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2nd April	Research Evening	
7th May	Members 30 minute talk followed by Research Evening	
4th June	Quarter Sessions Records	Anne Cole
2nd July	Members 30 minute talk followed by Research Evening	
6th Aug	No meeting	
3rd Sept	AGM followed by RFC/RAF Family Connections; a brief history of the RFC/RAF and my fathers experience	Tony Stubbs
1st Oct	Research Evening	
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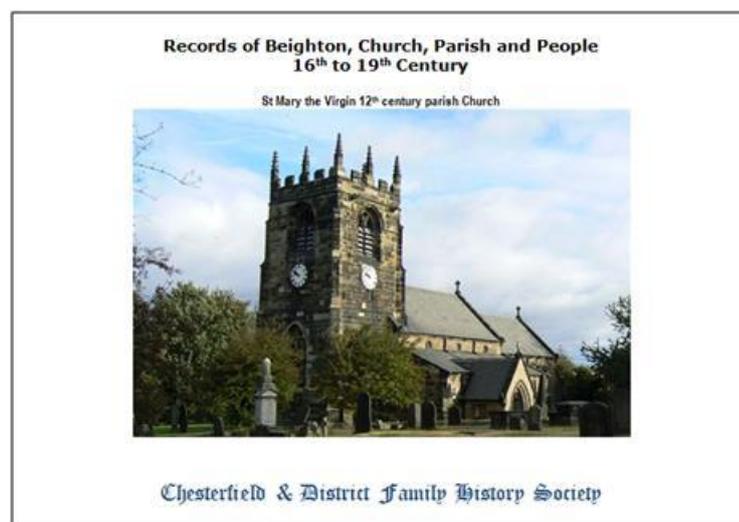
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The CD contains amongst others:

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The information on the CD is the result of research done by a group of friends who all have an interest in Beighton, historically an ancient Derbyshire village with a written history going back to 1022 but now annexed by the City of Sheffield. Those involved were Doreen Coyle, Sheila Rigby, Rosemary Richards who wrote the book on the Church of St. Mary, the late Dorothy Buxton, Eileen Beech and three unknown pupils of Westfield School.

The information was collated and the CD produced by Neil Wilson Produced in PDF format (Adobe Reader or similar required) and are available for £8.00 each, to order a copy contact Mr Keith Feltham, 88 Top Road, Calow, Chesterfield. S44 5SY

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MEMBERS MEETING - 6 November 2012

Talk by Michael Le Baigue entitled “The Accent of Chesterfield in North East Derbyshire” using an overhead projector.

Before he began his talk Michael explained that he was an English teacher, teaching 14 year olds in Yorkshire. He said that his talk was based on the research that he had done for his dissertation to obtain his degree from the University of Sheffield.

Michael became interested in the differences between the Sheffield accent and his own Chesterfield accent as he travelled to the University of Sheffield to attend lectures. He cited the example of the greeting “Eyup Duck” in a Chesterfield paper shop with “yes love” in a pub in Sheffield. Similarly the name for a bread roll was a “cob” in Chesterfield but known as a “breadcake” in Sheffield. These differences sparked an interest in the subject.

He looked to see if the accents in Chesterfield had been studied before and found that it was an under researched subject and apart from Dr Samuel Pegge’s two collections of “Derbicisms” using local people from Old Whittington in 1896 and Orton’s “Rural Stonebroom” there were no academic studies for the area of North East Derbyshire.

Michael looked at the history of the settlement of Derbyshire in the past to see if this influenced language changes. Viking influence can be seen in the place names of Derbyshire. For example the wapentake in which Chesterfield is situated, Scarsdale, has a distinctive Norse Etymology. The Scandinavian word “Thorpe” is represented strongly in Chesterfield with “Williamthorpe”, “Boythorpe” and “Cutthorpe” and maps of England show that the river Derwent functioned as a geographical boundary. .

He then considered Chesterfield and its proximity to Derby and Sheffield. Chesterfield is situated nearest to the border of South Yorkshire and some people feel it is being “swallowed “by the county. This boundary shift and local government reorganisation may impact on local accents as Chesterfield becomes closer to Yorkshire through road and rail transport. Michael showed maps of England that illustrate an “isoglass” (a line separating one region from another which differs from it in a particular

feature of dialect). These clearly show that Chesterfield falls on a boundary between Sheffield in Yorkshire and Derby in Derbyshire.

