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Mar	Old & Curious Occupation	Denis Hill
Apr	Derbyshire Record Office 'A Tour of the Archives'	Karen Millhouse
May	Garderobes, Grime and Leeches in the 16th Century	Maureen Taylor
June	Interesting Findings from over 30 years of Research of Original Records Part 1	Kate Henderson
July		To be confirmed
Aug		To be confirmed
Sept	AGM	
Oct		To be confirmed
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Dec	Christmas fun, games and nibbles	

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FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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NEW MEMBERS – WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5 September 2017

Venue: St Hugh's Newbold, Chesterfield.

Committee present: Linda Jackson (Chair), Keith Fanshawe (Vice Chair), Dena Fanshawe (Secretary), Terry Cocking, Lynne Earland, Dena Mountain, Ken Sanderson

Apologies: Julia Wragg, Margaret Linacre, Brian Jones, Sandra Jones, Liz Newbery, Brenda Bubb, Denise Dunstan, John Wragg, Neil Wilson, Martin Mosley, Jayne Smith, Sammy McHugh.

The meeting opened at 7.30.pm.

1 AGM 2016 minutes were proposed by Linda Jackson and seconded by Keith Feltham.

2 Matters Arising

2.1 Chairman's report – Linda Jackson attached.

2.2 Treasurer Report Ken Sanderson attached.

2.3 Secretary Report – Dena Fanshawe - attached.

3 Election of Officers and Committee – It was agreed to do an enblock voting for the committee, this was agreed and the vote unanimous the

following were re-elected for 2017-18.

Linda Jackson - Chairman.

Keith Fanshawe – Vice Chairman.

Dena Fanshawe – Secretary.

Ken Sanderson – Treasurer.

Committee: - Lynne Earland, Julia Wragg, Terry Cocking, Dena Mountain.

Future of CADFHS - Three years ago Secretary Dena Fanshawe gave the committee 3 years notice and the AGM this year 1 years notice to her retirement. Vice Chair Keith Fanshawe will also retire. Treasure Ken Sanderson was to stand down at this year's AGM but has agreed to stay for another year. There is a possibility that Dena Mountain and Terry Cocking may also retire. This presents a threat to the society which is otherwise in a very stable condition, but we urgently need to recruit new members to the committee and also none committee people to take on some roles. Dena Fanshawe explained she will continue to support the society and carry out some of her duties but not as part

of the committee. She also explained the secretary role is not complex and will not be the same role that she has had. See September newsletter. It was also explained that the current committee will work with new members to take on new roles. We therefore need to encourage other members get involved to replace these vacancies or the society is in danger of not having enough committee members to continue.

LJ and DF put out a request for any members interested in joining the committee to come and see us for a discussion of the work it would entail.

4 **Membership Fees** – A Proxy vote offered to all members during the month of August regarding an increase in annual subscriptions was counted of the three options offered members voted for Option 1, the increase in the annual subscriptions will come into effect from January 1st, 2018.

5 **Local Charity 2019** – The members were asked to cast a vote on which Local charity they would like the Society to support for 2019.

Three options offered:

MS Society

After some debate, it was voted by a show of hands to support the Chesterfield Care Group for 2019.

- 6 **Investing Monies for Education** – Dena Fanshawe raised a new initiative to invest some monies raised by the society into education, this would involve financially supporting individual members the opportunity to attend a training event or seminar, relating to a relevant subject in family / local history. In return, the attendee would be expected to feedback to other members thereby ensuring all members would benefit from the investment. Everyone felt this was a positive idea.
- 7 **Proposal from Asst. Membership Secretary** – Margaret Linacre – The following proposal was put to the members *“I would like to propose by way of thanks, and in appreciation and recognition of the time and effort the serving committee put in to organising meetings and events, that they be also be honoured for the duration of their tenure of their office with a ‘Honorary membership’”*.

Following some debate, the members agreed the proposal, and it was seconded by Keith Feltham

Any Other Business - Non-raised

The meeting closed at 8:50pm

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to my second AGM, following a busy year in 2016, we planned to take the opportunity in 2017 to consolidate the work we carried out in 2016. So, whilst we saw some success, unexpected challenges have arisen which do need addressing, these challenges' I will discuss further in this report.

I would like to focus on the positive side of our year, during which we held two Family History fairs in September 2016 at Newbold academy and then in our continuing aim to strive for improvements in June this year we changed the venue to the Proact Stadium, Chesterfield, despite a moderate footfall for both events both events were deemed a success, the feedback received was very positive from those who attended, and we were

able to raise our profile to the wider audience, which has contributed to an increase in our membership.

We have planned and booked Saturday the 19th May 2018 and the event will be held again at the Proact stadium, as always, we would like to see members to join us on the day, as helpers / exhibitors and just to come along as see us.

Arranging these events are very time consuming and it's at this point I would like to thank the committee for their hard work and commitment in endeavouring to host these events.

Library - is now all catalogued and is managed under the eagle of eye of Julia, I would certainly encourage you to use the library, the books in the library held which will certainly aid your family research.

