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CADFHS Programme for 2015

3 Mar	On Our Own Ground" (the story of settlers to the Cape of Good Hope)	Sue Mackay
7 Apr	Derbyshire Records Office Talk	Becky Sheldon
5 May	Making the most of a Will	John Titterton
2 June	Lady Arbella Stuart the Queen of Never	David Templeman
7 July	Crime and punishment over the centuries	Brian Smailes
4th Aug	Knights Templers	Patrick McLaughton
1 Sept	AGM / Members 30 Min Talk / Research Evening	
6 Oct	Member's 30 Min Talk / Research Evening	
3 Nov	Research Evening	
2 Dec	Christmas fun, games and nibbles	

CADFHS MAILING LIST

A mailing list has been created for the benefit of members of the Chesterfield and District Family History Society and is for the discussion of Genealogy and History within Chesterfield and the surrounding area.

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO JOIN

If you wish to join us please send a message to:

cadfhs-request@rootsweb.com

With the word *subscribe* in the subject line AND in the body of the message.

As this is a member only list please also send a message to:

membership@cadfhs.org.uk

Quoting your membership number

Your subscription will then be activated

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You will receive ALL posts made by subscribers not just your own messages.

Members Meetings

October 7th Paul Halksworth Sutton Scarsdale Hall.

45 members and guests enjoyed Paul's talk and as a member of the Arkwright Society he, enthralled us all with his excellent knowledge of Sutton Scarsdale Hall

He told of the architecture and changes of the building over the years and the families who owned and lived there. Sadly at the end of WW1 no one wanted these larger houses anymore and could not afford them either, so when the hall was put up for sale, it was purchased by a group of entrepreneurs who asset stripped it and left it as the majestic presence stood high on the skyline that can be seen today

November 4th Liz Newbery

On Tuesday evening the 4th of November we welcomed an old friend of the society back to Chesterfield where she was born. Liz Newbery is one of our long distance supporters and has been a member for many years.

A most interesting talk captivated our audience as we joined across one side of the world to to Iraq in 1949. The flight and journey not without incidence
Holidays with her gran in Chesterfield and how by 1955 Liz's interest in family history had begun.

We were then fast forward to 1989 when a 3 month visit to The Emirates culminated in a period of 11 years stay; during this time with searing hot summers and the arrival of the world wide web, a greater interest in family history.

How Family history has shaped her life and has taken her to meet distant cousins in New Zealand, Australia, The Emirates, America and Canada. Meeting and hearing from other members of the family all over the world expanded her knowledge of "missing" family members which led her to Rebecca Clarendon Talbot and finally to the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls."



Have you reached a brick wall in your family tree?
Would you like help on where to go next?

Send your information to mail@cadfhs.org.uk and we will put it in one of our quarterly magazines and hopefully one of our members may be able to help

Research by Member Alan Godhard

We have been doing more research and thought we would tell you, family, friends and fellow researchers what we have been doing in the last month and just a little about what started us off.

William Whitmore

Isabel and I were only given the Family history bug when her niece in America told us of the discovery of the possible identity of the remains in the grave of the Unknown Marine in Padstow Cemetery, Isabel had knowledge of other facts which adds more weight and we believe that now the evidence is indisputable that it is definitely the last resting place of Isabel's Grandfather, William Whitmore. The person who has found the majority of the evidence is Peter Smith assisted by John Buckingham; Curator of the Padstow Museum. We are all trying to get the Ministry of Defence and War Graves Commission to accept our evidence.

None of the family here and in the USA could find anything on her grandfather before age nineteen, we had his Name, his father's name, a name for his mother and a date of birth, Eventually Isabel and I proved all the information incorrect; found his true background and now know much of his ancestry, this involved days in the records at Stafford Records which is near Stoke-on-Trent; his birth place, this involved a few nights in Hotels and not much time for site seeing.

After breaking down a brick wall as high as that I think we had definitely caught the bug.

Margaret Bessie Cook

We had quite a lot of family information on Isabel's Grandmother; Margaret Bessie Cook; she was born in Carhampton, near Minehead in Somerset and eventually became a midwife in Chesterfield. Isabel remembers visiting the family in Somerset when she was young. Last year

we went on our first family history trip, we went to the Somerset Heritage Centre where we found many records which helped with our research, we visited Carhampton and visited some members of her distant family, we saw her Church, the memorial to her Half brother who served in the first world war at the age of thirteen and died in Flanders at seventeen. We were shown a book on Carhampton and Blue Anchor, which had quite a lot of information on the family and have now managed to get a copy. From there we went to Padstow where Williams grave is, we saw Tredugga gorge where William's body was found. Met John Buckingham and his wife Elizabeth, they are both interested in local history and now our friends.

Research Trip November 2014

We have learned that it is best if you try and work out what you need for your trip well before you go, the more information you get from on-line indexes the more you can get done whilst there. Many archives throughout the country close on Mondays; so you need time tables for each venue. You need to check for events, make appointments, book hotels, plan your route and allow adequate journey time; all the planning for our trip must have taken at least a couple of months

Monday 3rd November

On the Monday evening we spent nearly an hour on the telephone to Cindy, grandmother's brother, William Giles Cook's wife's sister's granddaughter in Missouri. Sometimes a telephone call can reveal more exciting information; she has two Aunts in their nineties who are interested in family history who we are contacting.