Guide Stoops from the 18th Century were also considered in Michael's research as many of these have preserved some of the spellings of the local dialect. He also consulted John Titford's jocular treatment of dialects in his book "Ey Up Mi Duck" about the dialects of Derbyshire and the East Midlands.

In order to further his research Michael carried out two forms of investigation. The first took the form of a questionnaire consisting of 18 questions that would yield a set of specific words to be compared and contrasted to previous research. He also included the material collected from Stonebroom so that comparisons could be drawn between Chesterfield accents and those of its surrounding area. The second part involved interviews with 24 participants from the age group 18-95. To investigate Chesterfield's local accent he needed people who were born and bred in Chesterfield in a span of both sexes and age groups to gauge change over time. He found that many women young and old spoke some of the broadest local accents. Being a "local native" helped Michael secure the trust of those interviewed.

The Questionnaire asked such questions as to what the local word was for a "goal" (a football net). This produced the local description of "onion bag". Michael found that being a dry-stone waller and having a local dialect helped him particularly with male interviewees as it allowed him to be seen as "working class". From this research he was able to draw up a table showing the different pronunciations in Derby, Sheffield and Chesterfield. Examples of the words used were OLD and COLD, GOAL and COAL.

Michael asked the people from Chesterfield taking part in the interviews how they label their accent. Nineteen of the twenty-four said they had a Derbyshire accent. Some found it odd that the accent could be termed "Midlands" and most felt their accent was similar to Yorkshire but not the same. All the Chesterfield people interviewed described Sheffield people as "Dee-Dahs". This relates to the older local traditional pronunciation of "thee" and "thou" with "d" instead of "t". The interviewees were asked about the words COAL and HOLE and many of the older people said they thought

Sheffield people pronounced the words as “COIL” and “OIL” whereas Chesterfield people did not.

In conclusion Michael found that features of the Sheffield accent are perceived as “Dee-Dah” and negatively stereotyped. The likely reason for arguing that Yorkshire is similar to Chesterfield is that Derby is seen as a “posh” “accentless” variety to which Chesterfield holds no connection. However, by rejecting Sheffield, Yorkshire and Derby accent labels most Chesterfield people consider themselves as having a Derbyshire accent.

After a question and answer session the vote of thanks was given by Marion Yeldham.



Research Evening the 8th of Jan 2013

Well the year got off to a great start last night with our first meeting of the year.

Marion our vice chair kicked off the research evening with some great tips on starting and growing your family tree. She explained her own research and how she had been able to engage with others and how this had helped her to go further back than she ever thought she could. She also explained that she also turned her findings into a small booklet. There was lots to encourage and to inspire. It did come with a warning however! This hobby is very addictive said Marion.

Carol our magazine editor followed with a short talk about a member of her family. A little girl called Lalla who was her great aunt. There is a statue of Lalla in Chesterfield's Queens park. The statue used to stand by the cricket pitch but is now in the conservatory in order to preserve her.

Full story to be published later.

Inspired by the talks individual and group researching commenced.

Thanks to all who attended for making it a very enjoyable evening.

Dena Fanshawe

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Derbyshire Times - Saturday 9 December 1911

Distressing circumstances were associated with an accident which has unhappily terminated fatally in the case of a Markham pony driver named ANTHONY TOMLINSON (15), son of MR. WM TOMLINSON, of Rose Villas, Bent Lane, Staveley, who died on Sunday as the result of the injuries received the previous day.

Pinned in the Pit.

Distressing Accident at Markham

Staveley Pony Driver's Death

The inquest was conducted by the Chesterfield District Coroner (Dr A GREEN). At the Parish Room on Tuesday. There were also present Mr. E W FRASER (H.M. Inspector of Mines); Mr. BARNET KENYON (of the Derbyshire Miners' Association), Mr. J NEAL (manager at the Markham Collieries), and Mr. J OTTEWELL (under manager).

Evidence of identification was given by the lad's father, who stated that deceased was a strong, healthy lad, and had been a pony driver at Markham for about 18 months.

PINNED AGAINST THE PACK

The story of how the lad was found was given by WM. HENRY SANDALL, of 115, Poolsbrook, who stated that he was going down the "jinny" about 11 o'clock on Saturday morning and heard someone screaming. He went to the spot, which was about 40 yards away, and found the horse's near limmer pressing into the lad's abdomen.

