire to be connected to either the Normans or Vikings ? It seems to me that, although most of this is conjecture, it is far more likely that we are of good old plain Saxon stock and if one is looking for a pedigree then what better claim could we have than one of being on English soil for longer than any Norman or Viking.



Socialites to join together in furtherance of Genealogy

I think that it may be time that Goldstraw & Goostrey Genealogy became properly constituted and had a life of its own - what do you think? I would be most grateful for your views on how we can move forward from being a sole operated website to something a little more solid. No one, least of all me, is immortal and I would like to think that there are one or two more of you out

there who could lend some assistance. I have started a topic thread on the new forum and would be grateful for your comments and thoughts.

Goldstraw & Goostrey Genealogy Society Constitution

1. Name

The Name of the Society shall be Goldstraw & Goostrey Genealogy, hereafter referred to as the Society. The names "Goldstraw" and "Goostrey" shall also encompass all known or suspected variants of their spelling.

2. Objects

The Society is an educative and research-based association devoted to the development and sharing of information and resources related to Goldstraw (& Goostrey) history.

The objectives of the Society shall be:

- a) To promote and encourage the study of Goldstraw (& Goostrey) family history, historical distribution, biography, etymology and related topics including one

FORUM

The forum can be found at:

<http://goldstraw.me.uk/forum>

I receive many emails with enquiries about various Goldstraw and Goostrey branches and whilst I do my best to answer as many of these enquiries as I can, I think that many of you may well be equally (perhaps I really ought to say far better) qualified to provide some of the answers. The forum is

the ideal place to ask and answer questions relating to the name and the genealogy of our individual branches. Please feel free to use it as your own platform, whether it is to impart information or just say hello - it will be none the worse for a little use. It is really quite a powerful piece of internet technology and allows you to link to pictures and photographs to illustrate your post. I am more than willing to assist any new user to become familiar with it so do sign up and I look forward to seeing you there.

A Draft Constitution can be found on the Web Site:

<http://goldstraw.org.uk/constitution.pdf>

The Goldstraw & Goostrey Genealogy Forum:

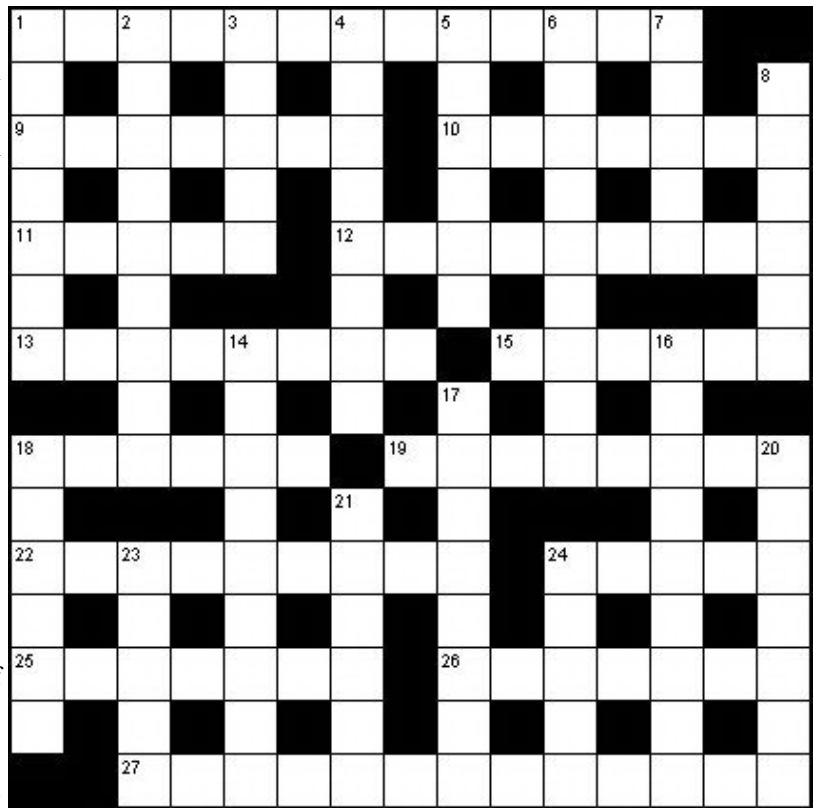
<http://goldstraw.me.uk/forum>



The Coffee Break Crossword Puzzle (Set by Alberich)

