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Doreen Piper and Elaine Jackson at the Burma Star Memorial, National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire.

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Just hours before sending this to our printers, Jane Ainsworth told us about a film launched during the recent Heritage Open Days. It's a 35-minute film about the history of Barnsley Main Colliery, also covering the Oaks Colliery Disaster, the Huskar Pit Disaster and coal mining in Britain, plus interviews with Barnsley Main Heritage Group and former Barnsley Miners. It's at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01CQlccSpSs>

EDITORIAL

Welcome members of Barnsley Family History Society. Hasn't this year gone quickly? It's Autumn already, although it has been a bit unusual where I now live, very hot in June, a cool July and August then a heatwave in September. Is it my imagination or did we always have hot summers and snow in the winters in 1950s Yorkshire? I think I will have a look at the weather our ancestors experienced, anyone else who is interested, let me know and we can have an 'Ancestors Weather Experiences' article.

I did come to Barnsley this summer and visited Christ Church in Ardsley. I was made so welcome by everyone there that I felt as much at home as I do when I come to the society talks and was sad to leave. It seems that my 3rd great grandparents John and Sarah Bingham lived in Ardsley in 1842 and my 2nd great grandaunt Eliza was born there. I'm doing some research around my family, Ardsley and Christ Church so there may be an article in it somewhere. (No news yet on the elusive great grandad).

I hope you all enjoyed your summer whatever you did and that maybe some of your 'Brick Walls' have at least a few holes in them.

In this issue we have the arboretum visit, Memories of Barnsley, a tribute to Mel Dyke, an article about how to use the GRO's new Digital Images scheme, the famous 'Barnsley Link' and all our regulars.

I think that I owe our Liz Whitehouse an apology for suggesting she was one of our more recent contributors. Liz, my excuse is that I'm a bit of an offcumbden to Barnsley and the society, although it doesn't feel like it when you all make me feel so much at home. I wasn't aware you had written other articles for the journal and are actually a seasoned writer. I need to read the back copies more carefully!

In forthcoming issues...

All the usual plus the return of Ancestral Homes and Birthplaces, further information about BFHS library, the Wainwright Family, 'Brick Walls', a bit of fun and any of your articles you would like to see in the journal

Shirley Sura

WOULD ALL OUR MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO OUR 2024 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Individual £12.00

Family £13.00

Overseas £15.00

We have managed to keep our subscriptions at the same rate for 15 years. Unfortunately, due to the increasing costs of printing and postage, we are unable to maintain our standards at this rate.

We ask that anyone with a Standing Order payment please contact your bank to increase it to the new rate.

The committee would like to thank all our members for their continuing support.

Elaine Jackson - Membership Secretary

SECRETARY'S UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2023



September brings the thoughts of many researchers to getting back to their Family History updates as the nights start to draw in. Gradually, all the Family History Communities are gearing themselves up again after the Summer Break in the UK and the BFHS is no exception. For those of you in the Southern Hemisphere, the climate is reversed as you move into your Spring/Summertime. I know Climate Change is affecting weather patterns throughout the world but I do hope Spring and Summer with you is much better than it was in this country. May offered us so much with temperatures well above average with days of sunshine and threats of a drought. June, July and August made up for it with rain and gales mostly, to the extent that Noah would have been thinking about building his ark! As I write this, the lovely sunshine and balmy temperatures of the last two weeks are gone with Autumn showing its true colours with gales and rain. The plans of the Williams' household, (my husband and myself, Yorkshire CCC members) to go to Headingley for the last County Championship Cricket Match of the season are going to be well and truly scuppered. Nothing new there, then.

BFHS MONTHLY MEETINGS

After a break during July and August when the BFHS has no meetings as so many people have holiday and family commitments, the first meeting of the Season took place on Thursday September 21st 2023 at Buckley Street Church Hall. It is disappointing that there were only fourteen members present for the talk by Eric Jackson with the intriguing title **"After You're Dead"** which included the legend of Margorie McCall, "the Lady with the Ring", who reportedly died once and was buried twice!