The pony, witness went on, had stepped out of the road and deceased was pinned between the limmer and the pack.

The Coroner: Could the pony move? - No.

Why? – Because its collar was fast against the prop and roof.

Witness said he tried to move TOMLINSON, but found it impossible. He was then alive. They moved the tubs to liberate the pony, and to do that he unharnessed it.

"When you had done that could you move the lad then?" asked Dr GREEN - No, I tried to push the limmers.

It would have been quicker to have got assistance? – 'There was a lad came when I got the lad at liberty. He moved the limmers, added witness, and got the lad up, deceased putting his arm round witness's neck and helping him.

BAD - TEMPERED PONY

The Coroner: Do you know the pony; is it a quiet one? – Yes

Is he vicious? – Sometimes when you touch him he will dance about.

The Coroner: I should call that a bad - tempered pony.

Witness said the lad was taken down the "jinny" in a tub. At the bottom of the "jinny" he got out. Deceased took hold of him and walked beside him to another "jinny." They waited three or four minutes for the deputy. Then a stretcher was fetched, but Tomlinson refused to get on, but after walking up

another “jinny” they fetched the stretcher again and forced him on. He was then taken to the pit bottom.

The Coroner: It was along journey for him, poor lad.

Inspector FRAZER: Two thousand three hundred yards.

Replying to further questions by the Coroner, witness stated that the rails were in good order, and neither of the tubs were off the road.

Have you gathered how the accident happened? – No.

Do you think it was possible or probable he was whipping on the pony and it went on and pinned him’ – I think the tubs ran into him. He (the pony) did not like the tubs running.

The Inspector: When you say the lad was forced on to the stretcher he was not hurt by this action? – No; he was eventually persuaded to go on.

WHAT THE LAD SAID

WILFRED BROOKES, of 176, Barrow Hill, corporal, said the lad had been liberated when he got to the scene on the accident.

“I asked TOMLINSON how it occurred, and he said ‘The pony was stood with the full ones, and I touched him, and he went on pinning me into the side’.”

Dr A S ALLUM said he saw deceased about 1.50pm on Saturday. He was suffering from a severe contusion on the left side of the abdomen and a great deal of shock. In his opinion death was due to shock as the result of the injuries.

The jury returned a verdict of “Accidental death.”

Mr. NEAL, on behalf of the Staveley Company and himself, expressed sympathy with the parents of the deceased boy. It was an accident they very much regretted, but they could not see anything to prevent a similar occurrence: if they could, of course they would be pleased to take the matter up.

Mr. BARNET KENYON: I don't think it could be foreseen or prevented.

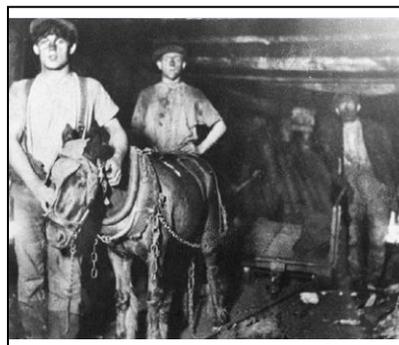
The jury and the Coroner also associated themselves with the expression of sympathy.

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- ❖ A pit pony driver would drive the ponies which were used for hauling tubs of coal from the coal face to the shaft bottom.
 - ❖ A limmer is a now unused term for a horses harness.
 - ❖ A 'jinny' was an inclined underground roadway or ropeway and horses tended not to like inclined roadways as it was more difficult for them to pull the tubs and that 'lockers' were often used to lock the wheels in position on these inclines in order to stop the tubs running away.
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Anthony's mother MRS SARAH ANN TOMLINSON (nee DAFFIN), never opened her son Anthony's last pay packet (information from her grand daughter MRS HETTY NUTTALL nee TAYLOR - now aged 97).

Just over six years later Sarah Ann's husband William (father of Anthony) died in a similar accident at Markham.

A photo from 1913 – 2 years after Anthony's death



Lynne Earland. Member no 966



THE CHESTERFIELD HIGHWAYMAN: WILLIAM LEWINS
ALIAS LOWNDES LOWINS CLARKE HOPE BROWN
HUTCHINSON MALL...

There is a very good biography of WILLIAM LEWINS by KEITH HACKNEY on MIKE LOWNDES website

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/mike.lowndes/lowndes/postmaster.html>.

This is my supplementary account of his career, largely as seen through contemporary news reports.

