

Notes for the Family Reunion Powerpoint

Please Click [HERE](#) – to return to the Slide Show

Slide 1: TITLE slide showing the Woollcombe Family Crest painted by Sir Charles Louis Woollcombe at the top of his Family Scroll in 1870

Slide 2: The Landing Page of the Woollcombe Family Archive

Slides 3 to 6: Sir Charles' Woollcombe Family Scroll

- In its entire 30m length
- Close-up of the Original – showing that it is quite difficult to read
- As it now appears on the Woollcombe Family Archive
- Close-up, using the Archive zoom facility, showing the re-typed entries

Slides 7 to 8: The Woollcombe Family Pedigree (*found in a Gloucestershire junk shop!*) again showing how family members can use the Archive zoom facility to read the small text.

Slides 9 to 10: Woolacombe and the Domesday Book

- The Woolacombe Entry in the Domesday Book
- Woolacombe today – the best beach in Britain; 13th best in the world!
- The Woolcombe, Dorset Entry in the Domesday Book

Slides 12 to 13: Showing the Functionality of the Woollcombe Family Archive – how you can search for any one of the close to 1,000 Woollcombe family members currently hosted.

Slides 14 to 22: Ashbury House and Church

- The House – as it was in the early 20th Century
- The Church as it is today
- The Church and House – as it was in the early 20th Century
- The site of the House as it is today: a farm with the Church bottom left;
- Views of the Church – with big thanks to Nick Woollcombe who insures it and pays for all the repairs and upkeep;

On Slide 22, you see the remaining back wall of the Ashbury Manor House and the Church as it is during the annual candle service which local residents and parishioners hold in it;

Slides 23 to 26: Bishop Harry Woollcombe

- The Ruins of Whitby Abbey & St Mary's Church, Whitby
- Selby Minster
- Harry's Parish Church at Bolton Percy
- Harry and his wife, Hilda (Tadden) - on their wedding day
- Harry's daughter, Rosamond, with her mother and husband, Geoffrey

Slide 27: Carol Woollcombe

- Her Church at Acaster Malbis, near York where she led many artistic journeys with children and others, including a nature-trail rendering of the *Benedicite Omnia Opera*
- As a young woman and "Mick" as her many nephews and nieces remember her;
- The window erected in her memory with words and illustrations from her

Slides 28 to 36: Canada

- St Peter's Vicarage, Loudwater, near High Wycombe where George Penrose Woollcombe and his brothers, Frederick and Lionel were born, grew up & from which they all emigrated to Canada;
- Stephen Woollcombe's biography of his grand-father, George Penrose Woollcombe
- The George Penrose Woollcombe window at Ashbury College which he founded;
- The 125th Anniversary edition of the Ashbury News Magazine;

Slides 37 to 40: Hemerdon Woollcombes

- Bishop Kenneth John – with Queen Elizabeth II; with his wife, Gwenda + 3 daughters;
- Woollcombe Yonge Solicitors founded by Woollcombes of Hemerdon, which still bears the family name, though none of us have worked there for years;
- Admiral George Woollcombe of the West Africa Squadron

Slides 41 to 46: Woollcombe characters in all their rich diversity:

- Richard E Woollcombe – Artist and Visionary writer of Socratic dialogues
- Ben Woollcombe – New Zealand Water Colourist
- Geoff Woollcombe – New Zealand Wine Maker
- The Underbelly's upturned cow theatre – founded by Bishop Harry's grandson, Charlie Wood, the host of our Reunion at Brockfield House, with his wife, Hatta;
- Robert Woollcombe, Historian and published novelist;
- Thomas Blaikie, writer and journalist, with his mother, Tamsyn, née Woollcombe;

Slides 47 to 51: Hemerdon House

- The Library
- The Drawing Room
- James Woollcombe – flanked by portraits of his beautiful ancestors
- James Woollcombe – flanked by Kate & Lucinda, 2 of his 7 x beautiful daughters

Slide 52: Clarissa Woollcombe Mitchell's collection of Woollcombe thumbnail portraits.

Slide 53: A very handsome young Woollcombe – whose identity completely escapes me!

Slide 54 to 56: HMS Medina & Commander C L Woollcombe with whom King George V sailed to India in 1911. Commander Woollcombe was a very good shot, so, as Clarissa told, he was hired to ride with the King when he went on Tiger hunts – so that, when the king shot, and missed, he would fire simultaneously and make sure that the poor beast died;

Slide 57: Sue Woollcombe – second wife of James Woollcombe of Hemerdon. Her mother was an Ashbury Woollcombe – so she embodies the spirit that our Reunion is designed to celebrate – after 400+ years of thinking that we were two separate tribes;

Slide 58: Donetta Woollcombe – who left the legacy which enabled her godson, David, to create this Family archive and in whose memory he built it; she was a published writer – and wrote the history of Rumleigh – another South Devon Woollcombe home;

Slide 59 to 60: Closing Title – and Questions – which can always be addressed to:

David@peacechild.org

– but forgive me if I can't always answer them.

There's always so much more we don't know about our family than we do!