ACROSS

- 1 Prize winner gets golden ring exchanged after initial refusal (5,8)
 9 Migratory bird from 6 is returned to centre of perch (7)
 10 Raise level of a GCSE pass (7)
 11 The trunk contains a tonne approximately (5)
 12 A drip almost paired up with staggering blonde in 8 tournament (9)
 13 Skilfully captivates girl, acting thus? (8)
 15 A former college professor studied chiefly coelenterates (6)
 18 A measure of medicine after party is wise (6)
 19 The Blues requires playing old instruments (8)
 22,8 A general request to appear in court? (6,3,6)
 24 A student member causes panic (5)
 25 Greek character in a spot with height indicates part of horizon (7)
 26 One chanting in male voice, misplacing vowels (7)
 27 Removes all complexities from unfinished diary scientist scribbled (12)



DOWN

- 1 Victorious at 12 in 1998 after Antonov exploded (7); 2 See 16; 3 Give money to German for game (5); 4 A strong rising tide submerging Henry's animal (7); 5 Regions about to be given aid (6); 6 Cake eaten by Gabriel? (5-4); 7 One leaves Daniel frolicking with antelope (5); 8 See 22; 14 Legendary seamen have a gas with heartless relatives (9); 16,2 "Surely you jest?" famously heard at 12 - you see ban on court is a possible outcome (3,3,3,2,7); 17 Attendant at 12? (8); 18 Tense situations arising when Mum's relocated in Indian city (6); 20 Girl's taking on politician victorious at 12 in 1998 (7); 21 Hound a citizen (6); 23 It was once torn apart in year 506 uprising (5); 24 A lofty Greek? (5)

The solution can be found here: <http://goldstraw.org.uk/newsletter/solution-vol1-2007.html>

The Riddle

A large truck is crossing a bridge 1 mile long. The bridge can only hold 14000 lbs, which is the exact weight of the truck. The truck makes it half way across the bridge and stops. A bird lands on the truck. Does the bridge collapse? Give a reason.

The solution can be found here:

<http://goldstraw.org.uk/newsletter/solution-vol1-2007.html>



Web site update.



War Memorials in the UK and the rest of the world.

I am trying to obtain details of the names of various war memorial which may record the names of Goldstraws. I have photographs and details of the names of our kinsmen who fell and are recorded on the Leek War Memorial but I am seeking the help of all of you to complete this project which will become a permanent addition to the web site. If anyone has a more detailed photograph (preferably) or just a list of the names on the Ball Haye Green recreation ground war memorial gates I would be most grateful.

From time to time I am able to acquire items of interest and I have just acquired another piece of ephemera which mentions a few Goldstraws. It is the receipt for monies distributed from the estate of Ellen Bold.

Opposite is a reduced image and a full sized scan can be found on the web site and on the forum.

This particular find can be seen here:

<http://goldstraw.me.uk/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26>

Ellen Bold deceased

The Net Residue of the proceeds arising from the Real Estate according to the annexed Account is } 197 1

The Net Residue of the Personal Estate according to the Residuary Account dated 9th December 1864 and on which Duty has been paid is } 152 4

£ 349 12

The above is divisible among the parties following in the Shares opposite their names.