WILLIAM LEWINS was born in 1755 or 1756 and spent his early working life as a weaver in Smallwood in the parish of Astbury near Congleton in Cheshire. In 1775 he was obliged to "do the right thing" by local girl BETTY HAYES. They married at Astbury, Cheshire on the 19th June 1775 (IGI). WILLIAM and BETTY had at least three children, the eldest possibly born three years before their marriage, when WILLIAM was 17 years old.

In 1779 or 1780 WILLIAM abandoned his wife and children, and went to Sunderland, where he met and married ELIZABETH SMITH on the 20th September 1782 (IGI). Their son, named WILLIAM after his father, had been born six months previously. LEWINS soon abandoned his second family, and by 1785 he was in Derbyshire, where he met and married AMIE CLARKE at Alfreton on the 11th July 1785. The couple lived in Chesterfield, and it was now that WILLIAM turned to highway robbery having spent two years working in the town as a weaver. (Derby Mercury 16th September 1790)

LEWINS' first robbery took place on the 11th March 1788, when he robbed the mail between Warrington and Northwich. He was quickly identified by the authorities as the highwayman, having negotiated a £20 bill from this robbery at Chesterfield a few days later. Shortly afterwards he was negotiating stolen bills in Hull and Leeds, using the name WILLIAM BROWN. LEWINS was now on the run, and the Postmaster General offered a reward of £50 for his capture in the London Gazette of the 27th May 1788.

The robbery of one of the western mails in the month of March last, between Warrington and Norwich [sic], is suspected to have been committed by one WILLIAM LOWIN of Chesterfield, in Derbyshire, weaver, he having negotiated several bills that were taken there out at Hull and Leeds, which he indorsed with the name of WILLIAM BROWN. He was at Hull on the 18th, at Leeds on the 22nd of March, and at Tinsley between Doncaster and Sheffield on the 28th of April; but was last week seen in the neighbourhood of Birmingham. (Newcastle Courant 7th June 1788)

A weaver of Chesterfield in this county, of the name of LEWIN, who stands charged with forging endorsements upon several Bills of Exchange, that were taken out of the Mail which was robbed between Warrington and Northwich, in March last, was seen last week at Burton-upon-Trent, and at Lichfield, also within three miles of Birmingham, where he appeared to be going.

A reward of £50 is offered for apprehending him, and as his apprehension will be a public benefit, we hope it may be speedily accomplished. He is about thirty years of age, has very thick legs and thighs, close knee'd and is lame of his left thigh from a blow. (Derby Mercury 29th May 1788)

After lying low for a while in Ireland from the autumn of 1788, LEWINS and his wife were next traced to Beaumaris, Anglesey, in the spring of 1789 where they were living as Mr and Mrs HUTCHINSON. They had with them their young daughter POLLY.

On the 11th April 1789, about eleven weeks previous to the 29th June, 1789, the day on which the mail between Chester and Frodsham was robbed, he went with his wife and child to live at Beaumaris in North Wales, assuming the name of WILLIAM HUTCHINSON, and lodged with one Mrs CORRY; in a few days after this robbery he absconded from Beaumaris, and early in August following he negotiated, at Oxford, a bill of exchange for £14.18s.0d which was taken out of this mail, and indorsed it in the name of "Wm. MALL". The said WILLIAM LEWINS is about 35 or 36 years of age, five feet eight or nine inches high, stout made, of a dark complexion, has remarkable good black hair which he lately wore tied behind, has a florid complexion, large lips, is rather heavy limbed, and thick about the ankles, and has a wife whose Christian name is, and whom he generally called AMIE; it is supposed that he went with his wife and a little child between two and three years old, named POLLY, to Ireland, in the autumn of 1788, and returned to Beaumaris in the spring of 1789. (Newcastle Courant 10th July 1790)

On the 29th June 1789 LEWINS committed his second highway robbery, attacking the mail boy riding between Chester and Frodsham. After a third robbery in Cumbria on the 25th February 1790, the price on his head was raised to £200.

General Post Office 6th July 1790. There are the strongest reasons to believe, that one WILLIAM LEWINS, the person advertised in the London Gazette of the 26th June last, and in all the London papers about that time, by the names of WILLIAM LOWNDS or LOWINS, otherwise WILLIAM HOPE, on suspicion of having robbed the mail between Penrith and Keswick on the 25th of February, 1790, is the person who also robbed the

mail between Warrington and Northwich, on the 11th March 1788, and likewise robbed the mail between Chester and Frodsham on the 29th June 1789.

