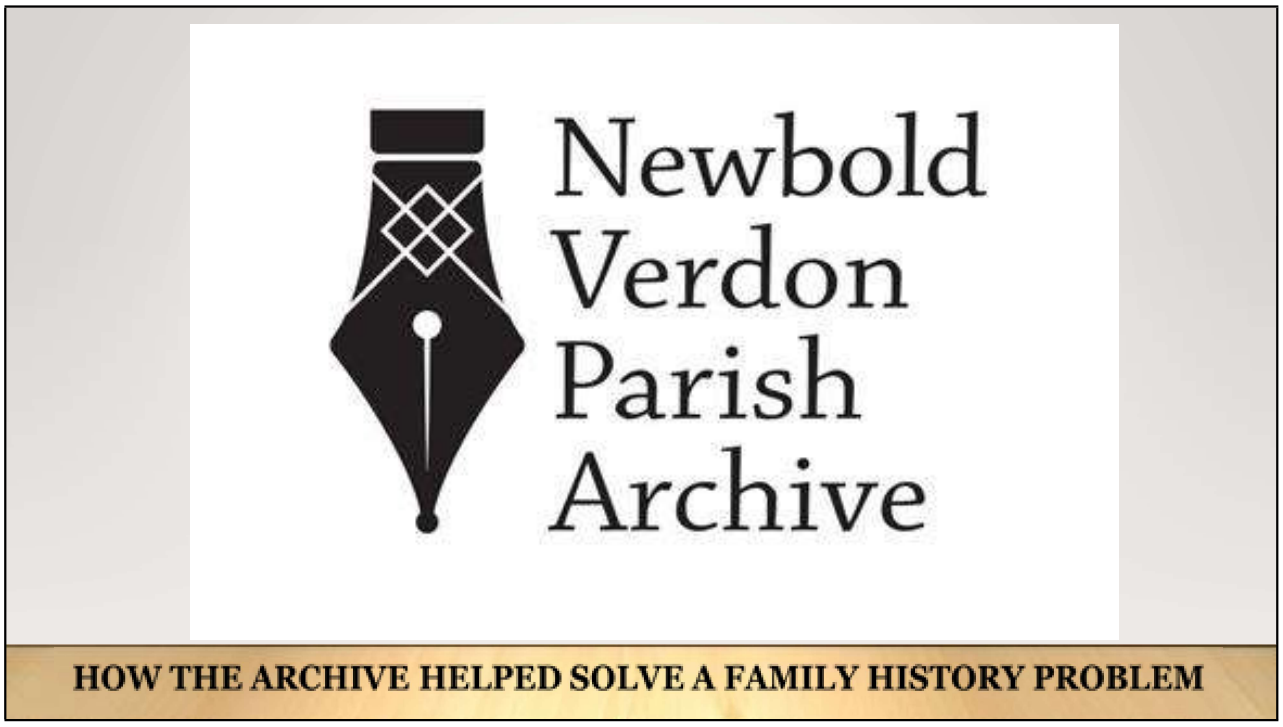


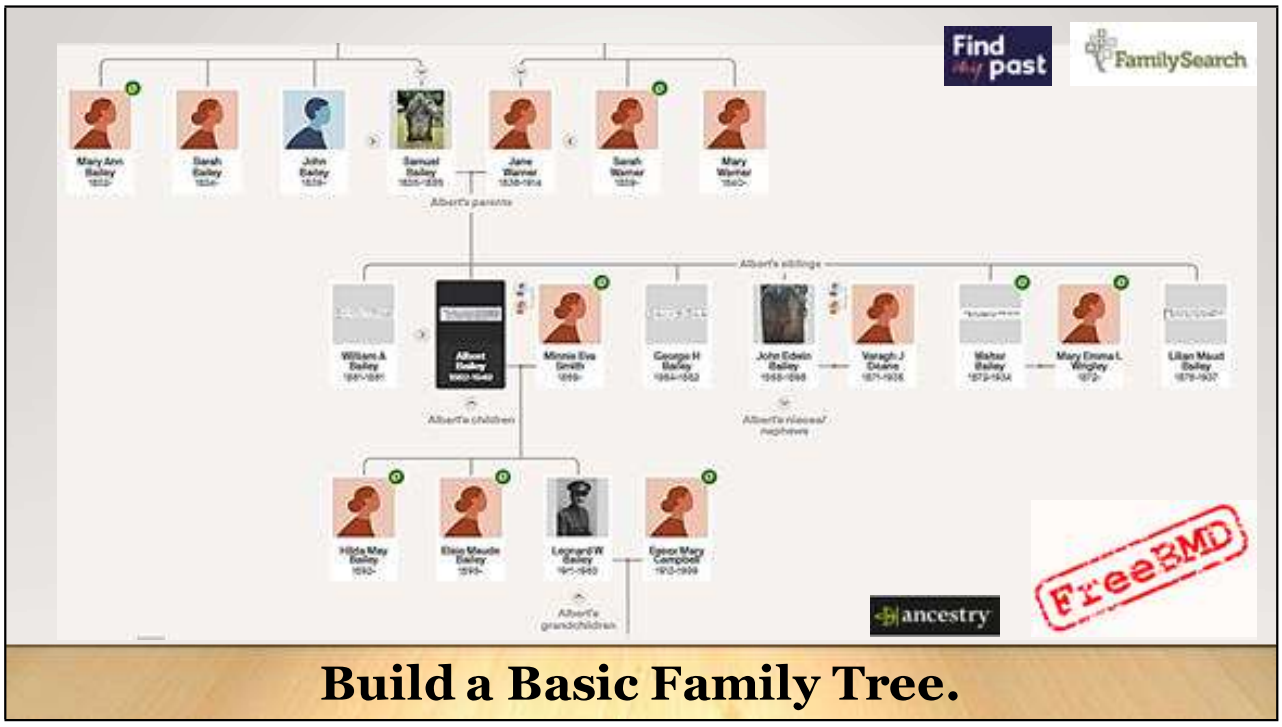
Good Evening. It's so nice to see so many people here.
Thank you to Malcolm for our introduction and to Roger for his presentation on Chater Farm and the Trotter family.
I hope you're now refreshed after the break!
Some of you may be interested in what we hold in the Archive and how it might help you with your Family History or Local History Research.
So, tonight I am going to demonstrate how we used the Archive to help solve a few mysteries from a member of the public, regarding her family history research.
It may also demonstrate how the Archive can aid your historical research into the lives of your ancestors and bring them to life.

Mrs. Johnson already had researched her family tree, The Baileys, but she was looking for more information on:-

- Any newspaper reports or parish register references about any of her ancestors.
- Any discoveries relating to the business that her ancestors ran.
- A description of the village at the time her ancestors lived here.
- Any information regarding the premature deaths and their cause, of three of her ancestors.

So where should we begin?

1.During the summer, the Archive had an online enquiry from an elderly lady in New Zealand, whose ancestors had lived in the village of Newbold Verdon.
