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The replicas of the Barnsley Pals Colours

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EDITOR'S APOLOGY.

In creating the Standing Order Mandate form for the October 2021 journal, I typed the wrong bank sort code. The correct code is 05-02-30. My apologies to those left confused and to Doreen Piper, who had to email everyone with the correct information. Sorry!

Roger de Mercado

EDITORIAL

Hello everyone, as I sit typing this, I'm looking out on to a snowy garden and snowflakes falling that are the size of old pennies; do you remember those? I do, and the *stories* our grandparents told us of getting change for a farthing... It would be lovely to hear about your memories and read your stories. How many of us actually remember holding a farthing in our hands, or finding a silver sixpence in a Christmas pudding?

I'm afraid I haven't got very far with Ancestral Homes this time but it will certainly be back in the April journal (I have a few things up my sleeve). I will also review a book about ancestral refugees, a current topic that really has been around for hundreds of years and the book certainly made me think; watch this space...

Speaking of ancestors, the 1921 Census will soon be available and I am really looking forward to seeing where my grandma Elsie Hall, great grandma Martha Ann Mitchel and great grandad Charles Edward Hall were living in 1921, who they lived with and what their professions were. This might help me to break down a couple of brick walls, but if not it will certainly be interesting. Do you have any brick walls? We could probably fill a whole journal if we put them all together.

In this journal we have a very interesting article about the Foden family history that might stir up memories for some people and if anyone has any information to help Vicki, please let us know. We have a Christmas Quiz and Crossword, information about Barnsley St Mary's, an article about the streets in Barnsley and a great article about a special building, as well as our regulars and more. Enjoy.

Thank you again to all of you who sent responses and articles, it is lovely to have different names in the journal, we need more.

We would also like to extend a big welcome to Suzanne Court-Oak, our newest committee member.



YOUR JOURNAL NEEDS YOUR ARTICLES

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the journal, we couldn't do it without you. I am really looking forward to your thoughts, articles and information for the next journal.

In forthcoming issues...

Another one of Our Lovely Committee members.

More Ancestral homes.

A Book Review.

All the usual features and news plus exciting new articles.

Submissions by 28th February please.

Shirley Sura Email: subeditor@barnsley fhs.co.uk

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As I write this, it is only a month before the Festive season; where did 2021 go to? The first frost of this Winter was evident on the rooftops and garden this morning so, after a very balmy Autumn, Winter with biting cold and frosts may be on its way? This season also offers sun, bracing weather for walks, be they a hike, a walk or just a wander. There is much to be positive about in the winter months. Probably, you may have been like me, tentatively thinking about Christmas; my problem is that I think about it, that's all, then the need to buy presents, cards, not to mention the food, kicks in on December 1st. Every year I plan to have everything, almost, bought or ordered and every year, I fail.

On a very positive note, the BFHS is now having regular monthly meetings for those of you who can get to the Barnsley venue at Buckley Street. It is good to say that the membership is holding up well and new members are coming on board. This is great news, as many family history societies have amalgamated and become regional since 2019, rather than relating to individual towns and cities.

Our last meeting, on Thursday 18th November, was the first one at the Buckley Street venue which was relatively free from Covid restrictions. It was so good to see so many people attending. We had a wonderful talk from Michael and Christine Goodwin from Penistone on "Yorkshire Dialect", with a Christmas emphasis. Christine read poems and stories, many of which she had written, while Michael gave four monologues. This presentation had lots of humour, pathos and joy; it was very well received by everyone, the whole experience was so enjoyable. A Christmas Buffet followed which was very well received and there was very little left!



Hot off the Press! Wentworth Woodhouse Tour is back on the agenda after three Covid-related cancellations! All tours are now held in the mornings so that there is 'free flow' time in the afternoon. There is a new "Black Diamonds Tour" which, I have been advised, should fulfil the brief we had for the now defunct Clifford Tour. It revisits a couple of the rooms we saw on a previous visit, but it shows new areas of the house, especially those connected to the mining industry which was such an integral part of the history, decline and fall of the Fitzwilliam family. This tour has had input from Catherine Bailey who wrote the book "Black Diamonds".

The new date is Thursday 12th May 2022 at 10-00am. The cost is £25 per person, half price for National Trust members. There is a revamped menu

and café for refreshments. Your admission fee enables you to wander in the gardens, even revisit other parts of the house, in the afternoon free flow time as there are displays in several of the main rooms. Please contact me if you are interested. (I know several members have already paid for a tour; this will be honoured.)

Searches update. The flow of requests for my input with members' research has dwindled to a trickle after the deluge from March 2020. As you know, I am also Searches Officer for BFHS; this has been a very busy, yet so rewarding time for me during lockdown. There have been requests, many from people worldwide, as well as non-members. Many of the latter have joined the Society.

BFHS has its own transcribed records which are not available on generic sites such as Ancestry. The Society gets income from selling these records in printed booklet form either from Lynn Smith, Book Sales Co-ordinator – her details are on the inside cover of the Journal – or from Genfair online. I have access to these records for members and it has been a pleasure to get positive outcomes for so many people. I was able to find an ancestor for an Australian member; he had been searching for over twenty years. This is so personally rewarding and a real plus for the BFHS.

Thank you all for your continuing support and encouragement through the lovely emails I receive.

The very best wishes for the Festive Season to you all from the Committee of Barnsley Family History Society. Let us hope that 2022 brings more hope and positivity for us all.

Margaret E Williams (General Secretary)

FAMILY HISTORY FEDERATION BULLETINS

FAMILY HISTORY Federation
Supporting Family Historians since 1974

REALLY USEFUL Bulletin
No 15
November 2021

Welcome to the November edition of the *Really Useful Bulletin*
inside find...
Lead article this month is *Tracing An Ancestor in the RAF*
plus news from local FHS and from the Federation

The Family History Federation (FHF – the operating name of the Federation of Family History Societies) publishes a series of Really Useful Bulletins. One can sign up to receive them by email at **www.familyhistoryfederation.com/resources-newsletter**

The November 2021 issue has a very good article on Royal Air Force research and a review of the FHF podcasts, which are available on their website. As usual several family history societies are represented, this time the Moxon Society, FHS of Cheshire and North of Ireland FHS.

BARNSELY ST MARY – THE CIVIC CHURCH IN THE HEART OF THE TOWN

As many Journal readers and members of BFHS know, I have been a volunteer for heritage projects at St Mary the Virgin's Church in Barnsley town centre for the last five years with the full support of the Rector, Rev Canon Stephen Race.

I have agreed with the Journal Editors to provide an update on what we are doing on a regular basis. I hope this will inspire other groups to contribute updates on what you are doing as well because we all have links with different areas within Barnsley, whether for our ancestors or where we live now. I hope that we can support each other in our efforts to care for Barnsley's heritage.

St Mary's welcomes visitors and volunteers if anyone would like to become more involved. The Church is usually open during the day from Monday to Friday. My contact details are at the end of this article.

BARNSELY PALS COLOURS

My 'mission' to ensure that our two precious Barnsley Pals Colours receive the respect they deserve began in 2016. I visited St Mary's to pay honour to them prior to the Somme Centenary Commemoration I had organised at Silverwood Scout Camp (originally Newhall Camp) on 1st July. Colours are consecrated and ours represent all men who served in the 13th and 14th Battalions of the York & Lancaster Regiment – they are unique to Barnsley.

Permission was granted by the Ministry of Defence to commission replicas – to use on special occasions, such as the Armistice Centenary procession as part of the Centenary of Laying Up and Mayor's Parade – to have the Colours framed by conservators and to return them to the War Memorial Chapel, where they were originally laid up after the First World War. This work enables people to view them more easily and protects them as they gradually 'return to dust.'

