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2017

Welcome to our December
eNewsletter

What is in a Surname? Let's take Christmas for example

Christmas is a relatively rare surname, which is sometimes said to have been a byname given to a person born at Christmas.

However, others dispute this interpretation.

A few hundred years ago, the English language had no fast system of spelling rules. When literacy was still uncommon, spelling variations are often found in names with Anglo-Saxon origins which are transcribed based on pronunciation. Words were transcribed using their pronunciation when names are listed in public records. The byname was spelled "Cristemass" in 1185 and 1191, and "Cristesmesse" in 1308. The name is principally found in Essex and Sussex counties in England where some records suggest that they held a family seat during ancient times..

At least fifty (50) women called Mary have married a man with the surname of Christmas over the past 170 years to become Mary Christmas. In December 2012, living Mrs. Mary Christmas from Hull, England was featured online as a woman with a year-round Yuletide spirit. She is a wife to a certain Leeroy Christmas.

The earliest known record on Mary Christmas was discovered in 1837 when Mary Cannon married a Mr. Christmas in Alton, Hampshire and "set herself up for years of festive ribbing."
Taken from Wikipedia.



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Christmas meeting the 6th of December

CADFHS Festive meeting member entry is complimentary

This is a meeting where we welcome you all to take part.

**Please feel welcome to contribute to the finger buffet
and prizes for the Festive Raffle.**

All Contributions welcome

A Welcome drink around 7:15 to 7:30

Christmas with the Tudors with Linda Jackson 10 thing you
didn't know about Christmas and Quiz 7:30

Buffet will open at 8:10 ish.



November Meeting at our NEW venue.

Speaker

Eric Chambers

In the Footsteps of my Grandfather.

Home to Ypres 1914 to 1918

The Chamber Family History

(And how I researched it.)

Our speaker talked about his interests in books as a youngster and his fascination for older books and history books. He had been inspired from being quite young. He had enjoyed reading comics, the Beano and the characters within them. This set him off on a life time love of books and history.

Eric's Grandfather had been in the first world war and was in the 1st Battalion of the Cold Stream Guards, and as a reserve was called upon very early in the war in 1914. His grandfather Worth ????? contrary to the rules had kept a small diary which survived with him and became the basis of Eric's interest.

Eric decided to send for the war diary of the battalion and armed with this set off to Belgium to see if he could walk in his grandfather's footsteps using the diary.

An experienced guide was engaged and he eagerly became part of this journey of discovery. His usual tours follow a structured tour of the battlefields, so this was different for him as it was the journey of a specific battalion.

As Eric toured from place to place and learned the stories of his grandfather's war time experiences, he photographed the locations as they were during his visit.

The photographs became part of his presentation and where possible showed photos and illustrations from the war itself, showing the stark differences. In particular is the Cloth Hall on Ypres. Photographs showing the Cloth Hall pre-war and then the devastation of it after. Flattened. It was rebuilt from the original photographs and completed by 1927. Overall a very engaging and enlightening talk.



Ypres pre war



Ypres post war



Ypres after the war
unrecognisable

Ypres rebuilt
"Completed 1927" Using
photographs of the
original buildings



The Magnificent Menen Gate Memorial

It stands at the entrance to
Ypres from the Menen Road
Contains the names of 54,616
casualties who's bodies have
never been found.

A service and The Last Post is
carried out each evening at
8pm in memory of the fallen.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-cemeteries-and-memorials/91800/ypres-memorial>

Bits and Bobs

**Highly recommended
Website**

**The Commonwealth War
Graves**

**Find a cemetery, find a
grave, find person.
ww1 & ww2**

[https://www.cwgc.org/
find](https://www.cwgc.org/find)

[www.nationalarchives.
gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)



Sending 'Best Wishes' to Doreen Rodgers who has recently been ill. Doreen a former secretary of the society and a well known part of our 'A' team who along with Pam, Gail and Marion have provided the meetings with refreshment for so many years. Doreen is now retiring from this role but we could not let her go without saying a big thank you and to say how much the 'A' team have been appreciated.

"I'm just going to review a few things on my 3rd Great-Grandmother's genealogy."

Translation:

"I'm going to review at least 10 vital records and hunt down her Mother's maiden name. Leave me alone. I'll see you when I see you."



