

# CADFHS eNewsletter

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Welcome to your June eNewsletter

My friends don't understand  
my obsession with genealogy...

and I don't want to  
waste valuable  
research time  
trying to explain.

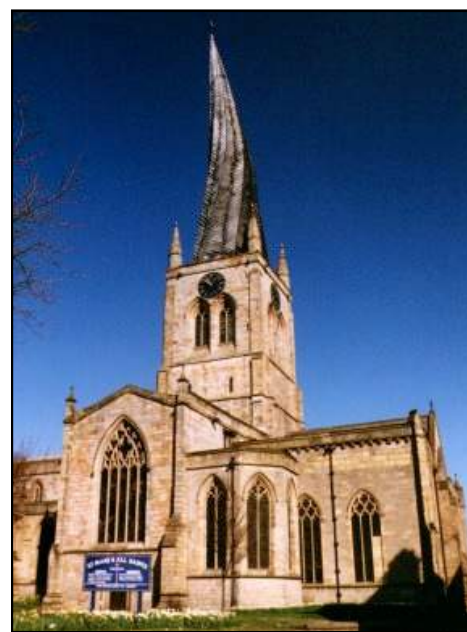
Twisted Twigs  
on gnarled branches



## 2015 May's Meeting

On the 5th of May, John Titterton was to present a talk on 'Making the Most of Wills'. However John's wife has been quite poorly this year and he was unable to make it. On the night he was fetching her out of Hospital. I think you will join me in wishing them well and hopefully John will be able to join us in 2016? Member Alan Godhard stepped up and gave us some insight into a really interesting family history project he and Isabel have been drawn into. An unknown grave in Padstow is where the story begins and ends. It appears that Isabel's Gt Grandfather was lost at sea off the coast of Cornwall when the ship he was assigned to for its protection. The Anna Sofia was torpedoed and sunk with few survivors by the infamous captain of the U55, Wilhelm Werner.

One sailor was washed up and



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buried in an unmarked grave. As the centenary approached the church at Padstow decided it would be nice to commemorate the unknown sailor and try and find out who he was. This is where Alan and Isabel's story and trail began. And they have been able to prove that her Gt Grandfather Willam Whitmore is that sailor and he will be commemorate this year at a special ceremony.

It is hoped that we can persuade Alan or Isabel to write the full story for us. Please Alan?

\*This was followed by Linda Jackson who stepped into the breach for John. She explained the ins and outs of wills! How and where to find them and what we might find.

## Hardwick - a palace or a prison

2015 the 400th anniversary of the death of Arbella Stuart, the granddaughter of Bess of Hardwick and niece to Mary Queen of Scots. Discover more about Arbella and explore whether you think Hardwick was built as a palace fit for a queen or a prison for a princess, whose desperate attempts to seek freedom ended at the Tower of London.

ARBELLA

**Meeting Tuesday  
June the 2nd 2015**



### **LADY ARBELLA STUART THE QUEEN THAT NEVER WAS** *Illustrated talk*

An in-depth talk on the granddaughter of Bess of Hardwick who was born to be a Queen. Niece of Mary, Queen of Scots, she was brought up with the sole intention of being crowned Queen after Elizabeth

So join David Templeman, local historian specialising in Elizabethan history, in this talk seeking out the story of Arbella from her confined childhood to her being involved in one of history's most exciting romantic escape stories.

It is a compelling tale of exploitation, politics and religion. Arbella was a simple, kind and affectionate woman who eventually just wanted to marry and be forgotten about. Not to be and although Arbella has disappeared into the mists of time, her story deserves to be retold. If circumstances had been different, she would have been crowned Queen after Elizabeth I.