Tuesday 4th CADFHS

Our speaker at the monthly meeting of Chesterfield and District Family History Society was Elizabeth Newbery; she originates from Chesterfield but now after living in any exotic places now runs a Bed and Breakfast in Penzance, Cornwall. She has been doing ancestry for sixty years and told how she traced one of her distant relatives interesting past, the lady founded an adoption agency over a hundred years ago in the USA, Liz thought her achievements should be recognised and sent her detail to an institute in Canada that honours deserving women, to her surprise her nomination was selected and as the lady in question had no descendants she was asked to collect the award on her behalf. We were pleased that we delayed our trip so we could hear Liz

Wednesday 5th November

Trip started with breakfast at 6:00 and early journey to Somerset, we spent an interesting afternoon in The Somerset Heritage Centre in Taunton;

finding and photographing documents, many of the records for Carhampton have not been copied on to microfiche so it was gloves on to read the originals. Closing time 17:00 so of we go in the car to the Half Moon Hotel in Sherbourne, it was within walking distance of our next research venue, hotel was old worldly, no lift and lots of stairs.

Thursday 6th November

Alan's step daughter and partner has just bought a house in Sherbourne, so we were invited to see the property, it's a large family house in the country. In the afternoon back to the Somerset and Dorset and Family History Society in another ancient building with loads of steps, more records, and more photographs and more swapping of stories with other researchers followed by another evening at the Half Moon

Friday 7th November

We spent the morning in the records office, some searching, some talking, and learning about different search approaches. The SDFHS research centre closes at 13:00 on Friday so off we went to Weston-super-mare, we had booked the Sandringham Hotel last year to see this year's Carnival, the room we booked looks straight out onto the procession route, we watched the illuminated floats from the room because of the rain, we felt sorry for the people on the floats and the people who had spent their time building them, they are used at other venues over the next weeks, hopefully they would have less rain for the next parades at other local towns.

Saturday 8th November

A few hours spare time so we had a walk around the shops a light lunch and back to work. The Weston-super-mare FHS have a help session in the library so we went to see how they do things. It is collaboration between the library and the WSMFHS, anyone is allowed in whether they are members or not. It seems to work well; they had almost a dozen members there helping people with their requests. After seeing what they can do in WSM which is a town about the same size as Chesterfield, I would like to see if CADFHS could be as good. Back to the Sandringham Hotel for Christmas Dinner; most of the other guests were there for a 'Tinsel and Turkey' break, I think we may have been the youngest in the hotel so we did not join them for bingo.

Sunday 9th November

Up too early for a cooked breakfast this morning; just cereals and toast; better than nothing then off to Padstow in time for the Remembrance Service, it was a nice service, the organist was very good and deserves a mention as he was only eleven years old, after we walked to a rededication ceremony at the war memorial, thank goodness we had a big brolly. We met John Buckingham and his wife Elizabeth; they introduced us to Peter

Smith and his wife Julia. We had a steady walk back; a walk round town and the mad one had an ice cream. We stayed at the Metropole Hotel, it was very pleasant, and we had a rest and then got ready for our evening meal. We were joined by Elizabeth, Julia, Peter and John about 18:30; had a nice meal and talked and talked till 23:00 it was one of the high lights of our trip.

Monday 10th November

A full day off today. We visited the Eden Project; it was very interesting; we would like to visit again in the summer. In the evening we had more rain so even though John and Elizabeth live close to the hotel we did not call on them, the Cornish are more waterproof than we are.

Tuesday 11th November

We went to the Grave of the Unknown Marine (William Whitmore's last resting place) in Padstow Cemetery, John had already put a nice wreath of poppies on the grave giving William's name, we both fastened our poppies to the wreath before we left. We drove to Plymouth to meet Maureen, Isabel's great grandfathers, brother's, great granddaughter, she has a lot of information on great grandfather's; brother's; William Giles Cook's Family, I am sure that we shall be in touch again. Next call was on to see Cynthia; Isabel's great-grandmother's Sarah Ann Tarr; sister's granddaughter in Mevagissy, her daughter Catherine was there and added more information to what we knew. We stayed the night in the Ship and Castle Hotel in St. Maws where we have stayed before; it's right on the harbour; much nicer in summer.

Wednesday 12th November

We had a steady drive; over the King Harry Ferry to the most southerly spot in England, Lizard Point, then to Chy-an-Gof Bed and Breakfast in Penzance, Chy-an-Gof is the House of the Blacksmith in the Cornish Language. It is owned by Elizabeth Newbery who gave the talk in Chesterfield last Tuesday, as she is a member of CADFHS we in the past have exchanged emails, Liz actually opened her boarding house in the off season just for us which was very nice, We spent many hours listening to her advice and her stories. Next time we are in the area we hopefully will stay with Liz again and hopefully see a little more of Penzance.