The said WILLIAM LEWINS was born in the parish of Astbury, near Congleton in Cheshire, and was married at Alfreton in Derbyshire the 11th of July 1785, to AMIE CLARKE. He lived at Chesterfield in Derbyshire for about two years previous to the first robbery of the mail, and follows the business of a weaver. (London Gazette 6th July 1790)

There is reason to suspect that one WILLIAM LOWNDS or LOWINS, otherwise WILLIAM HOPE, is the person who robbed the mail between Penrith and Keswick, on the 25th of February last, he having negotiated, at a Banking House in this town, on the 3rd inst., in the name of WILLIAM HOPE, a bill of exchange £541.8s (which was taken out of the mail) with a forged endorsement thereon, as mentioned in our 'Hue and Cry'. He has the appearance of a seafaring man, and is supposed to have been born in Congleton, Cheshire, has been in Ireland lately, and has a little of that dialect; he has lived in Sunderland, and was married there about ten years ago, but has not lived with his wife for some years.

He was again married, at Alfreton, in Derbyshire, in 1785, to AMY CLARK, by whom he had two children, and has resided at Hexham in Northumberland since the 8th of March last. He left that place the 4th instant with his wife and family, whom he left at Darlington, and after transacting some business at the two banks, he went to London in the mail coach, and arrived on Monday morning the 7th inst., and immediately went to MESSRS SMITH, WRIGHT and GRAY, bankers, where he negotiated a bill of exchange, and wrote the name "W. LOWNDS" thereon. He is supposed to have in his possession a promissory note of one of the banks in this town dated 3rd June 1790, for £100 payable on demand to WILLIAM HOPE, on order. (Newcastle Courant 3rd July 1790)

LEWIN'S career came to an end in August 1790, when he was arrested in a skittle alley at the Plymouth Inn, at Exeter.

Saturday last, WILLIAM HENRY CLARKE, alias LOWNDS, alias LOWINS, alias HOPE, alias brown, the person advertised for robbing the mails between Chester and Frodsham in June 1789, between Warrington and Northwich in March 1788, and between Penrith and Keswick in February last, was apprehended in a skittle-alley at the Plymouth inn near Exeter by MR SARELL, keeper of Exeter gaol. (Bath Chronicle 19th August 1790)

Yesterday CHARLES JEALOUS, one of the officers of the Bow-street police set off for Exeter in order to bring WILLIAM LOWNDES, alias LOWINS, otherwise HOPE, to London, who was apprehended at that city,

examined, and committed to gaol, for robbing the mail on the 25th of February, near Penrith. (Reading Mercury 6th September 1790)

From Exeter, LEWINS was taken not to London, but to Chester, to face trial at the assizes there.

The person lately apprehended at Exeter, by the name of WILLIAM HENRY CLARKE, on suspicion of robbing the mail in Cheshire, and in Cumberland, has been clearly identified to be WILLIAM LEWIN of Chesterfield, so long advertised by the Post Office as the robber of those mails; and in consequence thereof, he has been removed by Habeas Corpus from Exeter to Chester, in order to take his trial at the next assizes. (Oxford Journal 18th September 1790)

On his way from Exeter to Chester, LEWINS was taken through Derby.

On Monday last, WILLIAM LEWINS, alias LOWNDS, who was apprehended on the 24th of last month at Exeter, on suspicion of robbing the mail, was conveyed through this town, strongly ironed, to Chester gaol. LEWINS formerly lived at Alfreton in this county, and worked as a weaver. With the knowledge that the penalty, if found guilty, was the death sentence, LEWINS made several attempts to escape.

A few evenings ago, LOWINS, the mail robber, now confined in Chester castle, attempted to escape; but was discovered by the turnkey, after he had sawed off his irons, and immediately secured. (Derby Mercury 16th December 1790)

On Saturday last in the afternoon, six of the prisoners in Chester castle attempted to make their escape; they had got their irons off, and one of them who went up first to see if the way was clear, seized the turnkey and called upon his companions, armed with a knife, a large iron bolt, etc. but a number of persons being called in, LOWNDES, alias CLARKE, etc. the mail-robber, seeing them coming, said to the other prisoners "Come my lads, the plot's discovered; come down again," which they accordingly did, and were all secured. The debtors are suspected of aiding the attempt – under one of their beds were found a canvas bag, containing forty-two guineas, and other articles, the property of LOWNDES. The wife of LOWNDES, the same morning, had offered 5s to the girl who had been employed in taking his meat etc. if she would carry him a bundle; but the girl having suspicions concerning the contents opened it, and found a new brace of pistols with ammunition concealed in it; which she refused to take, and informed the gaoler, of the circumstance a short time before the above daring attempt was made. (Caledonian Mercury 14th February 1791)

After more than three months in Chester gaol, WILLIAM LEWINS was finally tried and convicted at Chester Assizes in April 1791.