Twisted Twigs
of gnarled branches

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An online calendar of GENealogical EVents and Activities

<http://geneva.weald.org.uk/>

Follow us on our website:

www.cadfhs.org

Date	Forth coming events 2017
First Wednesday of the month.	Held at Whittington Moor Methodist Church, Scarsdale Road S41 8NA
2017 6th December	Xmas fuddle, Christmas themed speakers and quiz
2018 3rd January	Monthly Meeting at Whittington Moor Methodist Church, Scarsdale Road John Robinson - 400 year 'Journey' of Chesterfield's Robinson of Chesterfield
2018 7th February	The Mystery of Mary Dunn - Dena Fanshawe
2018 7th March	Old & Curious Occupation with Denis Hill
2018 4th April	Derbyshire Record Office 'A Tour of the Archives with Karen Millhouse
2018 2nd May	Gardarobes, Grime and Leeches in the 16th Century with Maureen Taylor
2018 May 19th	CADFHS's 2018 SHOW CASE EVENT Family History, Local History and Heritage with Craft stalls. The PROACT Stadium. 10am till 4pm.
	click here for: <u>An online calendar of GENEalogical EVents and Activities</u>

NEWS

Derbyshire Parish Records now on - line

Records Office Matlock, tell us that Parish Records for our area are now available on - line at www.ancestry.co.uk

What wonderful news for Ancestry Users.

What if I don't SUBSCRIBE TO ANCESTRY? Free access is available at Local Studies at Chesterfield Library and the DRO Matlock.

You will need to be a library member.

WHAT IF I AM NOT A LIBRARY MEMBER?

You can join here:

[https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/
using_your_library/joining/default.asp](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/using_your_library/joining/default.asp)

NEWS From Find My Past

FIND MY PAST have introduced three new packages, **Starter, Plus and Pro** for their UK customers. Plus and Pro include **unlimited monthly access to the 1939 Register**.

All three options have been specifically tailored to family historians and will provide access to the essential records needed at each stage of your family history research.

You can now make monthly payments too.

To find out more about the new packages check out our **subscription packages page**

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/Subscribe?>

FAQ page.

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/help/search?>

If you have any further questions, their UK-based Customer Support team can help, get in touch here:

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/help/contact>

Regular Requests

Taking CADFHS from strength to strength. Your society needs you.

NOW is the opportunity for us to grow new committee members to carry the society forward into the future. Bring you talent to the team.

We do have a successful society that is going from strength to strength but if it is to continue in this way. **Your society needs you.**

So! Come and joins us, get on board, volunteer to help us, to continue. We need new and inspired members to get involved with the society.

This society belongs to it's members. Maybe you don't have the time to commit to being on the committee!

But still would like to help, be involved?

Speak to any of the committee or contact.

Dena Fanshawe secretary@cadfhs.org

Chair Linda Jackson chair@cadfhs.org

Could you be our 'Charity Champion'?

We believe if we had someone dedicated to this role, we could potentially raise more money to add to the society's donation of £100.00.

***'Ashgate Hospice' is CADFHS' Charity for 1 year
September 2017 to September 2018 {AGM}***

Do you have Ashgate Hospice at your heart?

The society gives £100.00 to the chosen charity each year.

This could be an opportunity for you to get involved.

**This could be for the one year and
can be a none committee post.**

Notice of Education Opportunity

This is still included as this will be ongoing.

'NEW' opportunity'

To attend seminars on behalf of CADFHS

Expenses have been approved for members to attend educational programs that are out of the CADFHS area. *(See map on the last page of this newsletter.*

For example if you live somewhere and a seminar is taking place, we can consider,

a)The content of the seminar.

b)The benefit to our members.

If the seminar is approved then the costs could be met for you to attend on the society's behalf.

The proviso would be that you provide a report of the seminar in away that can be circulated to the membership in order to share your experience.

Please let us know if you would like to know more about this?

Again if you know of other projects etc that our members may benefit from please let us know.

GENEALOGY EVENT FINDER: <http://geneva.weald.org.uk>

Mission Statement

Chesterfield & District Family History Society aims to be one of the country's leading and most forward thinking 'Family History Societies'.

