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## EDITORIAL

**H**ello everyone, it's that time again when we have a new month, a new season and a new journal.

This journal is a special one for me as it marks my 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary as sub-editor and I would like to thank all those who made it such a great year for me despite all the difficulties that came with coronavirus, lockdown and unusual weather. So many thanks to all our member and readers; we wouldn't have a journal without your input. Thank you to my new friends Margaret, Doreen, Elaine, Lynn and Jeff and a special thank you to our editor Roger de Mercado who has helped and supported me and who has taught me so much, (I'm still learning).

In this edition we have our usual information, some interesting articles, information and a quizz, and, as always, a bit of fun. The articles include Kendray Hospital, the young Flight Sergeant George Wainwright, Using Military Sources, Francis Frith postcards and an introduction to another of our committee members. There is also a report on the Norcroft Disaster Memorial Board. On page 8 are suggestions for a new name for our Journal - now we need your views!

We still need your input though and would love to hear about any of your ancestors' lives, how you went about finding out about them, their homes and occupations. What about your favourite Barnsley book, author or places of interest? Add your information to all those who have kept our journal lively and interesting.

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### **In forthcoming issues...**

Ancestral homes and bithplaces  
Barnsley Streets  
Book review

...plus all the usual features and news.

Submissions by 30<sup>th</sup> November please.

**EDITOR'S OBSERVATION.** There really are too many committee and editorial team names in the list of contents. We want to see lots of new names! You don't have to submit a learned treatise or a long article – a page or two describing an interesting thing about your research or about an ancestor will be just as welcome. Go on: don't be shy!

**Roger**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

I am so pleased to be able to have some BFHS activity to report on as, gradually, venues are re-opening and we are actually able to see friends and colleagues in person, not as a flickering image on Zoom. I know that the Covid restrictions are still quite onerous for many people throughout the world so all we can do is continue as we are (until the rules change yet again...)

Our meeting place at Buckley Methodist Church Hall re-opened, cautiously, at the end of July with quite a raft of understandable restrictions that had to be met so we seized the opportunity to hold our **first Committee Meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August** at 2pm. There were only four Committee members able to attend as we all live locally – Doreen Piper (Vice Chair/Treasurer/Programme Co-ordinator), Elaine Jackson (Membership Secretary), Lynn Smith (Librarian/Book Sales/Genfair) and yours truly (General Secretary/Search Officer.)

It is worth re-iterating that the BFHS has an extensive library and book store so we were able to access these, as well as obtaining items such as Poll Books to aid searches. Members can borrow books to help their research.

It is good to report that the Society is in good health after the last eighteen months. Search requests are coming in regularly, especially from our Antipodean friends.

**Vice Chair Report** Doreen Piper thanked everyone involved in the society for all their efforts during the last, totally unexpected, eighteen months. Ann Sutcliffe, on behalf of Buckley Methodists, had presented the society with the necessary guidelines for health and safety. A copy is available for all members.

**Correspondence** This has been mostly by email, thanking us for the newsletters and quizzes; it has been heart-warming to receive these. Thank you to all of you.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS

**Treasurer** Doreen presented a completed and audited balance sheet to be presented at the AGM, which shows the Society is financially sound.

**Membership** Elaine Jackson reported that the membership has held up well. We have been able to welcome new members, quite a few from overseas. The membership fee for 2021-2022 was suspended for all members although some are still paying, so this payment will be transferred to their 2022-2023 membership fee.

**Book Sales and Genfair** Lynn Smith was pleased to report that the BFHS is selling more publications through Genfair with sales £194 higher than the last report. There is a concern over the increasing cost of postage. Some members receive a digital copy of the Journal, although many members, myself included, prefer a hard copy they can save and read/refer to many times. Your thoughts would be helpful if you wish to comment.

**Searches** I reported that the number of requests for information on ancestors had fallen from eight a week in the first lockdown to a more normal

four a month. Most of the requests have been positively researched, the member being offered some degree of update on their relatives. One man in Sydney had been searching for some information for 20 years: we found it! He was so pleased. I say "we", because I have been indebted to Doreen Piper and Jeff Chambers for their input and expertise as they are so much more knowledgeable than me.

I have reported the last Committee Meeting in greater detail than normal because it is important that you, as members, know that we have not been idle during the fallow period.

## 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held at Buckley Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021, although it was not as well attended as usual, one reason being that people still have reservations about meeting together; other members had just forgotten!

As is the case with many AGM meetings, it did not last too long. In a nutshell:

- Three apologies received.
- Minutes from the last AGM on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were unanimously accepted. (Copies were available as memory-joggers.)
- The balance sheet, audited by Vicky Myers, was unanimously accepted.
- Suzanne Court-Oak was unanimously elected to the committee.
- All Committee officers remain the same.
- The next AGM will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm.

**A brilliant talk by Eric A Jackson on The History of the English Canal Network from 1759-Present Day** followed the official business. This illustrated talk was really informative and Eric was a really 'down to earth' presenter; it is a shame not many more people were there.



The visit for local members to **Wentworth Woodhouse-The Clifford Tour** was rescheduled for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021, but it had to be cancelled as the number of people able to go had fallen below the requisite ten for a group tour. This is now on hold until late April/early May 2022, fingers crossed! It's good that we know have over fifteen people willing to go. Having re-read this review it does seem to be a little more fragmented than is the norm, rather a little of the Heinz 57 varieties, for those of us who remember those!

Hope you are all well, beginning to enjoy more of the normal aspects of life again. My very best wishes to you all.

**Margaret Williams**

### **Vice- Chairman's Report for 2020**

**W**elcome to you all, it's good to be back. Firstly, on behalf of the Committee we would like to thank you, our Members, for your support and loyalty throughout this very trying year. Considering the year that we have had our society has come through it pretty well.

All our plans had to be put on hold and Members Meetings were cancelled. Thankfully all the Speakers were re-booked for later dates.

Our Newsletters seemed to be a success; thank you all for your kind comments, they were really appreciated. Margaret's regular quiz sheets kept us all on our toes. Also, having numerous searches to do, our Search Officer and Secretary was kept very busy.

Our grateful thanks go to our two new Journal Editors, Roger de Mercado and Shirley Sura who stepped up to our plea and produced our October Journal in no time, followed by an early January 2021 Journal delivered just in time for Christmas 2020!

We are very grateful to Jeff Chambers for his time served producing excellent Journals as well as holding other posts on the committee. Jeff now has more time to concentrate on the Website etc. I'm sure we all make great use of the new Members section.

Our book sales were down in 2020 due to cancelled history fairs and meetings, but due to GenFair sales Lynn was kept busy and we didn't do too badly. Member Charlie Parker kindly kept us supplied with the Worsborough Books which have proved to be popular this last year.

Elaine reports that we have quite a few new members that have joined the society in 2020, which is always nice to hear. Welcome to our new members.

Our usual Excursions were missed in 2020 but hopefully we may be able to arrange something for 2021. A visit to Wentworth looks promising.

As Vice-Chair I would personally like to thank my colleagues on the Committee for their unstinting support.

In closing – Barnsley FHS would not be the society that it is today without you, our members.

Thank you one and all.