Mrs. Johnson, nee Bailey, had searched the digital catalogue on our website but was unable to find answers to any of these queries regarding her ancestors.
So we suggested that as she was on the other side of the world and not local to the archive, we might undertake to do some research on her behalf.
So where should we begin?



Build a Basic Family Tree.

In order to progress with the information Mrs. Johnson was looking for, our first task was to build a **basic family tree**, using genealogical online sources.
We researched **Births**, Marriages and Deaths; **Parish** Registers; **Wills** and Probate Records; Census records and **Electoral** Rolls. And we built this initial Family Tree of the Bailey Family.
USE POINTER –
Samuel and Jane Bailey had five sons and one daughter.
William Alfred was born not long after the couple married, but died at 11 weeks old from measles.
Albert, who was the father of Mrs. Johnson.
The next two sons were George Harry, who died suddenly at 18 and John Edwin who suffered a sudden death at the age of 30.
Walter, the final son to be born, lived a long life, like his older brother, Albert and his younger sister, Lilian Maud, who never married.

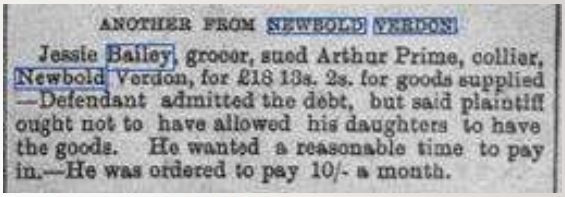
Leicester Chronicle: March 1876, showing Samuel Bailey was a landowner in the village.