It is always a pleasure to welcome Eric to Society meetings as all his talks are light-hearted with plenty of humour mixed with interesting facts. The subtitle to this talk was Graves, Robbers and Dissection, rather macabre, one might think, so we were not too sure what to expect.

There was a long-standing belief from the 13th century onwards that it was essential to have a complete body to enter the Kingdom of Heaven after your death; this premise was the basis of the talk.

In 1543 Versalius published the first anatomy textbook; from this date there became a growing worldwide interest in anatomy. To understand the anatomical parts of the body, you need to dissect it so the growing interest in the human form required a supply of corpses. Grave robbing became a profitable industry. Dissection also became a punishment for capital offences, as there were over two hundred hanging offences, anatomists fought over who would get a body. Adult corpses were two guineas and a crown whilst children were 6 pence a foot! Charles Byre, an Irish giant of over seven foot was sold for £500 in today's currency. His skeleton is on display today.

Between 1832 and 1900 over 50,000 bodies from paupers and the workhouse were used for anatomical dissection. They had no say in the matter!

Watch Towers were built to guard graveyards.

The wealthy could buy a metal coffin to prevent the grave robbers.

What of Margorie McCall, the lady who died once and was buried twice? The story is not actually recorded although you can read all about it on:
www.lurganancestry.com



The 1705 Grave of Margorie McCall in Shankill Church of Ireland Cemetery

I think all of us were ready for a cup of tea or coffee plus the treat of one of Pauline's cakes afterwards. We should all feel grateful for more enlightened times after Eric had concluded his talk, perhaps?

BFHS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There have been no Committee Meetings scheduled to date.

MEMBERSHIP

It is pleasing to report that the BFHS has been able to welcome several new members recently. In my role as Search Officer for the Society, I also do try to politely suggest to non-members requiring my input that they may consider joining the BFHS? Many do so!

FAMILY HISTORY FAIRS

During the months from September, many societies hold their own Family History Fairs. The BFHS is having a presence at the Huddersfield FHS Fair on October 14th. It is worth checking your local area as these can be a real treasure trove offering information and advice.

My very best wishes to you all wherever you may live.

Margaret E. Williams – General Secretary

Although Barnsley FHS are not exhibiting at the Doncaster FHS Fair, I thought it worth mentioning for those of us have ancestral connections and or live in the area. It is also taking place on October 14th at The Old Art College, Church View, Doncaster, DN1 1AF.

Shirley Sura

BRICK WALLS

Our Secretary, Search Officer and so much more, Margaret Williams, is writing an article for us about 'Brick Walls', the introduction of which will be in the January issue of 'Barnsley Roots'. Margaret hopes to provide follow up articles in future issues. I am certainly looking forward to this and I am sure all our members will find it useful. I can honestly say that I don't know any one of us who haven't come across an exasperating brick wall.

Shirley Sura

A TRIBUTE TO MEL DYKE MBE



WARM tributes have been paid to an inspirational teacher, author and arts campaigner who has died, aged 86.

Mel Dyke MBE, began teaching in 1969 and was known to generations of people thanks to her 27-year career which took in spells at Athersley Lawrence Briggs Infants, Darton High School, The Oaks in Kendray and Grimethorpe's Willowgarth High School.

She also served as a teacher training lecturer at Bretton Hall, PGCE tutor at Leeds University and as a guest lecturer at Emory University, Georgia.

But it was, perhaps, after her retirement when she started the work that would leave such an indelible mark on her hometown and its people.

Following the closure of facilities for the teaching of the arts in Yorkshire, she established the charity Arts in Action in 2007 to support lifelong learning.

The charity uses the arts as a springboard to help young people take the initiative to maximise their own potential through awareness of and involvement with successful role models.