CHESTER SPRING ASSIZES April 19, 1791. - WILLIAM HENRY CLARKE, alias WILLIAM LOWNDES or LEWIN, alias WILLIAM BROWN, alias WILLIAM HUTCHINSON, alias WILLIAM HOPE, had four indictments preferred against him, for robbing mails; - The one upon which he was tried was for robbing the boy carrying the mail between Warrington and Northwich (on the 11th March 1788) of his horse, and the bag containing the letters from Warrington to Northwich. The trial began at eleven on Monday morning, and lasted till after four in the evening, when he was capitally convicted upon as clear a chain of evidence as ever appeared in a court of justice, before the two judges, the Hon. EDWARD BEARCROFT, Chief Justice, and FRANCIS BURTON Esq. (Oxford Journal 30th April 1791)

At Chester Assizes, on Monday se'nnight... came on the trial of WILLIAM HENRY CLARKE, alias LOWINS, alias HOPE, alias BROWN, the mail robber, who, after evidence had been heard for five hours, was fully convicted and ordered to be executed on the 21st of last month. On Thursday his sentence was accordingly put into execution. At the fatal tree, his behaviour evinced a thorough sense of his situation, and a degree of contrition rarely met with in persons whose lives have been tinctured with offences of so black a nature as those with which he was charged. His wife and Mother came into the cart to take leave of him, and exhibited a scene of tenderness that interested the feelings of the multitude beyond expression. (Hereford Journal 4th May 1791)

On Monday se'nnight, WILLIAM HENRY LOWNDES, alias LEWINS (who robbed the mail between Penrith and Keswick) was tried at Chester, for robbing the mail between Warrington and Northwich, on the 11th March 1788. Between 40 and 50 witnesses were subpoenaed against him; he was convicted and sentence of death executed upon him on Thursday. His body is hung in chains, near Frodsham. The prosecution of this culprit has cost £2,000. (Caledonian Mercury 30th April 1791)

Vice as well as virtue often leads to exaltation: - the body of LOWNDES was on Saturday hung in chains, on a gibbet near fifty feet high, on the lofty hill of Helsby near Frodsham, about seven miles from Chester. The perquisites and douceurs of office ought ever to be inviolably preserved, from a prime minister down to a provincial hangman. LOWNDES, the mail-robber, executed last week, went to the fatal tree in a new black coat; which Mr KETCH taking a fancy to, and wishing to go into mourning for his friend, the honourable gentleman put in his claim for the garment; - it was, however, not graciously but audaciously refused; in lieu of which this

important personage condescended to demand a guinea from the hapless widow! - We regret to hear that she gave it; so that the poor woman may be said to have contributed towards paying the wages of her husband's executioner! (Derby Mercury 5th May 1791)

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Thursday March 16th – Thursday March 23rd 1786

At **LINCOLN ASSIZES** which ended on Wednesday last a very curious cause was tried:

A man **sold his wife** to another man for **ONE GUINEA**, and delivered her up with a **HALTER ABOUT HER NECK**.

Some time after he demanded his wife, and the Buyer refused the demand, whereupon the Husband who sold her, took out an Action against the Buyer for detaining his wife.

The Jury gave a **VERDICT** in favour of the Buyer and the fool of a Husband not only lost his wife but also had to pay the cost of the suit!



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With an already overstretched committee can any one else help us.?

Do you have any specialist knowledge that we could call upon to help us answer members queries.

This knowledge could either be about an area ie Walton, Brampton, North Wingfield, Bolsover, Clay Cross etc or an industry such as Coal Mining, Lead Mining, Shoemakers, Potteries etc.

We would be extremely grateful. Please contact us.

