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ANCIENT ORIGINS OF HALLOWEEN



Courtesy of www.History.com

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31 they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops, Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort and direction during the long, dark winter.

We are exhibiting

Saturday the 24th September with two teams

Doncaster FHS Open Day

[click here for poster and information](#)

AND

Chesterfield Museum's History Day 10 till 4pm

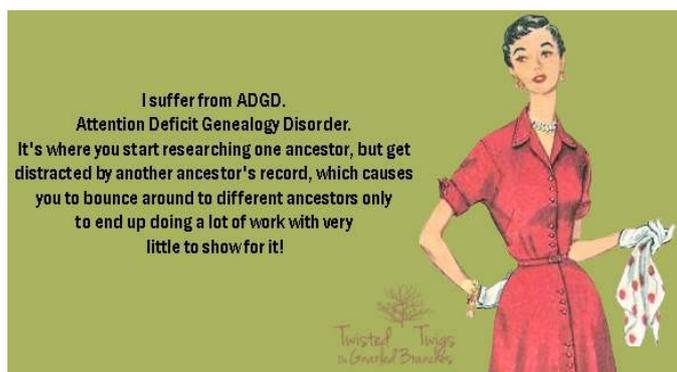
10-4pm Information tables in the Museum will be Chesterfield Canal Trust, Chesterfield and District Local History Society, Chesterfield and District Family History Society, North East Derbyshire Industrial and Archaeological Society, Chesterfield Library Local Studies, Staveley Local History Society, Chesterfield Photographic Society, St Helen's Local History Society. There may be several others but these are confirmed at the moment.

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Next Meeting Tuesday
4th October 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?

Tuesday the 4th October 7:30
CADFHS.org
Your gateway to the next generation..
A presentation by Martin Mosley

His intention will be to explain the vision that the cadfhs site should become the 'go to' site for anyone researching their family from the area.
A gateway to almost all the online content members will need. And a place to host their own family tree.



Welcome

A little bit about martin:

Martin has been researching his family history for nearly 20 years. He grew up in Northamptonshire, but his family roots are in the Chesterfield area. His research has led to discoveries around the world, but he remains fascinated in the local history of the area and in the stories of his extended families.

He has become well known as the author of several websites, including three relating to his own family and to the parishes of Brampton and Old Brampton.”

For those who are interested his own sites are:

www.mosleyfamilies.net

www.derbyshirehills.com

www.bramptonoldandnew.com

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

[October meeting](#)

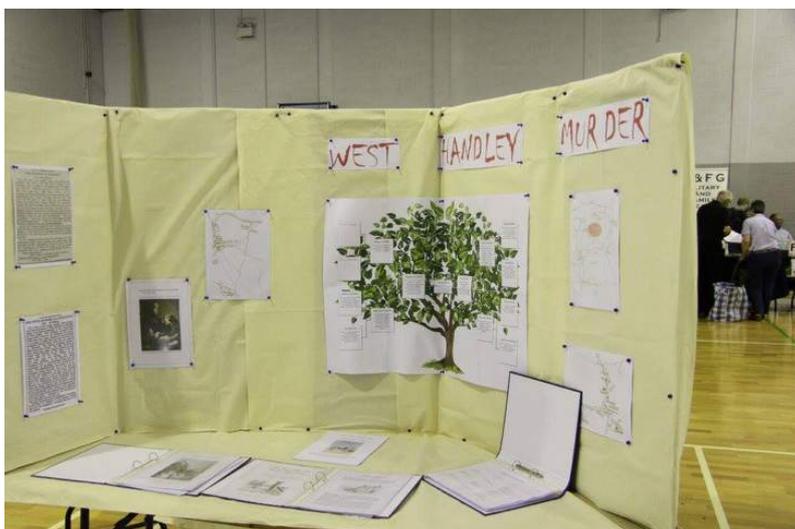
A pictorial visit to our August open day / fair Outwood Academy's Sport Hall, Newbold



Well we were all set up and raring to go. All the hard work that had taken place over several months was coming to fruition. 60 tables delivered to the school for the Friday afternoon ready for when society members joined with committee members to help set them up.

Many family history and local history societies were present offering help and research, including 3 researchers from CADFHS. Sadly few members attended so missed a golden opportunity.

The WW1 theme was also a success, right is Whittington Moor with the many lost soldiers in the 'Pals' regiment. Derby & Notts, Sherwood Foresters.



The West Handley Murder

Member Jayne Smith discovered that she was a relative whilst building her own family tree.

On 24th April 1873, Eliza Hudson was murdered by her husband and cousin, Ben Hudson.

Had it not been for the manner of her death, she, Ben and their other relatives would have lived and died without notice in historic record.



Another very interesting exhibitor at our 2016 Open Day Fair was M & FG Military and Family Genealogy

The entry fee was £1.00 which gave you a raffle ticket that was entered into a draw for a prize of three bottles of wine.

There was a free talk at 11:30 when Eric Chambers took us on a journey: 'In the Footsteps' of his Grandfather.

And then at 1:30 John Robinson of our local Robinson family took us on another journey. This time to London 83 years ago, when Robinson's & Sons celebrated their centenary by taking the whole workforce of 3700 workers to London for a day out.

All I can say is those who attended the talks thoroughly enjoyed them.

Both the talks have been requested for the 2017 programme so look out for them.

