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June 2016

The Summer Solstice June 21st



If you live in the Northern Hemisphere, June 21st may seem like a day when the sun has forgotten to set and depending on where you live that may actually be true, because today happens to be not just the first day of summer, but also, the longest day of the year!

Known as the summer '*solstice*' - a Latin word for '*sun stands still*', it is the day when the Earth's axis is most **inclined** toward the sun and except for leap years always occurs on June 21st. Countries in the Southern Hemisphere experience a similar **phenomenon**, except in reverse order - Today is the first day of winter and therefore the shortest day of the year, whilst December 21st, will be the longest, marking their first day of summer.

The amount (*or lack of*) sun received during this day, depends on the location of your city or town. **Washington D.C.** on the east coast of United States will receive almost 15 hours, while the islands of **Hawaii** in the southwest corner of the country will have to settle for just a tad over 13. Head over to Europe and you will be able to soak in over 18 hours of sunshine in **London** or more than 21 hours in **Stockholm**. The best place to be however, is north of the Arctic Circle where the sun will not set at all! Conversely, the Antarctica or South Pole will not see any sunlight today.

Graphic and article - <http://www.dogonews.com/2013/6/21/its-summer-solstice-the-day-when-the-sun-stands-still>

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Spital Cemetery

Our speaker for Tuesday on the 7th June is:
Janet Murphy



**Family History Local History and Heritage
plus Craft Fair
Hosted by**

**Chesterfield & District Family
History Society
Saturday the 27th of August 2016
10am till 4pm**



**New This Year
The Young Genealogist Stand**

Lots of fun for the kids including a 'Treasure Hunt - 'Create their Own Family Tree and maybe a Family Crest.'
Don't forget to bring your parents to guide you.

Free Talks

11.30 - In My Grandfather's Footsteps - Eric Chambers account of when he retraced his Grandfather's journey. A WW1 story.

13:30.- To Be Confirmed

**Welcome to our Fair Wide variety of Family History and
Heritage Stands./ Raffles / Tombola / Name the Teddy**

Fresh Refreshments provided by **NEWBOLD BAKEAWAY**

The Venue

**Outwood Academy, Highfield Lane, Newbold,
Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 8BA**

Entrance fee £1.00 includes free raffle ticket

Children under 12 free (Unsupervised children £20.00) lol

contact secretary@cadfhs.org

June's Meeting

Spital Cemetery with Janet Murphy



It is known that before the year 1195 there was an ancient hospital for lepers at Chesterfield, dedicated to St. Leonard a French hermit a most popular saint with the Normans, to whom leper hospitals were frequently dedicated in recognition of his special care for the sick. The site of this hospital was at Spital (The name Spital can be found in many towns in England and the word derives from the early hoSPITALs found at that location). This was near the River Rother, about half a mile south-east of the town across the river as was often the case.

Next Meeting Tuesday
7th June 2016.

Monthly meetings are held at 7pm
for 7:30 at
St Hughs Catholic Church, Dukes
Drive, Littlemoor. The first Tuesday of
every month.

Why not bring a friend?

May's meeting

Find My Past and the 1939 Register

Myko Celland

You could have heard a pin drop as Myko delivered his talk, it was pacy and so very interesting.

What I do know now is that as we won't be seeing any Census for a while this is one of our most important registers available.

What's the historical significance of the 1939 Register?

The 1939 Register is one of the most important twentieth century genealogical resources for England and Wales. The 1931 census was destroyed by fire. No census was taken in 1941 because of the war. So the 1939 register is the only national census-like resource available for this period.

Once war became inevitable the British Government knew they had to issue National Identity cards. They planned for the wide-scale mobilisation of the population and the eventual introduction of rationing. The most recent census was now almost a decade old, so more up-to-date statistics were needed. Some preparations had already begun for the 1941 census, so the Government capitalised on this to take a register of the civilian population. They issued Identity cards immediately afterwards (which were used until 1952).

The Government constantly updated and changed the 1939 Register over time to take account of changes of address or deaths. When they introduced rationing in 1941, they planned it with information from the 1939 Register. The 1939 Register eventually formed the basis of the NHS registration system.

What we now know about the 1939

Each record contains a transcript and an image of the original entry in the 1939 Register. Like a census, the Register can tell you a lot about how your ancestors actually lived. You can find out if your ancestors had servants or staff, who their neighbours were, how many children they had and what they all did for a living.