Carol



REMINDERS

One of the benefits of joining a Family History society is that you can make contact with other members who are researching your family names. **Most Societies produce a list of Members Interest and the Chesterfield and District Family History Society produce theirs on microfiche each year. This is updated and distributed annually with the June magazine and is also available via the Website.**

Other versions available are, printed, or emailed, for members who prefer it.

Members Interests are listed alphabetically by surname, relevant dates and County using the Chapman County Codes. These were introduced by Colin Chapman and are a set of County Codes universally used by Family Historians to show the counties of the UK in an index without reproducing the full name, e.g. DBY-Derbyshire NTT-Nottinghamshire. A full list of Chapman County Codes is reproduced on the back page of this magazine.

If you find another member is researching the same family name(s) as you, you can share your research and problems, and if you are lucky you may trace that elusive ancestor.

Meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month except August, when there is no meeting. They will be held at 7.30pm at St Hugh's Roman Catholic Church, Littlemoor, Chesterfield.

C.A.D.F.H.S. membership and Renewal is from September 1st to August 31st. This includes free magazines in December, March, June and September for the coming year. New Members joining at any other times of the year will be entitled to back copies of these magazines for that year as compensation.

Committee members, the Library and limited research material is available to assist you in your search for ancestors and to answer any questions you may have from 7pm onwards.

A reader's query column (Help Wanted) is available so that readers can publish their queries in the Magazine. This column is free to members, but non-members will have to make a remittance with their query on the basis of £2 (minimum) for 50 words maximum. (or donation). Dates count as one word.

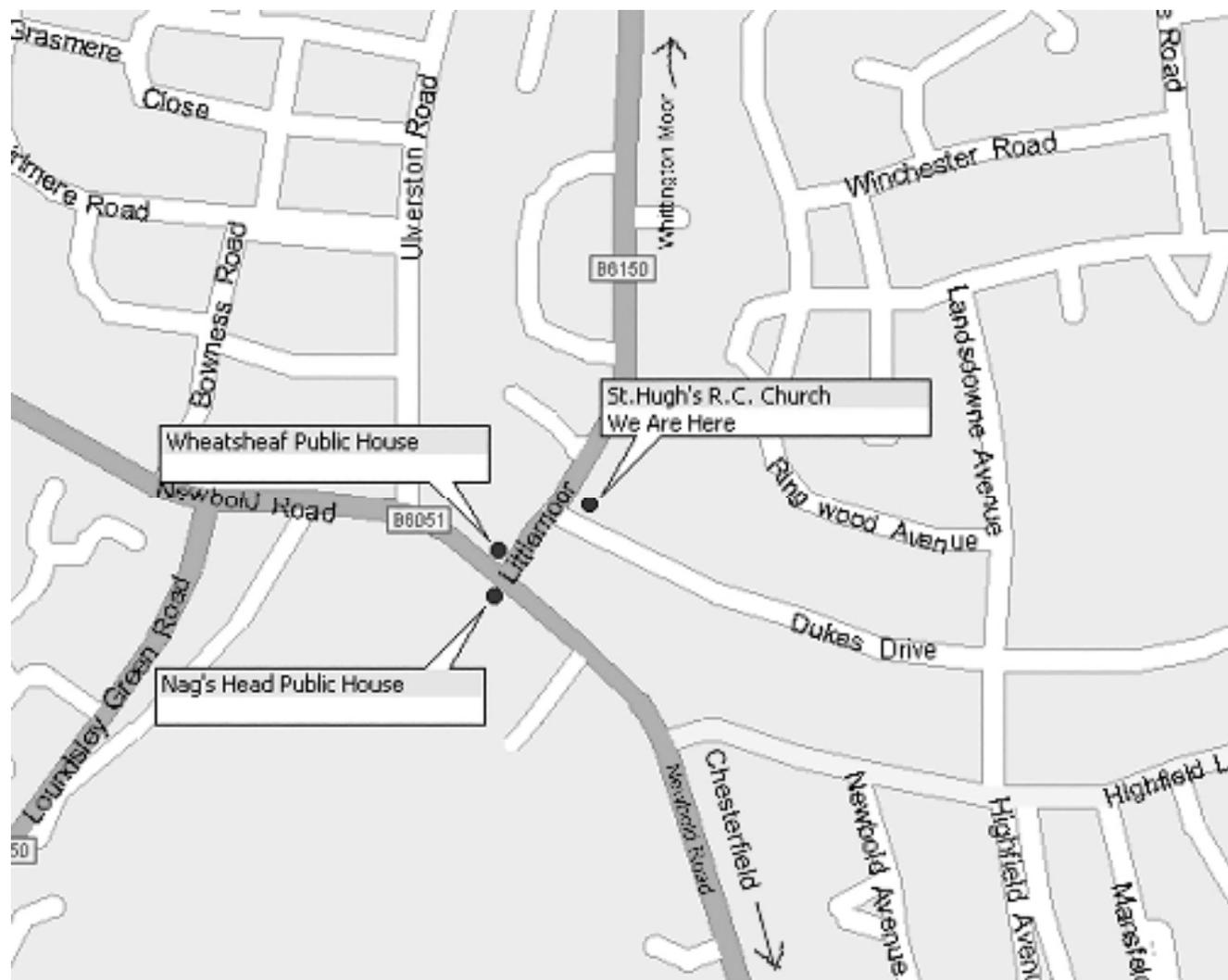
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Please remember to show your name, address, and where appropriate your membership number. Readers are reminded that correspondence requiring either a reply or a receipt should be accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope. Overseas readers should send appropriate British Stamps or International Reply Coupons.



