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# Barnsley Roots

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Above: Wentworth Woodhouse – see visit report page 10.

Left: "Whistlejacket": famous painting (now in the National Gallery) by George Stubbs of the racehorse owned by the Marquess of Rockingham.

Right: the Marble Saloon.



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#### **EDITORIAL**

ello again and welcome to our July and therefore SUMMER edition of BARNSLEY ROOTS. I remember saying in the last journal that it had been warm enough to sit outside in February! Well that changed a bit but here we are again, a sunny day in June and the promise of more to come. I hope the weather is as nice where you are as it is where I am, not too hot, lots of things growing in the garden and no Covid restrictions, although I am still being careful whilst enjoying going out again.

We have two new articles from members' who might have written before, but not in my time so thank you Christine and Liz; it is wonderful to have different members' contributions, as well as the updates and information from our own Jane Ainsworth. We have a continuation of the Hawcroft family, another great quiz from Margaret Williams, who has a number of roles in our society and works really hard for us. All the usual articles and information are included so please, read and enjoy.

Have a look at page 5 and see if you want to vote for Barnsley Local Studies; I certainly shall. If you have never visited this amazing resource then please do, it has been well worth a trip up from the Midlands for me on many occasions.

For anyone who was considering attending the BRADFORD FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the venue has changed to: Aldersgate Methodist Church, Cleckheaton Road, Bradford, BD12 0TW - <a href="https://bradfordsouthcircuit.wordpress.com/your-churches/aldersgate/">https://bradfordsouthcircuit.wordpress.com/your-churches/aldersgate/</a>

If you have any queries please contact <u>Chairman@bradfordfhs.org.uk</u>
For further information please go to Bradford Family History Society at <a href="https://www.bradfordfhs.org.uk/projects">https://www.bradfordfhs.org.uk/projects</a>.

I think fewer people than expected booked due to the rise of living costs and the recent increase in Covid cases. It would be lovely if any of my Barnsley friends could come and meet my Barnsley friends and enjoy the weekend with us.

In forthcoming issues...

More of the Hawcroft and Thexton families

All the usual features and news plus exciting new articles

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#### SECRETARY'S REPORT MAY 2022



The Barnsley Family History Society is fully open for business!

After a very difficult couple of years, it is so good to be able to tell you that everything relating to Family History in the Barnsley area, as well as nationally, is fully open to explore.

The last two years, especially, have been very difficult for us all, real life as we knew it was suspended then, as things began to get back to some semblance of normality, the pandemic was held like Damocles sword over people's heads! I am sure you have found, as I have, the excuse of catching Covid has been given for lack of availability of services and products.

Positivity, moving forward in 2022 is key. Yes, we have the cost of living and negative worldwide news but Nature and being outdoors is free! I recently went to Malvern to the RHS Spring Flower Show at the beginning of May, what a joy it was, so much to see and so much optimism. Rhys, my husband, and I also walked up into the Malvern Hills; I needed a sit down at the top but the sun was shining, the bluebells were stunning, as were the views, this was a free experience to gladden your heart.

Back to business... I have been asked by members to include basic Society information as we have several new members, as well as local members, who have misplaced the information supplied to them when they joined. BFHS Monthly Meetings

The BFHS holds monthly meetings on the third Thursday of eight months of the year, December, January, July and August are exceptions. All meetings are held at Buckley Street Methodist Church Hall starting at 7.30pm with doors open from 7.00pm. There is a car park to the left of the Hall. Doreen Piper organises a speaker for each meeting. Free tea/coffee and yummy cakes and biscuits are provided by Pauline Haynes, after the main speaker has finished, always much appreciated and enjoyed!

On April 21<sup>st,</sup> 2022, there was a reasonable attendance and we had a great talk by Eric Jackson, who is always a welcome speaker at the BFHS, talking about Votes for Women. Eric made sense of the names and activities of the many ladies involved in the struggle for women's suffrage. I had heard many

of the names although I did not know they fitted in to the campaign. It was a shock to hear Emily Davison, who was dragged by the King's horse and died hours later, had no intention of killing herself as she had bought a return train ticket home!

Richard Axe came to see us on May 19<sup>th</sup> with a talk about Women, Waterloo and Afterwards; again we had a reasonable attendance of local members although it would be good to see more of you.



# Barnsley Archives

Barnsley Archives are a relatively unknown hidden gem, based in Experience Barnsley in the Town Hall building - it's free to go in, too. This is one of the top five local Archives in the country. When I wrote the articles on The Barnsley Canister Company and the History of the Lamproom Theatre building, I relied on, and used, the records they were able to locate for me as well as following some lines of research they suggested which I had not thought of.

The Archive staff are more than willing to help you search for people and places you are looking for in relation to your family. In my other role for BFHS, as Searches Officer, they have helped me locate information not readily available on t' internet! It is worth contacting them personally, wherever you are in the world it is another source of local information that can be overlooked.

Perhaps, the only 'plus' from the pandemic is that many more people have wanted to research their family roots; the lockdowns offered time to do this. The BFHS membership has benefited from this, our Society is thriving, thanks to your involvement.

Please feel free to contact me, or the Editors, if you have any queries or ideas for articles, it is always good to hear from you. (Contact details for all the Committee are on the inside front cover of the Journal.)

Enjoy the warmer weather, gardens, trips out, holidays, being able to meet friends and family freely, simple pleasures we had previously taken for granted, not any more!

My very best wishes to you all.

Margaret E. Williams-General Secretary/Search Officer

# VOTE FOR BARNSLEY ARCHIVES AND LOCAL STUDIES



Dear all.

Really pleased to announce that Barnsley Archives and Local Studies has been nominated for an Archives and Records Association Excellence Award in the category of Record Keeping Service of the Year. The Excellence awards are being relaunched this year, having been on hold since 2019 due to the pandemic.

