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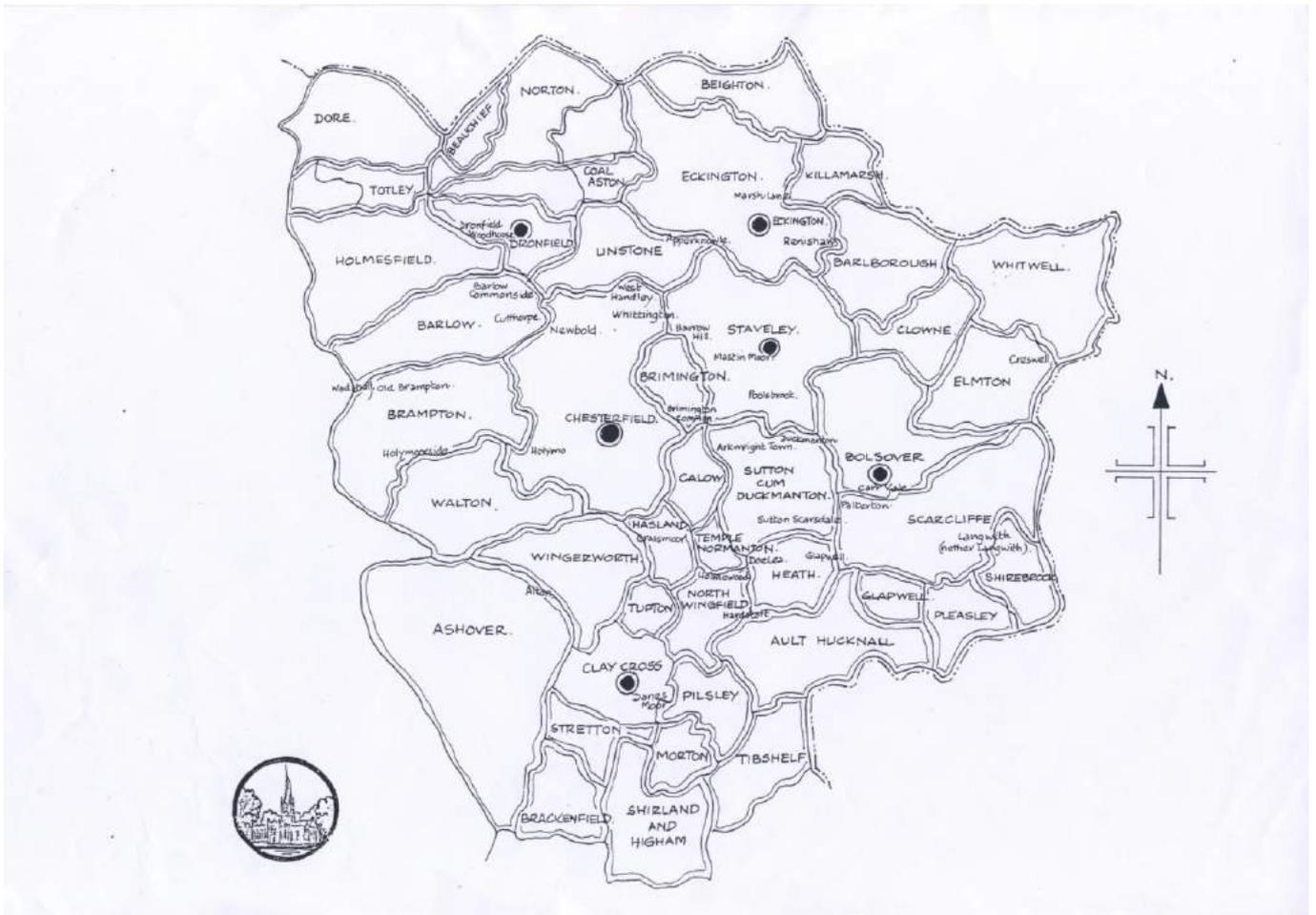
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(SCARSDALE ONE HUNDRED MAP)





NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY

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Programme for 2016

7 June	Spital Cemetery	Janet Murphy
5 July	Sherwood Forester at the Battle of the Somme	Brian Stone
2 Aug	Explore and Examine Original Documents	Kate Henderson
6 Sept	AGM & Ancestors Lost to Dissent	Celia Renshaw
4 Oct	Member's talk TBC	
1 Nov	Derbyshire Victorian County History	Philip Ryden
6 Dec	Christmas fun, games and nibbles	



A REMINDER ABOUT THE AGM IN SEPTEMBER

Please find either enclosed (post) or attached (e-mail) a nomination form for the Election of Officers.

- 1. Chairman**
- 2. Vice Chair**
- 3. Secretary**
- 4. Treasurer**

Also the election of the remaining committee.

Family History and Heritage plus Craft Fair
 Hosted by
Chesterfield & District Family History Society
Saturday the 27th of August 2016
 10am till 4pm
 Wide variety of exhibitors - Two free speakers
 Food available / Raffles / Tombola / name the Teddy & lots more
Outwood Academy, Highfield Lane, Newbold,
Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 8BA
 entrance fee £1.00
 includes free raffle ticket
 Children under 12 free



**Children welcome but must be supervised at all times,
 there will be a children's activities area on the day.**



Correction to page 18 – 31 March 1916 (March Magazine)

- ❖ **31st** - A German airship raid on England (East coast). Airship L-1 was brought down by gunfire near the mouth of the Thames.

The airship brought down at the mouth of the Thames on 31 March 1916 was the L-15 (class P. production number LZ-48) 1 crew member was killed, and 17 were taken as prisoners.

Airship L-1 (class H. production number LZ-14) was brought down into the North Sea during a thunderstorm on 9 September 1913, drowning 14 crew members. This was the first Zeppelin accident to cause fatalities.