**Doreen Piper**

*This is Doreen's report for 2020, prepared earlier this year.*

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2020**



**BALANCE SHEET 2020**

## DOMUS HISTORIAE

### Or do you know better?

Late last year, there was a 100% consensus from members who responded that the name of the BFHS Journal did not reflect the area it covers nor the interests and activities of our ancestors. Members were asked to suggest a title that they felt would be more suitable for the areas and the history that BFHS represents.

This is a list of the suggestions made so, it is now up to members to vote for the one they prefer so we can have the new title in place for the Winter Journal or the Spring issue in 2022.

1. The Journal of the Barnsley Family History Society
2. Barnsley Roots
3. Glass Roots
4. Tyke Roots
5. Tyke Times
6. Barnsley Mine Family History Society
7. Treddlehoyle Times
8. Barnsley Folk
9. Glass and Coal Heritage
10. The Grafter
11. Barnsley Ancestry/Ancestors
12. Made in Barnsley
13. Barnsley Heritage
14. Mystery and History
15. Coal, glass, linen and brass
16. Ideas around the word "tarn", local lingo for town: Frumpt Tarn, Rarnd Tarn, Round Tarn, Tarn Roots

The suggestion has been made that, in common with many other societies, we add the words 'The Journal of the Barnsley Family History Society' in smaller print under the main title that is chosen.

Please could you let the Committee know your preference, or a suggestion that combines some of the above ideas? Contact details are on the front inside cover of the Journal.



Thinking caps on!

**Margaret Williams**

## USING MILITARY SOURCES

The arrival of the internet has had a huge impact in facilitating research, whether academic or personal. There are, however, many other sources of information to be explored beyond the digital. Military records may provide a very fruitful source.

I did not take much interest in family history until after my father died in 1998, by which time, of course, it was far too late to ask the questions about his personal history that I eventually needed answering. The key point at this juncture is that if you are interested in family history, or any of your descendants are interested or you think that subsequent offspring may just be interested, ask your questions NOW.

After collecting whatever limited amount of documentation I could in terms of his pay book and discharge papers, my first serious move was to visit the museum of his regiment, the Green Howards, in Richmond, N Yorkshire. This was a singular visit in various respects; I spent the previous night at a motel in Catterick, just outside Richmond and had a very strong sensation of déjà vu. Although I had never been to Catterick before, my father had spoken of it; it was the place where he had been posted and trained when he joined the Territorial Army (it was odd to see amongst the evening traffic vehicles which were running on tracks).



Display at Green Howards Museum

The small regimental museum was housed in an old church and I had made an appointment to see the museum archivist, who had prepared a pile of photocopies for me prior to my arrival (no charge). Here is a very important aspect of such visits. If you show any real interest in the work that archivists or librarians actually do, they will often bend over backwards to assist. This was pointed out quite strongly when I visited the library of one of the universities where I have studied. The time was the end of term and I was one of a mere handful of students in the place. Chatting to one of the librarians I commented on how useful it must be to have a quiet and almost empty library that would enable them to carry on with whatever administrative work they needed to do. The answer was most surprising – “Oh no, we prefer the library when it is full – we are here to help the students.” Do not make assumptions.

I spent the entire morning with the archivist, who at one point produced a record card bearing my father’s name and just details of his boot size and

collar size. You really do not know what will turn up. At his suggestion, I finally made an application for copies of my father's official army records. I had considered this in the past and had shied away from the £30 application fee, but now this sum seemed quite small compared to what was potentially on offer to a now-serious researcher. The application fee was not applicable to living spouses of the individual, but when I explained that my mother was now in her nineties and probably unable to cope with the intricacies involved and that I had power of attorney, they waived the fee immediately without demanding further proof that most other organisations required. One up to the MoD. Their website warned that they could not promise positive results and that it might take up to a year to provide anything at all. I was therefore very pleased to receive a whole wad of documents in perhaps less than a month. Two up to the MoD.

The documents themselves were very comprehensive and I was able to track his movements from his enlistment as a Territorial to his demob after the war. One aspect was particularly impressive. Shortly before my father's death I had procured for him in 1987 the medals to which he was entitled and although his records were effectively completed in 1959 when he was finally discharged from the reserves, this issue in 1987 was faithfully recorded.

One source to which I was directed by the archivist was a book on the wartime history of the regiment, tracing their activities in great detail. This was a very limited, private printing by an officer of the regiment. Although I have bought literally hundreds of books, it was probably one of my most expensive purchases but was justified by the subject. Through this I was able to construct a timeline for my father and although my knowledge of his activities before and after the war are still somewhat sketchy, there is a section of intense activity in the wartime years. Although I know my father's Division, Regiment and Battalion, I have not been able to pinpoint yet his Company, whose movements the book would have been able to define in much greater detail.

My father associated very closely with the Green Howards, but once hostilities were over, he was transferred to the Royal Army Service Corps and sent back to Palestine during the time of the Jewish settlement. I was only vaguely aware of this initially, but the subject was opened out when I made a subsequent visit some time later to the RASC museum in Surrey. Again, I spent a whole morning with a very helpful archivist, who added much to the background (official and unofficial), sorting out a copy of the then King's Regulations to determine how and why he was transferred (not being of full fighting strength after a period as a PoW and living in the Italian hills evading the Axis soldiers, plus his driving skills which were then in demand back in Palestine).

On visits to both museums, the archivists there provided me also with a list of files that I might later consult at the National archives in Kew.

As an adjunct to all this I have always been interested in ships and whenever looking at pictures (the Dominion Monarch always seems to appear in photos of the old London Royal Docks) my father would usually remark on having sailed aboard the Dominion Monarch and although I have what I

believe is his berthing allocation ticket, I do not know when or where he sailed (I think probably to or back from Palestine for the second time?). Consequently I sent a request for information to one of the monthly shipping magazines and was rewarded with a detailed listing of the ship's sailings during the war years. Unfortunately I have not yet been able to make the connection, but it again demonstrates just what information is actually floating around.

The messages here are twofold. Firstly, archivists and librarians, like perhaps most of us, are often delighted to help if you show any interest in what they do and secondly, go out and talk to others – conversations may lead to all sorts of places that you may miss at your computer.

**Michael Galley**

## A NURSE AT KENDRAY HOSPITAL

Having seen several references to the Isolation Hospital in Kendray in recent editions of 'Domus Historiae', I thought that readers might be interested in the impressions of someone who nursed there, albeit briefly, during the Second World War.



Grace in uniform

My mother, Grace Skuse (1921–2005) was the daughter of William and Alice Skuse (nee Walker) and was born in Grimethorpe. At 14 she had to leave school and go into service in Leeds. Grace was a bright girl and thought "I'm not putting up with this!" She discovered that, although you needed to have passed your School Certificate to train as a nurse, you could go to train as a Children's Nurse without School Certificate. Once qualified as a Children's Nurse you could then move on to qualify as a State Registered Nurse (SRN).

Grace went to the King Edward VII Hospital for Sick Children in Rivelin Valley, on the edge of Sheffield, to train in 1938. This hospital mainly treated children with 'TB limb' – tuberculosis in the bones. As there were no antibiotics, the children's limbs were immobilised in casts and they were given huge amount of fresh air and good food – the only available treatment.