The ARA are keen to recognise excellence and contributions by individuals and teams in the sector. The 2022 shortlist for this particular award is as follows:

- Barnsley Archives and Local Studies
- University of Nottingham, Manuscripts & Special Collections
- The Manuscripts for Medieval Studies Team, the Library of Trinity College Dublin
- Transport for London Corporate Archives
- Doncaster Archives & Heritage Doncaster

The Record Keeping Service of the Year award recognises achievements by an archive, conservation of records management service within the last eighteen months. We have been nominated by David Mander OBE who is the Chair of the ARA (Northern Region), and also supported by Roger Walton in his capacity as the Chair of the Friends of Barnsley Archives. David has highlighted our many achievements during 2020-22, which include our project to bring all the collections under one roof for the first time, as well as our response to the pandemic.

The award is decided by a public vote, with voting closing on 8<sup>th</sup> July. So we need all our colleagues, friends and supporters to get behind us! More information about the nomination can be found here:

https://www.archives.org.uk/recordkeeping-service-of-the-year-nominees-2022/barnsley-archives-and-local-studies

And this is the link to vote:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/T8XSFT7

Paul Stebbing

#### **BARNSLEY ROOTS**

Recently I was walking through the new square in Barnsley and saw the illuminated sign in the new Library "Barnsley's fierce love holds you forever in its heart" (written by Ian McMillan for the new sculpture in the square). It made me think of the huge pride that many people have in being "Barnsley folk".

Sadly, this inclusion (being 'Barnsley folk') can also lead to exclusion – human beings are tribal and being part of 'us' means that people who are not 'us' are 'them'. I am sure that the majority of Barnsley people think that their families have 'always' been here, but as family history researchers know, Barnsley is a place of migrants, drawn to the area for work in the linen weaving industry, the mines, the glassworks and the many supporting occupations. Some of these stories of migration were told in the book 'Moving Lives: Stories of Barnsley Families' published by Barnsley FHS in 2007.

My own ancestors came to the area from Lincolnshire, Bedfordshire, Gloucestershire, East Yorkshire and other points across England. I then thought about my husband Alan's family and realised that many of them had been in Barnsley for a long time. How long does your family have to be here to be truly 'Barnsley'? Do you think 200 years qualifies you?



Muriel McGrath on the day of her wedding to Jack Whitehouse in 1951. On the right is Muriel's mother, Alice (née Jackson) and on the left Alice's mother, also Alice (née Denton).

With a name like McGrath (my mother-in-law Muriel's maiden name), there are no prizes for guessing where her paternal family came from. But you will find her McGrath ancestors in the 1841 Census, living in Dawson Wall, the area between New Street and Sheffield Road. Thomas McGrath was born in Ireland in about 1798, but his wife Mary was born in Barnsley in around 1808. Their oldest son, James, was born in Barnsley in 1831. So the McGrath family has been in Barnsley for at least 190 years, and over 200 on Mary's line.

I started to look at the other families in Alan's maternal line and, to cut a long article short, have summarised these in a table.

Family name	Earliest Barnsley record
McGrath	Thomas & Mary McGrath, present in the 1841 census in Barnsley. Mary born Barnsley 1808, son James born Barnsley 1831.
Collumbine	James Collumbine, born Nottinghamshire but married at St. John's Church, Royston, in 1843 to Mary Carlisle.
Carlisle	Mary Carlisle, born 1825 in Worsbrough to George Carlisle and Alice Howarth, who were married in 1822 at Silkstone Parish Church.
Jackson	William Jackson and Elizabeth Robinson were married at St. John's Church, Royston, in 1836 and were living in New Street, Barnsley in 1841. Elizabeth (Bessy) was born in Ardsley in about 1814.
Denton	Charles Denton was born Darton on 29 May, 1777. He became a soldier and married his wife Eleanor in Ireland. Their first three children were born in Ireland before the couple arrived back in Barnsley by 1830.
Allam/Allan	Jane Allan was born in Barnsley in about 1832 and married Henry Jackson (no relation to the Jacksons above) on 24 August 1851. Henry and his son William were both killed in the Oaks Colliery explosion in 1866, together with an adopted son, John.

As always with family history, this is a work in progress with lots more research to be done.

This gives eight of the 16 great-great grandparents of Muriel McGrath present in Barnsley by or before the early 1840s.

On Alan's father's side of the family the picture is more one of migration like most Barnsley families, with the Whitehouse family arriving in Barnsley around 1890 from Cheslyn Hay in Staffordshire via Nottinghamshire. However, one branch, the Wadsworths, can be traced back to the marriage of William Wadsworth and Sarah Archer at Silkstone Parish Church on 6 March, 1823. Sarah was born in about 1803 in Wombwell and I have yet to trace William's place of birth.

Most people in these families stayed in the Barnsley area until after the Second World War, when migration began again and families began to move. However, Alan's parents remained and Alan was born in Tankersley in 1955 and our daughter, Rachel, was born in Barnsley Hospital in 1983.

Do other members have stories of Barnsley families with deep roots?

Liz Whitehouse March 2022

# KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP NEWS SNIPPETS FROM BFHS



There is not really too much to report at present, I suppose organisations are still getting round to some semblance of normality.

The majority of access to Family History data is now online so most of the information in this small piece reflects that. I am aware that some members do not have personal access to the Internet. Having checked with some areas of Canada, Australia and Singapore as well as local council offerings in the UK and Ireland, there is public access available, usually free, for the general public although the time online is often limited to two hours a day It is always worth trying your local Archive service as some do offer worldwide internet access, often in local government buildings and libraries.

# General Register Office Online View Service

I received an email from the General Register Office in Southport with a new initiative which may be of interest to you (the only possible problem may be that this organisation is under the auspices of the Passport Office!)

If you have an account with the GRO which enables you to order and receive copies of birth, marriage and death certificates either by post or digitally, then you only have to fill in and sign a confidentiality agreement, send it off online to register with ROLO, (yet another Government acronym,) then you can obtain records for only £2-50 each! I have given the text of the email in full below; if you are interested then I can forward a copy of the confidentiality form.

The Home Office would like to invite the colleagues and associates of your organisation to participate in Private Beta for General Register Office's Online View service. Online View enables customers to access an individual digital image (in JPEG format) of a copy of an England and Wales registration record online. Customers can apply for historic birth and death register entries that are being made available from the Registrar General's certified copies of entries.

The years available to order will be births from 1837 up to one hundred years ago and deaths from 1837 to 1887.



