

## DIAPER NEWSLETTER No 17 – Summer 2008



Welcome to our second new version newsletter, don't forget that if you have an email address you can receive an electronic version, both helping the environment and helping to keep down admin costs. Also images of photographs will be enhanced.

### **So what have your committee been up to?**

Julie & Angie recently gave a successful talk to Hatch Grange WI on The Diaper Heritage Association, Anna has been putting together sound bites from our oral history archive ready to load onto our website and your editor has been putting together proposals to publishers to further our aim of reprinting *Tom Diaper's Log*. Work continues on the genealogy project and we still receive many and various enquiries.

### **Sir Thomas Lipton -Shamrock's Crew**

Gordon Finlay from the Royal Ulster Yacht Club contacted us recently trying to trace crew information in regard to the *Shamrock* crews. Gordon is the archivist at the Yacht Club which is at Bangor in Northern Ireland. It was from that club that Sir Thomas Lipton issued all of his five *Shamrock* challenges for the *America's Cup* between 1899 and 1930. Gordon has been working on request from a Harry McGlone who believed his father Billy McGlone had sailed on a *Shamrock*. Billy McGlone was born in 1892 so might have sailed on *Shamrock IV* in 1920 when aged 28 or on *Shamrock V* in 1930. We provided Gordon with information that we held and he reciprocated by detailing some of his sources, see below. We also thought we would see if we could identify any more crew members in the photo below, which is one of our iconic Diaper family images. So over to you!

### Sources:

The Royal Ulster Yacht Club holds some records and photos in the Club Library and also in a scrapbook held at the Public Records Office in Belfast. All major sources are at the Mitchell Library in Glasgow in Scotland and at Unilever (now the parent company of Liptons) in Liverpool. The Mitchell library website can be visited on <http://www.mitchelllibrary.org/lipton/> where you can call up 68 photos of the crews. Click on 'Browse images' at the left and 1,614 images will be offered. Enter 'crew' in the 'Search Lipton for' box at top right and click on 'Go' to get to the 68. You can also order copies of the photos on-line.

There are descriptions of the five *Shamrocks* on the official *America's Cup* website at <http://www.americascup.com>. Click on the Union Jack under 'Valencia 32<sup>nd</sup> America's Cup' to bring up an English language web page, then left click on 'ACCLOPAEDIA' then again at the left of 'CIRCLING GALAXY'. At the bottom select 'Boat' and type 'Shamrock' in the search box and click to search. Without a I, II, III, IV, or V, the response will come up 'No Result' but a list of the five *Shamrocks* will appear just below that.

For *Shamrock V* visit <http://www.buttervilla.com/lma> then click on Photo gallery, then on People. When you choose your preferred photo you can also zoom in and see each face clearly. To contact Gordon his email is [gordon-a-finlay@msn.com](mailto:gordon-a-finlay@msn.com)



*Sir Thomas Lipton with the crew of Stamack IV*

**Back row:** possibly the cook, unknown, Arthur James, Walter Diaper.

**Middle row:** unknown, Bertram Diaper, unknown, Stokes, Sir Thomas Lipton, Captain Alfred Diaper, James Gilby?, Thomas Diaper 2<sup>nd</sup> mate (author of the Log), William 'Paul' Toms, Percival 'William' Toms.

**Front row:** Arthur Diaper, unknown, unknown, Alfred Thomas Diaper, Walter Norman Diaper, unknown.

### **Dible Family**

Michael Dible has sent us some super photos of some of his ancestors, he has discovered that some of his relatives included the Bell's of Bell's Brewery. The family ran the Itchen Brewery. The magnificent lady below is Lawrie Henderson Bell (nee Sutton) who was the wife of J. Henry Bell of Itchen Brewery and the gentleman is W. Dible of Belvedere Ship yard in Northam, Southampton. Michael also tells us that he has been re-reading Warneford's 'Tales of the Coastguard' which recounts the Diaper smuggling episodes.



Below is a further extract from the memories of Michael's father *'During my stay at Pear Tree Schools the late King Edward was married (Edward VII) and on that day we were given a tea at the schools. After tea was over, we were lined up, for procession, and headed by what was called a German band, of four musicians, marched from the schools, down by the green and village of Itchen, turning up Portsmouth road, then down Victoria Road, until we arrived somewhere about where the Itchen Sewerage Works now are. At that time it was more or less of a cliff, opposite the entrance of the old Docks, and we remained there until after the royal yacht, with the then Prince of Wales and his bride on board, came out of the Docks, on the way to Osborne for their honeymoon. Naturally we cheered, but I doubt at that distance if our cheers were heard. Anyhow, it was not our fault if they were not. I remember very well on that evening, as we were all standing on the cliff, watching the yacht coming out from the Docks, when the crews of all the large ships then in dock had manned the yards, a hare – I suppose disturbed with so many of us on his desmesne – made a bolt for more quietude, and, in doing so, ran right into one of the boy's mother's skirts. Naturally she was as much frightened as the hare. However it was soon captured, and next day that family was happy at dinner-time.*

### **With Regret**

We regret to inform you of the death of Marjorie Diaper which occurred recently. Marjorie took part in our oral history project along with her daughter Linda Heppinstall and extracts of her memories were used in our recent publication '*We only wore shoes on a Sunday*'. Our Sympathies to Marjorie's family.