What information can I expect to see in a record? Each person's record contains:

- Name
- Full date of birth
- Address
- Marital status
- Occupation

Most people are recorded as a member of a household. Some people are recorded as a member of an institution. In this case, they are classified with one of 5 letters:

- O – Officer
- V – Visitor
- S – Servant
- P – Patient
- I – Inmate

And much more. See Septembers Magazine for more on Myko's talk Maps, Archived Newspaper Reports and photographs.

NOTE

Some of the records are closed as the person is under 100. If you can provide evidence that the person is dead you can contact Find My Past and they will open the record.

Visit our new website here: www.cadfhs.org

**Is there something you would like to see in this Newsletter or our Magazine?

email us at mail@cadfhs.org

Genealogist's Disease

WARNING: Genealogy Pox
(Very contagious to adults)

SYMPTOMS: Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote, desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls, hides phone bills from spouse and mumbles to self. Has strange, faraway look in eyes.

NO KNOWN CURE

TREATMENT: Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

REMARKS: The unusual nature of this disease is- the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it!



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Australian and online resources:
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maps, music, archives and more

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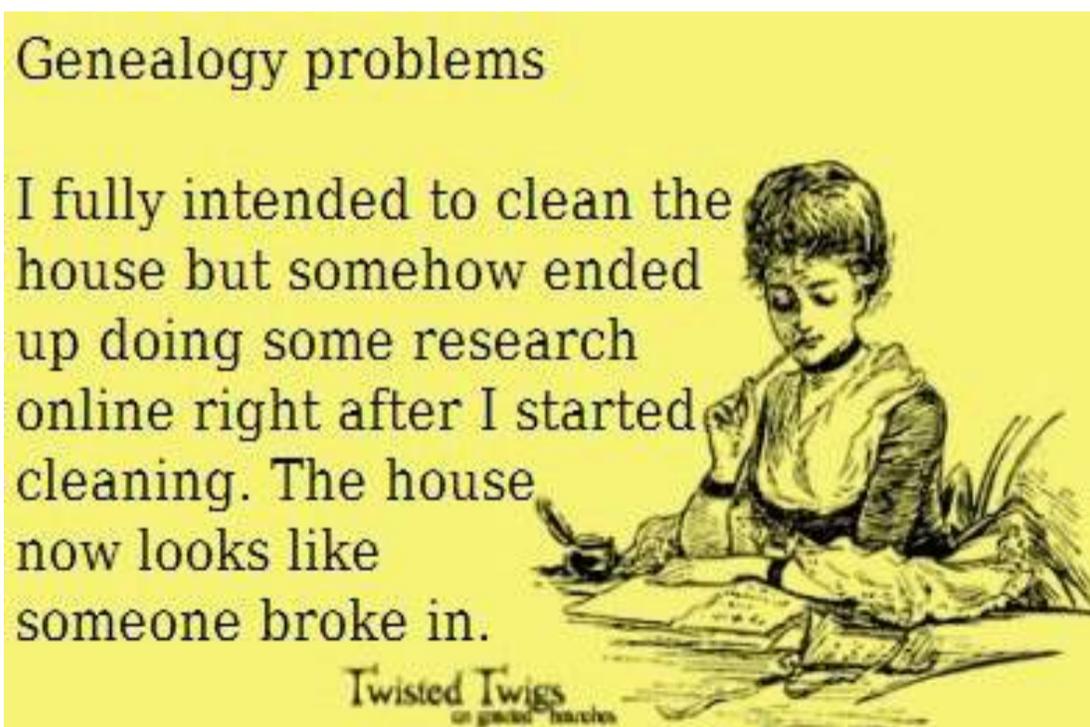
Monthly Meetings
First Tuesday of the Month
Everyone is welcome so do introduce a friend

£2.00 members and £3.00 guests. Includes complimentary refreshments.
7pm for 7.30pm

More details visit: <http://www.cadfhs.org.uk/meetings.htm>

Forth coming 2016 Meetings and Events

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| June 7th | Spital Cemetery | Janet Murphy |
| July 5th | Sherwood Foresters and the Battle of the Somme | Brian Stone |
| Aug 2nd | Explore and Examine original documents | Kate Henderson |
| Aug 27th | 2016 Family, Local History & Heritage & Crafts Fair | |
| Sept 6th | AGM followed by talk - Ancestors Lost to Dissent | Celia Renshaw |
| Oct 4th | To be Arranged | |
| Nov 1st | Derbyshire Victoria County History | Philip Ryden |
| Dec 6th | Christmas fun, games and nibbles | |



Courtesy of Twisted Twigs On
Gnarled Branches Genealogy