Organisations to benefit from her expertise and undeniably impressive contacts book included Barnsley Youth Choir, the Lamproom Theatre where she was chairman of the board of trustees, the ambitious project to create the Experience Barnsley museum and also the Barnsley Civic Trust.

Mel knew everyone – and if she didn't, she would always know someone who did.

She was also an acclaimed author who used her connections across the globe to showcase the great achievements of people who were Barnsley born and bred.

Household names such as actor Shaun Dooley, radio presenter Stephanie Hirst and Egyptologist Prof Joann Fletcher all listed Mel as having a major influence and impact on their careers.

And in 2019, her lifelong commitment to culture in her hometown was rewarded when she was made an MBE in the Queen's birthday honours list.

Speaking at the time, Mel, of Staincross, said: "It came as a complete surprise but I'm absolutely over the moon with the news. I don't see it as a personal achievement, it's something for Barnsley and everyone I've come across during the last 50 years."

Mel always insisted one of her proudest achievements came at Willowgarth High School when she spearheaded a 'book-in-a-day' project, with contributions from miners, families, school children and celebrity supporters.

She said: "Culture and the arts have been a big part of my life. I've used the stories of high achievers from the town to help inspire others – to dream realistically.

"I was an English teacher at Willowgarth High School in Grimethorpe during the miners' strike and the resilience of the community is something I'll never forget. If you've forgotten your roots, and they are Barnsley, go back and dig them up, use them as part of your elbow, because they will get you there..."

Mel's funeral was at noon on Wednesday, August 9 at St Mary's Church, Barnsley, followed by cremation at Ardsley and then a wake at the Holiday Inn, Dodworth.

<https://www.wearebarnsley.com/news/15632/tributes-to-inspirational-mel>

EXCURSION TO THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM
THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023

We had a very memorable day at the National Arboretum (Staffordshire) on the 7th September. The weather was absolutely glorious with lots of areas to rest in the shade. Elaine Jackson, Vicky Myers and myself headed first to the Burma War Memorial Monument, Elaine and myself both having fathers who served in Burma in the 2nd World War.



Courtesy of Doreen Piper

Vicky kindly took a photograph of us at the Memorial, which will go into our family history. (Front cover of this issue).

Thankfully both our fathers came back safely. Many were taken prisoner and forced to work on the infamous Thailand – Burma Railway, sections of which are placed near the Memorial a reminder of the treatment the prisoners of war suffered. The Army, Navy and Air Force Special Forces area had the stories of the men and women, many of which did not survive, having been taken prisoners as spies and executed. There are so many Memorial Gardens to visit; each one having special memories for someone. Being so quiet and beautiful it is something that we will always remember and most probably return to.

Doreen Piper

AUTUMN SCRAMBLE WORDS QUIZ



See how you get on, some are easier than others, as usual.

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. VLSEAE | Trains hate these |
| 2. DHRYEAI | Harvest Treat |
| 3. LLOEHWANE | Autumn 'celebration' |
| 4. SCYO | Feels good-mmmm |
| 5. PAELP ICERD | Tastes good |
| 6. PPMUNIK | Scary! |
| 7. IRNMIAGTO | Swifts do it |
| 8. OHT CAHCOEOTL | Makes you feel warm |
| 9. GATYDLIH SVGIANS | End of October, perhaps? |
| 10. ATOFBLOL | Weekend fixture |
| 11. GGSNATVHNIKI | American party |
| 12. EPPLA EIP | A favourite for tea |
| 13. KRICT RO ARTET | Look at number three |
| 14. TTLAE | Think "Starbucks" |
| 15. SETAREWS | An Autumn essential |
| 16. ICLLYH | Brrrr! |
| 17. UMOESTC | I'll be a Witch |
| 18. OTSOB | Essential |
| 19. RNCO EMZA | Gone by the middle of September |
| 20. LEEECF AKTCEJ | A definite for a walk |

Margaret Williams Search Officer/General Secretary

USING THE GRO's NEW DIGITAL IMAGES SCHEME

For those of us who need to purchase birth, marriage or death certificates from the GRO it has always been an expensive process, with a need for patience whilst you waited, often a week or more, for the certificate, which could make all of the difference to your research to arrive. I can remember when I first began my family history research visiting St Catherine's House in London. Here I would grapple with the huge volumes, whilst my mum would record the results of our searches by putting ticks or crosses on my recording sheet depending on if we had any luck or not. At the end of the day we would collapse in exhaustion on the train home.