Venues – as you are all aware we have been informed St Hugh's will no longer be available from November 2017, and we have been searching for a replacement I'm pleased to say we have found new premises – this being Whittington Moor Methodist Church. However, the venue is not available on Tuesdays, so we have agreed to Wednesdays nights, whilst we appreciate this will not suit everyone, it was the best opportunity afforded to us. We do hope many of you will be able to continue to come on this night. The first meeting to be held at our new venue will be our next meeting on Wednesday the 4th of October 2017 at the usual time of 7:00 for 7:30

Finances – Whilst we are in an improved position financially and relatively stable from the position in 2012 (Ken will expand further during his report) One issue the committee has deliberated on for some time is increasing membership fees.

Membership Fees – Whist CADFHS is a non-profit making Society, however like with many things these days we are being hit with cost increases, we are very conscious the Society offers a fair costed membership, and as many of you are aware throughout August we carried out a proxy vote regarding an increase whereby we offered a fee tariff for you to consider. We put this issue to you the members to enable us to offer a fair input to this very contentious issue, we have had some very good responses and comments which we the committee will take on board.

Why the need to increase: - the largest outlay for the society is the printing and postage of the hardcopy of the Magazine, and whilst we acknowledge some members do prefer to receive the magazine through the post, we need to ensure these costs are covered.

Speakers – We are seeing an increase in speaker costs, and whilst we aim to invite speakers with competitive rates, it is a challenge to find circa 10 speakers per annum with low rates.

We acknowledge this is a contentious issue hence the reason for carrying out the vote, I do hope you will understand and support our need to re-evaluate the membership fees.

Earlier I mentioned the challenges which face the Society over the coming months, whilst you will now have had some insight into what those challenges are I do need to reiterate the need to discuss them here tonight, and the repercussions of doing nothing.

Committee Changes – Already this year we have seen some changes in the committee, for some time we have been carrying three vacancies, then earlier this year the following Committee members stepped down:

Martin Mosely Webmaster – he has agreed to continue to maintain the website for the time being.

Carol Morris – who has been on the committee a very long time, and has played an integral role during her tenure, recently managing the Library and Magazine

Jayne Smith – Membership manager another longstanding member

I would like to Thank both Carol and Jayne for their hard work and continuing support to the Society.

We would like to offer our thanks and appreciation to them for their hard work and commitment to the society during their tenure.

Keith Fanshawe will be taking a sabbatical – we all wish Keith a speedy recovery.

Not all is negative, and I would like to welcome on to the committee.

Dena Mountain – Raffle and events support.

However, next year is a concern despite carrying vacancies, we will also see the following committee members stand down:

Secretary – Dena Fanshawe

Vice Chair – Keith Fanshawe

Treasurer – Ken Sanderson

Committee Member – Dena Mountain

Before I continue it has been suggested to me as the Chair - have I identified the reasons why, so many committee members have or are stepping down! My response to that question is YES, each reason is legitimate and understandable, and I have no inclination

to discuss their reasons for their decision, with members. I fully support their decision as does the committee and we are comfortable they are genuine reasons.

However, it goes without saying If we are unable to fill any of these vacancies from this year, adding on to those members standing down will in effect mean the remaining committee members will number 4, the constitution states we need a minimum of 6 to constitute a quorum. Despite regular requests we have to date been unable to fill any of the current vacant roles.

Consequently, from September 2018 it will not be feasible for four committee members to run the society. The sad fact is that if we are unable to recruit new committee members, then our society will be in real danger of folding. We therefore urge you to think deeply and consider if you are able to help? Would you be interested in joining the committee? If so, please come and talk to us.

Whilst 2017 continues to test us we remain committed in our endeavours to ensure the society functions, without any disruption to our evening meeting, searching for interesting speakers, and offering opportunities to support members in their own research.

I would like to close on thanking each the committee member for their hard work, commitment and determination, their dedication to CADFHS is unquestionable.

We do face uncertain times, but with your support we will endeavour to do what we can to see us into 2019.

Linda J Jackson

Chairman – CADFHS

HNC – Genealogy/Family History

Associate member of AGRA (Association of Genealogists and Researchers of Archives)

One Place Study

TREASURER'S REPORT 2016 – 2017

This is my second year as your Treasurer and so second report. I was not able to be with you at last year's AGM and Linda kindly gave the treasurer report on my behalf. (Many thanks Linda.)

I am not going to go through the Balance sheet as I assume that you all have it, but will take questions later.

I would like to report that it has been another good year and we continue to build the society.

Membership

Our membership subscriptions income has increased by 9% from the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Many of our newer members are local and have been attending our meetings on a regular basis and I would like to thank you for your support. The venue and speakers have a cost, so long may your support continue. On our part, we would like to ensure that the meetings are educational and meet the needs of our members.

I would like to announce that following on from member suggestions, we will hopefully be able to offer a new way of paying.

You can of course continue to pay cash or cheque at meetings, or on our online membership platform by PayPal or Cheque, but going forward by Bank Transfer, Direct Debit or Standing Order too.

2017 Two Events

This year we have held two events, so it has been quite hectic, the reason is that we have moved the event to an earlier time of the year and away from Autumn. Hence two events in the last financial year. The first was last August at the Outwood Academy and the second in June at our new Venue, the home of Chesterfield FC, the PROACT Stadium.

Sales

This year in time for the June event we introduced a new CADFHS CD for sale, which covers the BMD's for Chesterfield Trinity Church and Christ Church, Stone Gravels.