Thursday 6th November

People think the southwest is a small area but from Penzance to Carhampton took all morning; we went to the Blue Anchor Hotel; at Blue Anchor which is near Carhampton and spoke to the landlady, she could not tell us much but we did copy the pictures on the Pub walls. We knocked on the door of Rose Cottage across the road; which was one of the family homes, it is now a holiday home but the present owner suggested we spoke

to the owner of a house round the corner, his name was Derek, he was a unique character, he had lived there many years and remembers some of the family who lived in the cottage, I think we shall try to contact him next time we are in the area. We have contacted the person who runs the Smugglers Inn in Blue Anchor but she has no records of the Inns history, but her name is Griffiths which is another family name. We stayed the night at the Butchers Alms in Carhampton, several generations of Tarr's ran the pub but as yet we have not found a family connection. The internet is still not available at the Pub and there was no signal on my modem so we packed.

Friday 7th November

Because we had no internet we had very little planned for the Friday so we had a run round the local villages, visited Minehead and spent the night at the Dunster Castle Inn, We did have internet and did a little research.

Saturday 8th November

We went to Devon records in Exeter, the librarian on duty was very helpful and gave us a lot of pointers, and suggested that next time we visit their Centre in Plymouth where they have more military records. The records office closed at lunch so we had some lunch and then drove home.

What next

National archives at Kew, Matlock records, Whitmore family on the Isle of White, Snowling Family in Yarmouth, Britton Family in Durham, Albright family in California, Jenkins family in Missouri, Crookes family in Melbourne and Jenkins family in Adelaide, etc. etc.

We do have ordinary holidays but Research makes winter holidays much more interesting. Yes we have got the bug?, are we mad? We could have gone to Malta for a month and it would have cost less the research trip, no rain and much; much warmer. I think that's your answer.

Rose Cottage is for sale, should we consider buying it, it would make a good base for our research; definitely quite mad!

Isabel and Alan

Your family history is possibly the greatest gift you can ever give to your
descendents

Alan Godhard



World War 1 – 1915

1915 witnessed a number of major battles in World War One, not least at Gallipoli, Ypres and Loos. 1915 was also the year when poison gas (chlorine) was used for the first time.

JANUARY 1915

- ❖ 1st – Off the coast of Plymouth in the English Channel the British battleship HMS Formidable was sunk by a German U-boat.
- ❖ 2nd – The Battle of Sarikamish ends.
- ❖ 2nd – Russian forces evacuated Urmia (North Persia), the city was occupied by the Russian forces before the outbreak of the War.
- ❖ 3rd – A revised list of contraband is issued by the French Government.
- ❖ 4th – The reopening of the London Stock Exchange.
- ❖ 5th – An attack on Edea (Cameroons) by the Germans repulsed by French garrison.
- ❖ 5th – Russian forces evacuate Tabriz (North Persia); the Russian occupied the city before the outbreak of the war.
- ❖ 5th – In the Caucasus the Turkish army is defeated.
- ❖ 6th – Interned in the United States the German S.S Dacia was sold to Mr BREITUNG an American.
- ❖ 8th – The start of the Battle of Soissons.
- ❖ 8th – Turkish forces occupied Tabriz (North Persia)
- ❖ 8th – The Battle of Kara Urgan (Causasus) begins.
- ❖ 10th – The British defence of Muscat (Eastern Arabia).
- ❖ 11th – A loan of £5,000,000 in Great Britain is negotiated by the Rumanian Government.
- ❖ 11th – Last rebels in the Transvall are captured.
- ❖ 12th – British force seize Mafia Island (German East Africa).
- ❖ 13th – The end of the Battle of Kara Urgan.
- ❖ 13th – The British War Council resolve that the Admiralty should prepare for a naval expedition against the Dardanelles in February.

- ❖ 13th – Count BERCHTOLD was succeeded by Baron BURIAN as Austro- Hungarian Minister for Foreign affairs.
- ❖ 14th – The Battle of Soissons ended after the Germans launched a counter attack against the French was successful. Five miles of trenches were abandoned by the French to the Germans near Soissons.
- ❖ 14th – South African forces occupied Swakopmund (German South-West Africa).
- ❖ 15th – An authorized navel attack on the Dardanelles by the War Council.
- ❖ 15th – An existence of a secret agreement for mutual support between Rumania and Italy was announced by the respective Governments.
- ❖ 18th – Attack on Jasin (East Africa) begins by the Germans.
- ❖ 19th – King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth were the first Zeppelin raid on Britain.
- ❖ 19th – German forces captured Jasin (East Africa).
- ❖ 21st – Lieut. General Wild von HOHENBORN succeeds Lieut. General von FALKENHAYN as the German Minister for War. General von FALKENHAYN remains Chief of the General Staff.
- ❖ 23rd – In the Carpathians German and Austrian offensive.
- ❖ 23rd – Defence of Upington (South Africa).
- ❖ 24th – Under the command of Admiral Sir David BEATTY, British battle cruisers sink the German battleship Blucher and damage two other warships – Battle of the Dogger Bank.
- ❖ 24th – "P.L-19" German airship is brought down near Libau.
- ❖ 24th – Chief of the General Staff, British Expeditionary Force, France, – Lieut. General Sir A J MURRAY resigns.
- ❖ 24th – Quartermaster-General, British Expeditionary Force, France – Lieut. General Sir W ROBERTSON resigns.
- ❖ 24th – The Greek Government is offered concessions by the British Government in Asia Minor in return for help with Serbia.
- ❖ 25th – The appointment of Lieut. General Sir W ROBERTSON as Chief of the General Staff, British Expeditionary Force, France.
- ❖ 25th – The Rumanian's refuses Entente suggestion that they should join Greece in the support of Serbia.
- ❖ 25th – Senhor COUTINHO was succeeded by General Pimenta da CASTRO as Portuguese Premier.
- ❖ 26th – Advance by the Turkish on Egypt through Sinai begins.