Information received with thanks, from Jeff – Exchange Journals Officer Barnsley FHS

WORLD WAR 1 APRIL – JUNE 1916

APRIL

- ❖ 1st - End of period of German mastery of the air on the western front.
- Third attempt to relieve Kut began.
- ❖ 3rd - Greek Government refused overland route for transport of Serbian army from Corfu to Salonika
- ❖ 4th - General BRUSILOV was appointed to command the Russian Southern Armies.
- ❖ 5th - Action of Falahiya (Mesopotamia)
- ❖ 6th - Russian attack on Trebizond began.
- First attack on Sanna-i-Yat.
- ❖ 9th - Second attack on Sanna-i-Yat.
- ❖ 11th - Kionga (German East Africa) occupied by Portuguese forces.
- The Egyptian Expeditionary Force began occupation of the Sinai Peninsula.
- ❖ 14th - Constantinople and Adrianople attacked by aeroplanes of the Royal Naval Air Service from Mudros.
- ❖ 15th - Serbian Army Headquarters land at Salonika from Corfu.
- ❖ 17th - British attack on Kondoa Irangi (German East Africa) began.
- Trebizond (Asia Minor) taken by Russian forces.
- Italian Government issue decrees prohibiting trading with Germany.
- ❖ 18th - Action of Bait Aissa (Mesopotamia).
- United States Government send a note to the German Government on 'Sussex' case and submarine policy in general.
- ❖ 19th - Kondoa Irangi (German East Africa) taken by British forces.
- Field Marshal von der GOLTZ assassinated by an Albanian officer.
- ❖ 20th - Russian troops from the far East arrive at Marseilles.
- Disguised German transport 'Aud' sinks herself after capture while trying to land arms on the Irish coast.
- Roger CASEMENT lands in Ireland from a German submarine and is arrested.
- ❖ 22nd - Third attack on Sanna-i-Yat repulsed.
- SS Hsin-Yu a Chinese troop transporter capsizes off the Chinese coast, at least 1,000 were killed.
- ❖ 24th - Outbreak of Rebellion in Ireland.
- Final attempt to succour Kut: loss of H.M.S Julnar.
- Laying of Belgian coast barrage commenced by the British Navy.
- ❖ 25th - Lowestoft (Suffolk) and Yarmouth (Norfolk) was raided by German battle cruiser squadron.
- ❖ 26th - French and Russian Governments conclude 'Sykes-Picot' agreement for eventual partition of Asia Minor.

- Agreement signed in Berlin for the transfer of British and German wounded and sick prisoners of war to Switzerland.
- ❖ **27th** - Martial law proclaimed in Dublin and the county.
- H.M.S. Russell sunk by a mine in the Mediterranean.
- Gas attack at Hulluch in France, the 47th Brigade and 16th (Irish) Division is decimated in one of the most heavily concentrated German gas attacks of the war.
- ❖ **29th** - Capitulation of Kut.
- 'Havre Declaration' signed by Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and Russia guaranteeing integrity of Belgian Congo.
- ❖ **30th** - Battle of Lake Naroch ends.

MAY

- ❖ **1st** - The Irish Rebellion collapsed and the leaders surrender.
- ❖ **3rd** - The execution of three Irish Rebel Leaders.
- The L-20 German Airship was wrecked at Stavanger in Norway, it was returning from a raid on Scotland.
- ❖ **4th** - The L-7 German Airship was destroyed off the Slesvig coast.
- Germany renounces their submarine policy.
- ❖ **5th** - The LZ-85 German Airship was brought down at Salonika by British gunfire.
- ❖ **7th** - Serbian Government was set up at Salonika.
- Qasr-i-Shirin (Western Persia) was occupied by the Russian forces.
- ❖ **9th** - General Sir Bryan MAHON was succeeded by Lieut.- General Sir George MILNE as General Officer Commanding the British Forces – Salonika.
- French and British Governments concluded the 'Sykes-Picot' agreement as to the eventual partition of Asia Minor
- ❖ **10th** - An agreement was signed in Berlin regarding employment of German and British prisoners of war.
- ❖ **11th** - British forces occupied Kwash (East Persia)
- ❖ **13th** - In London an agreement was signed for the transfer of British and German sick and wounded prisoners of war to Switzerland.
- ❖ **14th** - In Trentino an Austrian offensive began.
- ❖ **15th** - Russian forces occupied Rowanduz (Northern Mesopotamia).
- An Allied blockade of the Hejaz coast to assist a revolt of Sherif of Mecca commenced.
- Russian forces take Khanagin (North-East of Baghdad).
- ❖ **16th** - Great Britain and France concluded an agreement regarding respective claims in Turkish territories.
- The Second Military Service Bill - extending compulsion to married men was passed by the British House of Commons.

- ❖ 18th - The detachment of Cossacks from the Russian force in West Persia - effects junction with British army on the Tigris.
- ❖ 19th - The Turkish Army evacuates the As Sinn position and withdraws to Lint.
- Britain and France conclude 'Sykes-Picot' agreement.
- ❖ 21st - Vimy Ridge is attacked by the Germans.
- ❖ 22nd - The Sultan of Darfur is defeated by the Sudan force in affair of Beringiya.
- ❖ 23rd - The Russian Government is notified by the British Government of their recognition of French - Russian 'Sykes-Picot' agreement as to the eventual partition of Asia Minor.
- The Sudan Force occupied El Fasher (capital of Darfur).
- ❖ 24th - Russian forces take Mamakhatun (Armenia).
- ❖ 25th - Second Military Service act became law in Great Britain.
- British advanced from Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia across the frontier into German East Africa began.
- ❖ 26th - A note sent by the United States Government to the British Government protesting against search of mails.
- Bulgarian and German forces occupied Fort Rupel (Greek frontier of Macedonia).
- ❖ 27th - British forces occupied Neu Langenburg (German East Africa).
- ❖ 29th - In London an agreement was signed regarding the employment of British and German prisoners of war.
- ❖ 31st - Entente Governments protest to Greece against the occupation of Fort Ruper by the Bulgarians.
- Battle of Jutland began, the first British aerial co-operation with fleet in action. British ships sunk Invincible - Indefatigable - Queen Mary - Black Prince - Warrior - Defence. German ships sunk - Wiesbaden - Rostock - Frauenlob - Elbing. - Pommern - Lutzow. The biggest naval battle in history.
- Turkish forces retake Mamakhatun.