This is an example of an Online View Record (You will see the columns do not align with the information MW!)

You will need to provide the full General Register Office (GRO) index reference number for the record that you wish to apply for. The GRO index reference number can be found in the GRO Online Index. You will be prompted to supply details of the event as you complete the online application form.

The cost is £2.50 for each digital image purchased.

Before being included in the Private Beta, participants will be required to be registered for the ROLO (Registration Online Ordering) service: <a href="https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/login.asp">https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/login.asp</a>.

Once they have registered for the service, users will be asked to register their interest with the Home Office Project Team and return the confidentiality agreement.

To register your interest, please send your ROLO account email address and the signed confidentiality agreement to SPDSProjectsSouthport@hmpo.gov.uk

We will then arrange for your details to be added to the private beta site and we will email you again once access has been granted.

#### Ancestry

Every month, the Ancestry website puts a focus on new records it has acquired. As I write, the current offering is English Militia Records from 1715 which probably has limited appeal.

It is worth mentioning that Irish Records are being added each month now which is useful as accessing data about Irish descendants has not been easy to obtain, or understand.

#### **Irish Records**

It may be coincidence, I have been asked by three members recently for possible sources of information regarding relatives for people who came from Galway, Cork and Limerick as well as immigrant information from 1820 – 1900. Most of these sites do ask for some form of payment.

I have recently found data to help members on the websites <a href="https://www.irishgenealogical.org">www.irishgenealogical.org</a>, <a href="https://www.nationalarchives.ie">www.nationalarchives.ie</a> as well as <a href="https://www.groni.gov.uk">www.groni.gov.uk</a>. The latter offers information about births, marriages and deaths in Northern Ireland from 1864.

It is always worth looking at the Irish Roots and Irish Genuki sites although the Genuki sites can be a little hard to navigate, if Genuki UK is anything to go by!

Please do get in touch if you receive any information or use a source which you think our membership could benefit from.

#### Barnsley Non-Conformist History

On Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am the Friends of Barnsley Archives have organised a talk by the resident Archivist, James Stevenson, on Barnsley Non-Conformist History 1780 - 2000. Cost is £3-00 per person, (I can't go, am at the cricket in Scarborough!) The talk is in the Town Hall Council Chamber, well worth a visit on its own if you've never been. James has spent the last year going through all the records and cataloguing them, he deserves a medal!

Margaret E. Williams, General Secretary/Search Officer

## THE BLACK DIAMONDS TOUR MAY 12th 2022

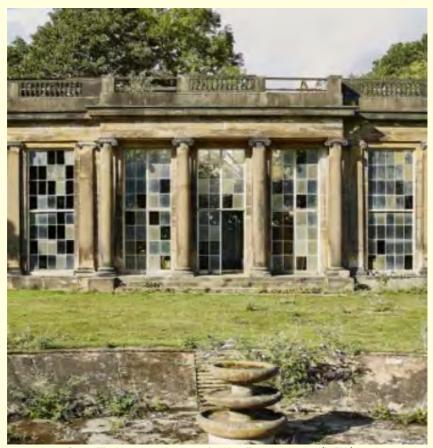


The Black Diamonds tour eventually went ahead, after two Covid-related postponements, with seventeen members, friends and family "it was a triumph" I was told. An added bonus was that our guide, Jo Owen, was also a former student of the Lady Mabel P.E. Teacher Training College which was based at Wentworth Woodhouse from the 1950s to 1970s. Jo was able to relate her experiences as a student, as well, telling us how the Main Hall had a protective wooden base placed over the ornate marble floor so it could be used as a Dance Studio, as well as a Badminton court! We also visited the former college kitchens and dining hall although we could only stand and admire from the doorway! This added a muchappreciated further dimension to the experience. We were so fortunate to have Jo as our guide as she was so enthusiastic and knowledgeable, enhancing the whole visit.

The Black Diamonds Tour was devised with the input of Catherine Bailey who wrote 'Black Diamonds', the definitive book relating the history of the house and the people who lived there. (It is a great read although rather complex remembering who is who.) For those of you who have never read it, if you are into family history, it is really worth your time.

Jo warned us that this was a "warts and all" tour, visiting areas of the house, including servants' accommodation not previously available for visitors to view. (The tour is going to be revised later this year with Catherine as adviser as it does go over areas already visited during the tour.) The bowels of the three houses were a real eye-opener, many areas left untouched, as they had been servants' accommodation and 'back stairs' service areas. The walls were uneven, as was the floor, we were given a really good impression of what life 'below stairs', as described in

the book, was like for the people who served at the 'Big House'. Probably, it was a solid oak staircase back stairs, used by the family and senior members of the household staff, which brought home to me the history of the place. In over 250 years of use, there were no foot imprints or wear on the treads at all, walking up it was truly walking in the footprints of history.



Camellia House, Wentworth Woodhouse. 2022 (MEW)

I was unaware, (or had forgotten,) that Wentworth Woodhouse is essentially three houses. There is the 17<sup>th</sup> century original building in the middle, of which little is left, the 18<sup>th</sup> century build on the west (back) of the original house where the Fitzwilliam family lived, the main Palladian style east frontage, which is so familiar to many of us, was added last, this frontage and the rooms behind it were purely for guests and entertaining. There were parties every weekend for over 70 people at a time especially during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, getting an invitation meant you were an accepted part of high society!

At present, tours are £25 per person, 50% discount for National Trust members, this includes a morning guided tour, free access to the house and gardens in the afternoon. The gardens are worth a whole day visit themselves, they are slowly being restored with funding of £4 million for the Camellia House secured.

As I have mentioned before, with my Search Officer 'hat' on, it is surprising how many families in the Barnsley area had relatives who lived and worked at Wentworth Woodhouse or who were employed in the mines owned by the family. Even if you live too far away to visit, I believe virtual tours are in the pipeline. Yes, Wentworth Woodhouse is officially in Rotherham (just) but the links the Barnsley area has to the House are strong, as good a reason as any to build strong relationships with the Wentworth Woodhouse Preservation Trust.

All of us have a responsibility to keep Wentworth Woodhouse thriving and relevant for future generations.