THE LAND-OWNERS OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

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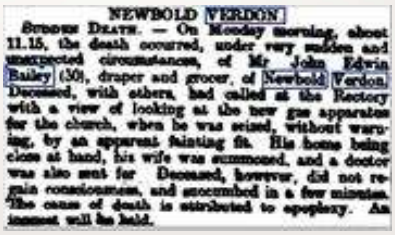
Name and address of owner.	Extent of lands. A. R. P.	Gross estimated rental. £ s.
Babington —, Trustees of, Barrow-upon-Soar ...	417 1 13	928 2
Babington, Rev. J. Walton ...	369 1 16	807 10
Babington, Rev. T. A., Wanlip ...	500 1 25	1259 13
Bacon, George, Worthington ...	2 0 2	4 13
Bacon, Samuel, Leicester ...	51 2 33	66 5
Badcock, Rev. T., Fleckney ...	115 0 10	195 12
Bagge, Rev. James, Crux Easton ...	462 2 36	807 18
Bagshaw, John, Burbage ...	9 2 33	19 5
Bagshaw, John, Newton ...	62 2 10	109 10
Baguley, G. and W., Harby ...	12 3 24	23 3
Bailess, John, Stanton ...	3 0 35	5 0
Bailey, Edward, Derby ...	31 1 16	82 17
Bailey, Elizabeth, Great Easton ...	5 3 6	19 6
Bailey, Fanny, Desford ...	1 0 39	12 0
Bailey, Henry, North Kilworth ...	1 1 11	28 12
Bailey, John, Loughborough ...	9 3 15	20 0
Bailey, John E., Belgrave ...	2 0 3	113 12
Bailey, Jos., Worthington ...	2 0 2	4 0
Bailey, Samuel, Gilmorton ...	2 0 7	64 0
Bailey, Samuel, Newbold Verdon ...	2 3 0	34 0
Bailey, Samuel, Worthington ...	3 1 11	7 18



ANOTHER FROM NEWBOLD VERDON.

Jessie Bailey, grocer, sued Arthur Prime, collier, Newbold Verdon, for £18 13s. 2s. for goods supplied —Defendant admitted the debt, but said plaintiff ought not to have allowed his daughters to have the goods. He wanted a reasonable time to pay in.—He was ordered to pay 10/- a month.

Hinckley Times: October 1899, showing Jessie Bailey suing an Arthur Prime for a debt he had not paid.



NEWBOLD VERDON

SUDDEN DEATH. — On Monday morning, about 11.15, the death occurred, under very sudden and unexpected circumstances, of Mr John Edwin Bailey (30), draper and grocer, of Newbold Verdon. Deceased, with others, had called at the Rectory with a view of looking at the new gas apparatus for the church, when he was seized, without warning, by an apparent fainting fit. His home being close at hand, his wife was summoned, and a doctor was also sent for. Deceased, however, did not regain consciousness, and succumbed in a few minutes. The cause of death is attributed to apoplexy. An inquest will be held.

Leicester Daily Post: December 1898, reporting the sudden death of John Edwin Bailey at the age of 30 years.

We searched various newspaper reports using *The* British NEWSPAPER Archive

We then looked at newspaper reports using the **British** Newspaper Archive, another online source, which gave us information on the Bailey family; their wealth of being **land** owners; their **occupations**; and their sudden **deaths.**

And we also found other articles regarding their religious activities, their hobbies and their brushes with the law!



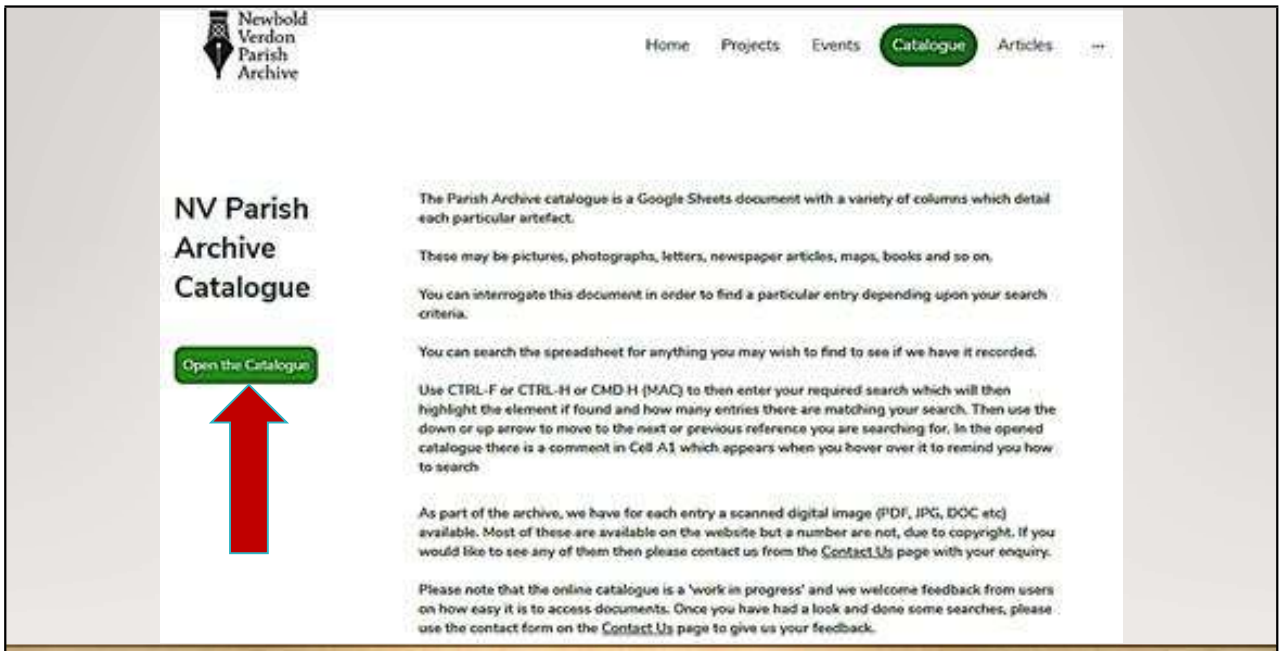
"In Loving Memory Of SAMUEL BAILEY who fell asleep January 12th 1885 aged 49 years. And Jane, wife of the above, Who passed away February 14th 1914 aged 78 years."

