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Welcome to your MARCH eNewsletter.

March's Meeting Tuesday the 3rd of March 2015

Our speaker is Sue Mackay.

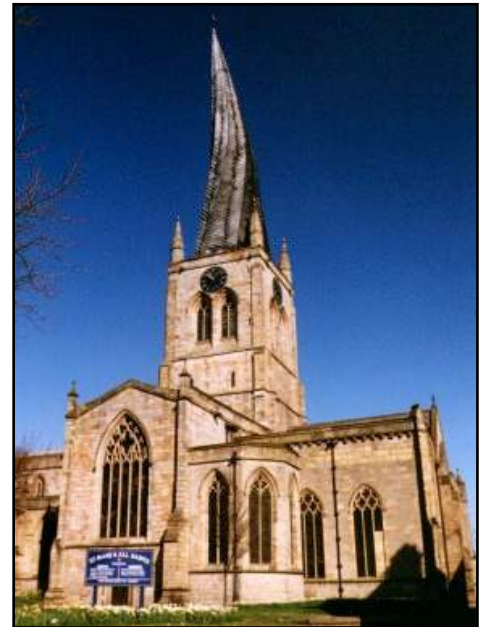
On Our Own Ground

The talk follows on from the very interesting visit Sue made to us last May.

If you was not there do not be concerned, as she assures me the talk is structured in way that you won't have missed out. At the time I produced a write up re her talk last year for our eNewsletter and as you will see it proved to be not only very interesting, but a very useful research resource too.

Extract May's Meeting 2014 Settlers to the Cape of Good Hope Sue Mackay's talk told us of a rich FH resource that is little known. In July 1819 the Colonial Secretary, Lord Bathurst persuaded the British government to put £50,000 into an aided emigration scheme to the Cape of Good Hope. It was intended to attract parties of skilled people in farming, people who could develop the land and have the finance to do, so they were asked to supply a £10.00 deposit. However such was the level of hardship for the working man in 1819 that tens of thousands applied to go, but most were rejected as unsuitable because they applied as individuals or could not raise the necessary deposit.

The National Archives at Kew, however, has six huge boxes containing thousands of original letters of application, and these



Photograph supplied by Dena Fanshawe

can't have now all been transcribed by Sue, complete with original spelling, and put on line.

These letters contain a wealth of family history information, as well social information about the plight of the common man in 1819, in particular the fate of the discharged servicemen.

It was these letters of application that formed the basis of her talk. -

The 1820 Settlers Correspondence >

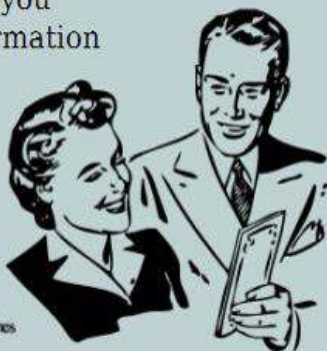
<http://www.eggssa.org/1820-settlers/index.php/home>

as preserved in the National Archives, Kew and edited by Sue Mackay



"Why waste your money looking up your family tree? Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you." -- **Mark Twain**

You know you're addicted to genealogy when you can give more information about the long deceased from memory than you can about the living.



Twisted Twigs
on gnarled branches

Whats on round and about.

at the Chesterfield Museums

Click above for more information

Potters' Art
17 January - 14 March

The Victorians
4th April - 27th
September

All Museum exhibitions and events are free entry

Kind permission

Twisted Twigs On Gnarled Branches Genealogy

Web site updates

February's Case Study has been added.

Member contribution '**A Winters Tale**' by Margaret Linacre.

<http://www.cadfhs.org.uk/MembersCaseStudies.html>

[There is a guide to writing a case study is available on this web page too.]

Early Magazines - More have been added and Numbers 1 - 50 are now available in the member's area. Click below:

[you will need your password](#)

Did you know?

