

## **SNIPPETS FROM THE ARCHIVES: 5**

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### **From the National Archives, E179/155/31 The Lay Subsidy of 1301**

<b>Newbottle</b>		<b>Charlton</b>	
Henry Grey	16s.4d.	W Wareman	21d.
.... Le Botte	17s.	Richard Roger	19d.
Roger Dod	2s.6d.	William	2s.1d.
Richard Gommes	2s.6d.	Ux relicta Nicholas	21d.
William f. Gilbert	12s.	John Adam	2s.4d.
Hugo Godwyne	3s.	Thomas Gladwyn	2d.
Walter Doget	2s.5d.	John Entelane	20d.
John (?Preso)	2s.4d.	Edmund Robins	23d
Stephen (? G..thoe)	2s.11d.	Richard Entelane	2d.
Sussan Host	10s.	John Pe....	2s.
William Manglo	2s.4d.	Alan Fawe	2d.
William Choves	2s.3d.	John Aboneton	20d.
John Dolls	20d.	Ralph in venella	2s.2.
Henry Gryball	2s.7d.	Edmund de Echyngie	6s.
Edward Vathoe	2s.7d.	Pad f eid	18d.
Galfridus Dobe	4d.	Will Yeman	13d.
Ralph le Moul	2s.11d.	Thomas Soude	20d.
Richard f. Gilbert	21d.	John Casse	17d.
Galfridus de Overton	3s.6d.	Alan ad capell	2s.4d.
Henry de Oseneye	2s.6d.	Gilbert ad font	3s.9d.
Mat relicta Will Boder	14d.	Will Dake	2s.1d.
Walter ?Refaner	2s.4d.	Richard de Hetheryngton	6s.6d.
Dent Wanter	2s/3d.	Pado le fondur	42d.
		Adam....	2s.4d.
		John de [?]Sabelake	2s.3d.

The Lay Subsidies were extra taxes which were levied for a particular purpose, such as a foreign war. It is remarkable that anyone can go to the National Archives and see these documents which recorded the names of all the taxpayers and the amounts that they paid in 1301. (Reading them is another matter.) They are important sources for the study of surnames, just beginning to develop here, though many villagers still had locative or occupational affixes, not true surnames. Ralph 'le moul', for instance, is 'the Miller', and Alan ad capell presumably lives by the chapel, as Gilbert ad font lives by the well. Charlton had a smith – Pado le fondur – and still has a smithy today.