Work is currently taking place transcribing records for another new CD which will be launched in May at the time of our 2018 Event which is taking place on Saturday 19 May 2018.

The Financial Position

The financial position of the Society has improved by 121% over the past five years. This now means we are in a more comfortable position to enable us to deliver and develop our services to our Society Members.

One of the suggestions that your Committee have approved this year are expenses for educational programs that are out of our catchment area. 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 this is approved, expenses for the seminar could be provided for you to attend on the Societies behalf.

The proviso would be that you report back the content of the seminar so that it can be circulated to the Members.

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.

Members of Your Committee

Members of your Committee have attended several other events / fairs, networking with other Family History Societies and their Members, giving their time freely.

Finally – Our Future Meetings and Venue

We have been very fortunate with our current venue here at St Hugh's Church and would like to thank them for their continued support over the years.

In the past and for many years we were paying £45.00 a month and in our time of need we were able to negotiate a 55.5% reduction and have enjoyed this now for the past five years.

But times are changing and as you know by now that St Hugh's Church is closing.

However, we are pleased to be able to tell you a new venue has been found and is just 1 mile down the road from here.

The October meeting will now take place at our new venue. This is at Whittington Moor Methodist Church.

Unfortunately, we **have not** been able to secure a Tuesday evening and so will now be moving to the first Wednesday of each month instead, so that will be on 4 October 2017.

The new venue will have increased costs, but we should be able to continue meeting the expenditure with your continued support.

Just leaves me to say thank you for listening and enjoy the rest of your evening.

Ken Sanderson – Treasurer

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2017

Just a few thank you before my report.

A big thank you to all of those none Committee Members who give their time to support us by providing refreshments, turning up to help set up rooms, Assistant Membership Secretary, and all of you who continue to support your Society. A thank you to all the committee from me too.....

I took the unprecedented steps of releasing a transcript of my end of year report in the September Newsletter.

My report will be short as I am sure Linda our Chair and Ken our Treasurer will bring you comprehensive reports of the Society and its Finances.

I want to take you back to 2012

In the June of that year the Society almost closed. Finances and moral was low, falling numbers attending the meetings and new Committee Members difficult to find. An SGM was called in the June of 2012, and the Members resoundingly voted for the Society to continue.

So, at the AGM in September 2012, a new but reduced Committee for Chesterfield & District Family History Society was formed with the challenge to become one of the country's leading and most forward thinking 'Family History Society'.

I became Secretary at the September's AGM and have been in that role ever since but picking more roles on the way.

Keith somewhat reluctantly took over the Chair as we needed one, and did a super job until our current Chair Linda Jackson joined us and relieved him of that role, literally.

Our Mission Statement reads: -

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I believe this is the Society as it stands today, and it also has many plans in the pipeline for the future.

So, I have now been your Secretary since the AGM of September 2012, and although the work has been hard I have enjoyed it very much, and I am proud to have been part of the Committee and its achievements over this five-year period. The achievements are due to the hard work of the Committee and its Members as we have all taken part in taking Chesterfield & District Family History Society from strength to strength.

We now have a healthy membership and are in a strong position with a great opportunity for further growth, to make our Society one of the best. But the Society can't run by name alone.

The Future of the Society

Two years ago, I gave the Committee three years notice to me standing down as Secretary, and so now I will give the Society one years notice this year at the AGM today.

I have said I would still like to remain involved with the Society, for example with external support by continuing producing the newsletter and with webmaster support and also our now annual event.

This will hopefully release me to do more of my own research, but also some freedom to help others with their research too, which currently I don't seem to have time to do.

I have talked about the strength of the Society and opportunity for the future but there is one flaw, on that as we have one major weakness, and this will lead to a threat to the Society, if more changes in its culture does not take place from today at the AGM.

What weakness you may wonder?

The answer to this is easy, it is our Society's inability to recruit new Committee Members, this is nothing new and has been the major risk to the Society's survival for many many years, in fact as long as I can remember.

But times are changing, and it is now the time to ask our Members and so yourselves a question.

Do you want to see the Society survive?

If the answer is **yes**, then another question to ask oneself is:

What can I do?

How may I contribute?

The irony is that our Society needs new custodians to ensure its future for those who follow on from us, to keep a legacy going for those who want to know about people of the past.

Dena Fanshaw – Secretary

ASSISTANT MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT 2017

CADFHS REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP STATUS

(AS OF 26/8/2017)

The Society currently has 138 active Members consisting of: -

95 Individual Members

26 Joint Members

3 Overseas Members

8 Life Members

6 Honorary Members

The last Membership No. issued was 1101, 101 new Members having joined in the last three years, since September 2014. Life membership is no longer available.

Honorary Membership has historically been awarded to individuals who have given of their time and expertise to help the Society.

I would like to propose by way of thanks, and in appreciation and recognition of the time and effort the serving committee put in to organising meetings and events, that they be also be honoured for the duration of their tenure of their office with a 'Honorary membership'.

Margaret Linacre – Assistant Membership Secretary.

Member No: 936

MEMBERS MEETING – 3 OCTOBER 2017

A SOLDIER'S STORY – JAMES CLARKE

This was basically a true story about Clifford Lone and Jimmy Tate, both from Chesterfield and based on their WW1 diaries. Jimmy was 15 years old when he lied about his age and signed up for the army in WW1.