- ❖ 26th – The Entente Governments agree to hold “Pact of London “applicable to war with Turkey.
- ❖ 27th – The Quartermaster-General, British Expeditionary Force, France is appointed – Lieut. General Sir R C MAXWELL.
- ❖ 28th – A decision by the British Government to definitely make a naval attack on the Dardanelles.
- ❖ 28th – The German armed merchant cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich sunk the United States S.V William P Frye.
- ❖ 29th – A German submarine (the first operation of German submarines in the Irish Sea), shelled Walney Island battery (Barrow-in-Furness).
- ❖ 29th – The Greek Government declined to intervene on behalf of Serbia.
- ❖ 30th – The Russian forces reoccupied Tabriz (North Persia).
- ❖ 30th – The British merchant vessels were warned by the British Admiralty to fly neutral or no ensigns in the vicinity of the British Isles.
- ❖ 31st – On the Vistula Front at Bolimov the first recognised use of poison gas took place.
- ❖ 31st – The Farasan Islands in the Red Sea are occupied by Arab forces (Idrisi).

FEBRUARY 1915

- ❖ 1st – Neutral fishing vessels were issued orders by the British Admiralty forbidding the use of British ports.
- ❖ 2nd – The Suez Canal is reached by the Turkish advance-guard.
- ❖ 2nd – Aden protectorate is invaded by Turkish forces.
- ❖ 2nd – Entente communication to Montenegrin, Serbian and Greek Governments deprecating their intervention in Albania.
- ❖ 3rd – The Turks made an unsuccessful attack on the Suez Canal.
- ❖ 3rd – In Germany the Bulgarian Government negotiate a loan of £3,000,000.
- ❖ 3rd – Concerning delimitation of Uganda- Congo boundary an agreement concluded between Belgium and Great Britain.
- ❖ 4th – The waters around Great Britain to be a ‘war zone’ Germany declared.
- ❖ 4th – Submarine warfare by Germany begins against merchant shipping.

- ❖ 4th – In Masuria (East Prussia) the Winter Battle begins.
- ❖ 4th – Turkish forces retreat into Sinai – actions on the Suez Canal ends.
- ❖ 4th – The German Government announced that a submarine blockade will begin on the 18th of February of Great Britain.
- ❖ 5th – An agreement between the British, Russian and French Governments to pool their financial resources.
- ❖ 6th – Flying the United States flag the British S.S. Lusitania arrives at Liverpool.
- ❖ 7th – 21st – Russia suffers heavy losses – Battle of the Masurian Lakes.
- ❖ 7th – The British Foreign Office issued a statement justifying the use of a neutral flag.
- ❖ 9th – The 1st Canadian Division crosses from England to France.
- ❖ 11th – A note was sent from the United States Government to the British Government deprecating the use of neutral flags.
- ❖ 11th – The S.S. Dacia sails from the United States for Bremen (Germany) with a cargo of cotton.
- ❖ 15th – The Entente Government suggested to the Government of Greece that Greece should intervene in support of Serbia, and promise military support at Salonika.
- ❖ 15th – In Singapore mutiny of the 5th Light Infantry (Indian Army).
- ❖ 15th – An agreement concluded between France and Great Britain supplementing “prize” convention of 9 November 1914.
- ❖ 16th – French forces occupied Oyem (Cameroons).
- ❖ 16th – A decision by the British Government to send the 29th Division to the Dardanelles.
- ❖ 16th – The British Government extended prohibition of “trading with the enemy” to territories in British, enemy or friendly occupation.
- ❖ 17th – Austrian forces retake Czernowitz (Bukovina).
- ❖ 17th – German forces reoccupied Memel.
- ❖ 17th – The “L-3” German airship was stranded and destroyed off Fano, and the “L-4” destroyed near Blaavands Huk (Denmark).
- ❖ 18th – A blockade of Great Britain begins by German submarine.
- ❖ 19th – Austrian forces captures Stanislau (Galicia).

- ❖ 19th – The first ship torpedoed by German submarine without warning, the Norwegian S.S. Belridge. Subsequently the German Government asserted that the ship was attacked in error.
- ❖ 19th – In the Dardanelles Britain bombards Turkish forts. A small number of Marines landed.
- ❖ 20th – New Zealand and Australian troops in Egypt were issued orders for employment at the Dardanelles.
- ❖ 20th – Muavin ed DOULEH succeeds Ala es SULTANEH as Persian Foreign Minister.
- ❖ 22nd – The Winter Battle in Masuria ends.
- ❖ 22nd – The first battle of Przasnyz begins.
- ❖ 22nd – Net barrage across the North Chanel is established, between Ireland and Scotland.
- ❖ 22nd – An advance from Swakopmund on Windhuk by the South African Northern Force.
- ❖ 23rd – British Marines occupied Lemnos.
- ❖ 24th – If the Navy could not defeat the defenders at the Dardanelles, a decision was taken that the task would be finished by the Army.
- ❖ 26th – The Germans on the Western front used liquid fire for the first time.
- ❖ 27th – The first Battle of Przasnysz ends.
- ❖ 27th – The S.S. Dacia is intercepted and seized by French Naval Forces.