\*\* Frequently, people get confused between Wentworth Woodhouse and Wentworth Castle, often visiting the latter instead of the former, a mistake made by locals as well as people visiting from further afield. (I admit to making this error when I came to live in Barnsley!)

This confusion was caused by a family inheritance feud in 1695. Watch this space... in the next issue of the Journal I shall try to make some sense of this\*\*

Margaret E. Williams-General Secretary/Search Officer

# ALAN GODFREY MAPS OF BARNSLEY AREA

n Yorkshire Sheet 262.12 Royston 1904 - published 2009; intro by Alan Godfrey. ISBN. 978-1-84784-228-2. This detailed map covers the village -



or small town - of Royston, about three miles north of Barnsley. Most of the village is covered, with coverage extending from the Railway Hotel eastward to Whincover and Royston Bridge, and from the GCR station southward to the Old Ring of Bells pub. Features include St John's church, Chantry House, old Grammar School, stretches of the Barnsley Canal, Ship Inn (original site at Whincover), short stretch of Midland Railway and Monckton Main Colliery Railway, GCR 'Barnsley Coal Railway Extension' with Notton for Royston station, Manor House, Applehaigh, Wellfield House etc. On the reverse we include directories of Royston for both 1889 and 1936.

Shirley Sura

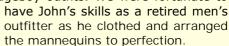
# FRIENDS OF BARNSLEY ST MARY'S - SOME THINGS OLD, NEW, BORROWED AND BLUE WEDDINGS EXHIBITION

Our first ever exhibition as part of our Bicentenary celebrations was a huge success. With world news at its bleakest for years with Putin's war against



Ukraine, it was a relief to have а cheerful and colourful subject to focus on. The sun even shone for us! I put together a large display. This included the general history of marriage, customs and definitions of terms as well as focussing on St Mary's through the ages: examples of parish registers from late 1600s. stories from old newspapers, research into some of the memorials and aravestones.

We were very grateful that so many people lent us very precious items for visitors to enjoy: wedding albums; memorabilia; dresses; veils; suits; children's bridesmaids' dresses and pageboy outfits. We were fortunate to





I work for such a small group – just seven of us - but it was also very enjoyable. We were delighted to have lots of visitors and to receive positive feedback.





#### OTHER EVENTS

I have produced a display about the history of St Mary's Church and I am adding to it as I discover more. This can be viewed in the Chapel whenever the church is open.

We have had to revise project our textile of lack because response to our appeal for makers to help. We now want to produce two small embroidered or appliqued textile panels for screen across the chapel entrance. If anyone is interested, please contact me for details.

We need to organise some fundraising events and are planning these now that the big exhibition has finished.

We will support the Heritage Open Days again in September. This year's

theme is "Amazing Inventions".

Our Thanksgiving Service for the bicentenary of the church building and centenary of the War Memorial Chapel is on Saturday  $22^{nd}$  October from noon. It will be followed by refreshments and tours of the church. JOI N US

We welcome new Friends, whether active or passive. We are a friendly group with a passionate interest in Barnsley's heritage and that of St Mary's in particular as the importance of the church to Barnsley has been neglected for too long.

To find out more about any of the above please contact Jane Ainsworth – <u>janemaa@hotmail.co.uk</u> or 01226 217195 – email is preferable.

Jane Ainsworth

#### FAMILY HISTORY FEDERATION BULLETINS



"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

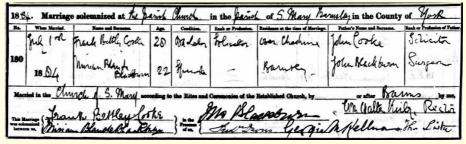
## www.family history federation.com/resources-newsletter

The June newsletter has an article about the Great Storm of 1703, which our ancestors talked about no doubt for many years afterwards. As usual it features a number of Family History Societies, this time the Beresford FS, Midland Ancestors, and the Catholic FHS.

#### A FASHIONABLE WEDDING IN 1884

The South Yorkshire Times - 4 July 1884

ARRIAGE OF MISS BLACKBURN – In fine weather on Tuesday last the nuptials of Mr <u>Frank Betley Cooke</u>, of Over, near Winsford, Cheshire, son of John Cooke Esquire, Crossfield House, Over, and <u>Miss Miriam Blanche Blackburn</u>, only daughter of Dr John Blackburn, of Barnsley, were duly solemnized in St Mary's Church, Barnsley, by the Rev W W Kirby, MA, and the Rev W Bantham.



The church was crowded, many not being able to find seats and great interest was taken in the interesting ceremony, which took place at 11am. The bells rang out merrily in honour of the event and a good deal of enthusiasm was displayed. The best man was Mr Fred David of Liverpool, and the bridesmaids were: Miss Kellner (London), Miss M J Cooke (Over), Miss Murray (Manchester), Miss MacLintock (Barnsley), Miss Baines (Sheffield) and Miss Reid (Derby).



The choir was under the able conductorship of the organist, Mr Asquith, and at the conclusion of the marriage rites, when the newly-wedded pair let the sacred edifice the "Wedding March" was effectively rendered.

The bride was attired in rich white broche satin, and rich white duchesse satin, trimmed with draperies of grand duchesse lace. She also wore a veil of Brussels nett, trimmed with grand duchesse lace and a wreath of real flowers. The dresses of the bridesmaids, which were very handsome, were of ivory white Ottoman oriental silk, and caps to match, with sprigs of red clover; fans, bouquets etc.

At the wedding breakfast, held in the ballroom adjoining Dr Blackburn's residence, the guest were 50 in number and included the following ladies and gentlemen: (names provided). The wedding presents, very prettily arranged in order, comprised the following: (details provided, including silver tea service, cutlery, china, linen).

At 2.15pm the happy couple left for London, *en route* for the Continent, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's travelling dress was composed of terracotta and green striped cloth with marabout [*from marabou stork*] feather trimming, with cape and hat to match. Mr and Mrs Cooke will henceforward live at The Hollies, Darnall, Cheshire.

A ball was held in the evening in honour of the event, and a dinner was given to the drivers, bellringers and choir at the Three Cranes Inn. The carriage arrangements were under the supervision of Mr Rook.