Once you found the elusive reference you then had to pay, if I remember correctly, £15 at one time. Then wait up to a week for the SAE to arrive, postmarked Southport. I remember the huge excitement when it turned out to be the correct person on the certificate but also the crushing disappointment when it wasn't, followed by the realisation that I had "wasted" quite a lot of money buying what was "obviously" with hindsight the wrong person's details!

Over time it got easier, cheaper and quicker with the advent of pdfs which cost £7 and would be sent direct to your laptop within 4 working days, although occasionally one arrived earlier.

Now, depending upon the years you are interested in, you can get instant certificates online with the GRO's Digital Images service. It costs £2.50 per copy and certainly makes speculative purchases a lot less painful if it turns out to be a wrong assumption. I have found it extremely useful and am now beginning to flesh out my research by purchasing certificates for various great aunts and uncles as well as my direct ancestors.

Where it is especially good is when you examine your tree for ancestors who lived in the 18th century, but who died in the late 1830s to early 1840s as this can take you way back before the start of the England and Wales censuses. With death certificates it can be useful as the informant could be a relative, although you often won't be told the relationship, that's still research for us to carry out! However, you get the age of the deceased person, address where they died and cause of death. It is worth remembering that these details are only as accurate as the informant giving the information, if that person is a neighbour, or master of the workhouse then the details may not be 100% accurate.

For the same time period birth certificates will give you the names of both parents, if it was a legitimate birth, again helping your progress beyond the 1841 census, especially with the mother's maiden name being provided.

To order one of the digital images you need to login to the online certificate ordering service of the GRO:

<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/login.asp>

If you don't already have an account there is a link to Register lower down the page: <https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/register.asp?UserType=Individual>

Once into the site you can search the records by clicking on "Order a digital image" or "Search the GRO Indexes". I tend to opt for the latter for my searches, although having just tried the former link, it appears to take you to the same search page! It should be noted that marriages cannot be searched, only birth or death registrations.

There is an online guide to this digital service which can be accessed via this link:

<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/images/CGOVPublicBeta.pdf>

This document tells you that once you have paid for your digital image it will be immediately available to you as a jpeg. You have access to this certificate for 3 months, so it is best to download it onto your laptop as soon as possible.

I wrote previously in the October 2022 of the Barnsley FHS journal about how to download these images as I, as well as others I spoke to, had experienced some difficulties during the trial period with successfully saving these images. Now I have found a much easier way to save my certificates once I have opened them, which I'll explain later.

This online guide lists the dates available at present, for digital image downloads:

Births: from July 1837 to 100 years before the current date; so at present they are available up to September 1923.

Deaths: from 1837-1887

It is worth checking other years though as the GRO are hoping to add more years to this collection and I have found some later death certificates to be available.

How to order a digital image:

- 1) On the search page select births or deaths
- 2) Select the year you want to search. NB you can widen your search by using the +/- 2 years function
- 3) Enter the surname, forename and sex of the person you are looking

for. You can add more but I often find less is better for some reason and I often get better search results. However, you can add a second forename, registration district and even age at death.