June

- ❖ 1st - End of the Battle of Jutland. Ultimately without a clear victory.
- ❖ 2nd - German forces stormed Fort Vaux (Verdun).
- The Battle of Mount Sorrel (Ypres) began.
- 3rd - Martial law is proclaimed in the city of Salonika by the Allied Commander.
- The main Austrian offensive in Trentino ended.
- ❖ 4th - The Russian offensive 'Brusilov's Offensive' began, it was known to the Germans as 'Battle of Wosuzke-Sereth'.
- ❖ 5th - Sherif of Mecca began revolt against the Turkish rule.
- The Turkish offensive into West Persia began.

- H.M.S. Hampshire was sunk by a mine off the Scottish coast. Field Marshal Earl KITCHENER and his staff were drowned.
- ❖ 6th - A Pacific blockade of Greece by Entente Powers began.
- Attack on Medina by Arabs was repulsed by the Turkish garrison.
- The President of China Yuan-Shih-KAI died. Li-Yuan-HUNG was elected President.
- ❖ 7th - Sherif of Mecca issued a proclamation denouncing the Committee of Union and Progress and proclaimed the Independence of the Hejaz.
- ❖ 8th - Second Compulsory Service Act comes into operation in Great Britain.
- British forces take Bismarckburg (German East Africa).
- ❖ 9th - Arab forces captured Jidda (Arabia).
- The Germans began an attack on Kondoa Irangi (East Africa).
- ❖ 10th - Compulsory Service Bill was passed in New Zealand.
- The German attack on Kondoa Irangi was repulsed
- Turkish garrison of Mecca surrendered to the Sherif.
- ❖ 11th - Brusilov's Offensive continued, and the Battle of the Strypa began.
- The Italian Premier Signor SALANDRA resigned.
- ❖ 12th - Russian forces take Zaleszczyki (Galicia).
- British forces occupied Kirman (Persia).
- ❖ 13th - Battle of Mount Sorrel (Ypres) ended.
- ❖ 14th - In Paris the Allied Economic Conference reassembled.
- ❖ 15th - Signor BOSELLI was appointed Italian Prime Minister.
- ❖ 16th - Italian counter offensive in the Trentino began.
- ❖ 17th - Russian forces reoccupied Czernowitz (Bukovina).
- ❖ 19th - British forces occupied Handeni (German East Africa).
- ❖ 20th - Turkish forces take Qasr-i-Shirin (West Persia).
- ❖ 21st - Russian forces take Radautz (Bukovina).
- The Greek Cabinet (Skouloudhis) resign.
- Entente Governments send a note to Greece demanding the demobilisation and of Government.
- ❖ 22nd - The Pacific blockade of Greece is suspended.
- ❖ 23rd - German forces finally stormed Fort Thiaumont.
- ❖ 27th - Recommendations of the Allied Economic Conference is ratified.
- The Greek Government ordered general demobilisation.
- ❖ The Battle of Strypa ended.
- French forces retake Fort Thiaumont.
- The British Government conclude a further agreement with the Netherlands Overseas Trust for rationing of Holland.



FUNNY PROFESSIONS

Some fascinating professions on the 1881 census.

52 Years an Imbecile	Formerly Fat
Artificial Scone Maker	Gold Fish Catcher
Assisting at Mangle	Grape Dryer
Beef Twister	Gymnast to House Painter
Bottie Washer	Head of Female
Bounder	He Play All Day Long
Boy for General Purposes	Invalid Kings Evil
Can Make Nothing of the Paper	Invisible Net Maker
Carrot and Mangle Salesman	Keeps Own House at Home
Cleans Onions	Knight of the Thimble
Clod Hopper (Ft)	Knocker Up of Workpeople
Colourist of Artificial Fish	Maker of Sand Views
Count as Female	Proprietor of Midgets
Cow Banger (Ag Lab)	Random Waller
Curer of Smokey Chimneys	Ripper Coalmine (Blows Roof Down)
Dead	Rotters Boy
Decayed Publisher (No Occ)	Running About
Disinfector of Railway (Oths)	Runs Abt Selling Fish (Hawker)
Dog Performer	Rust Attendant at a Lavatory
Drowner	Sampler of Drugs
Egg Breaker	Scarecrow
Egg Cracker	Separated from Head
Electric Bath Attendant	Sick Maker
Emasculator	Slob Brickmaker
Employed with Head Off	Supposed to be a Lady
Examiner of Underclothing	Teacher of Wax Flowers
Fatuous Pauper	Tender of Charge of Cubes
Feeder in Bump Factory	Tool Maker (Screws) Wife
Feeding Boy to Printing Machine	Travels with an Entire Horse
Ferret Weaver	Turnip Shepherd
Floater	Unsettled Through Recent Death
Follows Wifely Occupations	Very Feeble
	Watchmaker Master (No Hands)

With thanks to Enid GILTHORPE for sending in the original article.

CADFHS NEW WEBSITE

Dena Fanshawe

Our New Website has now been launched. Visit us and take a tour at: www.cadfhs.org

The site is ready for launching but is far from finished. The site will continue to grow and the wealth of information from the former site will gradually be moved across to the new one. This has already started and so you will see some familiar items on there.

NEWS

And we are off! Welcome to our 'NEW' website.

Big news is the launch of our new website at www.cadfhs.org.

Although the former one will not be disappearing yet. www.cadfhs.org.uk

We are all excited here at Committee HQ as we know what is planned for its future and hope you like it too.

The idea is for this website to be a one stop shop for our members.

The only down side is that our webmaster of long standing Neil Wilson, feels it is the right time to stand down as he has decided that it is a good time for him to give up the role he has performed so conscientiously for so many years. I will pass you over for a few words from the web designer Martin Mosley and let him introduce the website to you.

Martin Mosley



First, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Neil for his work over the last years in developing and maintaining the Society web site. He did this work at a time of rapidly changing technological advances. Much of the site had to be entirely hand

written in code and languages that most of us have never even heard of, let alone understand. The site has been helpful to many of us over the years and is still the basis of the new site I'm unveiling here. Thank you Neil, we all appreciate the work you have done, and we hope that you will find the new site equally helpful in the future.

Martin Mosley

To introduce myself, I have been researching my own family history for many years now, and like many of you have become addicted to the thirst for understanding how our ancestors lived and to document the heritage they left us. My family can be traced for several hundred years in the parishes around Chesterfield and their lives reflect the changing industrial and social character of the area. My objectives for my research include preserving the family histories for future generations, and I chose to publish my work in the form of web sites. I now manage three sites related to my family and to some of the communities they lived and worked. More of those later perhaps.