Miss Miriam Blanche Blackburn (1862 - 1907) was the only daughter of Dr John Blackburn (1835 - 1906) and Mary nee Woodhead (1935 - 1903) of Barnsley, who also had two sons: Vernon Kent and Ernest

Woodhead. In 1881, Miriam was staying with her aunt Mary Dixon in Newcastle under Lyme.

<u>Frank Bettley Cooke (1856 - 1939)</u> was living with his parents in Over, Cheshire, before he got married; he was a solicitor like his father, John Cooke.

Miriam and Frank got married on 1 July 1884 in St Mary's and they lived in Cheshire, using the surname Bettley-Cooke. They had seven children: Hubert Vernon, baptised at St Mary's, Alan Cuthbert, Mary Muriel Dorothea, Frank Aubrey, Eric Francis, Duncan and Rupert <u>Jocelyn</u>.

In 1891, they resided in Cemetery Road, Northwich, Cheshire, with four children and four servants. The family had moved by 1901 to Kinderton Lodge, Northwich, then to Salford, where Miriam died in 1901, aged 44. Frank moved by 1911 to a large house in Broughton, Manchester, with three sons: Alan (24) a doctor, Duncan (17) an apprentice in a drapery warehouse, and Jocelyn (16) also an apprentice, and two servants. Frank emigrated to Wellington, New Zealand, where he died in 1939, aged 83.

(Some Records from the Wallis Family Tree on Ancestry)

Jane Ainsworth



# 27 Platinum Jubilee Quiz Questions

- 1. Can you give any one of the Queen's middle names?
- 2. The Queen's coronation was held at Westminster Abbey in June of which year?
- 3. How many grandchildren does the Queen have?
- 4. What other language, besides English, does the Queen speak fluently?
- 5. How old was Elizabeth when she was crowned Queen in 1953?
- 6. The annual ceremony of Trooping the Colour is held in which large parade ground?
- 7. What is the Queen's zodiac sign?
- 8. Balmoral, the Queen's favourite residence, is on the right bank of which river?
- 9. At the exact moment of her father's death, in which country was the then Princess Elizabeth staying?
- 10. The Queen signs her letters with the name 'Elizabeth R'. What does the 'R' stand for?

- 11. What name is given to the money the Queen distributes the day before Good Friday?
- 12. What two-word expression was famously used by the Queen to describe 1992?
- 13. Which country has the Queen visited more than any other country?
- 14. Who was the Prime Minister when the Queen was crowned?
- 15. What relation was the Queen to Queen Victoria?
- 16. What was a young Elizabeth called by her close family?
- 17. How many British Prime Ministers have served the Queen?
- 18. Who became a Dame in 2003, just three years before she played the Queen in an Oscar winning role?
- 19. Where do the royal family traditionally spend Christmas?
- 20. Can you name the Queen's oldest grandchild?
- 21. At what university did Prince William and Kate Middleton meet?
- 22. What name was the Queen's father known to his family and close friends?
- 23. What was formally opened by Queen Elizabeth II on 20 October 1973?
- 24. In 1986 the Queen became the first British Monarch to visit which country?
- 25. What was the name of the new dog breed started by the Queen which is a cross between a corgi and a dachshund?
- 26. Which fish once widespread in UK rivers were declared to be a royal fish by King Edward II and so, technically, the Queen still owns?
- 27. Which Scottish Town was made a city to mark the Platinum Jubilee?

Margaret E. Williams-General Secretary/Search Officer



# PLANTERS (JUBILEE) PARTY AT ST MARY'S

Jane Ainsworth has provided us with some lovely photographs of the combined Bicentenary/Jubilee celebration that took place on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Jane had the idea of having a 'Planters Party' by inviting the Learning for Life students from Barnsley College (who produced drawings for the time capsule on the stands for the framed Colours and enjoyed doing this), to help with the planting of three lovely, huge terracotta planters to brighten up the main entrance to St Mary's Church. And of course it all included cake and a drink with gold and silver paper crowns etc ...

Jane advised us that Barnsley's new Mayor paid for the planters and they were filled with colourful plants bought from a donation made by Friend Anne Owen.



There are more lovely photographs on the cover of the journal.

By kind permission of Jane Ainsworth

# THE HAWCROFT FAMILY HAROLD'S PARENTS

#### Charles Hawcroft and Elizabeth Hawcroft nee Whitehead

As we read in the previous article about the Hawcroft family, Charles Hawcroft (1857 – 1902) Worsbrough and Married Sarah <u>Elizabeth</u> nee Whitehead 1856 – 1914) in the summer of 1877 in Barnsley.

Charles became a coal miner like his father, Samuel Hawcroft. Elizabeth was born in Leeds where her father, Henry Whitehead, was a labourer. How they met is a mystery.

Charles and Elizabeth had nine children, four of whom had died by 1911,



and most were baptised at St Mary's Church, Worsbrough: Edith, Mary, who died in 1909 aged 29, Walter, George Henry, Annie and Harold. In 1901. Charles. а general labourer aged 42 at the time, resided at 37 Highstone Road, Worsbrough, with his wife Elizabeth, aged 43, and their children born Worsbrough Common: Walter, aged 15, George Henry aged 11, Annie aged 8, and Harold aged 3.

Charles died in Kendray Hospital of typhoid; he was just 45 years old.

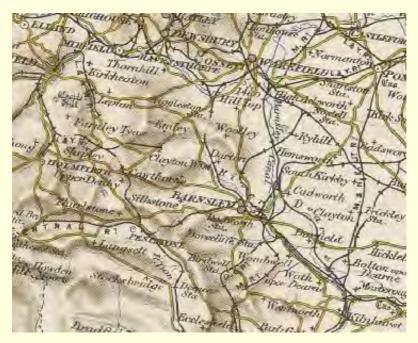
On the 1911 Census, Elizabeth, widowed head of household, occupied four rooms at 58 King Street, Barnsley, with three children: Walter aged 25, Annie aged 18, and Harold aged 15. Her granddaughter Nellie Booth,

aged 3, was there, probably being cared for by Elizabeth while her widowed father, a coal miner hewer, was working. Esmeralda Hodson, aged 19, was a visitor and domestic housemaid. Harold's mother died soon after he had enlisted.