Coming up

September

24th Doncaster Family History Society Open Day

(we are attending)

September

24th History Day at the Chesterfield Museum

(We are attending)

October

Tuesday the 4th

Martin Mosley

Presenting www.cadfhs.org (see page 6)

November the

Tuesday the 1st

Derbyshire Victoria County

Philip Ryden

This month's Gem

Lots of history on film and video get the 'Media Experience' [click here.](#)

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The National Archives

6th September 2016

The AGM 7:30

The evening began with 18 members present. Many other members were absent as they were on holiday, I suppose this is the penalty we have to pay by having our AGM in September.

Before the AGM there was some notices from the secretary.

1. Was that the speaker would not be in attendance tonight. This was a last minute decision but one that he did make a lot of sense. In the end the title 'Lost Ancestor to Dissent' explains why it was decided that this topic deserved full presentation time and following the AGM could not do it justice, so not the best slot for it. However the talk is not lost and Celia Renshaw will be doing the honours in February 2017 for us instead.
2. That Carol Morris is not currently active as she has had a triple bypass. She is doing very well and keeping up to date with the affairs of the society, but we do not expect her to be attending meetings in the near future, but am sure we shall still be tapping into her wealth of experience.
3. And also to Gail Rodgers one of our 'A' team in the kitchen has recently married. We wished Gail and her Husband all the very best for the future.

Before the Chair Linda Jackson opened the AGM, she wished to share a short story regarding the increasing struggle for survival some Family History Societies were experiencing. The following account offers a total contrast of these experiences

A recent meeting with another genealogist friend, a discussion ensued about our personal experiences with the Societies we were involved with. My friend told a story of struggles, poor attendance to the monthly meetings, an unwillingness to change, and queried the survival of the society overall. Whilst my experience is currently in contrast to that example, I was able to share that CADFHS is currently thriving with robust membership, well supported on meeting nights, and the committee is working to a vision of continuous improvement and a willingness to make appropriate change to ensure its future survival.

This story is another indication of the decline being observed of FHS nationally, with many articles being written identifying the difficulties FHS are facing. We now live in an era where online records are so much more extensive that FHS are struggling to compete. The aim of CADFHS is to work alongside these challenges, as build a robust future to ensure its survival. The committee recognises that our members are the core of the society and your continuing support will ensure the future of our society.

The evening then commenced with the AGM and after apologies and 2015 minutes, the Chair gave her report.

It was then explained that the Treasurer was away due to celebrating a special birthday and so sent his apologies and a summary of the year was read to the membership by Linda Jackson our chair. A couple of questions were asked and we were able to answer them. So accounts can be signed off.

The secretaries report followed and then a coffee break.

The chair asked during the break if all those present would consider coming onto the committee. However this was not to be. Voting on block took place.

We welcomed two new members to the committee in Julia Wragg and Martin Mosley. Both have already been active for the society, Julia has been minute secretary for quite a while and has also taken up the post of Librarian. And Martin the post of web master. continued on next page.

AGM continued

Subscriptions is now an Agenda item every year.

A discussion took place around membership as it is now on the agenda but this does not of course mean that it will go up each year and following a discussion it was concluded that there was no need to raise the fees for 2017.

Dena Fanshawe did say that perhaps the society might consider a new option for 2018 and this was that maybe to introduce a 'digital membership'.

Dena Fanshawe

I explained that many of the members are already taking magazines by email and this helps to keep the running cost of the membership down.

The question was raised, how much is the cost of sending a printed magazine out four times per year? I have said that I will look into the costs and present this to the membership. I also said that I felt that if everyone decided to take their magazine hard copy then the membership would more likely need to increased anyway.

LJ indicated that in the future most societies are heading in the direction of paperless societies.

I proposed two options for consideration (*and would of course depend on the costings outcome of hard copy and posting*) that those wishing for hard copy magazines, then the subscription could be raised a little and those choosing email could remain the same.

This would hopefully encourage those that are able to receive by email, might then choose to take the digital option?

Or secondly, keep the membership the same but reduce the Digital Membership' option by a couple of pounds.

Personally if funds allow I would promote the second option so as not to disadvantage anyone. This would only need to happen the once and then once adopted would move forward proportionately.

I do hope this make sense and on a personal note would like to hear thoughts on this from our members during the year. Dena

The AGM concluded around 8:45 but many people stopped around chatting and catching up.

2016 /17 Committee

Chair	Linda Jackson
Vice Chair	Keith Fanshawe
Treasurer	Ken Sanderson
Secretary	Dena Fanshawe
Editor	Lynne Earland
Librarian	Juila Wragg
Minutes Secretary	Julia Wragg
Printing	Terry Cocking
Web Master	Martin Mosley
Committee	Jayne Smith
Non committee with posts	
Assistant Membership	Margaret Linacre

Many thanks also to members Doreen Rodgers, Pam Kemp, Gail Rodgers, Keith Feltham, Marion Yeldham and Dee Mountain.

Meet the team

<http://www.cadfhs.org/committee-members/>

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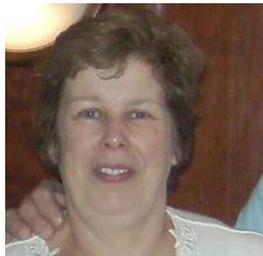
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