Once qualified as a Children's Nurse Grace went to train as an SRN at the General Hospital in Nottingham. After qualifying, she was told that, under new government regulations, she had to move on. She and her friend Kit, who had trained with her in Nottingham, decided to study for a qualification in 'Fevers' and arrived at the hospital in Kendray on 5 November, 1944. At this point Grace was a young woman of 23, who had been nursing for over six years. As you will see, she was unimpressed with Kendray Hospital!

After meeting my Dad, Stanley Bristow (1919–1988) at a dance in Grimethorpe in 1942, Grace and Stan wrote to each other throughout the

war. Stan was in Royal Signals and took part in campaigns in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, where he spent the final years of the war.

I am in the process of transcribing these letters in the hope that eventually there will be a book, or maybe a radio play. In the letters we get brief glimpses of life as a nurse at Kendray – here are some snippets:

### **6 November 1944**

I have been like a fish out of water all day on the ward. It is so very different from general nursing. There is not the usual bustle and the beautiful big wards and – in spite of all the bustle – the routine in a general hospital. I am afraid that I feel a bit “homesick” for the old G.H.N. (*General Hospital Nottingham*) at the moment.

I am working on what is called the Cubicle Block – which means that there is not one big ward but several small cubicles. Half of our time is spent outside and oh dear – it is so bitterly cold!

As soon as ever we arrived last night we were marched away to have no less than four needles stuck into our arms – that was even before we had seen our bedrooms. Within the next few days, we have to have a medical examination and believe it or not another so and so x-ray!

What do you think my first job was this morning? Bathing babies! I began to think that I might as well have taken my midwifery. The youngest child I had to bath was only 10 days old.

I must admit that the food here is both cooked and served better than at the G.H.N.

### **7 November 1944**

In one of my letters to you from the G.H.N. I remarked upon the amount of blue in hospital – well, this hospital is like the rest of them. Even our uniform dress is a vivid blue! To counteract the blue however the place is bound tightly round with red tape! More than I have ever met anywhere before and that is saying a lot.

### **10 November 1944**

By the way, you had better continue to send my letters home, Dear. I am far from settled at Kendray. Also, I consider that I am capable of doing work which requires more initiative than that which I have to do. The work I am expected to do can be done by anybody with hardly any experience at all. So do not be surprised at hearing that I do not live at Kendray anymore.

### **11 November 1944**

As a matter of fact, we (Grace and Kit) are seriously thinking of taking our Midwifery! We would have taken it before but for the salary but we have come to the conclusion that it would be better to have less salary and do something which is really worthwhile than wasting our time here.

It all depends upon the Ministry of Labour – I am sure we shall have to ask them if we can breathe soon. The nearest Nursing Section is at Sheffield so we are going to write and find out how matters stand about our changing hospitals.

I will keep you informed as to our next move. It will mean that we get about £25 a year less but I think that in the end it will be worth it.

**16 November 1944**

Kit and I wanted our days off together this week but the person in charge squashed us by informing us that the hospital was not run for our benefit! The old so and so – there was no earthly reason why we should not have had our days off together. However, in the end she agreed to let us have our days off together next week, though if she knew why we wanted them she most certainly would not let us have them together. We shall probably be going for an interview to Sheffield.

Oh, I do wish that I could get settled somewhere. How I hate this changing around, though I do not feel like staying at Kendray when I do not like the work.

Kit and I are still waiting to hear from the labour Exchange. They are certainly taking their time over letting us know what our Fate is to be. If we so not hear to-morrow I think that I shall pay a visit to the Sheffield Labour Exchange.

**21 November 1944**

Have not been off duty long as just as I was about to walk off duty at 8.30pm when the doctor came to see a new “case”. Not satisfied with seeing the new patient he looked at two more. I am afraid that he is not very quick at his work but he seems quite good and reliable – which is a lot.

**22 November 1944**

*After a visit to the Appointments Officer at the Labour Exchange in Sheffield, where Grace and Kit were told that they were free to move to a new job:*

Kit and I have decided to take our Midwifery, so tomorrow we each give in one month's notice – which means that I leave here on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and shall have Christmas at home.

There is really no point in my staying here – I am not happy and do not care for the work.

**25 November 1944**

*Having had an interview to take Midwifery at the City General Hospital in Sheffield and being offered a place:*

Kit and I have to have throat swabs taken before we can take our Midwifery and send the Laboratory report to the Matron of our future hospital. With this being a Fever hospital, we could have had them taken very easily here – in fact, we could have taken each other's, it is a very simple procedure. We had to ask permission first though as all the Lab: reports go through Matron's office. However, when we asked if we might send these swabs we were told most definitely no!! That gives you an idea of the mean and catty things which occur behind hospital walls. We will still take each other's though and Dr. Crann (*one of the GPs in Grimethorpe, who knew the Skuse family well*) will probably get them cultivated for us.

**29 November 1944**

Have spent most of my spare time sewing since I came here – there is very little else to do here. It is very rarely we are allowed the wireless on – because it might waken up the night nurses, so I will leave you to guess how miserable it is here.

## 2 December 1944

We usually get the papers here any time after 6pm and only have the wireless on when the sisters want it on. From then we only have the Home Service. What a dump this is!!

## 6 December 1944

Kit and I went into Barnsley this afternoon. It poured with rain almost all the time but we wanted to visit the dentist and had to call at Smith's bookshop about a couple of books we had ordered – in readiness for our Midwifery. Getting a book is as bad as everything else – one has to wait ages and ages for it. We were told that we would be lucky if ours were through by January.

We finished up the afternoon by going to Guests for tea. We invariably have toasted teacake whenever we go there. They know how to make it really deliciously.

One of the other two Staff Nurses here has also decided to leave. She gave in her resignation this morning. I think the remaining one will not be long before she follows suit either. They are both General trained nurses and like Kit and myself do not care for Fevers or Kendray Hospital.

To-night has been fairly busy. I actually admitted two cases within an hour of each other! Everybody seems to get so excited here when a case is admitted. It is a great event! I wonder what they would do if they admitted 20 cases at about 3am having come almost straight from the battlefield? *(Grace regularly nursed injured soldiers in Nottingham)*

## 15 December 1944

After much debating with Sister I managed to get the programme changed over to the "Forces", so now we have some decent programmes on. Last night I wondered if you were listening to the wireless as there was an excellent programme on as a tribute to the men of Arnhem. In it our two "theme songs" were played. Whenever I hear either of these pieces of music my mind goes back to those early days of our friendship and all the happiness we knew before you went abroad. Then I think of all the happiness which is awaiting us when you return. Your letters too my Darling have meant such a great deal to me. They also have brought me lots of happiness. They have helped me face many long and dreary days cheerfully. I am so proud Darling, to be "your girl" and shall be prouder still to be your wife. What a wonderful day that will be.

Grace left Kendray on 22 December and spent Christmas at home in Grimethorpe before starting her Midwifery training at the City Hospital in Sheffield on 1 January, 1945.

Stand and Grace married on 13 December, 1945, lived in Grimethorpe and had three children, of which I am the youngest. Grace began working as a District Nurse in Grimethorpe and the surrounding area around 1958 and continued nursing in the area until retiring in 1979.