The work was carried out by textile conservators from the People's History Museum in Manchester in March 2020. A Heritage Connects Social in St Mary's that week allowed those attending to view the work being carried out and PHM made a timelapse film, which can be viewed on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/laW69j703a4>). The Covid-19 Pandemic and lockdowns resulted in the framed Colours remaining safely wrapped up until September 2021.

The history of the Barnsley Pals Colours is explained in my fully illustrated book, designed and printed by Pen and Sword, a few copies of which are still available at £5 from BFHS or me, with all proceeds donated to St Mary's.

The project has inevitably necessitated significant fundraising and I am extremely grateful to all organisations, groups and individuals for their generous grants and donations.

The final stage of this project is to create bespoke wooden stands for the frames. South Yorkshire Community Foundation (Barnsley Committee) have paid a second grant for the materials and Barnsley College students will carry out the work in what will be the first of several projects we hope to undertake in partnership with the College.

The stands will each have a clear topped storage box, one to contain the pikes, tassels and various documents, including a list of donors; the other a Time Capsule, the contents of which will be provided in liaison with students, with some reference to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic.

OPEN DAYS

Spending so much time in St Mary's, I became aware of the wealth of heritage and culture in our beautiful old church. I couldn't understand why this gem seemed hidden or why so many visitors told me that they had walked past often but never been inside before. I developed a passionate interest in discovering more about the ancient building with its fascinating contents, renowned architects, such as Bodley, and 17th century organ built by Father Bernard Smith.

St Mary's opened during the national Heritage Open Days for the first time in 2019, when I was glad of the company of the Royal British Legion while open most days. The number of visitors was disappointing, and it was far too time consuming for me to be around for opening for nearly two weeks. This led to setting up a Friends group.

The Covid-19 Pandemic prevented us from participating in HODs 2020 as intended, although Father Stephen was able to arrange a Service of Blessing of the conserved War Memorial Pillar. (Elizabeth Hirst Conservation cleaned the Pillar and conserved the six name panels containing 200 names, as well as the two matching plaques, in March 2020 then the church was locked up with the scaffolding in situ).

Friends participated in HODs 2021 by opening on two days, offering a variety of activities. We were delighted that Barnsley's Mayor and HM Lord-Lieutenant for South Yorkshire came along to support us – they were both impressed with St Mary's and grateful to Friends for the work we are doing. We had a reasonable number of visitors and enjoyed some interesting conversations along with our refreshments.

The national theme was "Edible England: Food Through the Ages" so I researched some of the Rectors on the board in the porch and we provided refreshments under the heading of "More Tea, Vicar?". A variety of cakes appropriate for the period were skilfully baked by Anne Owen and Ann-Marie Sephton. Brian Rowe used his excellent photographs on a display focussing on key features of St Mary's. Ian Harley, Melvyn Lunn and Keith Tennant welcomed visitors, explained the different activities and gave them one of our new leaflets about St Mary's. Father Stephen led several group tours each day. Local Artist Charlotte Fairclough encouraged visitors of all ages to make 'stained glass' items from paper.

I had invited several Barnsley groups to participate, making use of the large, centrally-located building and demonstrating the importance of partnership between local societies etc. Barnsley FHS were the only group to respond and set up their stall outside the War Memorial Chapel. It is already proving to be a very fruitful relationship!

I produced the leaflet in the form of a clockwise tour of St Mary's from the entrance using my research. **(See pages 10-15.)** Friends intend to produce a much more detailed guidebook or series of books to sell.

MORE TEA, VICAR?**Refreshments For Some Of The Incumbents Or Rectors Of St Mary's**

There are 40 names on the board in the Church Porch, which is full, plus two more recent Rectors.

c1180	Ralph	Oat Biscuits
1603	Richard Donford	Pontefract Cakes / Liquorice
1761	John Mence	Fruit cake
1806	John Mence	
1816	John Mence	
1850	Benjamin Mence	
1852	Robert Willan	Chocolate
1863	Henry Josiah Day	Victoria Sandwich
1878	William Walter Kirby	Chocolate Victoria Sandwich
1901	William Foxley Norris	Parkin
1909	William Romaine Hervey	Trench Cake
1919	Henry Evelyn Hone	Peace Babies
1937	William Evans Wilkinson	Carrot Cake
1949	Arthur Philip Morley	Date & Walnut Loaf
2014	Stephen Peter Race	Koeksisters (South African)

I have researched all the above, except for the first (Ralph has no surname) and the last! I will make the stories available, but I am trying first to find a way of doing this to raise some funds for St Mary's. I have no experience of self-publishing, which may be too risky. Any ideas please?

FRIENDS OF BARNSELY ST MARY

We aim to research, promote and care for the wealth of heritage in Barnsley's Civic Church, which is at least 840 years old. We want to hold some social events for Friends so that we can get to know each other better and have some fun!

We are a friendly group with a passionate interest in local history, heritage, art and culture, but our time is limited because we all 'wear other hats' as well. We want to encourage more people to join us, particularly for 2022 which is a special year, for support and to share the different tasks since "more hands make lighter work".

I have compiled lists from various sources of burials inside and outside St Mary's, memorials on the walls, War Memorials (Boer and First World War), the list of Rectors and details on the Stained-Glass Windows (ongoing because of limited access to the church). I have also obtained transcriptions by Rowland Jackson, Edward Tasker and the Dearnley Group (the last two thanks to Paul Stebbing) and have added to these. I aim to research all names as fully as possible – some are too early for records other than Parish Registers – and I would appreciate help from experienced researchers. (Who better than members of BFHS!).

See page 9 for more about the Friends.

BICENTENARY 2022

The main church building was erected in 1822, retaining the much earlier tower, and the War Memorial Chapel was dedicated in 1922; both were consecrated/dedicated on 22nd October which is the significant date for our bicentenary celebration and centenary commemoration.

Friends will organise a programme of events throughout 2022. Some ideas (dependent on how many Friends are involved) are:

- volunteers being available to greet visitors for one session a week or month, perhaps with refreshments (not clashing with the Friday coffee mornings);
- guided tours at the above times, on special occasions and by request;
- new tour with theme of eccentrics or ghosts;
- exhibitions;
- fundraising talks, cake sale, afternoon teas, auction of promises, music;
- service on 22nd October 2022;
- obtaining a Blue Plaque;
- producing a guidebook for sale.

We are planning to create a patchwork curtain for the tower door to celebrate the history of St Mary's: the building, special features, people and events. We are liaising with Charlotte Fairclough and Barnsley College about this ambitious textile project. Friends have not been involved in anything like this before and we are learning as we go.

We hope that lots of individuals and groups will participate, contributing ideas, stories, drawings, photos, embroidery, applique, and assisting with provision of materials and fundraising. Please get in touch if you are interested (contact details on next page).

Jane Ainsworth

BICENTENARY EVENT

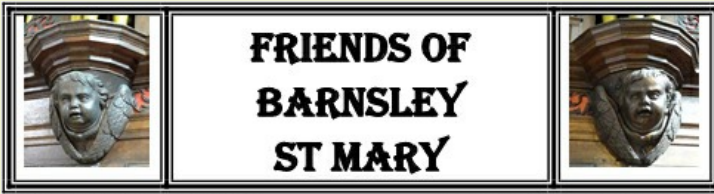
**PET SERVICE BARNSELY ST MARY'S
3PM SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 2022
Pets, Therapy & Assistance Animals WELCOME
(with well-behaved owners)**

For everyone's comfort and safety please bring animals on leads or in secure carriers, poop-bags etc for any little accidents & human face masks – some distancing preferred.

This event is the first in a series to celebrate the Bicentenary of St Mary the Virgin's (Barnsley's Civic) Church in the heart of our town centre, organized by Friends of Barnsley St Mary.

Contact Jane Ainsworth – contact details on next page.