MARCH 1915

- ❖ 1st – Germany is blockaded by Britain.
- ❖ 1st – Austrian Squadron bombarded Antivari.
- ❖ 1st – Great Britain and France signed a joint declaration to prevent trade by or with Germany.
- ❖ 4th – Russian forces recaptured Stanislau (Galicia).
- ❖ 4th – A decision was made by the French Government to send an Expeditionary Force to the Dardanelles.
- ❖ 4th – The first case of indicator nets aiding the destruction of German submarines. “U-8” in the Straits of Dover.

- ❖ 4th – A telegram was sent to Entente Government by the Russian Government laying claim to Constantinople.
- ❖ 5th – M Venizelos the Greek Premier proffers Greek troops and fleet to Entente for the operations at the Dardanelles.
- ❖ 5th – Under Admiral Peirse the British Squadron begins bombardment of Smyrna.
- ❖ 6th – M Venizelos resigns office as Premier due to the King of Greece refusing assent to policy of M Venizelos (see 5th).
- ❖ 7th – The Greek Government request explanation of British occupation of Lemnos.
- ❖ 9th – The British bombardment of Smyrna ends.
- ❖ 9th – M GOUNARIS is appointed Premier of Greece.
- ❖ 9th – A reply to the Greek Government by the British Government as to the occupation of Lemnos, pleading it was a military necessity.
- ❖ 10th – 13th – With about 13,000 casualties on each side, little advance is made; the British Army launched an offensive at Neuve Chapelle – Battle of Neuve Chapelle.
- ❖ 11th – The British Retaliatory Order in Council relating to the detention of enemy goods and proclamation extending list of absolute contraband is issued.
- ❖ 12th – The Dutch Government issued a warning that foreign merchant ships using the Dutch flag will be detained
- ❖ 12th – The British Government notified the Russian Government of their acceptance of Russian claims to Constantinople.
- ❖ 12th – The French Government issue decrees similar to the British Order in Council and Proclamation on the 11th March.
- ❖ 12th – A new Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean (Dardanelles) Expeditionary Force is appointed, General Sir Ian HAMILTON.
- ❖ 13th – The Battle of Neuve Chapelle was ended. The Mediterranean Expeditionary Force sailed from Egypt.
- ❖ 13th – An agreement is signed by the Belgian and French Governments suspending Franco-Belgian Convention of the 30th July 1891, regarding military service laws.
- ❖ 13th – The Swedish S.S. Hanna was torpedoed without warning, this was the first neutral ship to actually be sunk by a German submarine.

- ❖ 14th – Mushir ed DOWLEH succeeds Mustaufi ul MAMALEK as Persian Prime Minister.
- ❖ 14th – The Dresden a German battleship is sunk by the British navy off coast of Chile.
- ❖ 15th – The British Squadron blockading Smyrna is withdrawn.
- ❖ 15th – The first merchant ship S.S. Blonde is attacked by aircraft
- ❖ 17th – The French Government lodge a claim with the British Government to Syria and Cilicia.
- ❖ 17th – General Sir Ian HAMILTON takes over the command of the Dardanelles Expeditionary Force.
- ❖ 17th – The first Battle of Champagne ends.
- ❖ 18th – Russian forces again capture Memel (East Prussia).
- ❖ 18th – Commander-in-Chief British Forces in Mesopotamia is appointed – General Sir John NIXON.
- ❖ 18th – An agreement was concluded by the British Government with American cotton interests that cotton should be contraband.
- ❖ 18th – The Dardanelles was attacked by an Anglo-French force which involved 16 battleships, but heavy losses were suffered.
- ❖ 18th – Six British battleships are claimed by minefields in the Dardanelles.
- ❖ 19th – The Dutch Government lodged a protest against the blockade policy of the Entente.
- ❖ 20th – Action of Jakalswater – (German South-West Africa).
- ❖ 20th – Champagne offensive is called off by France.
- ❖ 21st – German forces reoccupy Memel (East Prussia).
- ❖ 21st – The first German airship raid on Paris takes place.
- ❖ 22nd – A German Zeppelin attacks railway stations in Paris. After a 194 day siege Premysl in Poland is taken by Russians. Naval attack on Dardanelles is called off.
- ❖ 22nd – There was two Zeppelins attacked Paris. The Army and Navy commanders agreed on a joint offensive.
- ❖ 22nd – The French Prize Court declared the seizure of the S.S. Dacia was valid.

- ❖ 23rd – H.M.S. Manica was the first kite balloon ship to be commissioned.
- ❖ 23rd – The Japanese and Chinese Governments concluded a secret agreement as to the future policy in Manchuria.
- ❖ 25th – The Dutch S.S. Medea was captured by a German submarine and sunk.
- ❖ 27th – The Russian Black Sea Fleet bombarded Bosphorus forts.
- ❖ 28th – A German submarine sunk the first passenger ship – The British S.S. Falaba.
- ❖ 29th – The British Government concluded an agreement with the American rubber interests that rubber should not be exported except to Britain.
- ❖ 30th – The South African forces occupied Aus (German South-West Africa).