Providing a strong base to enable our members to develop and grow as 'Family History' researchers.

We aim to foster a positive experience and environment, through creative and innovative, and related services for our members.

Wednesday the 6th of December Monthly Meeting

"Our meeting are now held on the first Wednesday of each month".

To be held at:
Whittington Moor Methodist Church
Scarsdale Rd, Chesterfield, S41 8NA

secretary@cadfhs.org

Would you like to help with this Project?

We are wanting a photograph of a church near you! In the area CADFHS covers which is the Scarsdale 100 area.

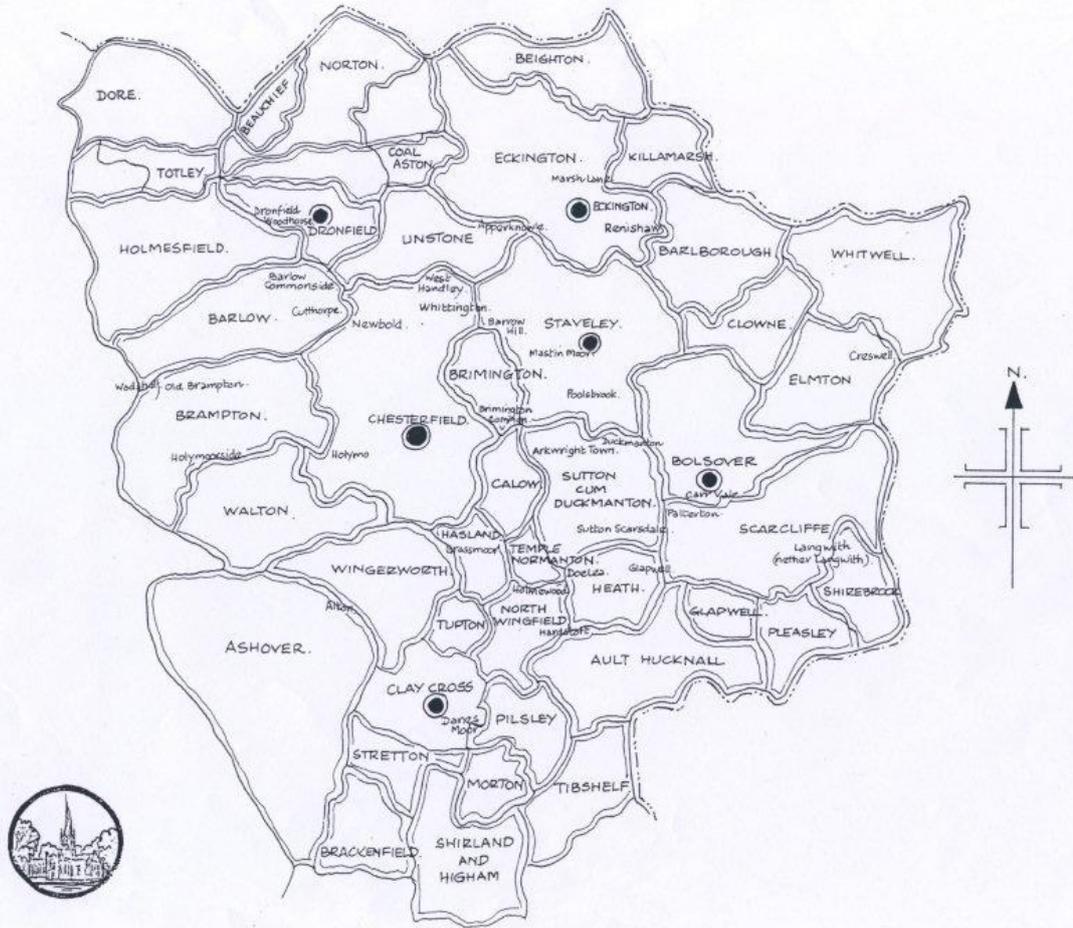
see map above

Check for missing churches here:

<http://cadfhs.org/parish-churches-and-places-of-worship/>

Send your photos to web master - martin_mosley@me.com

Scarsdale 100 Area



The area that CADFHS covers.

Monthly Meetings

From November 2017 we are changing to the
1st Wednesday 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