- 4) On the list of names returned click onto the circle to the left of the person's name whose certificate you wish to order. See figure 1, page 13. Then your purchase options will appear; in this case there are 3 blue rectangles "Certificate" "PDF" and "Digital Image".
- 5) Click on "Digital Image" which takes you to another page, this confirms the GRO reference for this certificate and at the base of the page you have a box where you have the option to type in your own reference for the certificate. Once done click "submit".
- 6) On the next page you must click in the box at the base to confirm you have read this page, then click "submit" again.
- 7) This takes you to the basket summary page. From here you can either proceed to payment or you can click right at the base of the page to order more digital images. See figure 2, page 14.
- 8) Once you have entered your payment details you will get a prompt to say you've paid, click this and you will see a blue hyperlink within the information table. Click this to see your certificate.

Figure 3 on page 15 shows a certificate I bought this week for my 3x great gran Elizabeth ALLEN (nee JESSOP) who died in 1847 in Hemsworth. Click on the blue hyperlink indicated by the dotted arrow; [E/W Death Digital Image](#) . Don't click view details as this won't show you your certificate, just details of your order.

[Please **note that where the word 'Blue' is used** throughout this article, it will be in greyscale for the purpose of the journal but will appear in blue on your search screen.]

Name:	Age at Death (in years):
<input checked="" type="radio"/> SMART, MICHAEL GRO Reference: 1868 S Quarter in AXBRIDGE Volume 05C Page 380 Order this entry as a: Certificate PDF Digital Image	62
<input type="radio"/> SMART, REUBEN GRO Reference: 1868 D Quarter in READING Volume 02C Page 234	0
<input type="radio"/> SMART, RICHARD GRO Reference: 1868 M Quarter in MARYLEBONE Volume 01A Page 419	0
<input type="radio"/> SMART, RICHARD GRO Reference: 1868 S Quarter in EVESHAM Volume 06C Page 219	15
<input type="radio"/> SMART, RICHARD GRO Reference: 1868 D Quarter in BETHNAL GREEN Volume 01C Page 229	68
<input type="radio"/> SMART, ROBERT GRO Reference: 1868 S Quarter in MARYLEBONE Volume 01A Page 323	45
<input type="radio"/> SMART, ROBERT	6

Figure 1: shows results from a search for death of "Smart" in 1868. I have chosen the top entry as indicated, with the circle on the left being now highlighted in blue and the 3 option boxes appearing below.
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Basket Summary

The table below contains summary details of all applications currently in your basket.

Each row in the table represents an individual application.

Please use the buttons at the bottom of the table to 'checkout' or to continue with your order. The buttons to the right of each application row can be used to delete or edit an individual application.

If you wish to assign a reference number to the order then please enter this at the top of the form and click the button marked 'Set Ref' to do so.

Order Reference

Name	Item Type	Quantity	Delivery Method	Despatch Date (Est)	Customer Ref	Price	Actions	
MICHAEL SMART	E/W Death Digital Image	1	View Image Online	21 Sep 2023		£2.50	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

Year	Qtr	District	Vol	Page	Reg	Ent No	DOR
1868	Sept	AXBRIDGE	05C	380			

Shipping Method Summary		
Shipping Method	Quantity	Total
View Image Online	1 at £0.00	£0.00
Shipping Total:		£0.00

Order Total: £2.50

Please note: Delivery time should be added to the stated despatch date to calculate when your order should reach you.

Continue to payment

Or continue shopping:

[Order More Certificates or PDFs](#)
[Order more Digital Images](#)

Figure 2: Basket summary; **below the blue rectangle "continue to payment" is the hyperlink to [Order more Digital images](#)**

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My Recent Order Details

Please enter the COL Number of a specific order or start and end dates for the period you wish to view:

Please ensure that you download your PDF/Digital Image copy of an entry to your device within 3 months from notification that your order is placed. To download your PDF click on the View PDF button. Select "File" and "Save as" and save to a folder on your device. To view a Digital Image click on the link under the Item Type heading, the fourth button on the tool bar allows you to download a copy of the image.

Orders are only retained on the online ordering system for three months after which they are deleted, including any PDF documents or Online View digital images attached to the order.