Our objectives for your new web site are that it should be easy to use, it should be attractive both to members and to casual visitors, and that it should contain high quality, relevant and up to date content. Unlike a magazine or a newsletter, a web site is constantly changing and adapting to current activities. It is not a static snapshot of a particular moment in time. For that reason, you will find new content added regularly. Don't forget to keep coming back to see what there is.

New Website

The most obvious changes you are going to see are that the site now uses many more images and is laid out in a way which we hope leads users from basic introductory content, to much more detailed and specific information. I have been impressed by the sheer volume of information already available on the site, and have been careful to present it in a clear, easy to follow manner. I have also added detail where possible which should help you quickly identify if a particular resource is going to be helpful to you.

We would like this site to become your 'go to' point of research for local family histories and for that reason there are some new features, either already functioning or else coming very soon.

Sources

We provide links to some of the primary sources for your research. And advice on how to use other material which might not yet be available online. Check out the Church Records page which gives some great pointers. There are also links to other sites which have content related to family and social histories in the area. If you know of others, please let me know and I'll be pleased to add them to the list.

Members Area

It is here that you will find a treasure trove of content, much of it supplied by members of the Society. Content in this area of the site is restricted to members who are logged in, meaning information for, or indeed from members can be shared within the group without being visible to casual visitors. It is here you will find information relating to other member's research interests, and where you will be able to seek advice regarding your own research.

The unique aspect of this site is that we all share an interest in families from the area. That means that even if we are not obviously related, there are strong possibilities that your family was at some time in the past linked to the family of other members here. So we're going to offer you something unique...

We are going to give you the chance to host your own family tree in this section of the site!

You can create your tree and upload your gedcom keeping all the privacy and sources settings you already use on your desktop or internet based tree. All member trees will be searchable by other members so that you can find links if they exist. You can edit and add to your tree at any time, either by uploading an amended gedcom, or by working directly within the site. You no longer need to work outside the site unless you wish to do so. It will be interesting to see how many of our families are indeed linked.

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Forum?

We're also considering adding a discussion forum where you will be able to ask questions or help others resolve their queries relating to families from the area. You will need to send your GEDCOMs to martin.mosley@me.com

So, where and when can you see all this?

The site is running now, though there are still some gaps in the information online. I'm working on those, and there will be regular updates over the coming weeks.

So, come and take a look. <http://www.cadfhs.org>

If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact me on my email: martin_mosley@me.com

A Note from The Committee

Important

As Martin as already said we will not be losing the content of our former website as this contains such a wealth of information to which we owe a huge thank you to Web Master Neil Wilson who has been the Web master for so many years.

We not only need to thank him but also to recognise and show our appreciation to the mammoth amount of work that it has taken him to provide us with the former website.

We had hoped that Neil would have stayed as the Manager of the new website, but he has decided with work constraints and personal reasons it the right time to hang up his laptop {For CADFHS anyway!}. And indeed should time permit the door is still open if he would like to return.



Derbyshire Times February 24 1906

An Eightieth Birthday

Reminiscences of

Mr. Wm. B. ROBINSON.

The Building of a Chesterfield Industry.

We offered in “Notes by the Way” last week our congratulations to Mr William Bradbury ROBINSON, of Field House, Brampton, upon the completion of his 80th year. That interesting event Mr ROBINSON celebrated in his family circle on Thursday of last week, but it is an event in the life history of one who has been very prominently connected with the development of Chesterfield – or more particularly of Brampton – and on that account we make further reference to it.

Mr ROBINSON is one of Chesterfield’s men of mark, and a busy life and an inventive genius have placed him to-day at the head of probably the most important industrial concern in the Borough. It might be more correct to say that that inventive genius of his has made the firm of ROBINSON and Sons

what it is, a business in which over a thousand people are employed, and of those 300 are men.

Looking at it from the point of view of Chesterfield or of Brampton as a labour employing concern, it will be seen that the number of people whose welfare is affected by the business of “ROBINSON’s” runs into thousands, and when the decline of the pottery trade in Brampton is remembered, one can imagine what the general influence of the firm’s existence and growth had been upon the welfare of a large population.

This is the firm which has been built up mainly by the efforts of the gentleman who, but fifteen months ago, retired from the position of an Alderman of the Borough, being then in the 79th year, and who had given his services to the town since the time, in 1892, when Brampton became the West Ward of the Borough of Chesterfield. But his public work dates much further back than that. He is essentially a Bramptonian and one may gather from his conversation, as did a representative of The Derbyshire Times, that the extension of the Borough was not quite the most pleasing of events to him. Brampton, as Brampton, would

satisfy him very well, and there seems to be a tinge of regret in his words as he recalls the time when "the upper end of Brampton and Walton were anxious to kick us out, and the Borough were anxious to draw us in, so in we came.

As may naturally be expected Mr ROBINSON is not now possessed of all the activity which once was his, but still he would shame many a younger man both in the interest he takes in his business, and the activity with which he attends to it. Morning and afternoon he is to be found in his office at the Walton Mills, and it is only occasionally when the twinges of rheumatism grip him that he is absent.

His great interest in mechanics, and the activity of his mind on that particular subject are Mr ROBINSON's most marlaid characterisation. The dates when important developments have come to the firm are clear in his mind, and from the time when his father, a chemist in Chesterfield, purchased a business in the pill-box making trade as far back as 1839, up to the present day, there are few important occasions, which the old gentleman does not recollect and is not ready to recall.

Few people who come to Chesterfield do not hear before many hours are over, of "The Pillbox" a name coming from the fact that chemist's cardboard boxes are largely manufactured by the firm. One of the very first, indeed the very first business of the firm was the making of willow boxes for a similar purpose. It was introduced by Mr ROBINSON's father, who purchased a small business

in that line and transferred it to Chesterfield, but some years ago that industry was dropped. "For one reason" explained Mr ROBINSON, "we could not get willow timber in this neighbourhood, and for another we found that lint was a more profitable article so more attention was devoted to it."