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at
St Hughs Roman Catholic Church, Littlemoor Chesterfield
located on the B 6150 at the corner of Littlemoor and Duke's Drive in Newbold village

The venue can be accessed from Chesterfield town centre via Newbold Road B6051 or from Chesterfield by-pass A61 (Whittington Moor roundabout) via St Johns Road, B6150



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Scotland	SCT	Norfolk	NFK	Angus	ANS	Armagh	ARM
Wales	WLS	Northamptonshire	NTH	Argyllshire	ARL	Carlow	CAR
All Countries	ALL	Northumberland	NBL	Ayrshire	AYR	Cavan	CAV
		Nottinghamshire	NTT	Banffshire	BAN	Clare	CLA
ISLANDS		Oxfordshire	OXF	Berwickshire	BEW	Cork	COR
Channel Islands	CHI	Rutland	RUT	Bute	BUT	Down	DON
Alderney	ALD	Shropshire	SAL	Caithness-shire	CAI	Donegal	DOW
Guernsey	GSY	Somerset	SOM	Clackmannanshire	CLK	Dublin	DUB
Jersey	JSY	Staffordshire	STS	Dumfriesshire	DFS	Fermanagh	FER
Sark	SRK	Suffolk	SFK	Dumbartonshire	DNB	Galway	GAL
Isle Of Man	IOM	Surrey	SRY	East Lothian	ELN	Kerry	KER
Isle Of Wight	IOW	Sussex	SSX	Fifeshire	FIF	Kildare	KID
		Warwickshire	WAR	Forfarshire	ANS	Kilkenny	KIK
ENGLAND		Westmorland	WES	Inverness-shire	INV	Leitrim	LET
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Bedfordshire	BDF	Worcestershire	WOR	Kinross-shire	KRS	Limerick	LIM
Berkshire	BRK	Yorkshire	YKS	Kirkcudbrightshire	KKD	Londonderry	LDY
Buckinghamshire	BKM	YKS East Riding	ERY	Lanarkshire	LKS	Longford	LOG
Cambridgeshire	CAM	YKS North Riding	NRV	Midlothian	MLN	Louth	LOU
Cheshire	CHS	YKS West Riding	WRY	Moray	MOR	Mayo	MAY
Cornwall	CON			Nairnshire	NAI	Meath	MEA
Cumberland	CUL	WALES		Orkney Isles	OKI	Monaghan	MOG
Derbyshire	DBY	Anglesey	AGY	Peeblesshire	PEE	Offaly (Kings)	OFF
Devonshire	DEV	Brecknockshire	BRE	Perthshire	PER	Roscommon	ROS
Dorsetshire	DOR	Caernarvonshire	CAE	Renfrewshire	RFW	Sligo	SLI
Durham	DUR	Cardiganshire	CGN	Ross & Cromarty	ROC	Tipperary	TIP
Essex	ESS	Carmarthenshire	CMN	Roxburghshire	ROX	Tyrone	TYR
Gloucestershire	GLS	Denbighshire	DEN	Selkirkshire	SEL	Waterford	WAT
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Hertfordshire	HRT	Merionethshire	MER	Sutherland	SUT	Wicklow	WIC
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Lancashire	LAN	Pembrokeshire	PEM				
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