COL Number: COL /
 Start Date: End Date:

Order Reference Number: COL451526/2023		Order Submitted: 18 Sep 2023 16:44			
Your Reference:		Order Amount: £2.50			
Name(s)	Item Type	Qty	Price	Your Reference	Despatch Date (Est)
ALLEN, ELIZABETH	E/W Death Digital Image	1	£2.50	Eliza Jessop death	19 Sep 2023 <input type="button" value="View Details"/>

Please note: Delivery time should be added to the stated despatch date to calculate when your order should reach you.

[Home](#) > [Online Ordering](#)

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Figure 3: my digital certificate order for my 3x great gran; the dotted arrow shows the hyperlink and where to click to view your certificate

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- This takes you to your certificate. Once there, to save the image, click on "File" in the top menu bar and then on "Export as PDF..." in the drop-down menu as shown in figure 4, page 16. I use a Mac so there may be some differences with saving on a Windows machine. Then I can choose where I want to save my image and it won't be lost after the 3 months storage time on the GRO website.

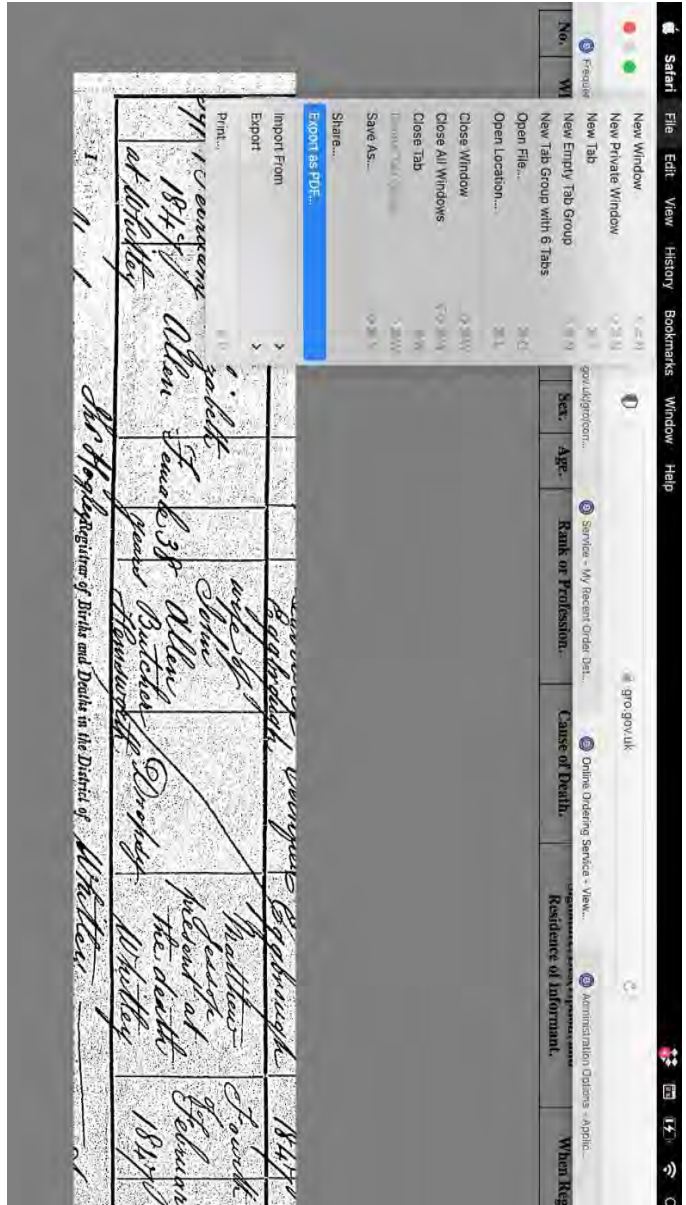


Figure 4: my certificate and the drop-down menu under "File" in the header bar.
 Source: www.gro.gov.uk ©Crown Copyright