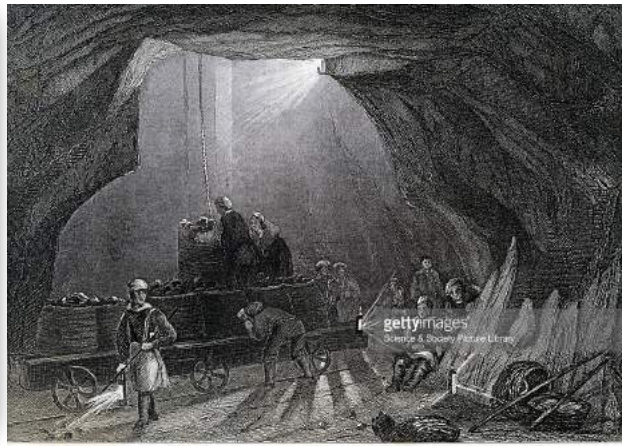
That you can now update your members interests on line too?

And if you are a joint member? You can now add more member interests for each member.

Click on this link to: [Edit your membership on the website here](#)

This Months Gem

The Coal Mining History Resource Centre



The Coal Mining History Resource

<http://www.gettyimages.co.uk/detail/news-photo/engraving-entitled-das-innere-eines-steinkohlen-bergwerks-news-photo/90743824>

Brilliant with lots of information re the Coal Mines
National Data bas if deaths in Gt Britain
Mining Location Maps in Great Britain and the Isle of Man

February's meeting

The 3rd of February was a cold evening with snow still on the ground but never the less the meeting well attended. Those present were taken on the journey of a young man called Joseph Bullas who left home in 1930 for adventure after the sad loss of his mother two years earlier. Joe, uncle of speaker Dena Fanshawe, had joined the Merchant Navy and journeyed across the Atlantic.

What did Dena know about her uncle when they began?

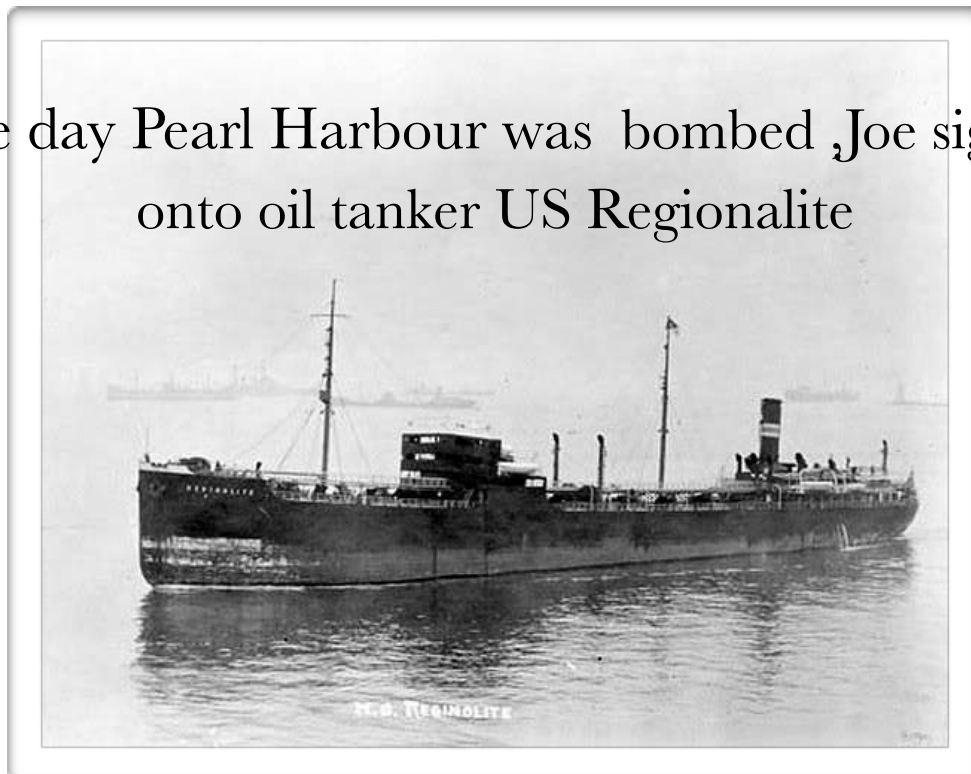
Very little, just her listening (tab hangin') as a child to her Mum and Auntie's tale of the war. Often in their conversation someone called 'Our Joe' would crop up. She had also noticed that whenever Joe was mentioned it was always with a smile on their faces and with a twinkle in their eyes as they recalled fondly things about "Our Joe" ! and when they began their research knew nothing but with the more modern technology and the help of many other people, they were able to discover that he had served on oil tankers of WW2. He had kept very little contact with the family but with the help of today's technology and many other people they found him and tracked many of the ships that tell his story and probably as a result of being torpedoed and shipwrecked in 1942, his sad and lonely death on 1962 of age and was very likely to be as a result of his day in the Merchant Navy and WW2