Derbyshire Times 2 January 1915

Lord TOMLINSON's Statement to the House of Lords

Lord KITCHENER's statement to the House of Lords on Wednesday was of a reassuring character. He is optimistic as to the progress of the war, and pointed out that the great initial advantages which the Germans enjoyed by reason of the numerical superiority and extensive war preparation of their army, are certainly diminishing, while the Allies' are daily increasing.

These resources or men and material will enable us to prosecute the war to a triumphant end. To those of our readers who do not enjoy Lord KITCHENER's optimism – some seem to glory in regarding the whole situation from the gloomiest and most depressing aspect – we would point out that the measure of what Britain and her Allies have accomplished hitherto is the measure of what the Germans have failed to achieve.

With this consideration for guidance it is interesting to compare the present position of the Kaiser's Armies with the expectations which their leaders confidently expressed in the first weeks of the war. Then the German people were incessantly assured that the course of the conflict would be "as in 1870".

In 1870 French organisation was so bad and the German preparations were so complete that the Germans in the field outnumbered the French Regular Army by two to one. The victory of Germany was assured three weeks after the declaration of war, and the collapse of the French defence was complete at the end of six weeks.

The struggle was prolonged for more than six months from beginning to end, but the result was never in doubt after the first blows had been struck. The prolonged vast European conflict is now in the sixth month of its duration. The difference is that conditions prevailing in the sixth month phase of the two campaigns is the difference of course of events moving to conclusions far as the poles asunder.

At the present time the Kaiser's hosts, thinned out by the loss of their best officers and men are spread over two vast fronts faced by opponents when they cannot overcome and who are daily measuring in numbers and enhancing the superiority of their equipment. The German commanders have had to undertake disastrous retreats from their principal objectives, Paris, Calais and Warsaw.

Germany's finances are ingrowing disorder and her supplies of munitions of war and staple foodstuffs for the population have begun to fail. Her rulers are doing their utmost to condone the truth from the people, but the certainty of ultimate defeat grows day to day. That defeat will drag so overwhelming ruin the men who have misgoverned, perverted dragooned and exploited the German nation.

Facing their fate they will make desperate efforts to restore their fortunes. To prevent the prolongation of the to terrible war that has ever afflict humanity. Every available man in the United Kingdom is now bonded with the colours to help our brave and war-worn soldiers who have so stubbornly and successfully withstood the Prussian onslaught, and who as Lord KITCHENER say's "have, despite the hardships of this wet and wintery campaign exhibited a constant cheerfulness and resource which redounds to their credit" - praise which from the lips of K of K is praise indeed.

Derbyshire Times 2 January 1915

Prisoners in Germany List of Derbyshire Men

5921	Sgt. H T CRAGG	10109	E HARVEY
5922	Sgt. P PHILLIPS	12085	H KNOWLES
11562	Sgt. S THOMPSON	12055	G HALLAM
10374	Sgt. E ASTILL	10504	A PATTISON
9924	Sgt A WALDEN	8916	W PRATT
11648	Cpl. H PARRICH	9063	B PENNY
6250	Cpl T BRADSHAW	10638	A PEACH
11765	Cpl. W PYKETT	9322	W PERRY
9352	L.-C G KEELEY	10290	R PEACE
8871	L.-C W LANGHAM	9123	T PEARSON
9549	L.-C W MERRY	8468	E SMITH

9211	L.-C H SHILCOCK	12162	B SMITH
9742	L.-C W KELLY	12057	W SMITH
11625	L.-C W WILKES	8601	W SMITH
12055	L.-C L BRAY	9693	J SMITH
9912	L.-C W WILLIAMSON	9931	F SONIT
8534	L.-C W BURBURY	11867	E SIBERT
11855	L.-C F MARSHALL	9628	E STEVENSON
12046	L.-C H CLAY	9883	C SINGLETON
11774	L.-C H DICKSON	9635	H SMEETON
11320	Dr W COLLINS	9230	G STEADMAN
10298	Dr W BRITTLE	9283	W SHEPPARD
11682	Dr F ELSE	8961	W SPENCER
	<u>PRIVATES</u>	10693	H WILSON
8685	J ATTENBOROUGH	9227	H WELLS
9568	- ALTOFT	12624	- KEETON
9822	C ALLEN	10248	C LYONS
8622	- GILL	9519	S LEIGH
12156	A BURROWS	9290	W LESTER
12268	W BRITT	10090	B LEWITT
12161	H BOND	10089	J LEY
11899	C BURTON	9874	L MARSH
8828	J BAILEY	9840	A MILLER
8877	R BARNETT	12108	T MULLINS
8568	C BOWLEY	11149	T MEE
9780	A BURNHAM	8730	J MAY
10000	W BARBER	9999	H NEWBORN
9317	G BLAKEWAY	12111	V NEWTON
8884	A BRETNALL	8821	T NEWBOLD
9186	H BLAND	9711	F ROBERTS
12126	F COLTMAN	12084	A REANEY
12115	A COLES	11775	J RICHARDSON
9494	W CUTTS	9996	L RIPPON
9330	T COLSON	9620	B REDGATE