The introduction of lint, by the way, was the first great step in the building of "ROBINSON and Sons, Ltd." A "hand and foot" machine bought for 27s 6d in Derby and an hour or two's study by Mr ROBINSON seated on his upturned soap box led to unthought of developments. It reads almost like a story when one looks at the ramifications of the "ROBINSON's" of to-day.

Yet if scrap iron could tell its tale, more wonderful things might even be told, for time and again Mr ROBINSON turned the machines of his own invention out of the works to supplant them with some later improvements. Other people's inventions have followed suit, and although to-day the cotton work on the firm's premises is chiefly done by machines of Mr ROBINSON's invention, he still continues, as he himself puts it "to make a bit more machinery to set a few more hands on. I can't do myself what I used to, of course, but the men make what I want, and what in the old days I used to turn on the lathe myself." Indeed, a good many of the 300 men employed at the works are skilled mechanics.

The weaving of cloth followed the lint industry, bleaching followed the calico weaving, and the manufacture of an

absorbent cotton wool, patented, by the way, by a Birmingham doctor, came in turn. To-day his Majesty's Government are what Mr ROBINSON calls "the firm's most aristocratic customers," and who will measure the amount of suffering that has been prevented, nay, the number of lives that have been saved by this same absorbent cotton wool. In the hospitals as on the battle field the surgical dressings manufactured by the firm have played their part.

But while, thinking of that, it is interesting to go back to the time when Mr Wm. Bradbury ROBINSON was endeavouring to solve the problem of how to produce that article. He had conquered the bleaching problem in spite of his father's head shake, "You'll never do it, William. It requires a chemist." Mr ROBINSON to-day treasures his two volumes of Dr MUSPRATT's "Chemistry as applied to the Arts and Manufactures," which gave him the key to the difficulty, and he recalls it as the proudest moment in his life, when, after experimenting in his wash house at home, and following MUSPRATT's instructions, he was able to take to his father a piece of perfectly white cotton, "bleached by myself, although he had said it required a chemist to do it."

"But the absorbent cotton was not so easily got over," said Mr ROBINSON smilingly. "I got it made in a way, but it wasn't exactly what I knew it ought to be. There was something missing, and it was strange how I found it out."

"A man came one day to the works and told me he could show me how to make

it. He had done the same work somewhere else, and he wanted £50 for the secret. I made a bargain with him that if he could produce a better absorbent cotton than me, I'd give him £50. He did show me, and the only difference was in using one of the ingredients I had used in bleaching, and of which I had never thought."

Throughout a strenuous life, Mr ROBINSON's health has been remarkably good, although one or two illnesses have come his way. One of these, he smilingly remarks, was the result of "three whiffs at the sewage farm, "in the days when he was chairman of the committee who had charge of that important department of the sanitary work of the Borough.

It was as a result of that illness, that, acting upon the advice of his doctor and a London specialist, Mr ROBINSON made a tour round the world. He had been to sea in his young days, but not then on pleasure bent as on the latter occasion. He tells of the fact that when in Auckland, New Zealand, he saw "the greatest natural curiosity," he had ever come across, in the shape of a Lady Mayor. The lady in question was the presiding magistrate of a town near Auckland and, said Mr ROBINSON, "when I was introduced to her, I suggested that in her town she would be able to do some good by closing some of the public-houses."

"But she turned on me. 'Sir-r-r.' she said, 'you don't know what you are talking about. The licensed trade is one of the best things we have got. It pays all the

rates of our town.' And I thought Chesterfield might very well take a leaf out of her book. I don't suppose I shall ever see another Lady Mayor, but I certainly shall never forget that one."

Mr ROBINSON enjoys nothing better, after his day's work, than to smoke and chat of the times now long gone. He himself expresses surprise at his wonderful memory for matters mechanical, and he laughingly confesses

that his interest in that subject has been so absorbing that it was with surprise he learned of the great number of hands employed by the firm. Although entering upon his 81st year, Chesterfield people will wish that he may be able for many years to come to take that interest in the town and his trade which have led to such commercial developments as the works of Messrs ROBINSON and Sons display.



THE COUSINS

Elizabeth Newbery – No.525

Charles STATEN, a Chesterfield man and Nellie Mary Ellen BRIDDON from Brampton, moved to Norfolk where they married on 12th August 1888. They had 4 children all born in Norfolk and when Nellie died in 1909 leaving Charles with the youngest child just 3 years old the family returned to Chesterfield.

Little did Charles know that his second child, Gladys Ivy STATEN was going to become famous.

Gladys married Alfred George HAWLEY in Chesterfield in 1927, they had no children and Alfred died on 9th December 1952 leaving her £2,107 14s. In those days it was a considerable sum of money and would have bought her several properties. With shrewd investment that would have kept her quite comfortably off.

Eventually Gladys's health deteriorated and she moved into Brookholme Residential Home with her cousin, Doris ELLIOTT.

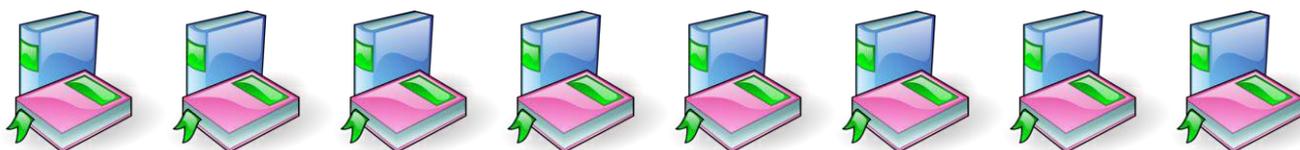
Charles STATEN had a younger sister called Elizabeth who married Oliver KIRK at Holy Trinity, Newbold on 18th November 1895. They had 5 children, their 3rd child, Doris was born on 15th August 1900. Her first husband was Bernard TOMLINSON by whom she had 2 sons. Following his early death on 10 Dec 1928, leaving her with a 6 and a 4 years old, she married Harold ELLIOTT on New Year's Day 1931. They had no children and Harold died in 1996.

So Doris moved into Brookholme where she died in 2009.