Continued

The story was not just about Keith & Dena's family history research looking for her long lost Uncle! But about the dangerous and heroic lives of those brave sailors in the 'Merchant Navy'; a much forgotten force, a force who, without their support WW2 could not have been sustained let alone been won. Dena told of the of torpedoed and shipwrecked ships as they travelled around the South Pacific and Caribbean with often very little protection in those early days of 1942. How life at sea in wartime was extremely dangerous for Merchant ships especially the oil tankers who were the prime targets for enemy torpedoes, bombs, mines or gunfire. miles. Weather conditions in the North Atlantic created storms and gales, fog, ice, freezing rain or spray, snow and an occasional hurricane. Vessel collisions were common due to poor weather, equipment failure, or human error while steaming in convoy in close proximity to other ships. To make matters worse, vessels rolled and pitched and tossed about during bad weather. Seamen were often wet, cold, seasick, scared at times, and lonely. At any time, the enemy may attack, sinking vessels and casting the crew into lifeboats or life rafts, either to perish, or, if lucky, picked up.

Just a potted version of the evening's story and more to follow in the magazine.

The day Pearl Harbour was bombed ,Joe signed
onto oil tanker US Regionalite



**2015 / 2016
Meetings**

March 3rd "On Our Own Ground"
(story of settlers to the Cape of
Good Hope) by Sue Mackay

April 7th Discovering the
Derbyshire Record's Office talk by
Archivist Becky Sheldon

May 5th Making the most of a Will
by John Titterton

June 2nd Lady Arbella Stuart-the
Queen that Never by David
Templeman

July 7th Crime and Punishment
Over the Centuries by Brian
Smailes

New August Meeting the 4th.

September AGM

Monthly Meetings

First Tuesday of the Month

£2.00 members and £3.00 guests.

Includes complimentary
refreshments.

Doors open at 7pm

More details visit:

[http://www.cadfhs.org.uk/
meetings.htm](http://www.cadfhs.org.uk/meetings.htm)

Everyone is welcome

External Events

April WDYTYA Show @ The NEC
Birmingham

[http://www.whodoyouthinkyoureally
arelive.com/competitions](http://www.whodoyouthinkyoureallyarelive.com/competitions)

28th July 2015

Chesterfield Museum - Living
history display by Tony Rotherham
on Robin Hood.

Check events nationwide here:-

<http://geneva.weald.org.uk>

Getting involved with your society

Projects

Write a case study to help others with ideas for their research

<http://www.cadfhs.org.uk/MembersCaseStudies.html>

*Tell us a story you know about to do with WW1 They do not have to
be soldier stories or be from our area!*

<http://www.cadfhs.org.uk/1914.html>

Send photographs for our Church /Chapel /War memorials project.

Check here to see if yours are there?

<http://www.cadfhs.org.uk/ccm1.html>



Chesterfield and District Family History Society

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C.A.D.F.H.S.

Invite you to join us at our
next meeting to be held at
St. Hugh's Roman Catholic Church,
Littlemoor, Newbold.

On the
3rd March 2015

When the speaker
will be
Sue Mackay
'On Our Own Ground'
(A story of settlers to the Cape of Good Hope)

Doors open at 7 p.m.
And the meeting starts at 7-30 p.m.

Admission Members £2:00 and Non Members £3:00
Refreshments are included

Contact us at -www.cadfhs.org.uk

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