10076	G CLARKE	10128	T ROLLETT
8625	T CUNNINGHAM	9737	G REID
9547	W DRURY	9650	C ROCKLEY
9383	G DICKENSON	12886	G RICK
9792	B DAVENPORT	8785	G REDFORD
8797	C DAVIS	9249	J ROWBOTTOM
9638	A DOVER	12353	W TULLEY
9830	A FISHER	9997	F TOMBS
12122	W GRIGG	10963	J TAYLOR
7194	J GRIMWOOD	8934	G TOOLE
8668	A GIDDINGS	9415	E THEOBALD
9771	W GASSON	9684	J TOPHAM
8709	- HACKETT	19408	E WELSH
9803	H HEARD	9558	C WOODHOUSE
8844	J HARDING	9418	F WHITEHEAD
10045	T HEMSLEY	10304	T WOOD

Derbyshire Times 2 January 1915

Christmas Day in the Trenches

CLAY CROSS "TOMMY" SHARES FAGS WITH FOES

Mr C E ALLEN, farmer of Holmgate House, Clay Cross, has received a most interesting letter written from the trenches by Bombardier J BIRKIN of the 24th Brigade R F A. After thanking Mr ALLEN for letters papers, etc, the writer stated that they had heard the news about the Germans shelling the unfortified town on the East Cost. "They are dirty dogs," writes the bombardier, "and they will have to suffer for it in time, roll on that time when they'll be no more. They have done some most awful things since the war began, and I hues they will continue to do so as long as they have a chance, but we have laid a few to rest, so they will do no more damage. I guess you often wonder how we are getting on. Well, we can't grumble, being that it is war time, and we don't care what we suffer as long as we beat those Germans, which we shall, I am sure.

Christmas is over. What we saw of it was not much, but we knew it was Christmas, because there was no fighting. We had made arrangements with the Germans not to do any that day, so we all had a good rest. We came out of the trenches and went over to the German trenches and shook hands with some of them and gave them cigarettes, while they gave us other things.

They say it is England that is keeping the war on, and they want to give in, but England won't let them.

"I suppose you are getting a new Army ready for the spring and we shall want it by then, because it's awful what this lot has gone through up to now, and if you ask me anything we shall all be ready for some sort of a rest.

"I should think KITCHENER's Army should be all right for fighting when they come; they will be nice and fresh and ready to do or die.

I hope they never have the same to go through as we had to do, but if they have the same heart for fighting as the troops out here, they will be all right.

Derbyshire Times 16 January 1915

An Appeal for more truth and less fiction in soldiers letters

To the Editor

After reading one or two letters that were published in your paper from men at the Front, my mate and I can't help but contest some of the stories that have been sent to you.

A great majority of the letters are nothing more or less than a bundle of lies. For instance, in The Derbyshire Times dated January 2nd I read a letter that was sent by a member of my own regiment, in which he described his experiences in the trenches on Christmas Day. As a matter of fact, the Sherwood Foresters were out of the trenches then. We went in the next day, December 26th. All letters sent from here are supposed to be censored before leaving, and our eyes were opened as we read some that had reached the old country.

We could give you several instances where the truth has not been spoken by a long way, and we don't feel inclined just now to say more. This letter is sent by two Derbyshire lads, who are both of the same opinion. Its publication may be the means of stopping such untruths from getting into English papers. There is one more thing we wish to say, and that is about the shelling business – a few "Jack Johnsons" did fall against our trenches on January 10th and 11th, but those were the only ones whilst we were in 18 days. We were up to the knees in water. – Signed

Pte. A WRAGG, North Wingfield

Pte. J RAMSDEN, Whittington Moor

2nd Sherwood Foresters.

Derbyshire Times 2 January 1915

Derbyshire Soldiers' Thanks

As a result of the money collected at the Rutland Arms, Chesterfield, on a Derbyshire Times collecting card, many of the Derbyshire soldiers at the Front enjoyed a puff of the fragrant weed which they received on Christmas morning. How much the gifts were appreciated is shown by the following few extracts from many acknowledgments which have been received by C? Tom PRIESTLEY: -

Private H WIDDOWSON and H ATKIN of "C" Company 2nd Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters, writes as follows: "Just a line to thank you for the gift parcel of tobacco and cigarettes, as they were a very good consolation to us out here.

This is a reminder from two of your own shire lads, one from Chesterfield and one from Clay Cross. Wishing you and the members of the Outing Club the best of luck and hoping you will all have a happy New Year."

Private W MOWKES writes? "Every bit of tobacco is most precious and a great comfort whilst in the trenches, and it shows the true patriotic feeling of our friends."

Private W BUNTING, of Clowne, remarks: "I have received your gift parcel and am please with it, and I thank you very much. I come from Clowne, and am out of the trenches for a rest, but am expecting to go back any day now."

Private W H MOORE writes: "Many thanks, wishing you all good luck and a happy New Year. We got the parcel for a Christmas box on Christmas Day, and it was very acceptable too."