James Clark who gave the talk was dressed in the uniform of an army private of WW1 and demonstrated the basic equipment and weapons issued to a "Tommy".

He informed the audience of the crude propaganda circulating in the press at the beginning of the War that was believed by much of the British population.

So, Clifford and Jimmy signed up to fight to stop the Germans from bayonetting babies and then roasting and eating them.

After training, they were sent to Belgium, they had little idea where Belgium was, but sought adventure beyond the confines of a Chesterfield foundry.

James explained how soldiers were rotated from about a day in the front trenches to 1 to 2 weeks in the support trenches (250 yards behind the front) to 1 to 2 weeks in the reserve trenches followed by a month in a training area before returning to the front.

He demonstrated the early gas mask that steamed up so that vision was very poor, and the later he showed a small box respirator that was better, but this meant that beards were unpopular because a tight fit was needed around the neck. He also explained that if we ever came across an old gas mask, never to put it on as part of it was made of asbestos.

James accepted that initially the British Generals did not change their tactics in the face of appalling losses of men, because this was a new type of warfare and alternative approaches were not obvious. As the war progressed however better tactics were developed and totally new organisation, training and equipment were used. At the start of the war, Germany adopted a defensive strategy for the Western Front whilst they attacked in the East. This meant that they dug deep and their sleeping quarters were protected from heavy bombardment whereas the Allies were attacking so regarded their trenches as only temporary and therefore more susceptible to German bombardment.

James gave moving accounts of the actual battles in which Clifford Lone fought, James ended the talk by blowing a whistle, which is how the army knew they had to go over the top of the trench to advance on the enemy. It was a very informative and enjoyable, but a moving and thought provoking talk.

MEMBERS MEETING – 1 NOVEMBER 2017 **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MY GRANDFATHER**

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 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 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.

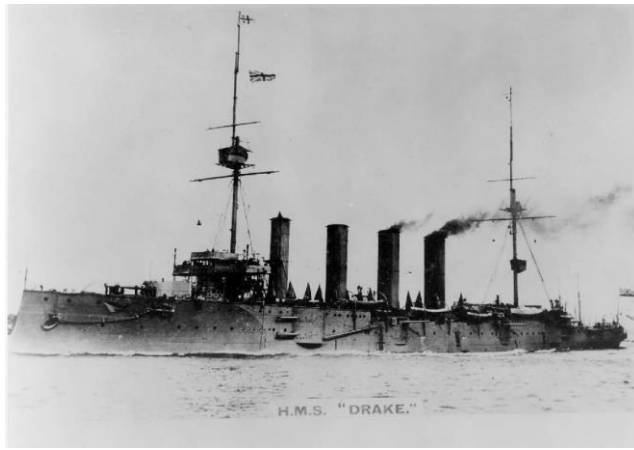


WW1 Oct – Dec 1917

October

- 2nd** H.M.S. 'Drake' was sunk by a submarine in the North Channel.
- 3rd** Battle of Polygon Wood (Ypres) ended.
- 4th** Battle of Broodseinde (Ypres). The attack by II ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) successfully achieved its objective on the first day of the battle and reached the high ground just below the summit of the Broodseinde Ridge.
- 5th** Peru severs diplomatic relations with Germany.
- 6th** Major-General PERSHING, Commanding United States Army in France, promoted to General.
- 7th** Uruguay severs diplomatic relations with Germany.
- 9th** Battle of Poelcapelle (Ypres).
- ❖** Hussein KAMEL, Sultan of Egypt, died, he was succeeded by Prince Ahmend FUAD, his youngest brother.
- 10th** British hospital ship 'Goorkha' was damaged by a mine off Malta.
- 11th** German operations against the Baltic Islands began.
- 12th** First Battle of Passchendaele, Anzac forces made limited progress at Passchendaele (Ypres). It was the biggest loss of life in a single day for New Zealand, over 800 men and 45 officers were killed, roughly 1 in 1000 of the nation's population at this time.
- 12-19th** German forces land on and capture the West Estonian Islands.

- ❖ Osel Island (Baltic) captured by German forces.
- ❖ Canadian War Cabinet was formed.
- ❖ Compulsory Service Act comes into operation in Canada.
- 15th** Polish Regency Council was appointed.
- ❖ Mata HARI (an exotic dancer) was shot at dawn 6.00 am at the age of 41, by a French firing squad of Zouaves at Caserne de Vincennes on the outskirts of Paris having been tried as a spy.
- 16th** Action of Nyangao (German East Africa) began.
- ❖ Naval action in Gulf of Riga. Russian battleship 'Slava' was sunk.
- 17th** Murman cruisers raid convoy in the North Sea and sink British destroyers 'Strongbow' and 'Mary Rose'.
- 18th** Moon Island and Dago Island (Baltic) was captured by the German forces.
- 19th** Action of Nyangao (German East Africa) ended.
- ❖ Carl SWARTZ resigned as Prime Minister of Sweden after a dismal election results for the right-wing in the Riksdag elections in September. He is replaced by Liberal Leader and history Professor Nils EDEN.
- 20th** German conquest of the Baltic Islands completed.
- 21st** Turkish attack on Arab stronghold at Petra repulsed.
- 23rd** Battle of La Malmaison began.
- ❖ A Brazilian ship was destroyed by a German U-Boat, encouraging Brazil to enter WW1.
- ❖ M. BARTHOU succeeded M. RIBOT as French Foreign Minister.
- 24th** Start of the Battle of Caporetto which ended on October 30th, Austria-Germany breakthrough.
- ❖ Twelfth Battle of the Isonzo began, Austro-German offensive.
- 25th** Signor BOSELLI, Italian Premier, resigned.
- 26th** Brazil declared war on Germany.
- ❖ Second Battle of Passchendaele (Ypres) began.
- 27th** Third Battle of Gaza began.
- 28th** Gorizia is retaken by Austro-German forces.
Udine (Venetia) was captured by Austro-German forces.
- 29th** Signor ORLANDO was appointed Italian Premier.
- 30th** Count HERTLING succeeded Dr MICHAELIS as German Imperial Chancellor.
- 31st** The Battle of Beersheba. This battle was part of the British offensive known as the Third Battle of Gaza aimed at breaking the Turkish defensive line that stretched from Gaza to Beersheba. The battle is best known for the charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade.