### **Houses of Old Itchen**

#### **Peartree Lodge**

Peartree Lodge was a 10 bed-roomed house with about 8 acres of grounds situated to the south-west of Peartree Green and so having extensive views across the River Itchen to Southampton. The first owner in the early 1770s was Anthony Munton, who died there in 1814. His widow continued to occupy the house until her death five years later, when the house was sold. A later occupant was Mrs Byam, who may have been the widow of a former Vicar of Peartree Chapel. When she left the lodge in around 1845 the accountant J W Courtis lived there until 1853 when he sold the property to an Irish businessman and naval officer, Captain Thomas Bradby. Bradby also created a number of wharves along the banks of the Itchen. His heirs sold the house in 1887 to Col. Oswald Grimston who re-named it, The Lodge. The family lived there until 1919 when A W Saunders took it over and in the 1920s converted it into 8 dwellings. Following war damage it was demolished in the late 1940s.

#### **Woolston House**

Woolston House was created in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century out of an older farmhouse or manor house. In the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century the manor of Woolston belonged to Thomas Lee Dummer of Cranbury Park, Otterbourne. His son, Thomas, married Lady Holland, who survived him and married Sir Nathaniel Dance. Because Cranbury Park was the principal family residence, Woolston House was little used. The building fell into disrepair and was demolished early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, probably shortly after Dance's death in 1811. When Lady Holland died in 1825 Woolston was among the properties which passed to William Chamberlayne of Weston Grove.

### **Meteor**

One of our correspondents, Ninian Stewart, noted that when he visited the museum exhibition last year he noticed that a painting of the Kaiser's yacht *Meteor*, appeared to be flying an Egyptian Ensign. Looking up Lloyd's register of Yachts for 1938 he found *Meteor III* to be in American ownership, *Meteor IV* in Spanish ownership and *V* owned by an Italian. The 1958 edition shows *Meteor V* owned by the Royal Kassah, Cairo, stationed at Alexandria and renamed *Feid el Bihar*. By then *III* and *IV* are no longer shown. In spring 2006 the magazine *Classic Boat* ran a series of articles of the Kaiser's yachts. The original *Meteor* of course features in *Tom Diaper's Log*. *The Meteor* arrived at Itchen in 1896 under the captaincy of Ben Parker, a post he held for ten years. At this time the *Meteor* had a crew of forty-four, forty-two English and two Germans

### **S V Calista**

Dennis George Mayhew Diaper writes to us about the *S V Calista*. This vessel is of some historical interest coming from the time when steam was displacing sailing vessels; *Calista* had 2 masts, 4 sails and one funnel for emitting smoke. Dennis's grandfather, John Mayhew Diaper, was its owner and skipper. The vessel had at least a crew of three and had its cabins below the main deck. It was used as a pleasure steamer between England and France but was not a significant freighter. Dennis possesses a water colour painting of the *Crista*. Dennis is also keen to find out how the Mayhews link into the Diaper clan, if anyone has any suggestions please contact Julie below.

## Genealogy

We have since the last newsletter had several new contacts which have been able to provide us with more new information, which we have added to the family tree. Just as we think it is safe to start working on putting our second dvd/rom together with updated versions of the family tree and the generations report another long lost Diaper relative pops their head up wanting to be included. **Please if you have any photos of any Diaper family descendants that you would like us to include in the family tree please can you get copies to us as soon as possible, either by email to Julie Barker or by post to Angie Turtle, details below.** Your help is also need to try and locate more information about the following:-

1. Celia Adelaide Noble Diaper born 18<sup>th</sup> April 1877 Magadelen Road, Cowley, Oxfordshire. Her Mother is listed as Mary Jane Diaper formerly Cooper (this is believed to be a possible white lie). We have had contact from a living relative who has traced Celia A N Diaper back to her birth. When Celia married in Canada she listed her father as an Edwin Noble (he is not listed on the birth certificate). On the 1881 Census Celia A N Diaper is listed as Celia A Noble living with grandparents John and Jane Cooper. At the Age 10 Celia immigrated to Canada, but we can not trace her departure from England or who she went with or what name was used. We have reason to believe that John Cooper may not have been her Grandfather but an uncle – this still need's to be proved. According to Natalya who has been trying to trace Celia, there does not appear to be any trace of adoption as they have found no records to indicate this in any way.

## Latest family tree stats

Number of Individuals in the family tree are 9,266

The total number of marriages in the family tree is 2,803

The earliest Diaper listed is John Diaper (Dyaper) born circa 1500

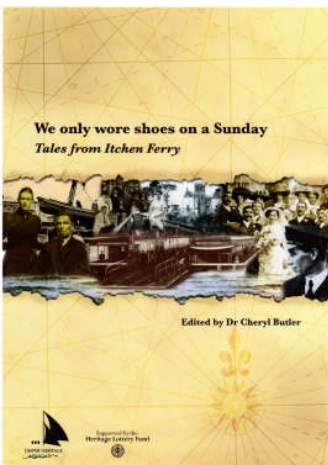
The number of Family generations in the family tree currently stands as 21

There are 1,643 different surnames in the family tree.

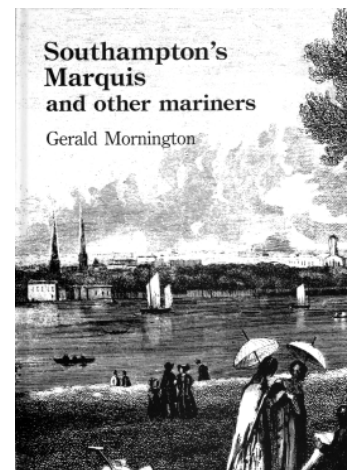
Number of Individuals Linked to John Dyaper (born circo 1500) is 6,909

We still have 2,357 individuals which we are trying to link up to the main Diaper Family tree

## Publications



'*We only wore shoes on a Sunday*' is doing well and helping to replenish funds, if you don't have your copy yet contact Angie Turtle details below Copies are £5.00 to members plus £2.00 postage, Non members £10.00 plus £2.00 postage. Also still available is the '*Marquis and other Mariners*' also £5.00 plus £2.00 postage.



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