"In Loving Memory of John Edwin Bailey of Newbold Verdon, who died December 12th 1898 in the 31st year of his age."



We searched the graveyard for headstones.

We went to the graveyard to see if we could find the two **headstones** of Samuel and John Edwin Bailey, that Mrs. Johnson had mentioned in her query.
Both graves were closely situated next to the Church itself, meaning the family was significant within the village.
The next question we needed to ask was, how could the Archive help us with this information?



Look at The Digital Catalogue of the Newbold Verdon Parish Archive

Our first step was to search the digital catalogue, using the search parameters. However, this proved unsuccessful, so we **opened** up the individual items within the catalogue to see how anything might be applicable towards our research.

We looked at Poll Books, proving they could vote at Local Elections.



1870 Poll Book — 2 pages listing those able to vote in election due to their ownership of land and/or property in the parish

Name	Residence
Bailey, Samuel	Newbold Verdon

What did this tell us?

He was a resident of Newbold Verdon in 1870.

You can only vote if you own land or property.

1870 Poll Book

We found digital images in the catalogue of an **1870** Poll Book showing a certain **Samuel** Bailey to be very prominent within village life.
Poll Books form useful county and borough directories of those people who held a small amount of freehold land and could therefore vote in local elections.
This was not something the majority of ordinary villagers could do!

And we searched Trade Directories of the time to establish their occupations within the village.



1881 Kelly's Trade Directory- Samuel Bailey, draper.



1899 Kelly's Trade Directory- Jessie Bailey (Mrs.), draper



1892 Wright's Trade Director- Edwin Bailey, Grocer, Shopkeeper and Draper.

19th Century Trade Directories

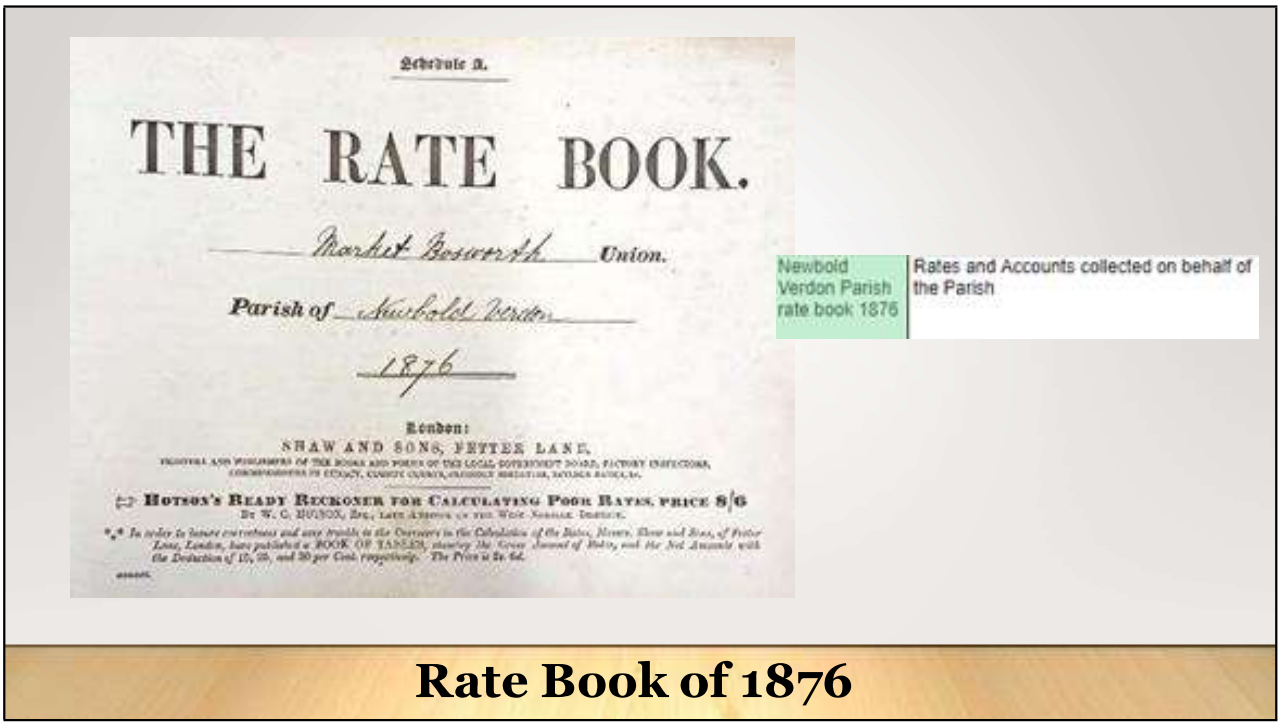
19th century directories 1846,61,76,81,92,99 each giving brief description of the parish and then recording significant people and trades people

