

## Notes of the January 13 2022 meeting:-

### MAPS, OLD AND NEW.

1. Thank you, Peter Gawne-Cain , for demonstrating the very easy to use **ARCHI UK OLD MAPS site**. Go to [https://www.archiuk.com/archi/archi\\_maps.htm](https://www.archiuk.com/archi/archi_maps.htm) and search for a place. Find your way to the search results and select the 1888 – 1913 Ordnance Survey 6” to the mile map. Use the map slider to overlay a modern OpenStreetMap on top of the old map to see what the area looks like today . An excellent resource for locating lost churches, lost industries and lost railways lines and much more.
2. Rowan Purkis demonstrated the **National Library of Scotland** online maps. <https://maps.nls.uk/> Select Explore Georeferenced Maps . The site then works in a very similar way to the Archi UK site with more choice as to which modern map to use as background. Select the OS 6” 1888 – 1913 historic map as overlay. The Background map is set as ESRI World image which gives you a satellite map but you can change it using the drop-down box at the top of the screen. If you select OpenStreetMap it will work the same way as Archi UK.
3. Sue Wakeford demonstrated the **Booths maps of London site**. <https://booth.lse.ac.uk> This provides a similar service to the above two sites but with lots of added social history information showing the poverty levels in different London streets. You can also browse notebooks from the time on various topics such as Jewish life, industry, poverty and notes taken by policemen on their beats.
4. **Tips to finding your street on an old map**
  - Use a current map search e.g., Google maps to locate the street if it still exists, to help you find it on the modern map overlay.
  - Use the census to find surrounding streets if your street on the old map is not labelled.
  - Try local history websites for the town or area
  - Put the name of the street and area in a search engine
5. A short discussion on **tithe maps**. The maps dated from the mid 1800 covering areas the largely agricultural areas that paid tithes. Areas are divided into numbered plots. To find out who owned and/ or lived in each plot you need to access the Tithe Apportionment for the area. A subscription to The Genealogist gives access to the Apportionments and the maps but no one in the meeting had a subscription. Without a subscription we suggest searching and contacting the local archive service for the area you are interested in.
6. We had hoped to talk about **Phillimore maps** showing old parish boundaries but no one in the meeting had an experience of these. Maybe next month.
7. Anne Simpkin drew our attention to the Alan Godfrey maps. <https://www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk/>. If you want a paper map to

pour over and make notes on these are to be recommended. The maps have useful historical notes on the back. The following description is taken from the website., Maps cost £3 each. *“Most of the maps are highly detailed, taken from the 1/2500 plans and reprinted at about 14 inches to the mile. They cover towns in great detail, showing individual houses, railway tracks, factories, churches, mills, canals, tramways and even minutiae such as dockside cranes, fountains, signal posts, pathways, sheds, wells, etc. Each map includes historical notes on the area concerned. We also publish a series of smaller scale Inch to the Mile maps.”*