

# CADFHS eNewsletter

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## NOTICES:

### September's Meeting held on the

Tuesday the 6th September.

### AGM followed by speaker Tony Stubbs

AGM 7.00pm for 7.30pm at  
St Hugh's Roman Catholic  
Church, Chesterfield

**New Committee members  
welcome  
Please.  
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Following the AGM  
Speaker Tony Stubbs

RFC/RAF Family Connections;  
a brief history of  
RFC/RAF and my father's  
experience

I asked Tony to give us some  
into his talk and also some-  
thing about himself.

\*Briefly my Father served in  
the RFC/RAF during WW1 the  
talk looks at his experiences,  
extracts from my grand-  
mothers letters and a brief  
outline of the creation of the  
RFC.....

My own experience was in  
the army during the 50's see-  
ing service in Cyprus, Suez  
Crisis and the Aden/  
Yemen Border.....

Principal interests: Military  
History. I belong to local Pro-  
bus, U3A, Civic Society, the  
Parachute Regimental Asso-  
ciation - Nationally War Me-  
morials Trust, Western  
Front Association, together  
with being a Friend of the  
Imperial War Museum and

National Army Museum.  
Somehow I fit it all in who  
said that retirement was bor-  
ing!

Tony Stubbs  
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**Your Society Needs YOU!  
NOW! more than ever.**

**As the AGM approaches,  
the society has to say  
farewell to a couple of our  
dedicated committee  
members who are retir-  
ing.**

**We wish Doreen and and  
Pam well and thank them  
for there continued sup-  
port for so many years.**

**At the last AGM there was  
an important discussion  
around the society con-  
tinuing. The main reason  
for this was that unless  
we can encourage new  
committee members to  
join us we may end up  
with in-sufficient people  
to run the society.**

**Once our ladies retire we  
will be reduced to 4 offi-  
cers 4 committee mem-  
bers and 1 volunteer.**

## Monthly meetings

First Tuesday of each month held at  
St Hughs Catholic Church - Littlemoor - Newbold - Chesterfield S418QP  
7pm for 7:30 pm

Members £2:00 Non.....Members £3.00

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## July's Monthly Meeting

Member, Eileen Beech gave us a talk on 'Wills' and the information that they can reveal. So a resource not to be missed!

I was not able to attend myself as I was on family baby sitting duties for a month but was thinking of you on the night. From all accounts those present really enjoyed Eileen's talk. I have had lots of feedback that Eileen gave a very good presentation on the subject, and that they now know more about searching wills and how to decipher them. So lots of tips too I gather. The whole evening seemed to have been a great success.

I really wanted to attend Eileen's talk. :O( However I do have Marion's write up in the magazine to look forward too and I will be reading that.

Wills are one of the richest resources available to us. You may find Wills from 1300,1400 and 1500s that predate parish registers, or survive where other documents might be lost.

And Wills were not made by just the rich! Indexes reveal that some people from the workhouse also made them.

### Letters do Administration

Without a 'Will' you may find Letters of Administration.

These were often granted when people died without a 'Will' and leaving an estate over £5:00.

What is a 'Will'?

### 'The Last Will and Testament'



These came into existence in England 1540 when it became possible for freehold land to be gifted by Will. Before this a Testament was only personal property, goods and chattels.

Anyone could make a Will except children - convicted traitors - lunatics- felons, slaves and heretics. From 1540 until 1837 minimum age to make a will was 14 for boys and 12 for girls. The age rose to 21 in 1837.

Before the Married Women's Act in 1882 a married woman could only make a will with their husbands permission so many Wills made by women before the 20th Century would have been widows or single women.

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Once you have found a will of a relative don't be put off by the hand writing or the termi-

nology see.

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/paleography](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/paleography)

But also look out for a good glossary of terms. For example:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fordingtondorset/Files/Glossary.html>.

Index of terms 17th and 18th Century.

Editors note: Excellent.

### So what can you expect to find?

They were most often written in your relatives own hand writing and words, a golden find in itself I always feel. Give you insight to their lifestyle, attitudes, and social conditions as the Wills reveal personal property, goods, wealth! Even if poor. Poor people often made a will.

They may also explain family feuds and uncover scandals? Importantly reveal names of other relatives you may not have known.

### **Did you know?**

\*That before 1733 legal documents and some wills were written in Latin.