Trade Directories

We looked through copies of **19th** Century **Trade directories** to find the Bailey family prominent within village life.

Samuel, John Edwin and John Edwin's wife, Jessie were all listed as running the family business as a Grocers and Drapery.

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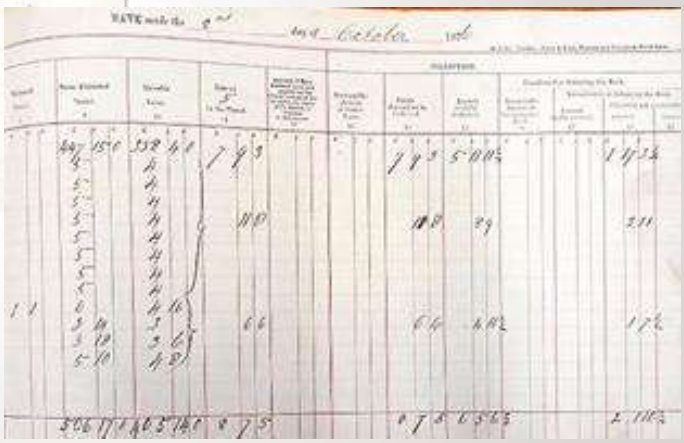
Rate Book of 1876

Knowing that the family were trading as a Grocers/ Drapers, we needed to find evidence of this within the **digital** catalogue.
The **Rate Book** of 1876 showed Samuel to be an Overseer collecting rates from properties on behalf of the Parish.

HOLD UP BD0019 1876 RATE BOOK COVER



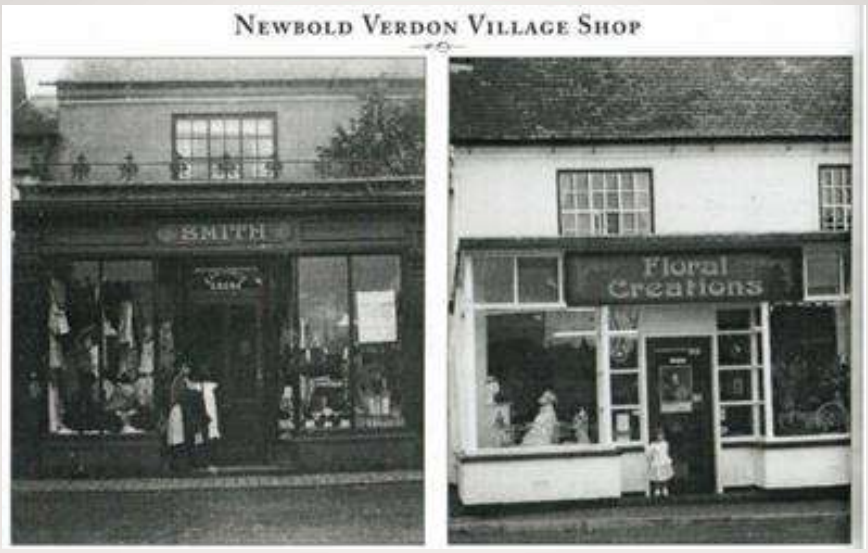
Conversion Rates of 1876 to 2023:
£17.00 = £2418.99
£71 9s. = £10,166.86



The yearly rates of just over £17 from these properties, contributed 23.8% to the overall rates from all properties within the village, a total of £71 and 9s. for the year of 1876.