# Chesterfield & District Family History Society

## Family & Local History & Craft Fair

Saturday the 15th of August 2015

10am till 4pm

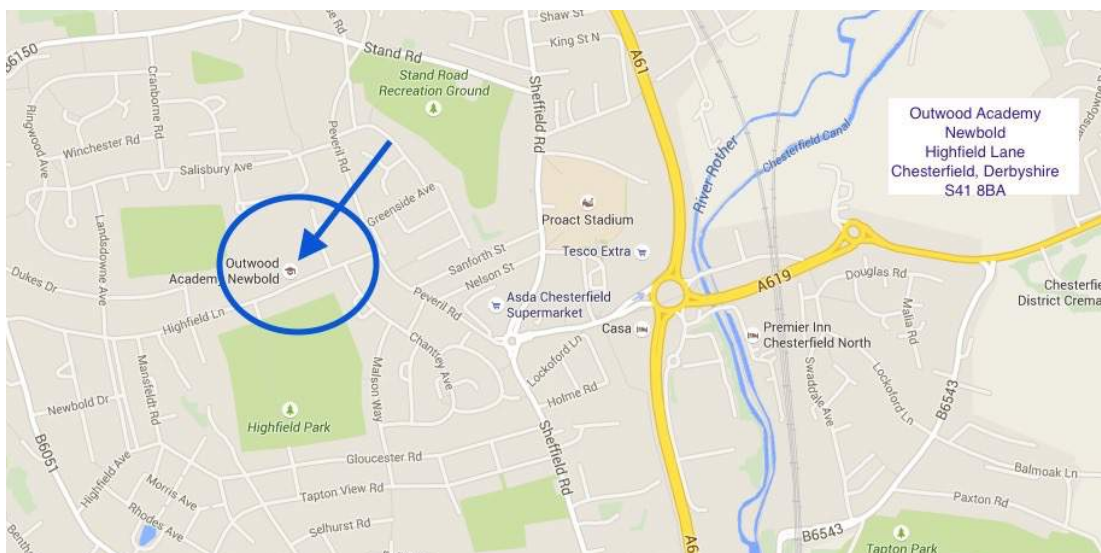
entrance fee £1.00

includes free raffle ticket

11am Speaker Steve Manning  
Making Family History Fun

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1.30 pm Speaker Linda Jackson  
Finding WW1 Ancestors TBC



Refreshments will be available

**2015 / 2016  
Meetings**

- \***June 2nd** Lady Arbella Stuart-the Queen that Never by David Templeman
- \***July 7th** Crime and Punishment Over the Centuries by Brian Smailes
- \*\***New August Meeting the 4th.**
- \***September AGM followed by member talk TBA**

**At the TNA  
Gillipoli**



**What's on  
at the Chesterfield  
Museums**

Click above for more information  
**events are free entry**

**This Months Gem**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**CADFHS - AUGUST 15TH 2015.**

**FAMILY HISTORY - LOCAL HISTORY & CRAFT FAIR**

**POSTER ABOVE**

## External Events

### What on t the TNA in June

<http://enews.nationalarchives.gov.uk/MAN-39TUT-A8B7778UB4/cr.aspx>

### Preston

[http://one-name.org/seminar\\_2015may\\_bmd.html](http://one-name.org/seminar_2015may_bmd.html)

### Check Geneva for events nationwide here:-

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

### 28th July 2015

Chesterfield Museum - Living history display by Tony Rotherham on Robin Hood.

## Monthly Meetings

### First Tuesday of the Month

£2.00 members and £3.00 guests.

Includes complimentary refreshments.

Doors open at 7pm

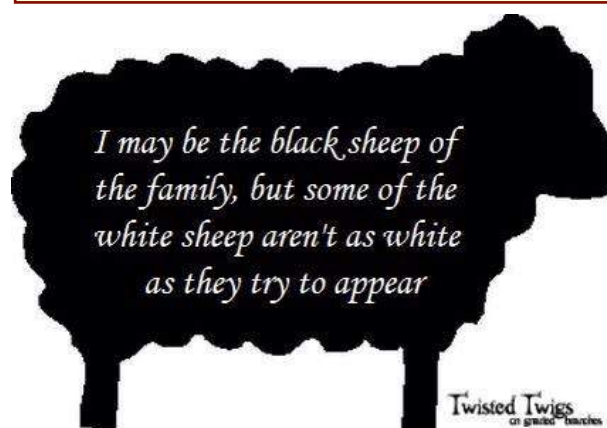
More details visit:

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

**Everyone is welcome**

Kind permission

Twisted Twigs On Gnarled Branches Genealogy



## Helping us to help our members

### Getting involved with your society

#### Ongoing Projects

Write a case study to help others with ideas for their research

<http://www.cadfhs.org.uk/MembersCaseStudies.html>

Tell us a story you know about to do with WW1 They do not have to be soldier stories or be from our area!

<http://www.cadfhs.org.uk/1914.html>

Send photographs for our Church /Chapel /War memorials project.

Check here to see if yours are there?

<http://www.cadfhs.org.uk/ccm1.html>