Jane Ainsworth

# A VICTORIAN VICAR OF DARTON AND HIS FAMILY

At first glance the Thexton family has similarities with a rather more famous Vicarage family as they are both families of five girls and one boy whose mothers died young and they were then looked after by their aunts. The children of both families were born in the Regency period and early deaths were common to both families. The more famous family are the Brontes of Haworth; the family I am interested in are the Thextons who lived in Darton.



Darton in the 1800s www.visionofbritain.org.uk/place/605

For many years, the Thexton family has hovered at the edge of my family history story, the eldest daughter Mary Ann (1817-1877) was the first wife of my great grandfather Charles Ward (1834-1904), and I thought I had found out as much as I was going to about the family, but the Barnsley Family History Society has helped to add more information to the story.

# Reverend Thomas Thexton 1791-1854

First a brief history of the Reverend Thomas Thexton, born in Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland and married to Ann Atkinson on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1815, a year after his entry into the church on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1814 <sup>i</sup>. His first post was as Curate at Brougham, Westmorland where he was until 1821. The oldest four children were born there, Thomas in 1816, Mary Ann in 1817, Jane in 1819 and Catherine in 1820.

In 1821 the Thexton family moved to Darton but according to the Ordination Events of his life in the CCED, it seems he became the Master of the Free Grammar School and was not appointed Vicar until 1840 after the

previous incumbent Rev. Robert Wilkinson died. It was common for graduates to become schoolmasters, also the 'founding statutes of free grammar schools stated that the master must have a degree' ii

It was in Darton that the youngest two girls were born, Ann in 1823 and Margaret in 1825. Four years later in 1829 their mother Ann Thexton died aged 40. It seems that two of Ann's sisters or relations, Jane and Catherine Atkinson, came in turn to live with the family, to both care for the children and run the domestic side of the schoolhouse, the Grammar School provided accommodation for the master and his family. Both Jane and Ann are recorded on the Thexton<sup>iii</sup> memorial in Darton churchyard having died in 1835 and 1854, respectively.

In 1841 Jane Thexton died aged 23 and the year after her sister Ann died aged 19, twenty years later in 1863 Catherine died aged 43. Of the remaining children two married and the youngest, Margaret never married; she lived the longest not dying until 1900 aged 75.

## Mary Ann Thexton 1817-1877

Of the remaining children it was originally Mary Ann who caught my interest. From the information passed down the family we knew she had been the first wife of Charles Ward, Master of Darton Grammar School. Charles and Mary Ann married by Licence on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1854 in the Parish Church of St Peter's, Leeds and here is the puzzle, why didn't they get married in Darton Parish Church by her father?

Charles was born in Leeds and at the age of 16 in the 1851 census he is a woollen cloth weaver, as is his brother Reuben, and his father is a woollen cloth manufacturer; when he married four years later he is a schoolmaster. How Charles met Mary Ann Thexton is pure conjecture; she could have been working as a governess in Leeds but that again is conjecture. Interestingly their marriage certificate shows that they both state they are living in East Street, Leeds which is very close to St Peters and may well have been an accommodation address. Charles's 20th birthday is only 3 days before they married but he states his age as being 21, Mary Ann was, however 36 or 37 years old but gives her age as 24!

It is not known if Reverend Thomas Thexton knew of this marriage. He was not a well man and the newspaper article recording his death states that he had "had several serious attacks of illness of late" and died 25<sup>th</sup> December 1854; he was taken ill in the vestry after the Christmas Day service and appears to have had a fatal stroke<sup>iv</sup>. In Darton Burial Register there is a note against his entry:

Flat stone The Reverend T Thexton collapsed in church at the Christmas Day service and died in the vestry. His age was 63. He was Master of Darton Grammar School until his presentation in 1840, by Wentworth Blackett Beaumont.

Mary Ann and her sister Catherine are both missing in the 1851 census, the youngest sister Maragaret is at home with her father, a servant and a groom. In the 1861 census Charles and Mary Ann are living in Darton where

Charles is the schoomaster of Darton Grammar School. a post he held until his retirement in 1899. Mary Ann and he were married for 23 years but didn't have any children and when Mary Ann died in 1877 the cause on her death certificate is heart disease.

#### Thomas Thexton 1816-1874

Originally I could find few facts about Thomas, the eldest child of the Reverend Thomas Thexton, the first fact being his presence in the 1861 census when he is found living with Charles and Mary Ann in Darton:

Thomas THEXTON Bro-in-Law, Married, age 43, M R C S & L A C L Not Practising, born Brougham, Westmorland

He was married but I could not find any evidence to show who his wife was. Again in the 1871 census he is not with his wife but is living as a boarder at Bloomhouse Green near Darton:

Thomas THEXTON Boarder, Married, age 65, M.R.C.S.& L.A.S. (not practising), born Brougham, Cumberland.

Then Barnsley Family History Society pushed me to finding out a little more about Thomas's story and in so doing giving an insight into the Kendray family of Barnsley. In the October 2020 edition of Domus Historiae in "The Rooke Family History Part 4" a Thomas Thexton "a surgeon of Barnsley" gave a statement to the court on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1854. This prompted me to do something I should have done a long time ago and that was to put 'Thomas Thexton surgeon of Barnsley' into a well-known search engine and what a wealth of information that has provided.

The initial result of the search was the discovery that in 1876 Ann Alderson Lambert donated a stained-glass window in memory of her sister Martha Thexton in the church of St Fimbarrus, Fowey, Cornwall, as the following extract from the Cornish Stained-Glass website<sup>v</sup> states:

#### Donor:

Mrs Alderson Lambert, nee Kendray, third daughter of Francis Kendray of Barnsley, wife of Mr Edward Lambert of London, trustee of the Teffry trust estates, died 4<sup>th</sup> July 1893, sister of dedicatee.

#### Dedicatee:

Mrs Martha Elizabeth Thexton, née Kendray, second daughter of Francis Kendray of Barnsley, wife of Thomas Thexton of Barnsley, surgeon, died 5th March 1872, sister of donor.