Groups invited (not confirmed): RSPCA, Guide & Hearing Dogs, PAT Animals, Therapy Huskies, Leanne's Mobile Zoo, Wigfield Farm, Riding for the Disabled, South Yorkshire Police (Horses and Dogs), National Coalmining Museum.



FROM REVEREND CANON STEPHEN RACE,

Friends of BSM aim to research, promote and care for the wealth of heritage in our magnificent Grade II* Listed Church of St Mary the Virgin. Membership is open to anyone. We welcome volunteers with a wide range of skills and experience, whether already connected to St Mary's or new visitors who would like to learn more.

We want to produce guidebooks covering all aspects of the building and churchyard, to discover more about individuals named on the memorials, stained glass windows & headstones and to find relations if we can. We will arrange socials and coach trips. Suggestions are always welcome.

We feel that St Mary's deserves to be promoted as one of Barnsley's most important tourist destinations and this will involve open days, talks and guided tours, which will need support with administration, fundraising, greeting visitors and serving refreshments.

2022 is the Bicentenary of our building (the church dates from c1180) and the Centenary of the War Memorial Chapel. A programme of Celebrations and Commemorations is being arranged.

A small group of Founder Friends formed the group, which will be a sub-committee of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) until it becomes constituted.

If you would like to join, please contact Jane Ainsworth for more information.

We hope that you will enjoy participating - your contribution is greatly appreciated!

Reverend Canon Stephen Race, October 2021

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Jane says that the Friends would be happy to give tours when the weather improves and nights are lighter again.

BARNSELY ST MARY LEAFLET

WELCOME TO BARNSELY ST MARY THE CIVIC CHURCH

Thank you for entering our magnificent old church in Barnsley town centre. Our door is open to anyone, of any faith or none, and we are delighted by your visit.



Whatever your reason for coming here today – to pray or light a candle, to find somewhere quiet for peaceful reflection, to explore the history & heritage of this Grade II* Listed Church or out of curiosity as you were passing by – we hope you find what you seek and enjoy your surroundings.

St Mary's Church is a place of Christian worship (Church of England) with regular Services for our congregation as well as Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals for Parishioners. We also hold Civic Services, Royal British Legion Festivals of Remembrance and Special Commemorations.

Our church is used for a variety of events, such as our weekly Shoppers Coffee Morning on Fridays. We also provide financial support and assistance to a broad range of local groups, all important members of our community.

Volunteers on our Parochial Church Council manage the building, contents and churchyard. Heating, lighting, insuring and maintaining our church is very expensive and we depend on donations and fees to keep open.

This leaflet provides a simplified history of St Mary's Church and is designed to whet your appetite to learn more. Please spare some time to walk round and to look closely at our wonderful stained-glass windows, fine woodcarving, many Memorials and the Barnsley Pals Colours.

You might like to become involved with our Friends of Barnsley St Mary, whose aims are to promote, research and preserve our heritage, which will necessitate more fundraising. We are keen to establish a large group of Friends, whether active or passive, living locally or far afield, but enthusiastic about our church and its contents.

It is helpful if you could sign our Visitors Book and leave comments. Please write your contact details clearly if you would like one of us to respond.

We hope that this visit will inspire you to return,

The Reverend Canon. Stephen Race

Leaflet page 1

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

There have been several buildings on the site of St Mary's but some history is difficult to prove because of a lack of records. It is thought that the first church was constructed of wood and dedicated to St Helen in 625AD.

Next, a Norman church was built in stone by about 1180, according to the year recorded for the first Rector. The third church was built in 1380 with a tower, embedded into which was an inscribed stone from the earlier church.

John Woodhead and William Hurst, Architects of Doncaster, won the competition to design the fourth church, consecrated on 22 October 1822. The footprint was increased, the bell tower retained and raised six feet to install a clock, galleries were constructed on the north, south and west walls, the last supporting the organ and choir stalls. All walls had 'ornamental stencillings'. Unfortunately, the heraldic devices of founders and local nobility (eg Keresforths, Cutlers, Earls of Strafford and Wentworth) were destroyed as were some graves. (In 1823, the churchyard extension was opened and this is now Churchfields Peace Gardens.)



A small area of wall painting from 1822 or 1870 survives above the arch facing the organ.

(Old photographs show different interior designs.)

Alterations were carried out to the building over the years to meet changing needs. Extensive restoration was undertaken in 1870 by Architect George Frederick Bodley, a pupil of Sir George Gilbert Scott and specialist in the English Gothic Revival style. The galleries were removed, the choir stalls were relocated to the Chancel, where a new Rood Screen was erected with a large wood Cross (a Jesus Christ figure was added later), a new stone Font was placed in the tower and all pews were made 'open and free'.

Subsequent alterations included installing a larger clock, creating a Vestry off the north wall, improving the heating system, replacing the need for two men to pump wind to the organ with hydraulic equipment, erecting a sculptured Reredos behind the High Altar and installing stained-glass windows.

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CLOCKWISE TOUR OF ST MARY'S FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE

It is impossible in a leaflet to provide details of all the magnificent contents of our church so we have chosen a few significant features. Friends of Barnsley St Mary intend to produce a more detailed guidebook when research and fundraising have been carried out.

Record of 'Incumbents or Rectors of Barnsley St Mary's Church' -

as you enter the church through the ornate outer door, this wooden board hangs on your left in the inner porch. Forty names are painted in black with red initial letters, from 'Ralph [*no surname*] Circiter [*about*] 1180' to Rev Ian Wildey BA in 1995.

Enter the church through the second door and turn left to face the west wall.

The 'Boer' War Memorial is an ornate Tablet to 14 Barnsley men who died in the South African Republics (1899 – 1902), headed with the crest of the York and Lancaster Regiment with a drum, helmet and gun at the bottom.

THE TOWER / BAPTISTRY

Reached by steps between two grand wooden Churchwardens seats.

The Octagonal Stone Font was installed in 1870. There are no surviving records for the previous oak font of 1753 or the original it replaced.

Two Large Black Panels have painted lists of donations. The contents have not yet been transcribed or researched.

The Stained-Glass Window features Saints Augustine, Gregory, Jerome, Ambrose, John the Baptist and George slaying the Dragon. (Above this window on the external wall is a niche for a statue of St Mary, which would have been removed during the Reformation in the 1500s).

The Standards Cupboard was erected c1990 and now contains three old Royal British Legion Standards and an old RAF Standard. The two Colours removed in March 2020 have been replaced by two recently laid up Royal British Legion Standards.

Keresforth Coat of Arms - this stone from c1180 was embedded into the wall, high up to the left of the window; it shows a shield with four horizontal and four vertical lines crossed in the centre plus three diagonal arrows.

Bells - six bells were recorded in 1622, at least one of which may have come from Monk Bretton Priory. These bells were recast in 1769 and another two ordered to make the octave. (Access to the bells is via a very small door on the outside of the tower then a narrow stone spiral staircase.)

STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS

Most windows were installed when Rev William Walter Kirby MA was Rector (1878-1901). He made it his mission to beautify St Mary's by the addition of many stained-glass windows, generously donated by the congregation, including Rev Kirby and his family.

One detail of interest is a portrait of Queen Victoria in a window commemorating her Diamond Jubilee in 1897.

Research is ongoing into the subjects, dedications and designers of these Victorian windows. In time, Friends also hope to tell the stories of Rectors, people named on war & other memorials, those buried inside the church or with monumental inscriptions in the churchyard, donors, architects and others who had important roles in the history of St Mary's Church.

