**The PCC Wills collection on *Ancestry* date from the late 14th century right through to the first half of the 19th century, therefore covering the fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries also. There appear to be 32 Wills with the surname HOLLYMAN, HOLYMAN, HOLLIMAN and HOLIMAN within this collection. There may be more with other variants of the surname spelling. The availability of this Wills collection on *Ancestry* just gives the opportunity to look readily at further seventeenth century HOLLIMAN Wills from other parts of England. I have already looked at, for you, the ones connected to Buckinghamshire.**

**Back in November you asked me to tie your HOLLIMAN tree and that of Lindsay's together. I have held off doing this, if that is OK, until the results of the DNA test come through. A match would be amazing but if not, the factor of the 'reputed son' of Robert HOLLYMAN in Lindsay's tree may be the sticking point. I can still try and continue with the family tree down from the John HOLYMAN who died c1521 for the purpose of reference to the wider Cuddington HOLLIMANS.**

**Good Luck in the Charity shops. I expect my husband would have the greatest sympathy with you, although in my case it would be Antique shops also.**

**I look forward to your further write ups on the Buckinghamshire HOLYMANS.**

**Kindest Regards**

**Anne**

**Dear Glenn and all**

**Wishing everyone a truly Happy Easter!**

**Firstly, it is very exciting news that a DNA match has been found between Lindsay and the descendants of Christopher HOLYMAN.**

**Tina, once you have examined the results fully, are you able to ascertain how many generations distant the link may be? Working on the principal that One generation = 31 years it might be possible to determine approximately how far back in time the link is.**

**Whilst the match establishes a link between Christopher HOLYMAN and the Cuddington HOLYMANS, if the match suggests a link very far back in time the common ancestor may be a male who pre-dates the HOLYMANS arrival in Cuddington. As you are all aware there is a cluster of HOLYMANS in early Kent and London who may also be connected to the Cuddington HOLYMANS. The Manor of Haddenham and Cuddington was owned, in the pre-dissolution period, by Rochester Cathedral in Kent. It is possible a HOLYMAN was sent from Kent to be tenant of the Manor. I have recently found a reference to another HOLIMAN, a Richard HOLIMAN who was a Monk in Canterbury, Kent in 1451 (see attached from Papal Register Vol.10) and link** [**http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=103525&strquery=Holiman**](http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=103525&strquery=Holiman) **Unlikely, to have had a family himself, the extended HOLYMAN family may have had close connections to the medieval church and early Tudor Catholic Church in Kent but it is also possible that two HOLIMAN Monks is a coincidence!**

**Glenn and Lindsay, I have started working on linking Lindsay's connection to the Cuddington HOLYMAN family tree. I have come across the 1762 Marriage Licence of John HOLYMAN, Yeoman of Cuddington and Sarah STEEL of Waddesdon. The Licence abstract states John HOLYMAN was 25 years old at the time of his marriage to Sarah (aged 22 years) in 1762, so this John born circa 1736. I have also found on the Bucks Marriage Names Database a reference to a marriage of a John HOLYMAN to a Sarah in 1754, so these two Johns need a bit of unravelling. I think the 1754 marriage may be a second one for that John, but as stated needs more investigation. It is likely both Johns are descendants of Robert HOLYMAN but as said needs looking in to a little more. In addition, I have found, on the Medway City Ark online catalogue, a reference to a *Robert Holyman and Hester, his wife,* in a 1667 Final Concord between Rochester Cathedral and several parties including Robert Holyman relating to a messuage in Cuddington, Bucks. There are several other references relating to the HOLYMANS and Rochester Cathedral and Cuddington. At some stage, perhaps the Archives at Rochester Cathedral will have to be visited to find out more. A visit to the National Archives at Kew is warranted also as this is where some of the surviving manorial documents relating to the Manor of Haddenham and Cuddington are held.**

**Bob, I have done a little research on the copies of Arms that were forwarded. The main similarity, between the Arms of John HOLYMAN and the BAVE family individuals seems to be the red rose. The red rose depicted is the ten petal Tudor rose. As the BAVE family have a connection to Henry VIII, this would make sense to have the red rose included. For John HOLYMAN Bishop of Bristol the inclusion of the red rose in his Coat of Arms may just be connected to his office as a Tudor Bishop. Coats of Arms are assigned to individuals and not families although elements of a previous family individual's Coat of Arms may be included in those of successive generations, but there will always be differences. I have attached from Rietstap and Rolland's *Illustration's to the Armorial General* three interpretations of Arms belonging to a BAVE family individual. One set of Arms depicts the Tudor red rose (Gules) on a gold (Or) background. Rietstap and Rolland's publication dates from the nineteenth century and is in French. It covers most of the well known Armorial families in Europe at that time. Also on** [**www.archive.org**](http://www.archive.org/) **is *An Alphabetical Dictionary of Coats of Arms* in English. I am having a difficult job downloading it at present, so have abandoned for now, but I did find a reference to a HOLYMAN Coat of Arms described similarly to that of John HOLYMANS that you have forwarded. It does differ slightly though to another description of John HOLYMAN's Coat of Arms (see attached). Again, needs a bit more research.**