H.M.S. DRAKE



MATA HARI EXECUTED

November

- 1st Battle of La Malmaison ended.
- ❖ Great Britain formed Ministry of National Service.
- ❖ The British XXI Corps of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force began the Third Battle of Gaza
- ❖ The British Desert Mounted Corps began the Battle of Tel el Khuweilfe in the direction of Hebron and Jerusalem.
- 2nd Raid by British naval light forces on the Kattegat.
- 3rd French troops arrived in Italy announced.
- ❖ Agreement concluded between the British, French and Italian Governments for provision of tonnage for the Allied Food Programme.

- 4th British troops arrived in Italy announced.
- 5th Action of Tikrit (Mesopotamia).
 - ❖ Estonian communists seize power in Tallinn.
- 6th Britain launched a major offensive on the Western Front and captured Passchendaele.
 - ❖ Militants from TROTSKY's committee join with trusty Bolshevik soldiers to seize government buildings and pounce on members of the provisional government.
 - ❖ Battle of Hareira and Sheria was launched by the British against the central Ottoman defences protecting the Gaza to Beersheba road.
 - ❖ Tikrit (Mesopotamia) occupied by British (Canadian) Forces.
- LENIN took power in Russian with the Bolsheviks in charge of Moscow and Petrograd.
- 7th Bolshevik Revolution in Russia results in Communist Government under Lenin taking office.
 - ❖ US declared war on Austria-Hungary.
 - ❖ Third Battle of Gaza ended.
 - ❖ Allied Conference at Rapallo, inception of Supreme War Council.
 - ❖ General Cadorna relieved of the command of the Italian Armies, he was succeeded by General Diaz.
 - ❖ Iran which provided weapons for Russia, refused to support the Allied Forces after the October Revolution.
- 8th Bolshevik coup d'état in Petrograd, LENIN and TROTSKI assume power.
- 9th Jerusalem falls to the British.
- 10th The second Battle of Passchendaele ended, and Battles of Ypres 1917 ended.
- 11th Austro-German forces reached the Piave.
- 13th Kerenski's forces defeated by the Bolshevik near Petrograd.
 - ❖ Action of El Mughar (Palestine).
 - ❖ Egyptian Expeditionary Force attacked retreating Yildirim Army Group forces during the Battle of Mughar Ridge, resulting in the capture of 10,000 Ottoman prisoners, 100 guns and 50 miles of Palestine territory.
 - ❖ Anzac Mounted Division (Desert Mounted Corps) successfully fought the Battle of Ayun Kara in the aftermath of the Battle of Mughar Ridge against strong German rear guards.
- 14th PAINLEVE, French Premier and War Minister resigned.
 - ❖ BARTHOU, French Foreign Minister resigned.

- 15th The Japanese Government were unable to comply with request of the British Government, that two Japanese battle cruisers should join the Grand Fleet in the North Sea.
- ❖ British Government gave further pledge in the House of Commons that restitution of Alsace-Lorraine was a War Aim.
 - ❖ KERENSKY fled from Petrograd.
- 16th M. CLEMENCEAU was appointed French Premier and War Minister.
- ❖ M. Stephen PICHON was appointed French Foreign Minister.
 - ❖ Jaffa (Palestine) was taken by the British forces.
 - ❖ M. JONNART succeeded M. METIN as French minister for Blockade.
- 17th Light cruiser action off Heligoland.
- ❖ Battle of Nebi Samwil (Palestine) began.
 - ❖ United States Navy destroyers USS Fanning and USS Nicholson captured Imperial German Navy U-boat SM U-58 off the south-west coast of Ireland, the first combat action in which US ships take a submarine, which was then scuttled.
 - ❖ Battle of Jerusalem 1917 began with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force launching attacks against the Ottoman forces in the Judean Hills.
- 18th General Sir S MAUDE, Commander-in-Chief in Mesopotamia, died at Baghdad, he was succeeded by Lieut. General Sir W R MARSHALL.
- 20th Battle of Cambrai 1917 began. British launch surprise tank attack at Cambrai, the British used tanks en masse and made significant gains.
- ❖ Ukrainian People's Republic proclaimed.
- 21st The 'Britannic' a hospital ship was sunk by a mine in the Eastern Mediterranean, it was the largest ship to be sunk by a mine, at 47,000 tons.
- ❖ Armistice began by Russian Bolshevik Government with Central Powers.
 - ❖ German airship 'L-59' left Yambol (Bulgaria) for East Africa.
- 23rd M. LEBRUN succeeded M. JONNART as French Minister for Blockade.
- 24th Ain ed DOULEH succeeded Ala es SULTANEH as Persian Prime Minister.
- ❖ Battle of Nebi Samwil (Palestine) ended.
- 25th German force under Colonel von LETTOW-VORBECK effects passage of the Rovuma and defeated Portuguese force at Ngomano on the boarder of modern-day Mozambique and Tanzania. German operations in Portuguese East Africa began.
- ❖ German airship 'L-59' returned to Yambol from flight to East Africa.
- 26th Russia requested an armistice with the Germans.
- 27th First meeting of Russian and German delegated behind the German lines to arrange for armistice.