**Liz Whitehouse**



## NORCROFT DISASTER MEMORIAL BOARD

This board was erected on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September on Norcroft Lane, Upper Norcroft, Cawthorne S75 4DY. It was formally unveiled on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September and is probably the final act of the local bi-centenary commemoration. Many thanks for all the support received from BFHS which has been brilliant.

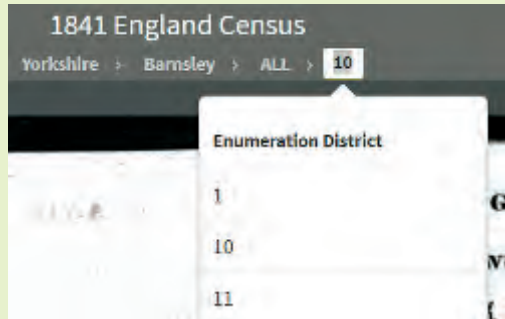
David Hinchliffe

*The story of the Norcroft disaster and the preparations for the bi-centenary commoration were in our journals for Oct 2020 and Jan, Apr and Jul 2021.*



## CENSUS ENUMERATORS' WALKS

It can be interesting and sometimes useful to read the routes taken by census enumerators on their door-to-door walks issuing and later collecting householders' returns. In Ancestry, find a place by the simple expedient of entering 'Lived in' as Barnsley. Click on View at the first (or any) result. At the top of the next screen click on the number after ALL (see image, right) and a list of Enumeration Districts will appear. Click on one and the Enumerator's Schedule will appear, as shown below. It works for 1841 to 1901; 1911 gives less information. RdeM



**ENGLAND AND WALES.**

**ENUMERATOR'S SCHEDULE.**

County of York W.R. (Parliamentary Division) \_\_\_\_\_

Hundred, Wapentake, Soke or Liberty of Stamfords \_\_\_\_\_

Parish of Silkstone \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>Chap:</sup> Township of Barnsley (part of) \_\_\_\_\_

City, or Borough, or Town, or County Corporate of \_\_\_\_\_

Within the Limits of the Parliamentary Boundary of the City or Borough of \_\_\_\_\_

Within the Municipal Boundary of \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent Registrar's District Ecclesfield \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar's District Barnsley \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Enumeration District 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Description of ditto All that part of the Town of Barnsley comprising Dawson Wall, and Mill Wall to the corner of the Methodist Chapel on the Western side of Craft Lads and as far as Wortley St the Southern side of the said St the Eastern side of Blucker St & to Barker Wood

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## ANOTHER OF OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**H**ello Members. My name is Doreen Piper, I am Vice Chair and Treasurer amongst other Posts of BFHS.

I was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1942 in the Township of Royston in the West Riding of Yorkshire, the third daughter of George and Evelyn Bird, and yes, I am a true Yorkshire lass and a war baby. I'm told I spent more time sleeping in a large drawer in the air raid shelter than I did in my cot. My father was serving in Burma until the end of the war which meant that I didn't really get to know him until his demob in 1945.



I attended Royston Primary & Junior schools and for recreation we made our own fun: hopscotch, marbles and roller skating if you were lucky enough to have a pair. We spent long hot summers going to the local woods with our picnics, paddling in the stream, climbing trees. Coming home, we were laden down with Bluebells. Every house had a row of Bluebells in empty milk bottles or jam jars. I had a little brother by then, six years younger than me, called Alan, I remember my mother asking me what we should call him when he was born. I replied Alan Ladd - I idolised him. Mum of course said we could call him Alan but dropped the Ladd.

In my later school years, I was soloist in the Choir which meant that I had to be in plays as well. I was not too happy about that. When I saw the telling off that my friend got when she refused to be in a play, I had seen enough and I bravely continued. I realised in later years that the singing and acting had given me confidence in myself plus being made a prefect.

My working life was spent in the sewing industry, my grandmother being a tailoress; sewing I think was the obvious choice for me and my sisters. The latter part of my working life was as the Manageress of a small sewing factory.

In March 1965 I married Glynn Piper and we set up home in Staincross where we had two children, a daughter Dawn and a son Steven. I now have four grand-daughters and two grandsons, who have been a big part of my life.

I love history and was always interested to hear my mother talk about her family in Leeds. It was after my husband Glynn died early in 1993 that I decided now was the time to research into our family history. Mum had given me family papers, old certificates and so forth and one marriage certificate dated 1873. I joined Barnsley FHS in October 1993 - that was 28 years ago.

I have been Projects Co-ordinator since January 1994. Over the years we have done various projects including the 1851 census, the Millennium Project

(Parish Registers) and the Barnsley Indexing Project (with Barnsley Registry Office).

I became Vice Chair in 2011 when John Westerman took over as Chairman on Barry Kelly's retirement, later taking over as Programme Co-ordinator in 2018. In 2019 I became Treasurer on John's retirement.

I can honestly say I have enjoyed my journey, researching, transcribing, making new friends with the same interest and enthusiasm, not just from one society. Attending history fairs has created more friendships, all with the same goal of finding our ancestors. In the early years, we spent hours on fiche readers and tramping around graveyards, but, oh, the pleasure and satisfaction of finding new information to build your family tree and getting to grips with the computer that you had just bought to log the information in! I have to say it has all been worthwhile.

I could go on, but let's not forget that band of local history friends who decided back in 1986 that they were going to change the name of their group and formed 'The Barnsley Family History Society'. Some of them became good friends of mine along with members from near and far, Committee Members, Journal Editors, Volunteers, Transcribers etc. We have all played our part so let's look forward now to the future.


Thank you

Doreen Piper

## FAMILY HISTORY FEDERATION BULLETINS

Some years ago the Family History Federation (FHF – the operating name of the Federation of Family History Societies) began to publish a series of Really Useful Bulletins. One can sign up to receive them by email at [www.familyhistoryfederation.com/resources-newsletter](http://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/resources-newsletter)

The September 2021 issue features Welsh research. As usual several family history societies are represented, this time Oxfordshire, Botany Bay, Malvern, the Channel Islands and Tollesbury.



**FAMILY  
HISTORY  
Federation**  
Supporting Family Historians since 1974

**REALLY  
USEFUL  
Bulletin**  
**No 13**  
September 2021

Welcome to the September edition of the *Really Useful Bulletin*  
inside find...  
Lead article this month is *Welsh Family History: Top tips for a successful search*  
plus news from local FHS and from the Federation

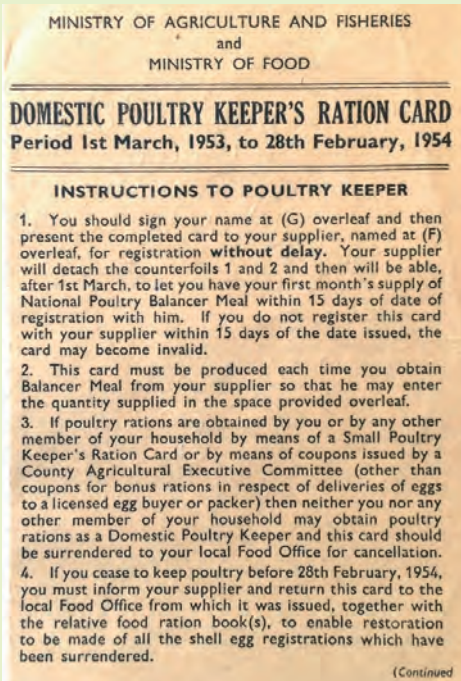


## CHICKENS

In 1952, aged 13, I lived with my grandparents for two months. They had a few chickens, about six of them, in a small coop alongside an outbuilding. In 2021 (work the age out for yourself) I was asked to help the caretaker of our local primary school to erect a modern chicken coop. As his father-in-law, I am allowed – well, asked – to help him now and then with work around the school. This coop is a fancy affair and even has an automatic door that opens and closes at set times or at certain light levels. It got me thinking about the way in which many people kept chickens during what I think of as ‘The War’. For the benefit of younger readers, I refer to WW2, not WW1!