As one of the village Overseers, **Samuel** Bailey was responsible for collecting rent on four properties within the village, an annual total of £17 which contributed 23.8% to the overall village rates of £71 9s. for the year of 1876. And as you can see from the slide I have given an idea of the conversion values.

HOLD UP BOOKMARKED SECTIONS OF ABOVE PAGES



Copies of both the books can be found in the digital catalogue.

The Village Shop

Further pages in the rate book showed that Samuel Bailey was paying rates on this **shop** within the village. Does anyone know where this shop is? Yes, you may recognize it as the **shop** next to what is now known as Swan House.
Looking at these **two** books that had been written about the way of life in the village, these publications were a good option from the archive to show how the shop had looked at the turn of the twentieth century and both books gave a good insight into village life at that time, which was another of the queries from Mrs. Johnson.

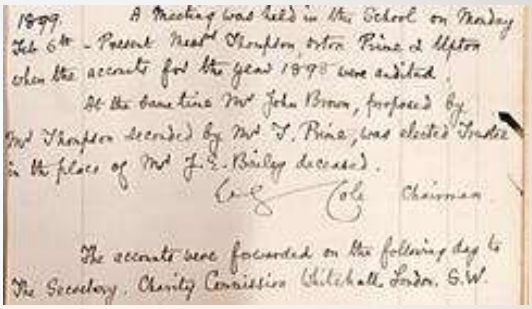
HOLD UP BOTH COPIES 1901 CENSUS BOOK AND 1920s – 1950s BOOKS

Parish Council Minutes 1863 to 1894	Contains copied summary of the items discussed, resolutions made and signatories to thos decisions	1863-1894

At a Parish Meeting held at the Free School in Newbold Verdon on the twenty fourth day of November 1870 it was agreed by those whose names are subjoined……

SAMUEL BAILEY





A meeting was held in the School on Monday February 6th – Present Messrs. Thompson, Orton, Prime & Upton when the accounts for the year 1898 were audited.
At the same time Mr. John Brown, proposed by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. T Prime, was elected Trustee in the place of Mr. J E Bailey, deceased.

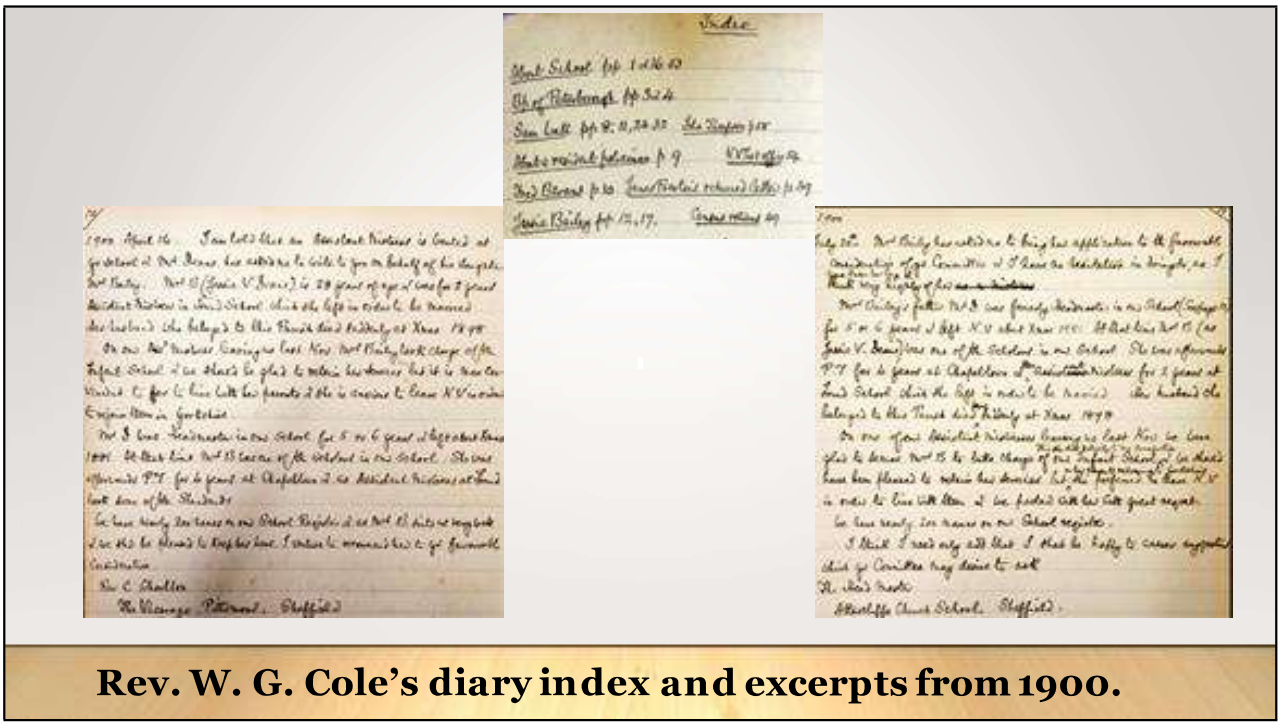
TOWN BOOK of 1851
(containing an account of the Montagu trust Charity Money)