ORGAN

The first organ was built in St Mary's in 1682 and there have been subsequent relocations and alterations, in particular to the pipes. The ornate wooden case with four towers and featuring two large putti (cherub faces with wings) was built by 'Father' Bernard Smith. Bernhardt Schmidt (c1630—1708) was born in Germany but he became organ builder to King Charles II in the 1680s. Lead was stolen from the church roof in 1996 causing serious damage to the pipes, too expensive to repair. In 2000, the electronic organ was purchased and is in use today.



CHANCEL

The Royal Arms displayed on the arch were taken down in 1849 while the church underwent extensive repairs and were 'lost'.

The finely carved Oak Screen and Choir Stalls were designed by George Frederick Bodley as part of his 1870 restoration. One of the stalls has symbolic mother and baby pelicans.

Three Windows: the East Window, in the centre behind the High Altar, is the largest in St Mary's. Its subject is the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ with the Blessed Virgin Mary and other Saints at each side. It was created in 1870 by Burlison and Grylls and dedicated to John Staniforth Beckett, founder of the Beckett Hospital, by his widow. Stained glass from the original window was used elsewhere.

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WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Structural alterations after the Great War 1914-1919 to convert the South Chapel into the War Memorial Chapel, dedicated on 22 October 1922.

The impressive War Memorial Pillar was erected in the centre of the Chapel with six panels listing the 200 names of those who died while serving. The panels were conserved in 2020.

Two new Stained-Glass Windows with Plaques were paid for by families of Dorothy Fox (Voluntary Aid Detachment Nurse) and Jack Normansell (Captain of the First Barnsley Pals). Plaques match the pillar.

Other windows: one was relocated here with a plaque celebrating the restoration of the church in 1870, when it was 'made free & unappropriated'. Another was dedicated to Rev Kirby.

The Brass York and Lancaster Regiment Plaque is for the 8,814 'Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men' of this South Yorkshire Regiment who died during the Great War.



Two King's Colours of the Barnsley Pals (13th & 14th Battalions of the York and Lancaster Regiment) were laid up in the Chapel' In about 1990 they were moved with other Standards to a cupboard in the tower, where they were forgotten about. From 2016, Jane Ainsworth co-ordinated the Barnsley Pals Colours Project. She raised funds to commission replicas, organise Centenary Commemorations and to frame both Colours, in close liaison with Father Stephen and with permission from Major Andrew Greenwood at the Ministry of Defence.

Early March 2020, two textile conservators from the People's History Museum framed the Colours in situ, carefully laying out the fragments onto a material backing board, held in place with netting, before enclosing in bespoke ash frames. Matching bespoke stands are being made by Barnsley College.

(Jane's book '*History of the King's Colours for the Barnsley Pals Battalions*' costs £5 and all proceeds are used for this project).

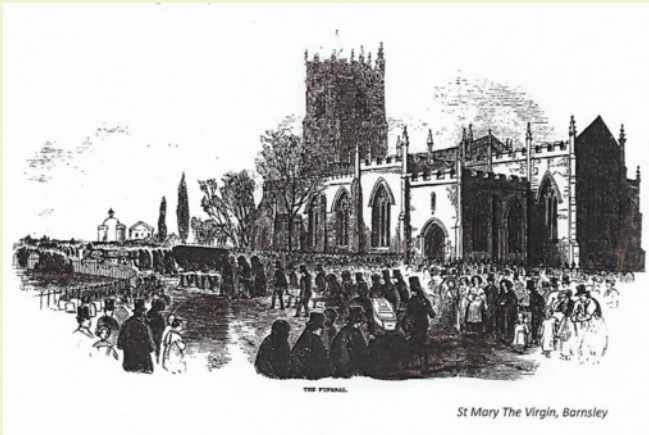
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CLERGY AND OTHER CONTACTS

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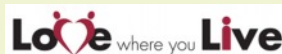


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in March 2020 and revised in December 2021.*

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BARNSELY STREETS IN PRINT

When I first found out that more of my ancestors than just my father were born in Barnsley, I started to collect (and use) as many books as I could about Barnsley; I'm still collecting.

One series of books I have used many times and would highly recommend is 'BARNSELY STREETS' by E.G Tasker. There are four books in the series, published by Wharnccliffe Publishing. They are available from Pen & Sword Publishers among other places.

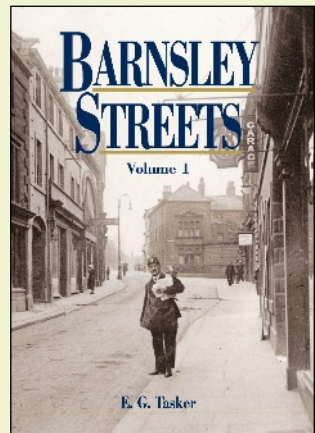
Each book contains specific areas/streets of Barnsley and includes old and new maps, photographs, and advertising. Information is provided about places such as shops and hotels, people who owned/lived there and dates.

Here is a little taster of each book:

BARNSELY STREETS Volume 1

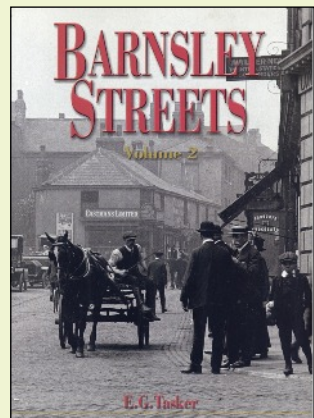
Church Street West Side
 Church Street East Side
 Churchfield
 Cheapside East Side
 Cheapside West Side
 Sheffield Road West Side
 Sheffield Road East Side

An interesting entry is 47A-45 Church Street 'Replaced by the Barnsley Chronicle office extension' (p35) with a lovely photograph. Another one that is close to my heart is 1916-1947, 'Miners Permanent Relief Office' (p36 and p50). Taylor Row is an interesting one, particularly if your ancestors were weavers or if you are a fan of Barnsley football club. There is a photograph of weaver's cottages with the floodlights at Oakwell football ground in the background p170-171.



BARNSELY STREETS Volume 2

Peel Square – South Side
 Peel Square – West Side
 Peel Square – North Side
 Grahams Orchard – West Side
 Grahams Orchard – East Side
 Peel Street – North Side
 Peel Street – South Side
 Peel Street – Arcade
 Pitt Street – South Side
 Pitt Street – North Side
 Alhambra Centre
 New Street – South Side
 New Street – North Side

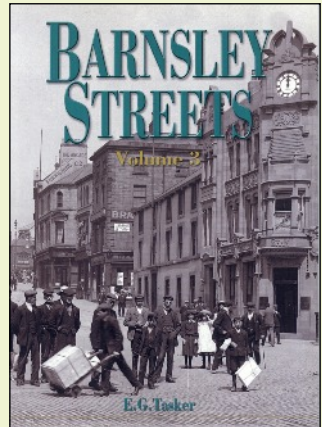


Wellington Street – East Side
 Wellington Street – West Side
 Market Street – East Side
 Market Street – West Side

The first photograph in this book that brought back memories for me is 'Snow clearing in Peel Street about one hundred years ago' (p7). How many times I have done this I cannot remember (not 100 years ago of course). Pages 66 and 67 looks down Peel Street in 1950s, the decade of my birth and one of the areas where my ancestors lived. Another photograph and reference I really like is that of a real butcher's shop in the 1980s and again in 2001, sadly no longer selling fresh meat (p109).