Modern chicken coop and cage



Eggs joined the food rationing scheme on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1941. The allowance was one egg per person per week, plus a packet of dried egg powder every four weeks. Chickens were consuming more grain than the eggs were worth nutritionally, so the grain was diverted to other uses. However people were allowed to keep chickens and to exchange some or all of their egg ration for grain, using a special ration book. This continued until 4<sup>th</sup> July 1954 (yes, that long!) when all rationing finally ended.

Here is an example of a ration card 1953-1954. This one allowed the holder 96 lb grain over the year, but not more than 8lb in any one month. I had no idea it was this complicated – at the time I just assumed that my grandparents “kept a few chickens”.

Their coop was in two sections, with an inner covered part with a

door operated by a rope, into which the chickens were herded before the outer cage door was opened. That way they didn't escape when one entered. My sister, then just four years old, decided one day to see if there were any eggs and opened the cage door. We had quite a time chasing chickens all round the fairly large garden. I think of this every time I use the village car park in Hathersage, Derbyshire, part of which is on the site of that very garden.

**Roger de Mercado**

## AUTUMN QUIZ



1. What are hedgehogs' spines and quills made of?
2. With over 400 players participating, what are the WCC, which are held annually on the second Sunday of October in Northamptonshire?
3. In Australia, Autumn begins in which month?
4. Pheasant shooting season starts in which month?
5. Which federal holiday in the US is said to mark the end of summer?
6. SAD is sometimes known as Autumnal Depression. What do the letters stand for?
7. The Oktoberfest is held in which German city?
8. Which celebration is influenced by the Celtic festival of Samhain?
9. How many permanent teeth does a dog have?
10. What is the most sold flavour of Walkers' crisps?
11. What is the full postcode of the Houses of Parliament?
12. What is someone who believes in antidisestablishmentarianism opposed to the disestablishment of? (!)
13. What does the Latin "tempus" mean in English?
14. How many chukkers are there in a polo match?
15. On average, how far away is the moon from the earth in miles?
16. What is longer, a nautical mile or a mile?
17. Before the word "cheese", saying the name of which dried fruit used to encourage people to smile before a photo in the late 1800s/early 1900s?
18. Which country is believed to have the most miles of motorway?
19. The United States has four time zones, can you name them?
20. From what grain is the Japanese spirit Sake made?

*Answers somewhere else in this issue...*

**Margaret Williams**

## THE FRANCIS FRITH COLLECTION ON FINDMYPAST

Findmypast recently added a large number of Francis Frith postcards to their website. Born in Chesterfield in 1822, pioneering Victorian photographer Francis Frith ran a successful wholesale grocery business which ultimately made him a wealthy man. He took a keen interest in photography, travelling to the Middle East and Palestine in the 1850s and later settling in Reigate, Surrey where he established his company as the world's first specialist publisher of photographs. Within a few years, his images were being sold in thousands of shops throughout the UK. The Francis Frith Collection on Findmypast features over 300,000 photos from this vast archive, the majority of these taken in Great Britain and Ireland. Francis Frith died in 1898, but his pioneering work continued long after his death and there are many photos of towns and cities in Britain and Ireland from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.

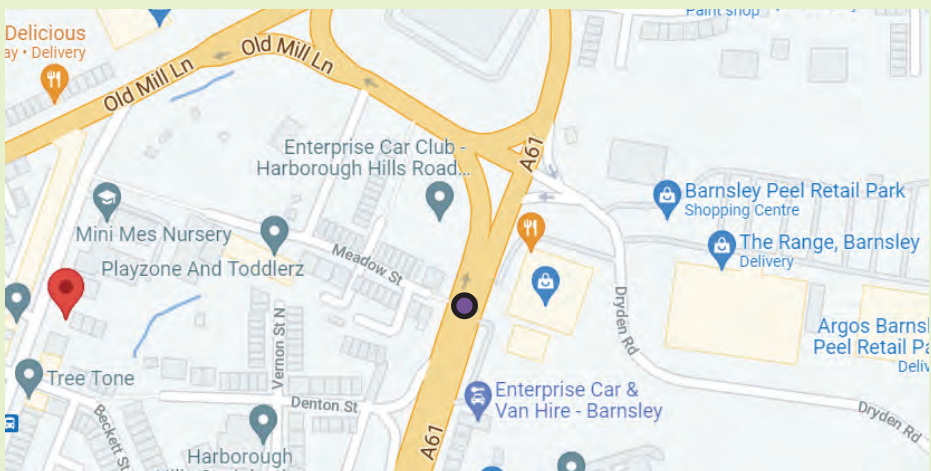
All records are indexed and there is a photographic image for each of the records in the collection. Latitude and longitude co-ordinates are included in the transcription which enables users to further narrow down any given photograph's location.

There is a link back from each record on Findmypast to the same record on the main Francis Frith website at [www.francisfrith.com](http://www.francisfrith.com), where there are options to buy high quality prints and other items.

As is sometimes the case with Findmypast, finding the Collection isn't that easy. Go to Search and choose All Record Sets, then type Photographs in the search box at top left. This lists all FMP's collections on the right.

The picture on our back cover of a tram circa 1900 is listed as being at Lat.53.5576N, Long.1.4736W, which Google maps identifies as being on Harborough Hill Road (the A61) near Halfords, as I have marked with the dot on the map below. Not being familiar with the town, does this look right to those who are?

**Roger de Mercado**



**FLIGHT SERGEANT GEORGE WAINWRIGHT, RAF, 1921-1945**

In March 1945 a Royal Air Force aeroplane crashed in Italy, killing all on board. When the war ended and Italian soldier Giuseppe Bassi returned from captivity in Russia, his sister handed him a bracelet, presumably retrieved from the crash site. It clearly read '1547800 THOMAS P E RAF'. Some seventy years later Giuseppe met Fabio Chinellato, a passionate military history researcher, who identified the airman and found that he had been killed in a crash along with the rest of the crew. This eventually led to the return of the bracelet to the owner's family.

**LA STORIA**

**SANTA MARIA DI SALA (VENEZIA)**  
Quando Giuseppe Bassi rientrò dalla prigionia in Russia, dov'era stato internato durante la Seconda Guerra Mondiale, la sorella gli consegnò un bracciale: «È di un pilota precipitato qui in zona» gli disse. Settantaquattro anni dopo, quando Bassi ne ha da poco compiuti 100, quel cimelio ha un padrone, uno dei piloti morti in quell'azione, di cui ora l'anziano custode spera di conoscere i famigliari.