We then looked at other sources within the archive which gave us an insight into the lives of the Bailey family. **Here** we came across a transcript of Parish Council Minutes from 1863-1894, containing a copied summary of items discussed, resolutions made and signatories of those decisions.

From this we went into the archive to find the original Town Book of 1851, containing an account of the Montagu Charity Money of Newbold Verdon. We found some of the relevant **pages** that mentioned either Samuel or John Edwin Bailey and here are a couple of such pages.

Both Samuel and John Edwin sat upon the Council as Overseers of the poor and contributed towards making decisions about the Almshouses and the poor within the village. Only people of significance, through either their occupation or title, could sit upon such a council.

HOLD UP 1851 TOWN BOOK BD0041



Rev. W. G. Cole's diary index and excerpts from 1900.

Continuing our search of individual items within the digital catalogue, we came across Reverend W. G. Cole's correspondence diaries with an **index** which mentioned **"Jessie Bailey".** Veragh Jessie Bailey was the wife of John Edwin who had died suddenly in 1898.

Mrs. Johnson had said that Jessie's parents had been teachers in the village school, but then had moved back to Sheffield and when John Edwin died, Jessie had naturally wanted to move back up to Sheffield, with her two year old daughter, to be with her parents and start her life again.

Using online records I found out information regarding her parents teaching at the Newbold Verdon school, but also found out that Jessie had been a scholar and then a pupil teacher within the school, **as** shown in these excerpts from Rev. W.G. Cole's diary from 1900, two years after her husband's death.

The correspondence between the Master at Sheffield and Rev W. G. Cole confirms that in 1900 Jessie was returning to Sheffield, with her young daughter, to teach at the local village school and live with her parents.

HOLD UP REV COLE'S DIARY WITH BOOKMARKED PAGES BD0025



to perform the pleasant ceremony. He referred to his connection with the Sunday School there in earlier life, his father having been long the superintendent, and to his father's excellent successor in office, and concluded by laying £5 on the stone for himself, and two guineas forwarded by his mother.

"Mr. Albert Bailey, of Leicester, was the next to perform the pleasant ceremony. He referred to his connection with the Sunday school there in his earlier life, his father having been long the superintendent, and to his father's excellent successor in office, and concluded by laying £5 on the stone for himself, and two guineas forwarded by his mother." (Taken from Hinckley Times 08 August 1903.)

The Bailey Family were Baptist Churchgoers.

We then looked at more recent family, including Mrs. Johnson's father Albert, the second born son of Samuel and Jane.

We found that the Bailey's had been superintendents in the Baptist Chapel in the village.

A newspaper article found within the archive, tells of the opening of the Sunday School Rooms within the Baptist Chapel and the **newspaper** cutting tells of how Albert remembers his connection with the Sunday School and his father being superintendent at the Chapel.

Both the donations from Albert and his mother, Jane, of £5 and 2 guineas, respectively, converts to just under £900 in today's currency, showing how wealthy the family was, even after the deaths of Samuel and three of Albert's siblings.