\*That most wills written before 1558 would have begun ' In the Name of God Amen'

\*A Nuncupative will was made by someone close to death. Such wills where spoken to a, the witnesses, and began with the word 'Memorandum' Although these did have to go through the courts often led to disputes as you can imagine. They were made invalid in 1837

\*Post 1858 to present a national index exists and is known as the 'National Probate Calendar (NCP)

In general these Wills provide the name, occupation and residence of the deceased.

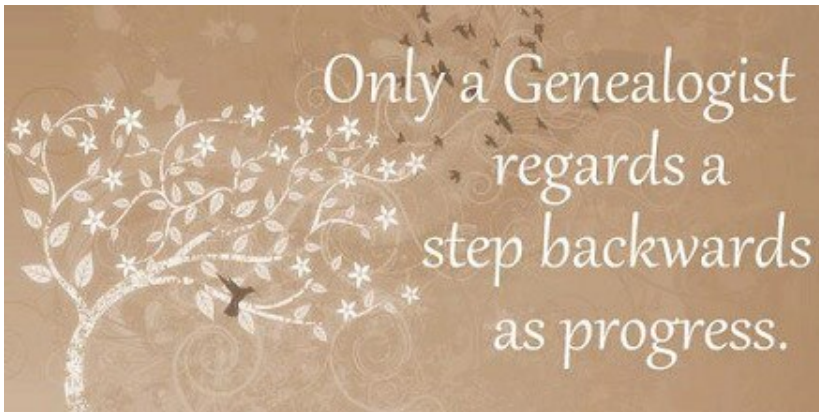
Where they died if different. Date of death, and at least one executor.

\* For £6.00 you can order a Will from 'The Principal Probate Registry' - First Avenue House, High Holborn. London. WC1V6NP

\* And can also be ordered on line at <http://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/probate/copies-of-grants-wills>

You need to know that:

\* The PPR calendar is arranged by year and then alphabetically.



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### **Volunteers Wanted Please.**

Would you like to be involved with our society more? You can do this in at least 2 ways.

Would you like to join our committee? New members are very welcome!

However if you cannot commit to the committee voluntary work is always welcome.

please contact: [secretary@cadfhs.org.uk](mailto:secretary@cadfhs.org.uk)

### **THE CADFHS SHOP**

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**You can save on postage and packaging as Items for sale are now available at the monthly meetings.**

We have a variety of microfiche for sale including parish records, Derbyshire Times extracts and more...

Visit our website store for what is on offer.



<http://www.cadfhs.org.uk/fiche.pdf>

## **CADFHS**

**2012 - 2013**

Committee

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### **The Archives Volunteers needed**

The TNA are looking for [volunteers](#) to help us transcribe 39,000 British Merchant Navy crew lists from 1915 held at The National Archives and The National Maritime Museum



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A link to the TNA The **National Archives June Newsletter** is a very informative read: Catch up with it here: <http://enews.nationalarchives.gov.uk/MAN-1IoOo-065FEH4309/cr.aspx>

## CADFHS Membership

Subscriptions are due September 2013.

Information and membership forms can be downloaded here:

<http://www.cadfhs.org.uk/membership.htm>

Individual	£7.00
Joint (Two Members at the same address)	£10.00
Overseas (All Countries)	£12.00

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## Websites

Just love this website, hope that you may like it too?

### **Chesterfield Football club history.**

Look out for the second world war - a video of the a cup semi-final. Brilliant!

<http://www.cfchistory.com>

And another one:

### **Robinson's of Chesterfield**

Robinson's history is one of 400 years of innovation and manufacturing excellence. The roots of the Robinson packaging business date back to 1839 but members of the family were operating successful businesses in Derbyshire for at least two hundred years before that. The time-line below summarises the key events and history of the Robinson family and the development of Robinson and Sons of Chesterfield.

<http://www.robinsonpackaging.com/robinson-group/history/>

## Monthly Meeting's Programme

2012 - 2013

Tues 3rd Aug  
No Meeting

Tues 3rd Sept AGM  
Followed by  
RFC/RAF Family Connections; a brief history of the RFC/RAF and my father's experience  
byt Tony Stubbs

Tues Oct the 1st  
By the visitation from God  
by Mick Rawle

Tues 5th Nov  
Research Evening

Tues 3rd Dec  
Festive nibbles fun and games

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Included complimentary refreshments

Doors open at 7pm

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Federation of Family History Societies

[The July FFHS Newsletter](#)

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**Monthly meetings commence**

**October**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**So bring a friend or two.**