Nel Padovano, a Villanova di Camposampiero, dove vive nella frazione di Marzello, Bassi è un'istituzione: le 100 candeline spente lo scorso 3 febbraio, dopo una vita in cui ha fatto il geometra e, suo malgrado, il prigioniero di guerra, raccontano più di mille parole l'incredibile avventura di questo soldato, che tornato a casa ha custodito quel bracciale sperando un giorno di riconoscerlo agli eredi di quel pilota morto a due passi da casa sua.

**IL MONILE**

Nel bracciale in oro, ossidato dal tempo, si leggeva un nome e una matricola "Thomas P E 1547800 RAF". Per decenni il signor Bassi lo ha conservato in una vetrina in salotto. E sempre stato il suo cruciale: dopo aver combattuto sul fronte del Don, passato in ritirata con il suo reggimento, fatto prigioniero nel gergo e liberato, doveva cercare i famigliari di quel pilota. Ora l'epilogo: «Il Padre Eterno» racconta: «mi ha preservato da violenze, freddo, fame, malattie, più mi ha fatto campare cent'anni: è come se avessi una missione da svolgere».

Ogni la storia di quell'oggetto



# Il braccialetto inglese «Dopo 70 anni ora so chi era l'aviere morto»

► Reduce padovano dalla Russia l'ha custodito fin dal 1945  
Trovato vicino ai resti di un aereo abbattuto nel Veneziano



**GRUPPO DI RICERCATORI POLESANI HA RICOSTRUITO L'IDENTITÀ DEI 4 UOMINI**

tempo attiva nella ricerca di aerei precipitati durante la Guerra. Sono stati, questi, in cui il soldato polese e molto attivo

**IL RITROVAMENTO**  
In alto il bracciale con il nome dell'aviere inglese, un aereo della Raf in volo durante la Seconda guerra mondiale e il reduce padovano della Russia Giuseppe Bassi, che ha da poco festeggiato il secolo di vita, in una foto di qualche anno fa



struire la storia di un "night intruder", bombardiere notturno, che apparteneva al 13esimo Squadron della Raf. l'aviazione

precaro costruire il indagini da Fabio Core Alces portato al filante di sotto quel Caspare? ro hanno volo prec fino al ma tra dove c'è resto del v via Cavin cia. Tutto ma preda All'ine carboniz mentre al poco disti mattino è vivo e fu a trarsi di tana, che zione. Fur ro di Calz sferici da militare di va. Un me i resti del a un com chio di Ca tempo te due moto gli era volto alfr dal 22em Bert, dal Joyce VIII dal 23em avrigha G rigatore Percival il proprietà coeservat per 74 ar gelosiane gliante il c ora lo ced ri, speran famigliari

The newspaper article describing how the bracelet was linked to the crash  
Il Gazzettino, Venice, 24th March 2019

## The Crash

In the early hours of the 26th March 1945 a Douglas Boston IV, serial BZ558, of No. 13 Squadron RAF aircraft took off from the Forlì air base in Northern Italy on an armed reconnaissance mission of the battle line: north to the Po River then on to Polesella, Padua, Mestre and Adria. At around 3.00am, in the vicinity of Padua, the aircraft, probably hit by German anti-aircraft fire, crashed at the intersection between Cavin Caselle and via Santa Lucia, breaking into two sections and catching fire. When locals arrived at daylight the aeroplane was still burning. Inside were the bodies of two of the crew; the other two were at the side of the wreckage. One of those was alive, but dying and the Parish Priest of the area administered the last rites. The bodies



were buried in the Caltana cemetery. In 1946 they were exhumed and reburied in the military cemetery of Chiesanuova in Padua.

### **The Crew**

Warrant Officer Eric Albert Day 1389158, Pilot, age 22, from Bournemouth, Hampshire.

Flight Sergeant Percival Eric Thomas 1547800, Navigator, age 33, from Urmston, Lancashire.

Flight Sergeant George Wainwright 1238479, Wireless Operator & Air Gunner, age 23, from Barnsley, Yorkshire.

Sergeant William Charles Edward Joyce 1896675, Air Gunner, age 22, from Stratford, Essex.

### **The Aeroplane**

The Boston was an American design, used by the USAF, bought in large numbers for the RAF and used as a light bomber and reconnaissance aircraft. George Wainwright, as 'WOP/AG', would probably have operated the upper gun turret, which on the Boston IV was powered instead of being manually aimed and had two 0.50 calibre machine guns. Sgt Joyce probably operated the single 0.50 gun mounted below the fuselage, an awkward weapon to use, but protection from attack from below and behind. It has been reported that the remains of the aeroplane were temporarily removed and stored behind a nearby house. A little over a month later the war ended and the remains were sold to a railway trader in Caltana, who was said for some time to have kept one of the engines in plain sight.

### **George Wainwright**

George was born in the Smithies district of Barnsley in 1921, the son of George Henry Wainwright and Annie Rookledge (sometimes spelt Rooklidge). He lived and worked in Holmfirth before joining the RAF, where apparently he was known as Georgie. He was said to be a very good cricket player; for which team is not known.

### **Robert Wimpenny's Research**

Enter Robert, whose mother Joyce Sloane was friends with George's older sister Ivy and who became George's girlfriend. She knew him as 'Judd'. Every November until her death in 2012 she would buy three poppies in remembrance of wartime bereavements, one being for Judd. Ivy married Trevor Lewis; they become godparents to one of Robert's sisters and were family friends until they and his parents died.

Robert and his two sisters decided to write down as many of their memories that they could recall and to try to put names to the many old photos they had between them. He found George's record on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website and subsequently made contact with a WW2 forum, leading him eventually to an Italian research group.

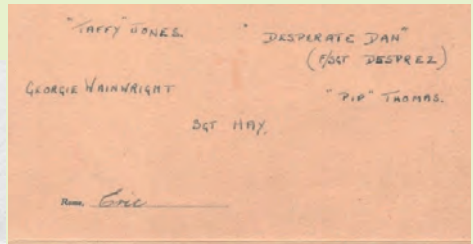
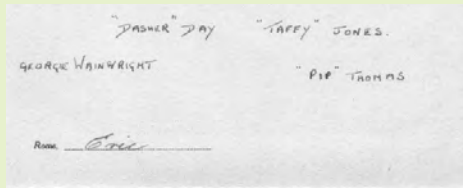
### **Aerei Perduti**

Aerei Perduti – Lost Aircraft – researches aircraft crashes in the North-East Po Valley 1941-1945. A member of the group, Alessandro Cianchetta, worked

with Fabio Chinellato to identify that the bracelet was from a crew member of the crashed Boston. Amazingly, Alessandro was able to make contact with a niece of Percival Eric 'Pip' Thomas in Canada, who directed him to Pip's grandson in England, Simon Thomas. Alessandro sent him the bracelet in November 2019.

When Robert made contact with the group, he was put in contact with Simon who sent him copies of photographs taken in Rome that include George.

In November 2020 Alessandro and his Italian friends visited the four graves and laid flowers, with those for George named as from Robert's family.