BARNSELY STREETS Volume 3

Market Hill – Map and East Side
 Market Hill – Map and North Side
 Market Hill – West Side
 Shambles Street – Maps
 Shambles Street – South Side
 Shambles Street – North Side
 Westgate – Maps
 Westgate – North Side
 Westgate – South Side
 Sackville Street – West Side
 Sackville Street – Map
 Sackville Street – East Side
 Town End and Maps
 Dodworth Road – Map and South Side
 Dodworth Road – North Side
 Summer Lane – West Side
 Summer Lane – Map
 Summer Lane – East Side
 Racecommon Road – Map and East Side
 Racecommon Road – West Side



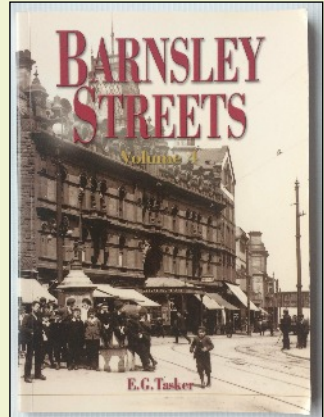
I was delighted to see this book included several areas where my grandparents and great grandparents lived. There is a map, and photograph of a narrow passageway between Peel Street and Shambles Street where my great and two times great grandparents lived in Shambles Street in the 1800s, along with several other family members. My beloved paternal grandma lived in Dodworth (Dod'orth in our family) and I wonder if she walked along these streets back in the day. There is a lovely photograph with an old advertising hoarding; remember the Hovis Penny loaves? The last one in this book I will tell you about is Racecommon Road where one of my great grandfathers lived. Page 175 shows a photograph of some houses on this road, again, complete with advertising hoarding.

BARNSELY STREETS Volume 4

Doncaster Road – North Side
Doncaster Road – South Side
Pontefract Road – North Side
Pontefract Road – South Side
Queen Street – South Side
Queen Street – North Side
May Day Green

The Modern Market Area: May Day Green – East Side, May Day Green – West Side, Kendray Street – West Side, Kendray Street – South Side, Market Parade, May Day Green Arcade

Eldon Street – North Side
Eldon Street – South Side
Midland Street – East Side
Midland Street – West Side
Burlington Arcade
Eldon Arcade
Barnsley Arcade – North Side
Barnsley Arcade – South Side
George Yard
Hanson Street
Royal Street
Regent Street – North Side
Regent Street – South Side
Regent Street – South
Eastgate – West Side
Eastgate – East Side
Out of Town



I am not really familiar with the places in this book but nevertheless found many places of interest. One of them is on Queen Street North 'The two ladies in large hats and long skirts would date this to before the Great War' (p46). A man cleaning shoes and a horse and cart can be seen close to the door of the Market Inn in the early 20th century (p62). Last but not least, A photograph of a train, '...the pull and push from Cudworth (another of my ancestors' areas) entering Court House Station (p139).

Well, I hope you have enough information to assist you with your search for places your ancestors knew, as I have.

This is a lovely series of books whether you are interested in family history, simply history or how things have changed.

Many thanks to E.G Tasker and Wharncliffe Publishing.

Shirley Sura

THE HISTORY OF A SPECIAL BUILDING

What links Wesleyan Methodism, canoes, snooker and Dick Whittington? (This is not a trivia question!)

What a tale this curved building at the top has to tell!

As Search Officer for the Barnsley FHS, over the last four years, I have had requests for information about members' ancestors relating to their Wesleyan or Primitive Methodist links or who required details about relatives' links to the Barnsley Boys Club in the mid 20th century. So, unusually for this journal, this article does not have people as its central focus but a building with its very diverse history.

The story starts in the last quarter of the 18th century around 1777 when James and Elizabeth Taylor ** held regular Wesleyan Methodist meetings in the kitchen of their four room cottage which was on the right, second to the top of Old Mill Lane, in Barnsley. (Old Mill Lane was the main road north out of Barnsley leading to Wakefield and Leeds and was known as the Sheffield and Wakefield Turnpike Road.) These meetings were extremely popular, more so after the 83-year-old John Wesley, one of the founders of Methodism, preached to a crowd in the yard of the Old White Bear Inn in 1786, only a short walk from Old Mill Lane.

The decision was made by the Taylors and Wesleyan Methodists to commission a single story chapel between 1781 and 1784 to accommodate the growing popularity of Methodism. The site chosen was on Westgate, which is high ground at the top of the Pinfold Steps, rising up from Shambles Street. This was at Town End, Barnsley. "The Chapel", Pinfold Hill, was opened in 1794. So popular was the chapel with whole families that the first Sunday School was established in the premises in 1803 although the Sunday School soon moved to its own premises in School Street in 1805, having outgrown the Westgate building. The Wesleyan Methodists themselves moved to new, larger, premises in Pitt Street in 1846.

The Westgate building was sold to the Primitive Methodists, a group more closely related to the strict principles introduced by Charles and John Wesley, reopening as a Primitive Methodist Chapel on 7th March 1847. Later that year, the Trustees elected to build a house at the east end of the chapel, then a new Sunday School was added during 1859.

The building continued to operate as a Primitive Methodist venue although congregations began to fall from 1914, only recovering somewhat after 1918 until the start of the Second World War. The chapel finally closed its doors on December 7th 1947.



Image credit K L Graham, 1932

The next chapter in the life of the building began when it was sold in April 1948 to the Barnsley branch of the National Association of Boys' Clubs. This organisation was created "to cater for working boys" age 14 to 18 in the larger towns of the UK. The National Association was created prior to World War 2 but really came into its own after the end of the war from 1946. Once the building had been purchased from the chapel trustees, extensive alterations were made to the fabric of the building. The ground floor was altered to accommodate sports such as snooker, table tennis, darts and a café. A mezzanine floor was installed to create a new first floor which had a Sports Hall for five-a-side football, boxing, badminton, to name but a few of the sports activities on offer. This was a very popular venue, with the teams belonging to the Boys Club regularly featuring in the local press.



The Boys Club entrance, 1993

Many people have fond memories of those days (or otherwise?).

How many folks from here went there back in the 80s?

"I remember there used to be a bit of a Holgate / Lundwood (Priory) thing going on, as that's where most folks seemed to come from."

"Disco, pool, films, arcade games, tuck shop."

"Happy days. and 2p home on the bus."

"A few of us used to go down from Poggy in the 70s."

"Mick McCarthy used to play for Barnsley Boys Club on Sunday afternoons in Poggy Rec. He stood out only for his ability to throw and head the ball prodigious distances."

"I wasn't allowed. It was far too rough for me apparently."

"Never a member but I was a helper around 1989-90. Fri and Sat nights and then Sunday morning football looking after the older lads."

"No training, no CRB or other checks. Just taken on trust!"

Between 1953 and 1964, Barnsley Junior Choral and Operatic Society converted the Sports Hall into a theatre twice a year so they could perform Gilbert and Sullivan shows and musical theatre. These were large productions with everyone in the show under 23 years old, a full orchestra and regular audiences of 300.

By 1965, "The Boys Club" became a mixed club when girls were allowed to join. It is a fact of life, though, that other interests became available in the town, overtaking those on offer in Westgate so that by the late 1980s the membership was steadily declining. Gradually, the building started to become run-down, eventually closing in the mid 1990s.

In 1998 John and Anne Kelly purchased the rat-infested, derelict building from the National Association of Boys Clubs to enable a charitable theatre trust to be formed, Barnsley Theatre Trust 1998 Ltd. The Theatre Trust had to start fundraising and, with the help of many, many volunteers, work began on converting the shell into a living, working theatre. A mammoth task it was!

On 25th April 1999 the first event took place at The Lamproom Theatre, "A Gala Charity Evening of Opera" to open the theatre officially. The first production was "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller which opened to full houses and rave reviews, a success! (Even though the 'bar' was a trestle table with bottled beers and lager, pop and squash although it was still very well patronised.)

The Trust eventually raised the money to purchase the property from John and Anne Kelly. The name – Lamproom Theatre – comes from the fact that, as many of you will know, miners used to get their mining lamps from a pit's lamproom before going down the shaft; this reflects a huge part of the town's history. One of the major improvements in the last five years was the replacement of the auditorium lights with lighting from miners' lamps representing the many Barnsley Collieries. These have been donated by people and they all have plaques denoting which colliery they came from.

