

Chesterfield and District Family History Society

2023 Annual General Meeting

Secretary Report

This year the Society has carried on helping our members to further their family history research in many different ways. We now have 137 members.

Our monthly meetings have been held in person and online with some great speakers. Despite some technical problems we feel these will be overcome and look forward to meetings in the future.

Our Wednesday afternoon chat meetings have been very successful helping members with their research, sharing ideas and helping to break down brick walls. We have a lovely group of about 10 – 15 members join us. The chat meetings are very enjoyable where we all learn from one another.

The website continues to be expanded and Dena has worked tirelessly to add lots of information to help our members. Previous issues of our magazine have been indexed and are now on the website for members to search for their surname interests.

After the success of the Pauper Project, the Society is launching two new projects, Schools in North Derbyshire and also Transcriptions of Wills. We are encouraging our members to take part in researching local schools and sending in their transcribed wills. These will be indexed and searchable to help our members.

The Fair we held in the summer was a very enjoyable occasion and an opportunity to meet others involved in local and family history.

I'd like to thank Dena and all the committee for their help and support to me over this past year which was a personally difficult year. I look forward to the Society carrying on and helping our Members with their family history research.

Valerie Bladon