This was the east window of the church and therefore not an insubstantial donation.

# Thomas and Martha Thexton nee Kendray

Here we have evidence of a marriage between Thomas and Martha Elizabeth Kendray. I had tried searching for a marriage of Thomas Thexton but had no firm evidence of one, however after putting a family tree of the Kendray family together I discovered that Martha was a widow, her first marriage being to a Thomas Jackson of Retford, Lincolnshire in 1835 as the announcement in the Yorkshire Gazettevi of the time states:

On Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> ult., at Barnsley, Thomas Jackson, Esq., of Highfield House, near Retford, to Martha Elizabeth, second daughter of Francis Kendray Esq., of Barnsley.

Martha married Thomas Thexton on 17th July 1850 in Brighton, Sussex. Again Rev. Thomas Thexton was not present but this is understandable due to the distance involved. The announcement in the Leeds Intelligencer vii records:

July 17, at Brighton, Thomas Thexton, Esq., Barnsley, only son of the Rev. Thomas Thexton, Vicar of Darton, to Martha Elizabeth Jackson, daughter of the late Francis Kendray, Esq., Barnsley.

Martha was a resident of Brighton.

Neither Thomas or Martha can be found in the 1851 census, this is maybe because the name of Thexton was often mis-transcribed in the census returns or it could be for another reason. However, we do know that Martha's sister Ann and brother George are in Brighton in the 1851 census and recorded as Visitors; we may only suppose that they were visiting Martha. We know that Thomas is living in Barnsley in 1854 as he is recorded as giving evidence in the Rooke case as already mentioned. In the 1861 and 1871 censuses they are to be found living apart. In 1861 Martha E. Theckton (sic) is living in Brighton as a *Lady of Private Fortune* and the head of the household, whereas Thomas is living with his sister Mary Ann and her husband Charles Ward in the School House, Darton, he is described as *MRCS & LACL Not Practising* viii. In 1871 Martha is still in Brighton and Thomas is now a lodger living with Mary Dickinson, a widowed farmer in Bloomhouse, near Darton.

Martha died in 1872 at 1 Clifton Hill, Brighton of "Asthmatical Bronchitis 2 months and Congestion of the Brain 4 days", and Thomas died in 1874 at Bloomhouse Green, Darton of Chronic Alcoholism the informant being the daughter of the household where he was boarding in 1871. From the evidence we have it is reasonable to suppose that Martha and Thomas spent very little of their married life living in the same town, possibly because Martha suffered from ill health and had made her home in Brighton before she met Thomas, also the fact that Thomas was an alcoholic would have had an impact on their relationship.

- I. Clergy of the Church of England Database [CCED]
- II. historyofeducation'org/uk [Nov 6, 2015]
- III. Memorial Inscriptions of Darton Parish Church of All Saints, transcribed by Hilda L
  - Dearnley and available on the Members section of the BFHS website
- IV. Leeds Intelligencer Saturday 30th December 1854
- V. cornishstainedglass.org.uk
- VI. Yorkshire Gazetteer Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1835
- VII. Leeds Intelligencer Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1850
- VIII. 1822 Baines Directory and Gazetteer

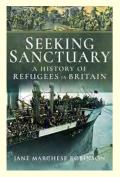
### **BOOK REVIEW**

Seeking Sanctuary - A History of Refugees in Britain By Jane Marchese Robinson Published by Pen & Sword 2020

W hen I first looked at 'Seeking' Sanctuary', I was not sure how much it would help with my family history research however, I only had to read

the introduction to realise that it would not only be useful but would be very interesting and thought provoking. I was right!

Jane Marchese Robinson tells us about refugees and



Jane Marchese Robinson tells us about refugees and asylum seekers from all over the world including Europe, Vietnam, Chile and Syria, who sought sanctuary in Britain from as far back as the 16<sup>th</sup> century and on into 21<sup>st</sup> century. She includes people fleeing from war, political and religious persecution, as well as those expelled by leaders who said they were a `...detrimental force...' as Idi Amin did of so many Ugandan Asians (p125). The author tells us where the refugees came from, why they were fleeing, how they were received on arrival in Britain,

then goes on to talk about where they lived and what they did here, including personal accounts from refugees. Read Bill's story beginning on p132.

Were your ancestors weavers? Are you descended from the Huguenots? Do you have Germanic roots? Do you have a Jewish or a Protestant grandparent or great grandparent? Did any of your ancestors come to one the many places in Britain such as London, Norwich, Plymouth, Devon, Cornwall, the Midlands, Yorkshire, Cumbria, North Shields? Do they remember refugees coming to their hometown or city? One chapter that touched my heart included the refugee children from the Spanish Civil War, some of whom my father recalled being at school with, in Bradford in the 1930s.

Jane tells us of the support provided, including from ordinary people, the Salvation Army and other religious groups, Collieries, e.g., 'Northumberland and Durham miners' Lodges' (p70), Trade Unions, the Co-Op and Cadbury. This support was varied and included help with accommodation, education, employment, health language, finance and much more. Jane also speaks of a lack of support from some quarters.

This is an interesting, informative book that also includes many references, in the form of other books/authors, lists, websites and The British Refugee Council. I would recommend it to anyone researching family history as well as those interested in the plight and lives of refugees in Britain.

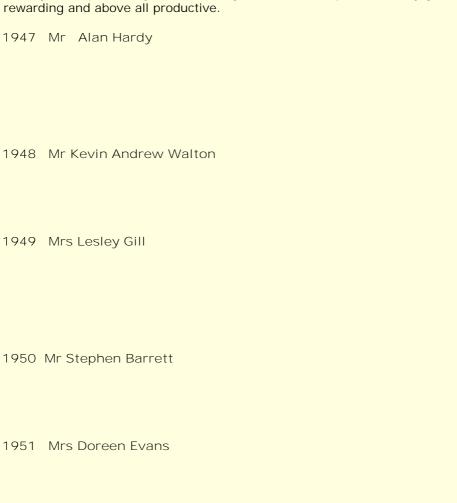
Jane Marchese Robinson writes this book having had experience of working with refugees. She has a degree in Economic and Social History writes from experience of researching her own family history.

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.