- ❖ Members of Supreme Council was appointed – General Sir H H WILSON, General F FOCH, General Cadorna and General Bliss.
- ❖ German airship ‘L-59’ reached East Africa, but turned back without alighting.
- 28th German force under Captain TAFEL surrendered to the British in the Mwititi Valley (German East Africa).
- ❖ The Bolsheviks offer peace terms to the Germans.
- 29th Air Force (Constitution) Act 1917, comes into operation in Great Britain.
- ❖ First meeting of Great Inter-Allied Conference opened in Paris.
- 30th A German counter-offensive took back much of the land captured by the Allies.
- ❖ Allied Naval Conference was formed in London.
- ❖ Austro-Hungarian Government accepted Bolshevik proposals to negotiate for armistice and peace.



ALEXANDER KERENSKY



GENERAL CARDONA

December

- 1st Permanent Allied Supreme War Council inaugurated.
- ❖ The last German forces were driven out of German East Africa into Portuguese territory.
- 2nd Suspension of hostilities between the German and Russian Armies began.
- 3rd Battle of Cambrai 1917 ended.

- ❖ Allied Conference in Paris resolved to establish an Allied Maritime Transport Council.
- ❖ First session of armistice.
- 4th Battle of Cambrai ended.
- 5th An armistice was signed between Germany and Russia.
- 6th Hostilities between Rumania and Central Powers suspended.
- ❖ Finland declares independence from Russian.
- ❖ Truce arranged between Russia, and Bulgaria, Central Powers and Turkey from 7th to 17th. Negotiations suspended.
- ❖ United States Battleship Division, under Rear-Admiral RODMAN, joins Grand Fleet at Scapa Flow.
- 7th United States declare war on Austria-Hungary.
- ❖ Ecuador severs diplomatic relations with Germany.
- ❖ Truce between Russian and Central Powers comes into operation officially.
- 8th All hostilities on the Eastern front suspended.
- 9th The British Egyptian Expeditionary Force accepted the surrender of Jerusalem by the mayor, Hussein al HUSAYNI, following effective defeat of the Ottoman Empire's Yildirim Army Group during the Battle of Jerusalem.
- ❖ Italian naval raid on Trieste harbour, Australian battleship 'Wien' sunk.
- ❖ Armistice (Truce of Focsani) signed between Rumania and Central Powers.
- 10th Panama declares war on Austria-Hungary.
- ❖ Hostilities between Rumania and the Central Powers cease.
- ❖ Dr S Cardosa da PAES succeeded Dr A A da COSTA as Portuguese Prime Minister
- 11th General ALLENBY, commander of the British Forces in Palestine, made a formal entry on foot into Jerusalem through the Jaffa Gate.
- ❖ Russian Constituent Assembly meet in Petrograd.
- ❖ Dr Machado GUIMARAES, Portuguese President, was deposed.
- 12th Funchal (Madeira) was shelled by German submarine.
- ❖ German destroyers raid British convoy in the North Sea and sink H.M.S. Partridge.
- 13th Russian Constituent Assembly dispersed by Bolshevik.
- ❖ Armistice negotiations on Russian front resumed.
- 14th General SARRAIL recalled from Salonica
- ❖ French cruiser 'Chateau Renault' sunk by submarine.