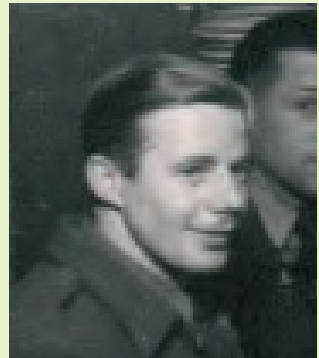


George far left, above; enlarged below

'Pip' Thomas far right

**Simon is very keen to pass on to a relative of the Wainwright family copies of the two photographs that include George, whose memorials and family names are shown on the next page.**

**Can any of our readers help?  
See next page.**





Memorial to George and his parents  
Barnsley cemetery, C235



CWGC Headstone  
Chiesanouva, Padua

George's parents were George Henry Wainwright (1881-1945) and his third wife Annie Eliza Rookledge (sometimes recorded as Rooklidge) (1897-1977) who were married in Barnsley in 1919. They had four children: Ivy in 1919, George in 1921, Elsie in 1923 and Agnes in 1934. Ivy married Trevor Lewis in Barnsley in 1947. Elsie married George Jackson, also in Barnsley in 1947. Agnes married Peter Smith in Barnsley in 1956.

George Henry Wainwright was first married to Mary Ann Goldthorpe in Barnsley in 1905. Mary Ann died in 1911 and is buried in Barnsley Cemetery, as reported in the Barnsley Chronicle of 30th September 1911. They had two children, Harry in 1906 and Hannah in 1907. George Henry then married Mary E Pollard in 1917; she died in 1918, aged 29, after less than a year of marriage.

Margaret Williams arranged for a short piece to be published in the Barnsley Chronicle (27<sup>th</sup> August). No responses have been received at the time of going to print.

If anyone knows of relatives of the family, please do contact Simon Thomas at ravenwitch68@yahoo.co.uk, or if you prefer to write please do so to the Secretary, Margaret Williams, address on inside front cover.

**Search is on for hero's relatives**

*By Ashley Ball*

A GENEALOGIST is appealing for family members of a Second World War hero to come forward.

Margaret Williams of Barnsley's Family History Society has been looking into the life of Barnsley-born George Wainwright.

George, a Flight Sergeant in the RAF, was killed in an air crash in Italy in 1945.

He had a girlfriend at the time, Joyce Sloan, whose son Robert Wimpey now wishes to pass on photos of George to his relatives.

The two photographs were taken in Rome.

George's parents were George Henry and Annie (nee Rookledge) of Smithies.

He also had sisters called Ivy, Elsie and Agnes, a half-sister, Harry Wainwright, and half-sister Hannah Wainwright.

Margaret would like to stress that this is not the George H Wainwright formerly of Barnsley Grammar School and St Paul's Church.

If you are related to George or know anyone who is, contact Margaret by emailing searchbfhupdate@yahoo.com.

Roger de Mercado

**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 1929

**Mr William Hewitt**

Member number 1930

**Mr Randall Hollingworth**

Member number 1931

**Mr Daniel Smart**

Member number 1932

**Ms Alison Ball**

Member number 1933

**Dr Alison Slater**

**Elaine Jackson - Membership Secretary**



<b>MEMBERS INTERESTS</b>
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**Mem. No. 1928**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Period</b>
BENTLEY	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Post 1850
POTTS	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Post 1850
ROBINSON	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Post 1850
WHITING	Bristol	SOM	ENG	Post 1850
WRIGHT	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Post 1850

**Mr. John K. Robinson****Mem. No. 1929**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Period</b>
HAIG	All	BEW	SCT	1701-1850
HAIG	All	PEE	SCT	1701-1850
HAIG	All	ROX	SCT	1701-1850
HAIG	All	SEL	SCT	1701-1850
HAIG	All	WRY	ENG	1801-1850
HEWITT	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1801-1900
HARGRAVE	All	Any	ENG	1801-1900
NEWBY	All	Any	ENG	1801-1925
SLY	All	Any	ENG	1801-1850

**Mr. William E. Hewitt****Notes:**

Several members of all the families shown in the table emigrated from the United Kingdom to Canada, between 1801 and 1900.

My search is basically for David **Hewitt** born circa 1814 (my Great-Great-Grandfather) and to confirm whether it is the same David **Hewitt** entered in the St. Mary's, Parish Register, Barnsley?

In the Canadian 1851 Census Records David **Hewitt's** entry shows him as having Scottish origins, and affiliated with the Free Church of Scotland, but could be misrepresented. Other sources indicate that a David **Hewitt** was living in Canada in 1840.

**Mem. No. 1930**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Period</b>
HOLLINGSWORTH	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Pre.1600-1900
HOLLINGSWORTH	Bolton upon Dearne	WRY	ENG	Pre.1600-1900
HOLLINGSWORTH	Darfield	WRY	ENG	Pre.1600-1900
HOLLINGSWORTH	Silkstone	WRY	ENG	Pre.1600-1900
HOLLINGSWORTH	Worsbrough	WRY	ENG	Pre.1600-1900
HOLLINGSWORTH	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Pre.1600-1900
HOLLINGSWORTH	Bolton upon Dearne	WRY	ENG	Pre.1600-1900
HOLLINGSWORTH	Darfield	WRY	ENG	Pre.1600-1900
HOLLINGSWORTH	Silkstone	WRY	ENG	Pre.1600-1900
HOLLINGSWORTH	Worsbrough	WRY	ENG	Pre.1600-1900

**Mr. Randall Hollingsworth****Notes:**

William **Hollingsworth**, b. 1793 in Bolton upon Dearne, and who in the 1851 census was living in Worsbrough.

**Mem. No. 1931****Mr. Daniel Smart**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Period</b>
BATTY	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1780-1820
BATTY	Pitsmoor	WRY	ENG	1780-1820
BUTLER	Pontefract	WRY	ENG	1800-1899
CHAMBERS	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1600-1930
CHAMBERS	Chapelton	WRY	ENG	1600-1930
SMART	Chapelton	WRY	ENG	1800-1899

**Mem. No. 1933****Dr. Alison Slater**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Period</b>
SLATER	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Pre.1861
SLATER	Monk Bretton	WRY	ENG	Pre.1851

**Notes:**

Researching **George Slater** (circa 1813-1857) for the period 1814-1848, who was lodging at Greaves Square, Pall Mall, Barnsley in 1851 with his wife **Frances/Fanny** (née **Pritchard**, born circa 1816, Shropshire). I cannot locate their marriage or details about their children, Jane (born, circa 1846-7) and Thomas (born 1850) both at Pall Mall, Barnsley; they do not appear in the 1851 census. Baptisms and burials, circa 1848-1857, are entered in St George's parish church register, Barnsley. George's death notices suggest he was "*formerly [a] serjeant in the Third West Yorks Militia*" [Leeds Times, 21st Feb 1857; the Barnsley Independent of the same date states "*Drill sergeant of the 3rd West Yorks Militia*". Serjeant/sergeant were interchangeable at the time - Ed.].

After George's death, the family moved to Oldham. I suspect George was baptised at St John the Baptist parish church, Royston, in 1814.

The lineage of both George's parents, **Matthew** and **Mary Ann** (née **Wilkinson**) **Slater** has been traced.

Any help on the missing years 1814-1848 is gratefully received.

