The London, South England and Wales Group covers all of the southern counties of England (ie those counties which are not included in the North of England SIG)(see map on this page), Plus WALES - added in 2016.

We meet quarterly and keep in contact by e-mail in between meetings. Our goal is to increase our understanding of South England and Wales and its history, to help us with our research - where our ancestors might be found, what they did, how they lived. We have created **a series of County Guides**
as downloadable PDF or DOC documents for each of the English counties we cover (see below). If you are researching in any of these counties we hope you find these guides useful.

We also help each other with queries and problems... we may not be able to solve your problems but we can often come up with ideas to follow up. And we're very sympathetic!

Come along to one of our meetings - you'll be very welcome.

Online resources for Londoners:

In 2009 Ancestry.com released a large number of parish records for London, including images of original baptism and marriage entries, taken from the London Metropolitan Archives. There are four fully searchable databases:

- Baptisms, marriages and burials (1538-1812)
- Marriages and Banns (1754-1921)
- Births and baptisms (1813-1906)
- Deaths and burials (1813-1980)

For serious London researchers this is a good reason to subscribe to Ancestry, but If you decide not to, book a time on the computer at our May Street Office and have a look!

Some years ago, for a Lunchtime discussion group, we prepared a one-page guide to online resources for London researchers. It's here if you'd like a copy.

[**London research online - some useful websites 61 KB**](#)

Welsh resources

There are extensive parish register records available for most of the Welsh counties at the pay-site www.findmypast.com . If you don't have a subscription, come along to the FHWA research centre (aka the Library) and get on to one of the computers there.