- 15th Armistice signed at Brest-Litovsk between Russian Bolshevik Government and Bulgaria, Central Powers and Turkey, be begin at noon December 17th and terminated January 14th, 1918.
- ❖ Second Offensive Battle of Verdun ended.
- 16th Cuba declared war on Austria-Hungary.
- 17th Armistice between Russia and Central powers began.
- ❖ British Government give the King of the Hejaz written assurance of the future independence of the Arab people.
 - ❖ The Radd van Vlaanderen proclaimed the independence of Flanders.
- 20th The Cheka, a predecessor to the KGB was established in Russia.
- 21st Battle of Jaffa (Palestine) began.
- ❖ British Government issued Order in Council instituting the Air Council.
- 23rd Lieut. General Sir T E CLARKE, appointed Quartermaster-General, B.E.F., France.
- ❖ Independent Moldavian Republic (Bessarabia) proclaimed at Kishinev.
- 22nd Battle of Jaffa (Palestine) ended.
- ❖ Peace negotiations between Russian Bolshevik Government and Bulgaria, Central Powers and Turkey opened at Brest-Litovsk.
 - ❖ Secret Convention signed at Brest-Litovsk between Germany and Russian Bolshevik Government concerning Poland.
 - ❖ General GUILLAUMAT appointed Allied Commander-in-Chief at Salonika.
 - ❖ Lieut. General Sir R C MAXWELL, Quartermaster-General, B.E.F., France, resigned.
- 26th Twelfth Battle of the Isonzo ended.
- ❖ Admiral Sir John JELLICOE, First Sea Lord, Great Britain, resigned.
 - ❖ British defence of Jerusalem began.
 - ❖ United States president Woodrow WILSON used the Federal Possession and Control Act to place most US railroads under the United States Railroad Administration, hoping to transport troops and materials for the war effort more efficiently.
- 27th Admiral Sir Rosslyn WEMYSS was appointed First Sea Lord, Great Britain.
- 28th Dr da Silva PAES was appointed Acting President of Portugal.
- ❖ French Foreign Minister in speech outlined French War Aims.
- 30th British defence of Jerusalem ended.

- ❖ Egyptian Expeditionary Force secured the victory at the Battle of Jerusalem by successfully defending Jerusalem from numerous Yildirim Army Group counterattacks.



REAR-ADMIRAL RODMAN



ADMIRAL SIR ROSSLYN WEMYSS



GENERAL ALLENBY ON FOOT ENTERS JERUSALEM 11 DEC 1917



FFHS Members - Closure of Lichfield Record Office

Message from Staffordshire County Council

Lichfield Record Office will close to the public on 1 January 2018. In January and February, the archive collections will be prepared for transfer to Stafford, and the move will take place in March. Work will continue in Stafford in April to locate the collections and to update our online catalogue. Some collections will be held at the Service's outstore in Stafford. Where this is the case the catalogue will show that 48 hours' notice is required. This is also currently the case for some collections held by Staffordshire Record Office. Staff will also receive training about the collections, so that they can provide appropriate advice to enquirers. The collections will be fully available for consultation in May 2018.

For further detail contact: staffordshire.archives@staffordshire.gov.uk.

As a place of deposit for Public Records we have been working with the National Archives on regulatory issues concerning the closure. We are working with the Library Service concerning the Archives and Heritage Service's history access point in the new Lichfield Library, and concerning the future of the local studies collection at Lichfield Library. We have also kept the Office's depositors informed through depositor events.

Thank you

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THE STAR

Next to the “Angel” was the old “Star” – the site absorbed into that of the Westminster Bank Ltd.

One of the last landlords there was the late Ald. S HADFIELD J.P. Before him was John HENSON – T P WOODS faithful henchman, then there was PINDER, HIBBERT and others.

It was the daughter of Mr PINDER of the “Star” who married John COOPER of the “Peacock” at Rowsley.

PINDER later took the “Three Horse Shoes” in Packer’s Row, an inn to become the town’s chief meeting place for its leading citizens and long after PINDER’s death and still carried on by Mrs PINDER and later by Mrs HAWKINS, until its demolition known as “Pinder’s”.

By the way, the Scarsdale Lodge banquets were held at the “Star” in PINDER’s time, but when he left, at the “Angel”, then conducted by WILKINSON.

SORESBY STREET

In Soresby Street, so named after the Soresby’s, is now the Welbeck Inn formerly Welbeck Hotel, prior it was Dyson’s Vaults, before that Wood’s Vaults, still earlier Frith’s Vaults and before then “The Three Cranes”, where the first Scarsdale Masonic Lodge had its birth.

Wood’s Vaults in the time of Capt. WOOD was the resort of the town. The Captain was indeed on the quarter deck, for amidst the casks of spirituous beverages were the brass guns he had, when in the “King’s Navee.”

These guns were afterwards a prominent feature of the residence of Brambling House, in the time of Ald. T. P. WOOD, his nephew.

(The FRITH mentioned above was probably the father of Francis FRITH, the famous photographer whose pictures featured on many photographs and postcards. The collection of F FRITH was bought by ROTHMAN’s, the cigarette people. Framed pictures once, could be bought in Boot’s stores and even offers on the back of cereal packets! FRITH moved from Holywell Street to Soresby Street.)

With thanks to Brian Austin and Enid Gilthorpe for the articles



As you know this year was our 4th Fair and a change of venue due to St Hugh's church closure, which had been our venue for 10 years, since May 2007.

I hope you have all had a successful year researching your family, and may your family tree grow even more next year.

I had success in tracing a line of my family that went to Canada in 1950, with the help of Gene's Reunited. I put on the message board details that I knew, I met my Great Auntie Ivy Goulding nee James (my maternal grandad's sister) in about 1966, I would be about 11 years old, she was visiting another Great Auntie in Lincolnshire. My grandad, uncle, cousins and my dad, brother and myself all went to see her. I knew she had a daughter Iris and granddaughters Valerie who I wrote too as a child, Dawn and Wyatt her grandson.

Little did I know that in less than a day, some wonderful people not only tracked them down (Auntie Ivy I knew was deceased along with her husband), but what I didn't know was Auntie Ivy had 3 daughters and 1 son, the son died before they left England. I was sent a link to an obituary of one of her daughters that died in Canada in 2015. I always seem to leave things too late. But in the obituary, it stated that Iris was still alive, not only that I couldn't believe how many cousins were in Canada. I only thought there were 7 relations that lived there, in the obituary I counted 26 relations.

