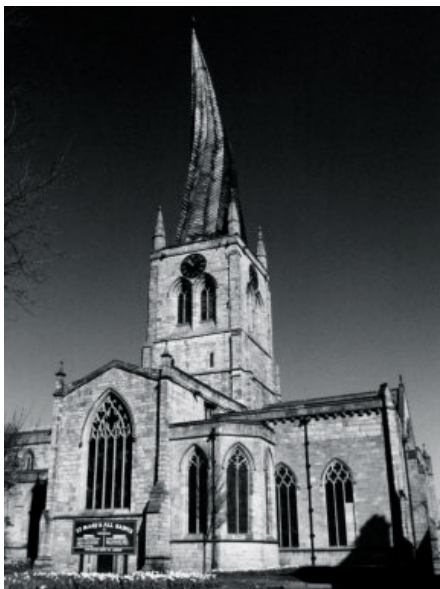


# eNewsletter



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March meeting Tuesday 5th of March - Getting About, Moving from Place to Place; history of transport of people and goods by Bob Massey About Bob.

Bob Massey is a retired Theatre Consultant and Lighting Designer who has designed many theatres and performance spaces through out the world.

For 30 years he was Technical Manager of the Bonington Theatre in Arnold Nottingham. A historian, lecturer and vice chairman of Arnold

Local History Group and a member of cinema, theatre and aircraft research groups. He writes the local history articles for NG5 and NG3 magazines as well as articles for aircraft and theatre publications. About the talk Getting about: moving from place to place; History of transport of people and goods: From the beginnings of time man has had to get from one place to another, for food, work and war and latterly for recreation. The history of transport of goods and peoples need to move. How this is reflected on the needs of society over the centuries is explains our present society. The jobs and professions of our ancestors, some no longer carried out today, connected with travel are discussed in the context of the times.

**This month we have a third page.** To tell you about February's meeting and a question posed.

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MEETING ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

St Hughs Catholic Church - Littlemoor - Newbold - Chesterfield S418QP

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7pm for 7:30 pm.....Members £2:00 Non Members £3.00

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### **February's speaker has been re-scheduled to Tuesday April the 2nd**

The meeting did go ahead but due to snow there was a much smaller turnout. 13 braved the element and are to be commended.

The evening went well and began with an ask the panel scenario, thankfully it soon became an open forum with all contributing. I think we all left the evening with some new knowledge.

### **Julian and Gregorian Calendars.**

One question that came up was. How the Gregorian calendar replacing the Julian calendar has affected the dates of our ancestors of that period?

### **Your Ancestors and the Julian Calendar**

This calendar, introduced by Julius Caesar, was used in England and Wales right up until 1752. It's possible that if your ancestors search leads you to one of those countries, you may encounter dates recorded using this method. The Julian Calendar has an interesting history; Caesar grew tired of the corrupt and inconsistent manner in which priests (who were designated with the duty of date-keeping) entered dates, and so moved to modernize the dating system. He based his revision on a 365 day year, and inserted an extra day every four years; the leap year, while each year had 12 months of 30 or 31 days. Sounds similar to our calendar I know, but notice that the twelve months all had 30 or 31 days. In our modern calendar, February only has 28! With Caesar's method, the calendar was out 8 days every millennium.

The Julian Calendar was further revised by the Roman Emperor Constantine, who introduced the seven day week. Unfortunately, he also put the keeping of the calendar back into the hands of the clergy, who were still attached to the old lunar calendar. The clergy though could not agree on how to calculate the lunar cycle, and thus the Julian Calendar was thrown into disarray. This led to further alterations which may affect your ancestors search today.

By the beginning of the 16th century, the Julian Calendar was 10 days ahead of what it should have been. Now hopefully you begin to understand how these ancient systems may affect today's ancestors search. It had already begun to annoy people of the day, and so Pope Gregory XIII pronounced more changes to remedy the faults. He did this by proclaiming October 5th of that year (1582) to actually be October 15th. This system was adopted by many European countries but not all. Those loyal to Rome such as Spain, Portugal and Italy, along with Catholic parts of Switzerland, Poland and Scotland did so, but protestant countries like England and Wales rejected it. This left half of Europe ahead of the rest, and by 1751, the Julian Calendar was 11 days out of synch with the Gregorian one. As you can see, this necessitates close inspection of any dates we encounter during an ancestors search that involves countries in Europe.

### **Current Practices**

Even today there are some differences when we write dates. In England we write the date as Day, Month, Year i.e. 04/09/09 would be September 4th, 2009. In America the date is written with the day and month reversed - 04/09/09 would mean the 9th of April, 2009. When constructing family history it is important to keep this in mind, especially when conducting an ancestors search in conjunction with researchers from other countries.

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**A good rule of thumb when searching ancestors is to look for two weeks either side of an estimated date when searching birth certificates etc. This will insure that your searches will yield the most accurate results possible.**

**Calendar**

2013

Tuesday 5th March  
Getting About, Moving from Place to Place; history of transport of people and goods

Bob Massey

Tuesday 2nd April  
Peering into the past

Dominic Johnson

Tuesday 7th May  
30 minute member talk followed by research evening.

Tuesday 4th June  
Quarter Session Records

Anne Cole

Tuesday 2nd July  
30 minute member talk followed by research evening

Tuesday 6th August  
No Meeting

Tuesday 3rd September  
AGM followed by RFC/RAF Family Connections; a brief history of the of the RFC/RAF and my father's experience Tony Stubbs

**Quote of the month**

***"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."***

Attributed to Charles Darwin.

**YOU are wanted**



**Sharing your research evenings for the future. We are looking for those who would be willing to share their experiences whilst researching; their family tree, or maybe a story they have uncovered.....**

Please contact [secretary@caddish.org.ku](mailto:secretary@caddish.org.ku)

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