There were many more acknowledgments, all highly appreciative of The Derbyshire Times tobacco scheme for soldiers at the Front.

Derbyshire Times 16 January 1915

More Soldiers for CHESTERFIELD Children's Home Commandeered

"I have the honour to request that the Ashgate Children's Home may be handed over to me as representing the Secretary of state to be used for the quartering of his Majesty's troops."

This ran the opening sentence of a letter received by Mr R F HARTWRIGHT, clerk to the Chesterfield Board of Guardians from Lieut. Colonel W F ELMSLIE, Officer Commanding the 13th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers.

The letter was received on January 7th and as possession was requested by the 15th Mr HARTWRIGHT at once got into communication with the Hon. Gerald WALSH, the Local Government Board Inspector, and about twenty Boards of Guardians with regard to the temporary housing of the 100 odd children in the home.

Arrangements were finally made on Thursday for the children to be housed at the Basford Union at the Chesterfield Board's expense, and the young folk will leave today (Saturday) for their new quarters.

It is expected that 400 soldiers will be billeted at the Children's Home.

Derbyshire Times 27 March 1915

"Dead Germans All Around."
Chesterfield Soldier's Vivid Picture.

By a merciful Providence the human mind is incapable of realising all the horrors of the titanic War. Those witnessed by Pte. H. SPORTON, of Chesterfield, who is in the Grenadier Guards, in which regiment he served 12 years, have made a deep impression upon his mind, judging by the tone of his letter to Wilfred H. WALL, 23, Ward Street, New Tupton. WALL is a boy scout in the Grassmoor Works Troop, of which SPORTON used to be drill instructor. Between the time he left the Army and re-enlisted for the period of the War he worked at Grassmoor Coke Ovens.

Writing under date March 15th, SPORTON says: - "Thank the Lord I am all right up to now. The War makes those out here say their prayers, for when you hear the 'Jack Johnsons' whizzing all around you and see the havoc they make you begin to think that the end is coming. I would like to tell you where we are and give you a few of my experiences but if I did, I am afraid you would not get them. Suffice it to say that the fighting is awful."

That the English race has lost none of its traditional courage is indicated by the Grenadier in his next few sentences. "All of us are determined to do all in our power to see this War through to a successful issue," he says. "While we want that happy day to roll on when peace will be declared we are going to be triumphant

Dead Germans are laying all around us, and when I hear the agonising cries of our wounded I sometimes think I shall go mad. Then I pull myself together and say, 'if possible their sufferings shall be avenged.'

"It may surprise you to know," SPORTON continues, "that I am writing this letter in my dug out only 500 yards away from the German trenches and shells are continually going over my head. Should I be fortunate enough to return I shall have

a great deal to tell you. The trenches we are in now are very bad, the water being over our boot tops, and we have to stand in it all night. You asked me to send a souvenir and I wish I could. There are a lot of dead Germans in front of my trench but it would not be safe to put my head up to say nothing of going out to them. When we make a charge I will see what I can get for you”.



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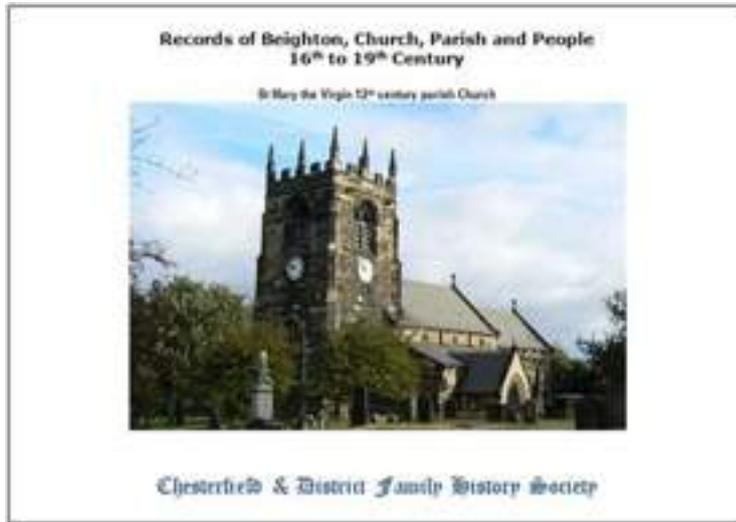
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Carol

Lynne



Project completed

I would like to thank Keith Feltham for scanning all the magazines dating from the beginning of our Society and Neil Wilson for adding them to our Web site. This will make them available to Members.

I have also produced an index of selected articles contained in these magazines which will help give easy access.

Carol.

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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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 7pm 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 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.

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Cambridgeshire	CAM	YKS North Riding	NRY	Midlothian	MLN	Louth	LOU
Cheshire	CHS	YKS West Riding	WRY	Moray	MOR	Mayo	MAY
Cornwall	CON			Nairnshire	NAI	Meath	MEA
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Devonshire	DEV	Brecknockshire	BRE	Perthshire	PER	Roscommon	ROS
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Durham	DUR	Cardiganshire	CGN	Ross & Cromarty	ROC	Tipperary	TIP
Essex	ESS	Carmarthenshire	CMN	Roxburghshire	ROX	Tyrone	TYR
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