<i>Names of Parties entitled</i>	<i>Shares to which they are entitled</i>	<i>Share of Residue Real Estate</i>	<i>Share of Residue Personal Estate</i>	<i>Total Cash £</i>	<i>Total not in Cash</i>
<i>Elizabeth Carding</i>	<i>1/2 of 1/5</i>	<i>19 14 9 1/2</i>	<i>15 14 5</i>	<i>34 19 2 1/2</i>	
<i>Joseph Goldstraw</i>	<i>d^o</i>	<i>19 14 9 1/2</i>	<i>15 14 5</i>	<i>34 19 2 1/2</i>	
<i>Samuel Goldstraw</i>	<i>1/5</i>	<i>39 9 6 1/2</i>	<i>30 8 10</i>	<i>69 18 4 1/2</i>	
<i>Mary Birchenough</i>	<i>1/5</i>	<i>39 9 6 1/2</i>	<i>30 8 10</i>	<i>69 18 4 1/2</i>	
<i>Amount on which duty has now to be paid</i>		<i>178 0 8</i>			
<i>Mary Hill</i>	<i>1/4 of 1/5</i>	<i>9 17 4 3/4</i>	<i>7 12 2 1/2</i>		<i>14 9</i>
<i>Isaac Wardle</i>	<i>d^o</i>	<i>9 17 4 3/4</i>	<i>7 12 2 1/2</i>		<i>14 9</i>
<i>John Wardle</i>	<i>d^o</i>	<i>9 17 4 3/4</i>	<i>7 12 2 1/2</i>		<i>14 9</i>
<i>James Wardle</i>	<i>d^o</i>	<i>9 17 4 3/4</i>	<i>7 12 2 1/2</i>		<i>14 9</i>
<i>Elizabeth Brownword</i>	<i>d^o</i>	<i>9 17 4 3/4</i>	<i>7 12 2 1/2</i>		<i>14 9</i>
<i>Isaac Goldstraw</i>	<i>d^o</i>	<i>9 17 4 3/4</i>	<i>7 12 2 1/2</i>		<i>14 9</i>
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<i>Ellen Leary</i>	<i>d^o</i>	<i>9 17 4 3/4</i>	<i>7 12 2 1/2</i>		<i>14 9</i>
		£ 197 1 8	152 4 2		

I have also acquired the following Goldstraw documents with the intention of photographing and transcribing for the web site.

- Draft will Goldstraw James Wetley Rocks Cheddle Staffordshire 1840; *Release & indemnity Leary Hugh & Ellen Leek Staffordshire 1871 Brownsword/Goldstraw ;Agree to arbitratio Goldstraw Samuel Cheddleton Staffordshire 1871;*Release & indemnity Goldstraw Isaac & Joseph Leek Staffordshire 1871 Brownsword/Leary; *Family agreement Birchenough James Leek Staffordshire 1872 Goldstraw/others; *Family agreement Birchenough Daniel Bucknall Staffordshire 1872 Goldstraw/others ; *End of partnership Goldstraw Henry Wetley Rocks nr Leek Staffordshire 1873; Copy assignment Goldstraw William Walwyn Leek Staffordshire 1882
- Copy assignment Goldstraw William Walwyn Leek Staffordshire 1882; Mourning card Goldstraw James Grindon Moor Staffordshire 1883; Funeral bill Goldstraw Sarah Ann Leek Staffordshire 1917; *Legacy receipt Goldstraw Sarah Ellen Milton (Stoke-o-T) Staffordshire 1932 Hodkinson; *signed or made mark.

Goldstraw & Goostrey Genealogy

We're on the Web
<http://goldstraw.org.uk>

The purpose of Goldstraw & Goostrey Genealogy is to inform and guide all those who have an interest in the surname Goldstraw, bringing them together as a common resource. Those who have already begun to research ancestry bearing the surname of Goldstraw will, eventually, come across a time when the name merges and blends with the surname of Goostrey (Goostry, Goostree or some other variation in spelling) and it is for this reason that the surname Goostrey is included.

This Newsletter is a part of the Goldstraw & Goostrey Genealogy web site which can be found at

<http://goldstraw.org.uk>

● Ab Initio Goostrey

Situations Vacant

Newsletter Correspondent (s)

Wanted - suitable contributors to a regular Newsletter for Goldstraw & Goostrey Genealogy. Remuneration pitiful (nothing) but rewards otherwise plentiful (honest). Candidates should be prepared to forward anything at all they think is relevant or of interest to the readers of Goldstraw & Goostrey Genealogy.

A Very Happy New Year

Well, here we are safely arrived at 2007 and I realise that I first began to draft this newsletter way back around Easter time last year!

My excuse is that I have been somewhat busy of late and many of the projects I had the best of intention of completing have, because they are not absolutely essential, fallen by the wayside ... work must come first and although I thoroughly enjoy the Goldstraw & Goostrey web site it is not how I earn my living.

Many of us will have made new year resolutions and one of mine is to ask for help when I need it. I have been happily plodding along with the web site now since 1999 and it has grown beyond recognition. I have now made contact with the Guild of One Name Studies and paid for the first year's membership but I do feel that the web site and its visitors deserve more - that is why I ask you all to give your earnest consideration to the formation of a proper One Name Organisation with a properly elected hard working committee and membership.

Researching into your family history is infectious, you catch it from your ancestors.

A very happy new year to you all.

Martin