Over the last 21 years there have been hundreds of shows – plays, musical theatre, Comedy Clubs, Evenings with the Stars, charity nights, fashion and talent shows, not forgetting the annual traditional pantomimes which have been seen by thousands of patrons. It's Dick Whittington, this year, 2021, after a hiatus last year caused by the pandemic.

The Lamproom Theatre is known as the People's Theatre, it is an iconic venue in an iconic place. The theatre is going from strength to strength with dedicated staff and many volunteers, it is supported by a truly enthusiastic core audience.

I have to confess to a vested interest, I have been Secretary of the Friends of the Lamproom for the last 20 years, a group that raises funds for the theatre and supplies volunteers for the Front of House team. Like a house, there are always things that need to be done; we are custodians of a Grade 2 listed building after all. A building that has come back to life to continue its legacy into a bright and positive future.



Photo from We Are Barnsley website

So, the answer to the

question at the start of this article is simple –

THE LAMPROOM THEATRE BUILDING, WESTGATE, BARNSELY

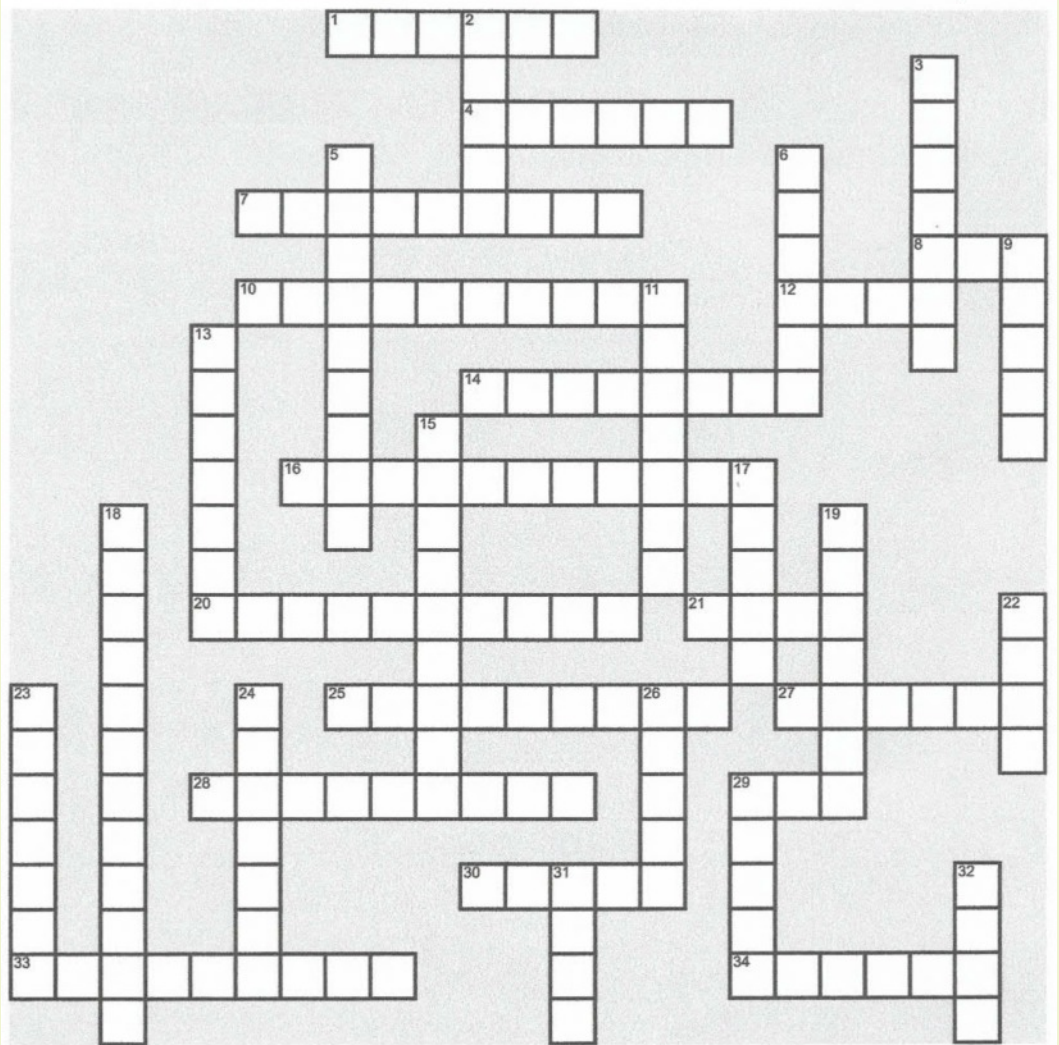
I am indebted to Roger Walton, Katy and all the staff at Barnsley Archives for their help with collating this article.

** James and Elizabeth Taylor were the grandparents of James Hudson Taylor (1832 – 1905) who was a pioneer missionary to China, the subject of The James Hudson Taylor Trail in Barnsley. That may be a story for another time...

Margaret E. Williams – Secretary and Search Officer BFHS
(aka Vice Chair and Secretary, Friends of the Lamproom)



BFHS CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD





BFHS CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD CLUES



Answers on page 31

Across

- 1 Hang on your front door
- 4 _____ bread
- 7 A yummy treat
- 8 Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
- 10 The ballet
- 12 Like to decorate
- 14 Pulls Santa's sleigh
- 16 You only hear it if you believe
- 20 All are white but are not identical
- 21 Shines bright
- 25 Christ was born in what city?
- 27 Will always be there for you the rest of your life
- 28 Hang on the tree
- 29 Our Father who art in heaven
- 30 Born in a manger
- 33 Came to find baby Jesus
- 34 Shimmers & shines

Down

- 2 A heavenly guardian
- 3 Lit in the windows
- 5 Snowy & very cold
- 6 _____ Wonderland
- 9 Family plays together
- 11 Red nose
- 13 Magical
- 15 Where every couple tries to stop under
- 17 Jolly & full of laughter
- 18 Gave Jesus gold, frankincense and myrrh
- 19 Wraps around a tree
- 22 Something to play with
- 23 Buddies
- 24 Selfish with money
- 26 Makes all the toys for the girls & boys
- 29 Wrapped in ribbons & bows
- 31 Let it _____
- 32 Jesus's Mother

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The Taskers Photographic Trust will present Memories of Barnsley's Past - a Nostalgic Trip Down Memory Lane - in the Sadler Room at the Cooper Art Gallery, Church Street, Barnsley, S70 2AH.

It will run from midday 15th January to 19th March 2022, normally open 10am to 3pm, but call 01226 775678 beforehand as very occasionally the Sadler room is used for private functions.

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BFHS CHRISTMAS CRACKER QUIZ 2021



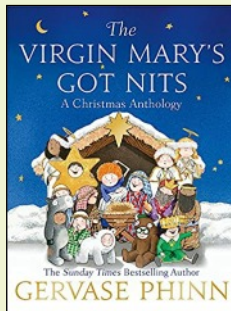
**Some answers are easy ~ some are hard ~ some are anagrams...
Some are just silly!**

Answers near end of journal

1. December 26th marks which Saint's day?
2. Which fizzy drink brand changed the colour of Santa's suit from red to green?
3. Who wrote "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas?"
4. How many different types of centres are there in the chocolates in a tub of Quality Street?
5. What year was Clement C. Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas" first published?
6. Which Christmas song was the first ever song to be broadcast in space?
7. In "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," what do the Dursleys give Harry for Christmas?
8. Solve this Christmas anagram – CANDIESROOT.
9. Who had a number 1 hit in 1955 with "A Christmas Alphabet"?
10. In which children's classic is it "always Winter but never Christmas"?
11. Which Christmas item was first mentioned in the Oxford English Dictionary in 1854?
12. *Ded Moroz* is the Russian equivalent of Santa Claus. What does it translate to in English?
13. In 1949, which international organisation produced the first charity Christmas Card?
14. Published in 1976, which famous author wrote "The Father Christmas Letters"?
15. What is the significance of finding a ring in a Christmas pudding?
16. In the Christmas song, what do three French hens symbolise?
17. The Three Wise Men are believed to be buried in which German cathedral?
18. Papa Noel is the name for Santa Claus in which South American country?
19. Which U.S. President banned Christmas Trees from the White House in the early 20th century?
20. First published on New Year's Day 1785, The Daily Universal Register is known as what today?

