

# Briginshaw One-Name Study

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### EDITORIAL

Once again I thank all those family members who wrote letters of appreciation of the last Newsletter. It is nice to know that they are of interest and valued.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and successful 1991 and may our family history research continue to produce exciting insight into the past.

In the early summer of 1990 Barry and Anne Lovegrove of Timerau, New Zealand visited England and followed ancestral trails. Barry is a direct descendant of the Maidenhead Lovegroves who were so much involved with that town. There were at least two marriages between members of the family with Briginshaws. These connections I shall come to in future Newsletters. A few years ago I had considerable correspondence with Anne during the course of which she was able to give me details of many descendants of the first emigrant to New Zealand in 1850 down to the present day. In turn, I was able to take Barry's descent back to 1540. It came as a great shock to learn that on their return home their flight was the illfated one that touched down in Kuwait and was captured by the Iraqi invading army. After being held captive Anne had to make the agonising decision, when the opportunity arose, to return to New Zealand to their two children and leave Barry behind. Fortunately Barry was released after some weeks and the family is now re-united. Anne tells me all their luggage had to be left behind on the aircraft. Should they never recover it they will, no doubt, count it small sacrifice for their safe return home. It is hoped that time will help to erase this horrifying experience and that they will, in due course, visit this Country again.

The highlight of last autumn was the visit of John Briginshaw and his wife Sue from Tasmania. Olive and I were delighted to meet them and to have them stay with us for two periods between which they toured the West of England, Wales and Ireland. Their stays with us were all too short but it was a very happy time and we crammed a lot into the available time including a day's tour around 'Briginshaw Country'. We look forward to seeing them again one day.

Although we have not yet met, I am delighted to welcome two new readers of the Briginshaw Newsletters - Lionel and Betty Briginshaw of Tunbridge Wells. Lionel is descended from John (b1707) of Taplow and his wife Mary (née Jefferies) through John and Eleanor (née Neighbour), John and Mary Maria (née Hammaton), Davis and Martha Harriet (née Blandon), Samuel John and Rebecca (née Porter), William H and Edith R (née Carter). Contact came through my membership of the Guild of One-Name Studies. It is nice to add to the family links we now have around the world.