So what's so important about these 2 cousins? Well, Doris was born on 15th Aug 1900 and she died about 7th July 2009 at nearly 109 years of age. Meanwhile, Gladys who was born 18th December 1891 died on 28 Apr 2004 making her 112 years, 4 months and 10 days old making her the oldest person in England at the time of her death and because she was over 110 years she was referred to as a Supercentenarian.

(If you scroll down on this website you will see a photo of her).
<http://www.grg.org/Gallery/1891Gallery.html>

There was another sister of Charles, Ellen STATEN born 1874. She married William KIRK (a 2nd cousin of Oliver) at Belper Baptist Chapel on 4th April 1894. They had 6 children between 1894 and 1911 but what happened to Ellen and William?



Library News

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Brampton Primitive Methodist Chapel	Baptisms	1826-1837
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Elder Yard Chapel	Baptisms	1773-1837
Elder Yard Chapel	Deaths /Burials	1787-1837
Elmton	Bishops Transcripts	1673-1868
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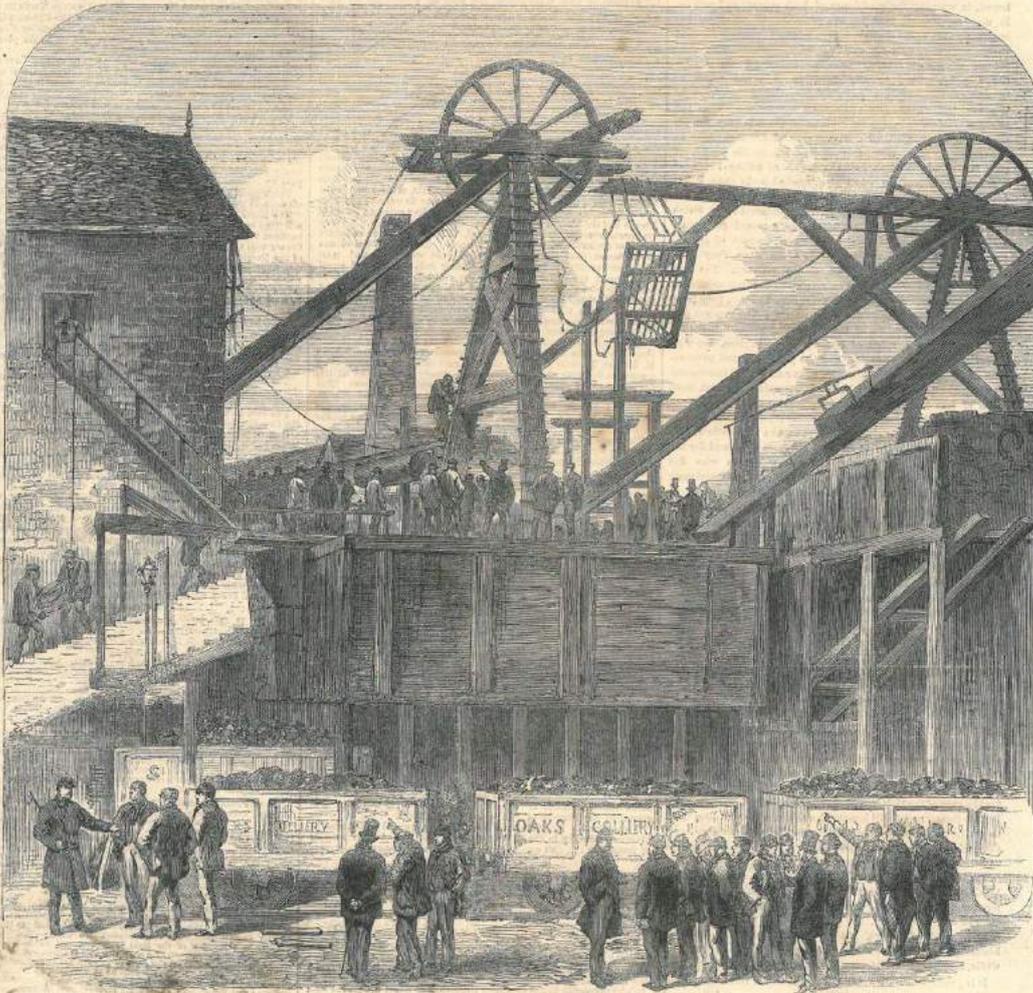
THE GREAT DURBAR AT AGRA.

SIR JOHN LAWRENCE, her Majesty's Viceroy in India, has never been noted for attaching high importance to official pomp or for relying upon State ceremonials in his government of India. He has always preferred to make his deeds, as a ruler, the medium of his influence over the minds of those who

are subject to his authority. As the representative of the Queen of India, however, he has recognised the expediency of consulting the traditional tastes and expectations of Oriental Princes; and, having resolved to hold a general Durbar, or Court, in the heart of Hindostan proper, he wisely decided that what was thought worth doing at all was worth

doing well. He gave his mind to the work, and, according to his wont, has made it a splendid success.

It is not our purpose to describe at secondhand what has been so pictorially put before the British public by the correspondent of the Times. Even at best the impression produced of a grand political solemnity such as the Durbar at



COAL THROWN UP INTO THE HEAD-GEAR AT THE PIT'S MOUTH BY THE EXPLOSION AT THE OAKS COLLIERY, BARNESLEY.—SEE NEXT PAGE.

Illustrated London News Front Page coverage of the Oaks Colliery Disaster at Hoyle Mill, Barnsley in 1866

Researchers discover death toll higher than thought in
England's biggest mining disaster

Researchers have found that more people were killed in England's biggest ever mining disaster 150 years ago than was previously thought.

A team of volunteers has been delving deeper than ever before into the history of the 1866 Oaks Colliery Disaster at Hoyle Mill, Barnsley.

The catastrophe - which marks its 150th anniversary this year – remains the worst mining disaster in English history and its officially reported death toll has always been 361. But volunteers have now discovered the names of 384 victims.

This research project has been organised through the Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership (DVLP) which is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund – thanks to National Lottery players.

The DVLP has now published its findings online and would like anyone with further information about the lives of the listed men and boys to come forward.

Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership community officer Stephen Miller said: "We are really pleased with the outcome of this research project. The volunteers have done sterling work in identifying those killed.

"Sadly, we knew that poor record keeping and the chaos in the aftermath of the disaster meant that the exact number of people killed at Oaks Colliery has never been properly revealed and it has long been known that the figure of 361 was only based on an estimate by the mine owners.