I was also sent a link to Iris Horsman's address, wrote to her and within 2 weeks, I had an email and photo of her from her son Wyatt.

I also met while on holiday this year, more of my husbands' relations in Wales, plus his maternal grandmothers' relations. The Holts of Swansea, the Holt I met was convinced she was not related to the Earland family, but I gave her proof and now we have added even more to my husbands' tree. What a fantastic year.

All that is left to say is Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Lynne - Editor



REMINDERS

One of the benefits of joining a Family History society is that you can contact 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, we now have a hard copy in our library which can be seen at our monthly meeting, also a spreadsheet that is to be put on our members only area of the website in the near future. Both the spreadsheet and hard copy will be updated yearly, consisting of only the Surname Interest of the current members.**

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 Wednesday of each month.

They will be held at 7.00pm at

Whittington Moor, Methodist Church, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

C.A.D.F.H.S. membership and Renewal is from January 1st to December 31st. This includes free magazines in March, June, September and December 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.

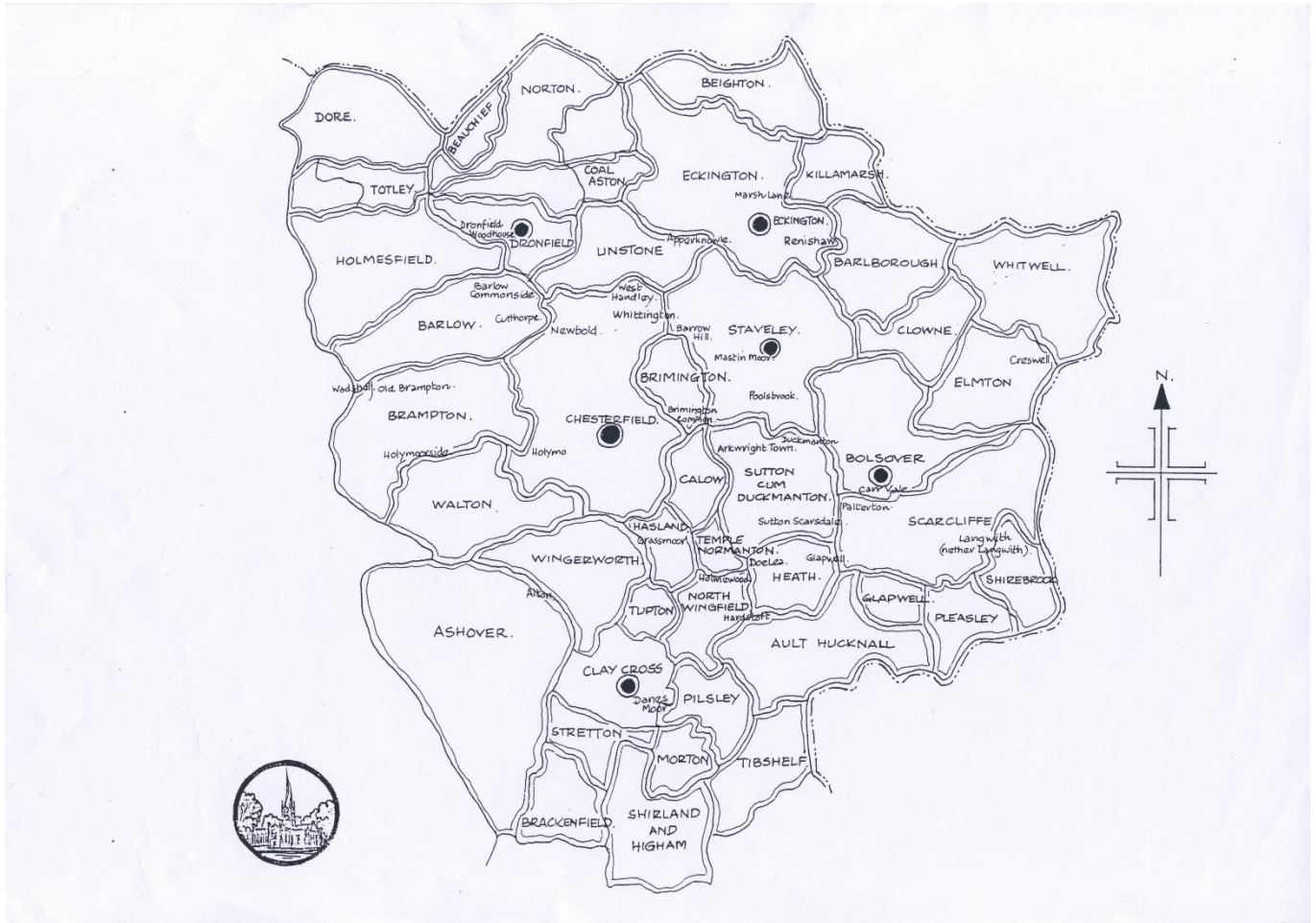
Committee members, the Library and limited research material is available to assist you in your search for ancestors and to answer any questions you may have from 7.00pm onwards.

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.

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(SCARSDALE ONE HUNDRED MAP)