MY FAVOURITE BOOKS AND AUTHORS

The Virgin Mary's Got Nits – A Christmas Anthology By Gervase Phinn



Have you ever heard children talking in all their innocence and laughed out loud? Gervase Phinn made me laugh, so much that I read this book in one go.

On page 2 he writes about meeting a small boy on his way up the path to a school he was invited to.

'I'm here to see the Nativity play,' I told him.

'Well it's off!' he told me bluntly.

'It's off?' I repeated.

The boy raised his head and scratched his scalp. *'Aye, t'Virgin Mary's got nits!'*

However, it is much more than fun, it tells of his memories, funny, serious and nostalgic, all taking place in the Yorkshire dales.

He includes poetry, interesting tales and conversations with adults and children's thoughts on bible passages. When talking about the return of the prodigal son on page 198, where children were asked who would be the most disappointed about the return of the son, one child replied *'Well, I reckon t'fatted calf can't 'ave been too 'appy'*. Another interesting story is 'The Lost Sheep', page 199, where a young minister spoke to a group of children mostly from farming families. He was questioned and given advice, ending with him asking *'Why do you think the shepherd risked losing all the other sheep just for the one which was lost?'* The reply from a little girl was *'Appen it were t'tup'* she said. I will leave you to read the rest for yourselves.

This is a small 211-page paperback book with black and white illustrations by Matthew Phinn, published by Hodder in 2016. My copy was purchased from Amazon at £7.40 but can be purchased at many other places. A hardback copy can also be obtained for around £12.35.

Please let us know about your favourite books and authors, just a few lines about them and why you like them would be great, we want your thoughts and interests as well as ours.

Shirley Sura

MEMBERS' SECTION

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined the Society. I hope that you will find your membership useful, enjoyable, rewarding and above all productive.

Member number 1934

Mr Brian Rowe

Member number 1935

Mr Keith Tennant

Member number 1936

Mrs Joan Gladwyn

Elaine Jackson - Membership Secretary

MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Mem. No. 1432

Surname	Location	Mr. Peter Nicholson		Period
		County	Country	
Nickerson	All	ESS	ENG	1795-1839
Nicholson	All	ESS	ENG	1795-1839
Webb	Weeley	ESS	ENG	c.1813-1839

Notes:

I'm researching Ann Webb's family up to her marriage to James **Nicholson** (c.1798-1839) in 1833, also I'm hoping to find more information about James **Nicholson**, my 2x Gt. Grandfather born in the late 1700s.

Ann **Webb** (c.24 January 1813-c.1899) born in Weeley, Essex.

She married James **Nicholson** (spelt **Nickerson** in the Marriage register, and

on the 1841 Census return) at All Saints, Great Holland, Essex on the 18th October, 1833 (both single and of this parish).

James and Ann had three children:

Sanderson **Nicholson** (1833-1845)

Emily **Nicholson** (1837-1897)

James **Nicholson** (23rd March 1839-1915) (my Great Grandfather)

Sadly, Ann was widowed on the 7th July, 1839 when they were living in Bow, Middlesex.

On the 1871 Census (2nd April 1871) Ann is living in Weeley, Essex, where her occupation is recorded as laundress.

Ann married Martin **Spooner** (c.1803-1882) on 1st February 1851 at Mary the Virgin's Church, Dedham, Essex.

Ann's father was Samuel **Webb** possibly working as an agricultural labourer in Weeley, Essex. Ann's mother may have been named Hannah.

Mem. No. 1936

Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Cox ¹	Worsbrough	WRY	ENG	1785-1817
Colbeck ²	Worsbrough	WRY	ENG	1784-1847
Green ³	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	c.1814-1840
Green ⁴	Worsbrough	WRY	ENG	1778-1853
Green ⁵	Worsbrough	WRY	ENG	1744-1830
Rock ⁶	Worsbrough	WRY	ENG	1744-1823

Notes:

I'm researching the following persons and families in the Barnsley and Worsbrough areas for the periods indicated:

¹ Ann **Cox**.

² Hannah **Colbeck**.

³ Esther (later Rebecca Esther) **Green**.

⁴ Joseph **Green** b. 1778.

⁵ Joseph **Green** b. 1744, Worsbrough.

⁶ Alice **Rock**.

I'm chasing down Esther **Green** who settled down (not sure if they married) with my ancestor Charles **Phillips** in Liverpool. She has "Barnsley" on all her census form entries, but other Ancestry trees seem to link her with the Green families from Worsbrough. It's probable that she adopted the name Rebecca because she converted to Judaism when she met Charles.

Any help is gratefully received.

Jeff Chambers

SURNAME SEARCH INDEX

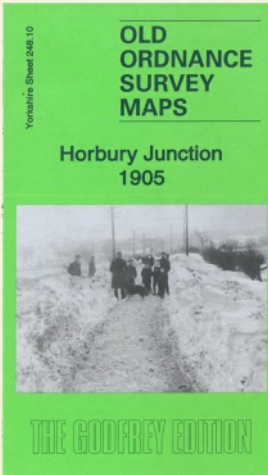
Surnames uploaded to the Barnsley FHS 'Surname Search Index' between 1st September 2021 and 31st December 2021.

Bingham; Binns; Callaghan; Colbeck; Cox; Fisher; Granger; Green; Hall; Mitchell; Moors; Nicholson; Reynolds; Rock; Slater.

Jeff Chambers

NEW ALAN GODFREY MAPS

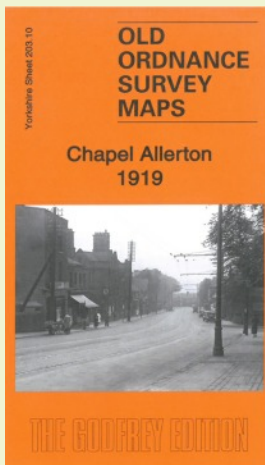
These recent new maps may be of interest. The descriptions below are from the publisher. Each costs £3.00.



Yorkshire 248.10 Horbury Junction 1905

This map fills a longstanding gap in the series, linking Horbury with our Wakefield maps. It covers the eastern edge of Horbury, with Horbury Junction, Charles Roberts' Railway Works, and the Horbury Junction Iron Works major features. Further east the map includes Lupset Hall. The introduction is by Alan Godfrey and we include an 1889 directory of Horbury.

The map links up with Sheets 248.06 Wakefield West to the north, 248.09 Horbury to the west and 248.11 Sandal to the east



Yorkshire 203.10b Chapel Allerton 1919

Chapel Allerton, on the northern edge of Leeds, is notable for its large houses, many of them built by the city's industrialists, and for its distinctive village centre. The map also includes Gledhow Park and Gledhow Hall, Allerton Grange, and part of Lidgett Park. Features include the tramway. The introduction is by Alan Godfrey. The map complements one already published for Chapel Allerton in 1906.

The map links up with Sheets 203.09 Meanwood to the west, 203.11 Roundhay Park to the east and 203.14 Leeds Harehills to the south.

Maps in the Godfrey Edition are taken from the original 25 inch to the mile map and reduced to about 15 inches to the mile. Go to www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk/ridings.htm for the whole Yorkshire series.