**Probably, too much information for a Bank Holiday but any questions, please ask.**

**Kindest Regards**

**Anne**

**P.S. Glenn, June 18th date wise is OK. Any idea regarding location?**

**Hi Glenn**

**Thanks for the e-mail re- 18th June. Time should be OK but as you said we can confirm nearer the time.**

**Just wondered if you received the abstract from the C14 Feet of Fines regarding Richard Holyman and the lands he acquired in Haddenham in 1376. I have attached again in case not. Haddenham, as mentioned in this document, may have been an umbrella term for the land in the Manor of Haddenham (which included Cuddington) or specifically land in Haddenham itself. It is the earliest mention of a Holyman found in the area to date.**

**On your previous visits have you managed to visit the medieval courthouse at nearby Long Crendon (possibly built c1483-1485)? It is a building that the early Holyman ancestors would have probably been familiar with. Worth a visit if you haven't been and it is open on 18th June from 11am until 5pm see website** [**https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/long-crendon-courthouse/opening-times/**](https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/long-crendon-courthouse/opening-times/) **for more details.**

**The extended Holyman tree I am compiling is becoming quite weighty now as it includes the connection to the Lee family of Hartwell, through Margaret Lee and Christopher Holyman. I have included, as requested, Lindsay's ancestral tree to link up with the Cuddington Holymans. I still have the Bedfordshire Holymans in a separate file and am not sure how you would like me to deal with this information. For although there is a very strong possibility of a link it is not 100% certain. Do you want me to add just a possible single line descent down from Christopher Holyman of Sherington down to yourself through the Bedford line, or is it just the very early Holyman family tree that is needed. Also would you like me to put Richard Holyman (1376) at the top of the tree with a note of 4 generations or so between Richard Holyman of Haddenham (1376) and John Holyman of Cuddington (d 1533).**

**Over the coming weeks, also as requested, I will look in to the location of Holyman land holdings relating to the Manor of Cuddington. Thomas Holyman (d1558) mentions some field names in his Will so that may help locate some of the land in later maps, i.e. if the field names have survived through time.**

**Look forward to your response on the above.**

**Regards**

**Anne**

**Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2014 1:14 PM
Subject: RE: Richard Holyman Haddenham**

**Hi Jeanette**

**Thanks for sending the invite to be an 'assigned editor' to the HOLLIMAN family tree on *Ancestry.* I had difficulty logging in to the tree via Internet Explorer but managed to log in OK using Apple's Safari Browser.**

**Rather than making the additions to the tree myself I wondered if it would be easier to send copies of the relevant trees to yourself and then you can enter them in your own format style. I could send them in two formats: one Descendant Report and one Descendant Chart for each of the two sections of HOLLIMAN family tree (Lindsay's ancestry and more descendants of Thomas HOLLYMAN of Bedford) that you would like to add to the existing one.**

**The family tree software program I use is Family Tree Maker so you should be very familiar with the formats mentioned. Also is Lindsay OK with his tree being on *Ancestry*, especially as he is a 'living relative? I could not tell if the tree on *Ancestry* was a Public or Private one from my link in to it.**

**In response to Glenn's query about the Richard HOLYMAN resident in Haddenham in 1376 and adding him to the tree. It seems likely that this Richard HOLYMAN is connected to the medieval and later HOLYMANS of Cuddington and Haddenham and may well be their earliest ancestor in the locality with the surname: if not the direct ancestor then a relative of some kind. The Christian name Richard recurs repeatedly down the generations of Cuddington HOLYMANS.**

**To Include Richard in the tree I would put a question mark alongside his name to show the possibility of Richard as an ancestor. Something like as follows in three separate boxes (see also attached):**

**Richard Holyman?**

**Residence: 1376 Haddenham, Bucks**

**I**

**Several Holyman generations**

**I**

**John Holyman d 1521**

**As long as a question mark is put by the name of Richard Holyman he can be shown as a possible rather than a certain ancestor. The information regarding Richard Holyman is from the County List of Feet of Fines, abstracts of which can be found online at:** [**http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/fines/counties.shtml**](http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/fines/counties.shtml) **Genealogy moves at such a pace these days and new information consequently emerging it make you wonder what else may come to light in future years. There may be more to emerge about the Buckinghamshire HOLYMANS.**

**Glenn mentioned your husband is very poorly Jeanette, I do wish him well. It was lovely to meet you both last summer. Therefore, if you don't have time to add the extensions to the HOLLIMAN tree I will try and fit it in.**

**Hope to hear from you in due course and I will forward the Charts and Reports regarding the extensions to the HOLLIMAN tree, if requested.**

**Kindest Regards**

**Anne**

**Hi Anne,

I don't mind you working in the tree at all, but on the other hand don't wish to be an imposition to you either. If you could send the descendant chart, I will be happy to add the English folks. Our tree is public, therefore we do not add any living persons.

Jim is going through chemotherapy and radiation treatments for a neck/head cancer. We are unsure of the primary source of the culprit, so he is getting a rather tough treatment to hopefully eliminate the cancer cells. He told me today he feels like he was "hit by a bus". While he is resting, I find great comfort in our genealogy work.

I am so glad that we had the lovely trip to England and Wales last summer. It was beyond our expectations and left us with many pleasant memories. It was such a joy to meet you and the historians. Glenn and Barbara spoiled us the entire time we were together. What gracious hosts they are!

As we are uncertain about Richard of Haddenham, I feel your recommendation is in order. We don't want to present it as a certainty to others if indeed it is not. He is a rather exciting discovery.

All the Best,
Jeanette**