1952 Mr Richard Burkinshaw

# 1953 Mr Allan Robinson

# 1954 Mr Graham Evans

# Elaine Jackson

	MEMBERS	INTERESTS J	ULY 2022	
Mem. No.	1915	Peter Rushfor	th	
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Rushforth	Nostell	WRY	ENG	1700-1900
Rushforth	Wakefield	WRY	ENG	1700-1900
Rushforth	Wragby	WRY	ENG	1700-1900
Mem. No.	1922	Christine Row	/ell	
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Megson	Tankersley	WRY	ENG	
Mellor	Monk Bretton	WRY	ENG	
Rowell	Middlesbrough	NRY	ENG	
Spensley	Swaledale	NRY	ENG	
Mem. No. 1	948	Kevin Andrew	/ Walton	
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Christmas	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	All
Walton	Silkstone	WRY	ENG	All
Mem. No. 1	949	Lesley Gill		
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Parker	Goole	ERY	ENG	1939-1949

#### Notes:

My research is primarily concentrated on my grandfather, Richard Parker, born 23 October 1899, in Goole, the third son born to Alfred Parker (1869-1949) and Ellen (née Ramsker) Parker (1879-1944) and his siblings.

Richard was one of seven children, I have located other relatives, but I've been unable to locate any information about Richard's siblings and their descendants:

Alfred E. Parker (1891-); Harry Parker (1895-); Wilfred Parker (1897-); Richard Parker (1899-1999); Ellen Parker (1906-); Horace Parker (1909-); and Annie Parker (1910-).

My grandmother, Edith Foster Powls, was born 25 January, 1901, in Swinefleet. Richard and Edith married on 24 January 1920. Edith left my grandfather sometime during the 1930s and moved to Bradford.

Any information regarding Richard, his siblings and their descendants will be most gratefully received.

Mem. No. 1952 Richard Burkinshaw

#### Notes:

I was born at Barnsley General in 1980. I started researching my family history last year and I am hoping to get some help in researching my grandfather's side of the family, who have strong roots in Barnsley. The four primary families I'm interested in researching are Burkinshaw, Blackburn, Giggal, and Ibbotson.

I descend through Fred Burkinshaw (1900-1969) and Emma Blackburn (1902- 1990), who were my great-grandparents. Before them, my great-great-grandparents were William Burkinshaw (1863-1912), Annie Elizabeth Giggal (1866-1941), Walter Blackburn (1863-1916), and Lucy Ibbotson (1866-1941). They were all coalmining families.

I wondered whether any of your members might already have researched into these families and their descendants. Thanks, I look forward to seeing what can be discovered.

Mem. No. 1	1954	Graham Evans	S	
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Evans	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Before 1915
Evans	Mold	FLN	WLS	After 1888

#### Notes:

Researching the family history of Edward Gronwy Evans (Miner) age 27, deceased November 3 1915 of 11, Southwell Street, Barnsley. Formerly of Mold in Flintshire and that of his wife Sarah Elizabeth nèe Sharpley, also of Mold. I'd be obliged for any information on the ancestors and descendants of this family.

Jeff Chambers

# SURNAME SEARCH INDEX

Surnames uploaded to the Barnsley FHS 'Surname Search Index' between 1st March, 2022 and 31st May, 2022.

Beaumont; Blackburn; Brogden; Burkinshaw; Christmas; Drury; Fox; Giggal; Hill; Ibbotson; Mark; Marsh; Megson; Mellor; Parker; Plunkett; Rowell; Silverwood; Spensley; Taylor; Walton; Wilkinson.

Jeff Chambers

# BIRTH, MARRIAGE, AND DEATH CERTIFICATES UPLOADED TO THE WEBSITE

Births, Marriage and Death Certificates uploaded to website between 1st March, 2022 to 31st May 2022.

Birth	Surname	Forename	Father	Mother	Year	Location
BC004	Gibson	Alice	James	Rebecca	1838	Barnsley
						WRY
BC005	Robinson	William	John	Jane	1852	Barnsley
		Henry				WRY

Bride	Bride	Bride	Groom	Year	Location
	Surname	Forename	Surname		
MC026	Thompson	Mary Jane	Robinson	1892	Barnsley WRY

Groom	Groom	Groom	Bride	Year	Location
	Surname	Forename	Surname		
MC026	Robinson	William	Thompson	1892	Barnsley WRY

Death	Surname	Forename	Age	Year	Location	County
DC0 23	Gibson	James	51	1862	Monk	WRY
					Bretton	
DC0 24	Gibson	James	51	1864	Staincross	WRY
DC0 25	Gibson	Rebecca	50	1862	Monk	WRY
					Bretton	
DC0 26	Lindley	Jonathan	39	1879	Hoyland	WRY
DC0 27	Turton	Elizabeth	69	1857	Barnsley	WRY
DC0 28	Turton	Joseph				
		James	37	1850	Wakefield	WRY

Jeff Chambers

### ANSWERS TO THE BFHS JUBILEE QUIZ 2022



- 1. Alexandra or Mary
- 2. 1953
- 3. Eiaht
- 4. French
- 5. 25 years old
- 6. Horse Guards Parade
- 7. Taurus
- 8. River Dee
- 9. Kenya
- 10. Regina
- 11. Maundy Money
- 12. Annus horribilis
- 13. Canada
- 14. Winston Churchill
- 15. Great-great grandmother
- 16. Lilibet
- 17. 14
- 18. Helen Mirren
- 19. Sandringham
- 20. Peter Phillips
- 21. St Andrews
- 22. Bertie
- 23. The Sydney Opera House
- 24. China
- 25. Dorqi
- 26. Sturgeons
- 27. Dunfermline

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Baptisms	
Barnsley Ebenezer Method	dist 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**

Please check our website for updates or call Doreen on 01226 383606 or mobile 07963 243 538

July & August	Summer Break
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Lizzie Jones The Petticoat Army - Women of the English Civil War
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Members' Research Evening
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Eric Jackson English Canals from 1759 to the Present Day (By popular request)
December	Christmas Break

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The Planters (Jubilee) Party at St Mary's – see page 20

Above: planting

Opposite: the result

Below: the reward!



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