You can order online at www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk/acatalog/England.html or contact Alan Godfrey Maps, Prospect Business Park, Leadgate, Consett, Co Durham, DH8 7PW or email sales@alangodfreymaps.co.uk

FODEN FAMILY TREE – ALICE FODEN

Alice Foden, my first cousin once removed, was born in Normanton, Yorkshire in July 1905 to James and Mary Alice Foden. The family moved to Dodworth around 1915 and lived in Tan Yard. In 1918 the family were living at 74 Green Road Dodworth when Alice's only sibling, Mabel Foden died aged 21. Mabel was buried at St John's Church Dodworth (with her Grandfather Enoch Foden, 1844–1889.) The memorial stone is a large Victorian headstone but has been moved and laid out with many other similar sized stones as a "pathway" in the churchyard.



By 1924 Alice and her parents were living at 60 The Green, Dodworth, (photograph above, taken in 2009). Alice's father James Foden worked for the Thornley Taylor estate as a joiner until he died in 1932.

In 1936, Alice had passed a music examination with the Victoria College of Music and Drama and is shown in the Kelly's Directory as a music teacher.

At the outbreak of WW2 Alice is shown on the 1939 England and Wales Register as working as an assistant cook at a child feeding centre (I believe, in the West Riding County Council). Does anyone know where the Centre was?

When Alice's mother died in 1949, they were still living at 60 The Green and Alice stayed on alone until 1961/62, when she moved to Doncaster.

It seems Alice never married and lived in Doncaster until 1975, when she died aged 70 years old (retired music teacher).

I would love to know more about her life in Dodworth. If anyone has a scrap of information please contact me via the Barnsley Journal.

Helen Vicki Foden Jones

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF GENEALOGY

"Done! Everything in the family tree has been found and is completely organised" - said no genealogist. Ever.

"I used to have a lot of free time... then I discovered genealogy."

A genealogist is one who disturbs the dead and irritates the living.

"I'm not stuck, I'm just ancestrally challenged."

Eventually, all genealogists come to their census.

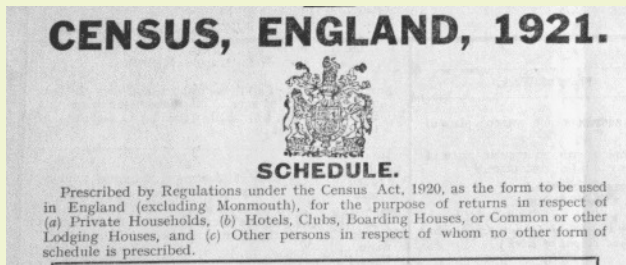
'KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP' NEWS SNIPPETS

Life is still a little difficult for family researchers, especially those who need to access their local archives. From information I have received from members, the situation is global. One very patient member in Australia had to make an appointment, as we all have had to do; his date was nine weeks from his initial booking! Most archives in the UK are still operating an appointments system, as is the one in Barnsley.

1921 Census

The major piece of news is the release online of the 1921 Census, although I am sure many of you are very well aware of this.

THURSDAY JANUARY 6TH 2022 is the big day!



The census was taken on 19th June 1921

This massive database will be released on the Find My Past website. It may not be a good idea to log on immediately, I suspect everyone and his dog will be trying to access this long-awaited edition for family historians. Website crashing may be the order of the day?

This Census publication is the last for a while as the 1931 data was destroyed by a fire. Researchers have to make do with the 1939 World War Two data as the nearest source. This is a really useful source of information.

The National Archives

The National Archives have been very active, promoting activities and advertising items that relate to this. Their website is a mine of information.

Ancestry

One of the major acquisitions over the last months is the publication of many Irish Records relating to births, marriages and deaths. There has been a dearth of records and data regarding Irish heritage so this is really welcome. The most recent sites which may be of interest are:

- Yorkshire, England, Probate Records, 1521-1858
- UK and Ireland, Obituary Index, 2004-2019
- UK and Ireland, Find a Grave Index, 1300s-Current

This section of the Journal is rather sparse this quarter; I hope some of it may be of interest to you. As Search Officer the Irish records have been really useful to me especially around the Galway and Armagh area.

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BFHS CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Across	Down
1 Wreath	2 Angel
4 Ginger	3 Candles
7 Chocolate	5 North Pole
8 Log	6 Winter
10 Nutcracker	9 Games
12 Tree	11 Rudolph
14 Reindeer	13 Fairies
16 Sleighbells	15 Mistletoe
20 Snowflakes	17 Santa
21 Star	18 Three Wise Men
25 Bethlehem	19 Garland
27 Family	22 Toys
28 Ornaments	23 Friends
29 Jesus	24 Scrooge
33 Shepherds	26 Elves
34 Silver	29 Gifts
	31 Snow
	32 Mary

BFHS CHRISTMAS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. St. Stephen
2. Coca-Cola
3. Irving Berlin
4. 1823
5. 12 different flavours. 66 sweets in a tub
6. Jingle Bells
7. A 50 pence piece
8. Decorations
9. Dickie Valentine
10. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
11. Christmas stocking
12. Grandfather Frost
13. UNICEF – United Nations International Childrens’ Emergency Fund
14. J R R Tolkien
15. It signifies a forthcoming marriage
16. Faith, Hope and Charity
17. Cologne Cathedral
18. Brazil
19. Theodore Roosevelt
20. The Times

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Baptisms

Barnsley Ebenezer	
Methodist New Connexion	1862-1973
Barnsley St. George	1832-1844
Barnsley St. Mary	1813-1837
Barnsley Wesleyan	1839-1910
Bretton Chapelry	1813-1841
Cawthorne All Saints	1800-1844
Darton All Saints	1813-1822
Royston St. John	1813-1831
Silkstone All Saints	1813-1840
Wentworth Wesleyan	1849-1980
Wortley St. Leonard	1813-1856

Marriages

Barnsley St. George	1832-1837
Barnsley St. Mary	1800-1837
Cawthorne All Saints	1800-1837
Darton All Saints	1813-1822
Penistone St. John	1800-1837
Royston St. John	1799-1837
Silkstone All Saints	1800-1837

Burials

Barnsley St. George	1832-1850
Barnsley St. Mary	1800-1840
Bretton Chapelry	1800-1840
Cawthorne All Saints	1800-1845
Darton All Saints	1800-1845
Denby Chapelry	1800-1856
Dodworth St. John	1848-1934
Hoyland Nether St. Peter	1813-1861
Penistone St. John	1800-1856
Royston St. John	1800-1837
Silkstone All Saints	1800-1840
Tankersley St. Peter	1813-1858
Worsbrough St. Thomas	1859-1903
Wortley St. Leonard	1800-1854

National Probate Calendars / Wills Index 1858 to 1943

Please give full name and year of death. Because wills were not always proved immediately, we will search up to three years after the death.

National Burial Index; Third Edition

England & Wales. Please give full name, year-range and county if known.

Soldiers who died in the Great War

Please give full name and age if known.

1851 Census, Barnsley Area

Please give surname and forename(s) if known and age. Or request all occurrences of a given surname.

1891 Census, Barnsley

Please give surname and approximate age. 1891 Search results supplied as copy of enumeration page.

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DIARY DATES

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January 2022	No meeting
17 th February	AGM and Research Evening
17 th March	Stephen Flinders Catherine Crompton's Diary
21 st April	Eric Jackson Votes for women: the struggle for female emancipation.
19 th May	Richard Axe Women, Waterloo and afterwards.
17 th June	Susan Whitwham A Visit from Mrs Pearson
July & August	Summer Recess

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Barnsley Pals flag before conservation, seen under way on the right. Below: the conserved flags, in ash frames, on display at St Mary's.