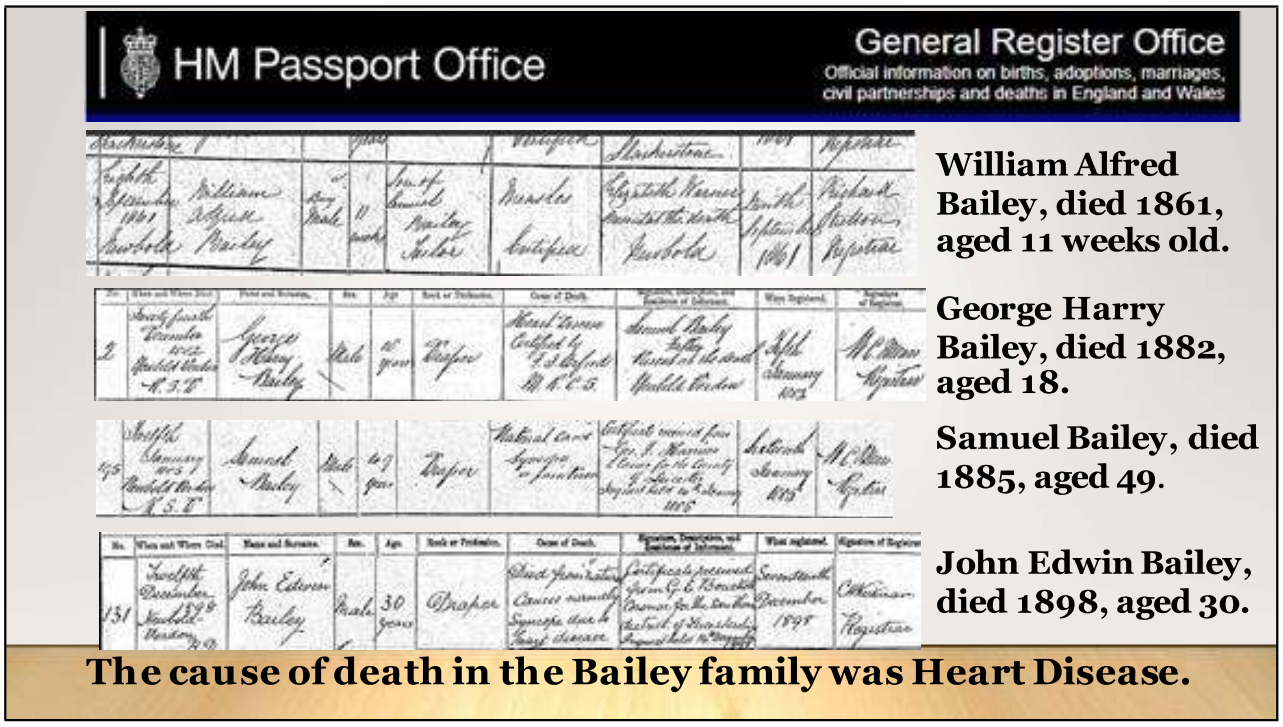
Albert, continued to visit the Baptist Chapel in the village, even though he had moved his own family and Jewellery and Clockmaking business into the City.

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Did the Archive Answer Mrs. Johnson's Queries?

Did the Archive answer all of Mrs. Johnson's queries?
I think its about time we had a bit of audience participation!
Can we answer these queries?
CLICK EACH QUESTION AND TICK APPROPRIATELY
So, the only query that couldn't be clarified by the Archive was the mystery surrounding the causes of the premature deaths of some of Mrs. Johnson's ancestors.



In order to solve the last mystery, we needed to go online again. At the time of this query, the **General** Register Office had just started to do digital images of some birth and death certificates and we were very lucky in being able to obtain **these** images from death certificates.

The first child lost to the Baileys, was their first born son, **William** Alfred, who we know lost his life in 1861, at 11 weeks old, to Measles.

In 1882**, George** Harry died at 18 years old, when he collapsed.

Three years later, in 1885, his father **Samuel** Bailey died aged 49 after fainting and not waking up.

But the biggest clue to all these deaths came from **John** Edwin, who died at the age of 30, when he collapsed and never recovered.

All the death certificates stated that they had all died from natural causes brought on by Syncope….Does anybody know what that means?

All the sudden deaths were due to **heart** disease.

"I have spent most of this morning browsing among the reams of information you have gleaned. It has opened up a whole world of my ancestry and answered so many queries. You are a magician, and fantastic explorer of records with such delightful results. I cannot thank you enough."

"Your amazing research has brought my father's side into reality, it gives me a sort of fuzzy feeling inside. Comments keep me searching for where they got items from what they've found. Again, many thanks for your generous efforts"

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Can Newbold Verdon Parish Archive Help You?

After sending all the information we had researched to Mrs. Johnson, she replied with these amazing testimonials. She has been buzzing with all the information we have sent to her and she remains in touch.

Do you think that **Newbold** Verdon Parish Archive could help you with your Family History research? Or do you think that the Archive would have information and history about the house you live in?

Whilst online resources will do a lot of the work, the local archive can be there to make the people in your Family Tree come to life or bring more context to the area where you live.

As a community group run solely by volunteers, we have to emphasize that we will only undertake personalized research, if you are unable to access the digital catalogue or cannot travel to Newbold Verdon. We rely on voluntary donations towards the archiving of your Local Heritage and as a community group, we are always looking for more volunteers to come and join us.

Do you think that Newbold Verdon Parish Archive could help you or you could help us? If so, **Please** get in touch.

Now, are there any questions regarding the presentation you have just seen?

Thank you for your interest.