**Mem. No. 1870****Shirley Sura**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Period</b>
BINGHAM	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1834-1929
BINGHAM	Bradford	WRY	ENG	1701-1850
BINNS	Barnsley	WYR	ENG	1843-1888
CALLAGHAN	All	WAR	ENG	Post 1837
CALLAGHAN	Liverpool	LAN	ENG	1701-1850
CALLAGHAN	All	ROS	IRL	1815-1851
FISHER	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Post 1840
GRANGER	All	NTH	ENG	1793-1971
HALL	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Post 1800
MITCHELL	All	CON	ENG	Pre 1885
MOORS	Wincanton	SOM	ENG	1887-1909
REYNOLDS	All	CON	ENG	Post 1866

<b>RECENTLY DONATED BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH CERTIFICATES</b>
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**Birth**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Mother</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>
SCHOLAH	Charles	George	Elizabeth	1840	Barnsley WRY
SCHOLAH	John	George	Elizabeth	1838	Barnsley WRY

**Marriage**

<b>Groom</b>	<b>Bride</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Carr</b> , Henry	<b>Nesbit</b> , Jane	1846	Darfield WRY
<b>Green</b> , Joseph	<b>Nisbet</b> , Catharine	1848	Silkstone WRY
<b>Nesbitt</b> , John	<b>Kilner</b> , Sarah	1840	Silkstone WRY
<b>Scholey</b> , Charles	<b>Davis</b> , Ellen	1861	Barnsley WRY

**Death**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Green</b>	Catherine	89	1870	Worsbrough WRY
<b>Nesbitt</b>	Thomas	71	1845	Barnsley WRY
<b>Scholah</b>	John	9mo	1838	Barnsley WRY
<b>Scholey</b>	Aaron	70	1919	Castleford WRY
<b>Scholey</b>	Elizabeth	55	1866	Barnsley WRY
<b>Scholey</b>	William	22	1867	Barnsley WRY

Copies of these and other certificates are available for purchase see details on Barnsley FHS website, Members' area.

**Jeff Chambers**

<b>SURNAME SEARCH INDEX</b>
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**Surnames uploaded to the Barnsley FHS 'Surname Search Index' up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.**

Allen; Batty; Bentley; Binns; Burdett; Butler; Callaghan; Carr; Chambers; Earnshaw; Fisher; Geoghegan; Greaves; Haigh; Hargrave; Hawksworth; Hewitt; Hilton; Hollingworth; Hollingsworth; Illingworth; Jessop; Lockwood; McKechnie; Marsden; Mitchell; Moores; Myers; Newby; Ogden; Peck; Potts; Rich; Robinson; Rushforth; Shaw; Shay; Shea; Shee; Sly; Smart; Tissington; Utle; Wainwright; Walsh; Whiting; Woodcock; Wordsworth; Wright.

**Jeff Chambers**

## ‘KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP’ NEWS SNIPPETS

It really feels as if life for the family historian is getting into gear again with more local archives opening, albeit on quite a limited basis in many areas. If you are hoping to go to one near you, please contact the archive first as you may have to make a timed appointment; these often quickly book up weeks ahead. It is very much a case of ‘watch this space’ as Covid regulations still apply in many areas and are changing every week in some cases.

The generic sites are offering new online resources, as are the National Archives in Kew.

### North Yorkshire

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE should have relaxed restrictions on 28<sup>th</sup> September, offering more reader spaces and extended opening hours. There will be full access to the North Riding Registry of Deeds 1885-1970.

### Ancestry

- DNA UPDATE. In September 2021 all DNA results sourced through Ancestry will be updated and made available to anyone who has previously obtained a DNA profile through the site.
- Could you be related to a famous, or infamous person, a star from silent film, a sportsperson? If you are over 18, have taken a DNA test through Ancestry and would like to appear for a major broadcaster, please contact [ancestry@salamandermedia.com](mailto:ancestry@salamandermedia.com)
- Wills and Probate records 1504-1829 lodged in London Westminster have been made available. These types of record provide valuable insights into the lives and families of our ancestors; they are an excellent resource for people working in their family trees.
- WELSH PARISH REGISTERS. This collection has been updated; it allows members to search place names more accurately. There are indexes and images of Anglican Parish Registers for multiple Welsh counties.

### Family History Federation - FHF

The next bi-annual, show promoted by the FHF, is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm to 10pm, then Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 10am to 6pm. Tickets are available now. I mentioned this in the last journal. There is an update:

Steve Manning, the Chairman, is asking anyone who may have a skill or useful sources of family history information that may be of interest to members and which they would be willing to share in a “Share your Skills” section of the show to contact him on [chairman@familyhistoryfederation.com](mailto:chairman@familyhistoryfederation.com) as he is wanting to use live input/video calls or even written elements into the format.



## Roots Tech 2022

Roots Tech is an offshoot of the immense Family Search site run by the Church of Latter Day Saints – the Mormon Church. From 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022 there will be a virtual worldwide Roots Connect meeting which is free to participate in (as is the main site itself.) Further details are to be made available soon.

## U3A

Known to many of us as the rather wordy University of the Third Age, this has absolutely nothing to do with universities or degree courses! This organisation runs courses run by members for members on many different subjects, including Family History. In Barnsley U3A, there are two Family History groups, which are extremely well attended; one is oversubscribed by some distance. U3A operates globally; wherever you live it is definitely worth checking out the offering nearest to you if you so wish.

I am very well aware that we have members who have little or no access to computers or virtual media. This must be a frustration for you as so much family history is online now. I can only say that if you do want any further information on any item I mention, please contact me through my details on the inside front page of the journal, I am always happy to help you.

**Margaret Williams. General Secretary/Search Officer for BFHS**

## ANSWERS TO AUTUMN QUIZ

1. Keratin
2. World Conker Championships
3. March
4. October (1<sup>st</sup>)
5. Labo(u)r Day - First Monday in September
6. Seasonal affective disorder
7. Munich
8. Halloween
9. 42 teeth
10. Cheese and Onion
11. SW1A 0AA
12. The Church of England
13. Time
14. 6 chukkers
15. 238,000 miles
16. Nautical mile, (it's 1.15 miles)
17. Prunes
18. China
19. Pacific, Mountain, Central and Eastern
20. Rice

## SEARCH SERVICES

The Society offers its members six free searches during the year. You don't have to use them all at once, they can be spread out over the year. Our fees for search services are at [www.barnsleyfhs.co.uk/Searches.html?sid=2](http://www.barnsleyfhs.co.uk/Searches.html?sid=2)

**Margaret E Williams**

### 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.

For searches or enquiries please contact:

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If applying by post please  
enclose a large SAE

**If applicable, please include your  
membership number.**

## DIARY DATES

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

21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Barbara Dixon</b> My criminal ancestors.
18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Christine and Michael Goodwin</b> Yorkshire Christmas dialect and social evening.
December & January	<b>NO MEETINGS</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	<b>AGM and Research Evening</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	<b>Stephen Flinders</b> Catherine Crompton's Diary
21 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	<b>Eric Jackson</b> Votes for women: the struggle for female emancipation.
19 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	<b>Richard Axe</b> Women, Waterloo and afterwards.

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Above: Barnsley circa 1900. Below: The bus station 1966.