"Our aim from the outset was to try and find a more accurate figure and find out more about the individual stories of those that died."

DVLP put out a call for volunteers ten months ago and provided them with specialist training in studying historic records. They have now collectively spent more than 3,000 hours going through records online, at Barnsley Archives and other sources such as the Mining Institute in Newcastle.

Their rigorous research has produced a new list of 384 names, including 91 children, who died in the disaster – that's 23 more victims. Their research has also put names to unknown fatalities within the original estimated count.

Stephen said: “It seemed wrong that after 150 years the best list we had was produced by the Barnsley Chronicle in 1867, and that only named 337 of the 361 death toll.

“Our first aim was to identify and find out about the un-named victims. The overall number was never the most important thing for us, but it was very interesting to see our list of names go beyond the 361 figure that has been accepted for so long.”

The new list produced by the volunteers has now been published at www.discoverdearne.org.uk. It includes fascinating new details about the men and boys’ lives, including how far they travelled from to work in the pit, coming from as far afield as Wales, London, Ireland and Northumberland.

Records of the day suggest 400 miners in total were working below ground on the day of the first explosion on December 12. A second explosion the day after killed 27 volunteer rescuers. Research into burial records has also suggested that 169 bodies were never recovered and remain in the old colliery workings beneath Hoyle Mill, Ardsley, Kendray, Monk Bretton and Stairfoot in Barnsley to this day.

Volunteer Noel Shaw said: “This research presented an unmissable opportunity to delve into the lives of those who perished and their families, whilst also working to produce a more accurate list of fatalities.

“I was surprised to see how many people travelled the length and breadth of the country to Barnsley for employment in the dangerous coal mines.

“I think I can speak for all the volunteers in saying that it has been a privilege and pleasure to contribute to this project.”

Commemorations of the Oaks Colliery Disaster will culminate in an exhibition at the Experience Barnsley museum in December this year.

The Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership is keen to hear feedback on the new list published at www.discoverdearne.org.uk and would welcome any further contributions of stories and images.

Please contact them on 01226 772139 or DVL@barnsley.gov.uk.

For more information about the Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership, contact Sally Gawthorpe on 01226 772131 or SallyGawthorpe@barnsley.gov.uk.

The Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership (DVLP) is a five-year scheme, running until June 2019 focusing on the historic buildings and landscapes of the Dearne Valley, working with the local communities to protect, preserve and enhance the area. The DVLP is supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund with a grant of almost £1.8m. For more information, visit www.discoverdearne.org.uk

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The lead partner of the DVLP is Barnsley Council with a partnership that includes Rotherham and Doncaster Councils, the RSPB, Natural England, the Environment Agency, the Garganey Trust and Groundwork South Yorkshire. The DVLP is based at Elsecar Heritage Centre.

Additional media contact: Steph Pollard on 01226 766900 or 0776 196 4492 or at steph@capitalbmedia.co.uk



[Volunteer researches including Noel Shaw at the Mining Institute in Newcastle](#)

Derbyshire Times - 6 March 1915

THREATENED WITH A REVOLVER

**NEWBOLD MOOR COUPLE'S
GRIEVANCES**

"He doesn't want me now the war is on, he says there are plenty of women about now and that he is tired of me," declared Gertrude EVANS, who summoned her husband, Harry EVANS, a furnace-man, at the Chesterfield Police Court on Saturday, for desertion, at Newbold Moor.

Defendant alleged that his wife deserted him.

Complainant said she had been married six months, and had one child. They had lived in lodgings at Brampton for a time. On February 18th defendant turned her out and told her that "she would be dead" if she ever came back. He threatened her continually, and never told her what his wages amounted to. They had been staying at Newbold latterly, and her husband turned her out in the rain. He had threatened her with a revolver. The trouble was due to jealousy concerning a young man who lived next door. Defendant had told her that he had another woman and would get her to give witness a good hiding.

When the magistrates enquired if there was any possibility of the parties coming together again, complainant

remarked that she would rather not live with defendant any more.

Mrs FUNNIOLOVE said she had lived next door to the parties. She had seen defendant turn complainant out at night. Defendant had a bad temper, although witness had now seen him very much the worse for drink. Witness had heard defendant threaten to chop his wife's head off.

P.c. WILLIAMSON said that at 10 p.m. on February 18th he was called to defendant's house by his wife, whom he had locked out. Defendant had thrown a basin of hot milk over a baby, and was very wild and bad tempered. P.c. CARR had taken some cartridges from defendant some time ago.

Defendant said his wife was either of a jealous disposition or sick of married life. She had remarked that she was "going to be single again," and he had told her he would shoot her if she had her own way. He won £33 last November, and when he got home his wife said she was going to have half the money, as the neighbours said she was entitled to that amount. Complainant had taken all his clothes away with her.

Complainant: He has broken my umbrella, burned a coat, and all my hats.

An order was made for the defendant to contribute 10s 6d a week towards his wife and child's maintenance.



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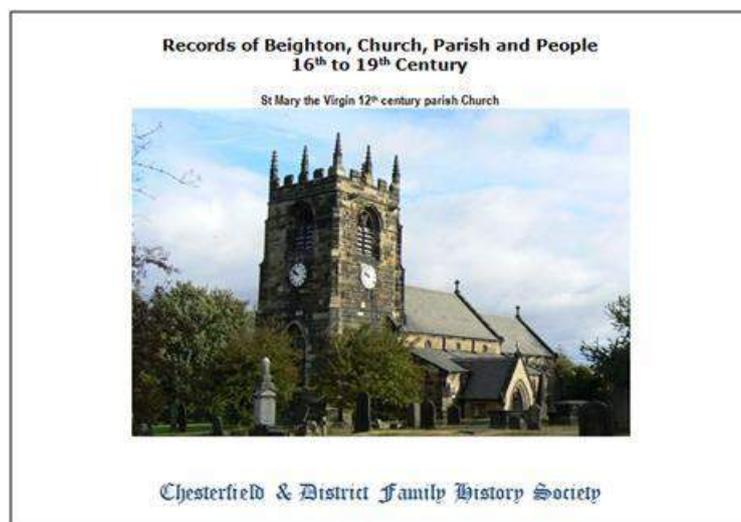
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CD for Sale



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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Carol



Lynne

In April I went to the Who Do You Think You Are event in Birmingham for the first time. I had a wonderful day bringing back lots of books, freebies and ideas for my research. I sat in on 3 talks, Tax, Tax and more Tax, which gave me other avenues to research, Breaking Down Brick Walls in Your Family Research and Finding English Emigrants to Canada and their descendants.

I went there armed with information and what I was looking for to break down my brick walls and asked at various tables for help but returned without finding any information to break down those walls, although I did come away with ideas of alternatives areas to research other than births, marriages and deaths.

I also took photographs with me and had an expert look at them, I hadn't noticed I had missed a clue on the back of one photograph of my husband's great uncle Alfred Whitworth who died in WW1. He is stood next to another man who was not in uniform, but on the back of the photograph is printed France in small print which I had never noticed.

I came away wanting to take a fresh look at my research, and I am slowly going through my notes and files taking another look at certificates and census reports. I have come across quite a lot of information I missed first time round, so to me I'm having a spring clean of my husbands and my family tree's.

The event was well worth visiting, I shall look forward to next year, and next year I will be more prepared.

If anyone has any feedback about the magazine, either good or bad, it will be appreciated.

Lynne - Editor





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 Surname Interest. Although Chesterfield and District Family History Society no longer produce Members Surname Interests on fiche, Jayne Smith our Membership Secretary is now in progress of an alternative which will be electronic.**

Members Surname 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.
They will be held at 7.00pm at
St Hugh's Roman Catholic Church, Littlemoor, Chesterfield.

C.A.D.F.H.S. membership and Renewal is from January 1st to December 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.

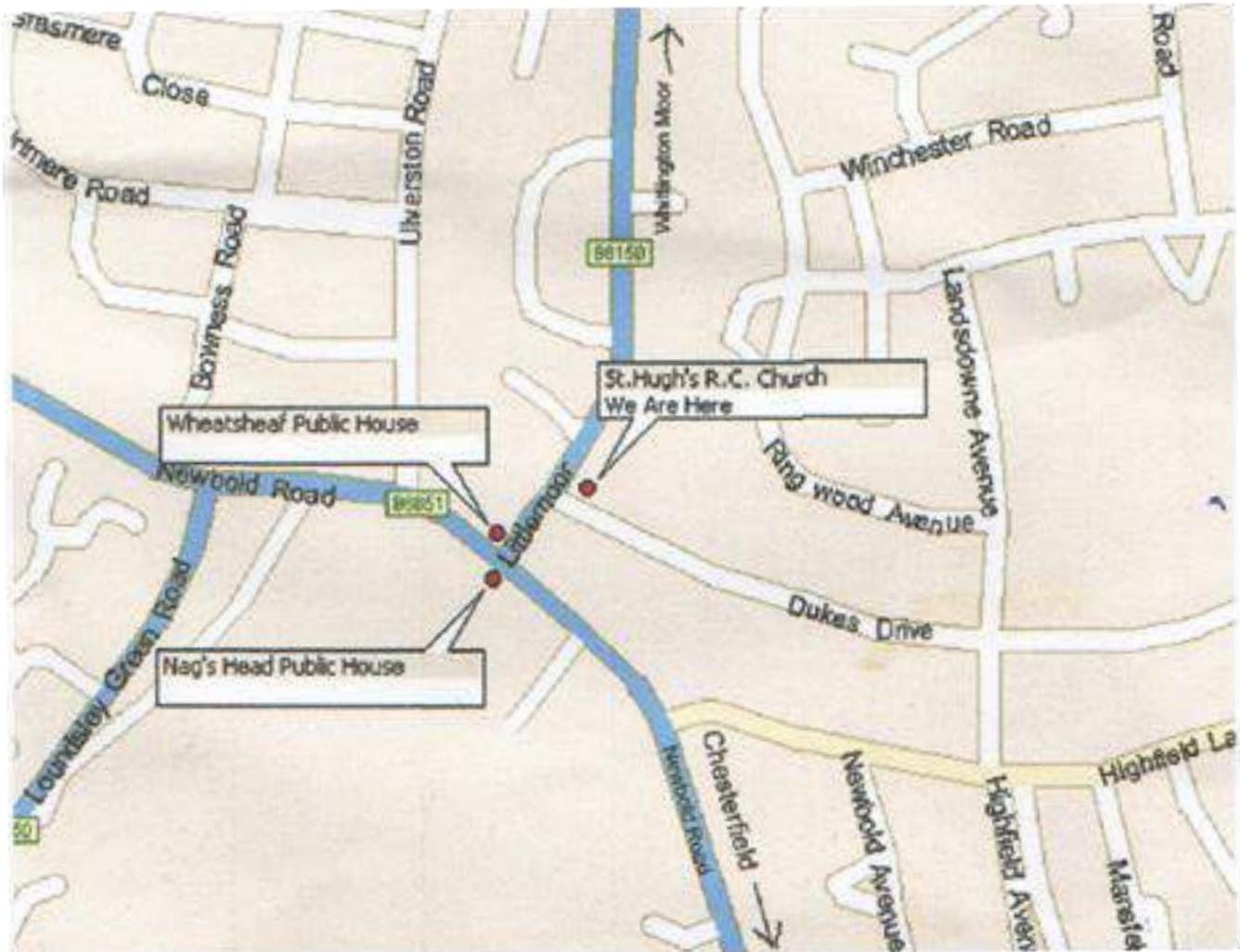
Committee members, the Library and limited research material is available to assist you in your search for ancestors and to answer any questions you may have from 7.00pm onwards.

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.

Typed queries should be sent to the Editor, Chairman or the Secretary at the addresses inside the front cover or via the web site mail@cadfhs.org

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.

Map of Venue for Monthly Meetings



The Society meets at 7.30pm, the first Tuesday of each month at St Hugh's Roman Catholic Church, Littlemoor Chesterfield, S41 8QP

Located at the junction of Dukes Drive and Littlemoor, Newbold.

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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Cheshire	CHS	YKS West Riding	WRY	Moray	MOR	Mayo	MAY
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