I hope this helps with any queries you may have regarding using this service. I have found it extremely useful. Recently whilst in my local Record Office, I was able to download a certificate of someone I had "discovered" that morning during my research! If you would like further help or advice please do feel free to contact me on commem01@barnsleyfhs.co.uk
 Suzanne Court-Oak (member no 187)

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP NEWS SNIPPETS



As I mention in the Secretary's Update, from September each year, the Family History Community starts to offer more sources to researchers in the form of Family History Fairs and opportunities to find out more about their ancestors in the more specialist areas. This section will be a little shorter than usual because the information that I receive is not as plentiful in early Autumn.

WENTWORTH WOODHOUSE ON LOCATION COSTUME EXHIBITION

As many of you already know, the media industry has discovered what a gem Wentworth Woodhouse is for directors creating films and documentaries. This is a milestone event. There is a Costume Exhibition celebrating productions that have been filmed on location in the grand State Rooms. It is fascinating to have seen the film or television production then to have the opportunity to inspect the costumes in close up. *Downton Abbey*, *Gentleman Jack*, *Wives and Daughters*, *Jonathan Strange* and *Mr Norrell* and *Victoria* are just some of the major productions showcased.

The exhibition is on now and runs until Sunday November 5th. It is included in a General Admission ticket of £12-50. Advance booking is advisable.



In which production was this costume worn?

THE FAMILY HISTORY SHOWS

I mentioned in the last issue that the Family History Federation (was the Federation of Family History Societies) Really Useful Family History Show is on November 17th - 18th 2023; more details online at <https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com>

THE FAMILY HISTORY SHOW is a different event which may be more accessible to our members in the UK. There are shows next year Online, in the Midlands (new venue), York and London.

The timetable is :

- Online Saturday February 10th 2024
- Midlands Saturday March 16th 2024 at the Three Counties Showground in Malvern
- York Saturday June 22nd 2024 at York Racecourse
- London Saturday October 5th 2024 at Kempton Racecourse

At each event, there is an "Ask the Experts" stand where visitors can book a free one to one session and have their family history queries answered. There are Early Bird savings to be had if you wish to book ahead to plan your day.

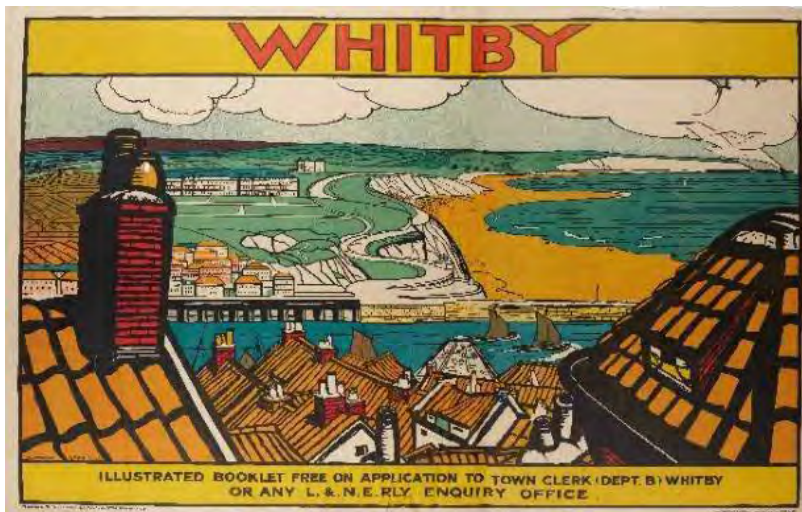
NORTH YORKSHIRE RECORDS

For people who have family connections in Yorkshire, especially the West and North Ridings, the North Yorkshire Records Office is a great source of a wide variety of information.

They currently have an exhibition, Welcome to the Railways of North Yorkshire running in Northallerton until November 30th 2023, Tuesday to Friday from 9-30 am to 4-00pm. There is free admission and no need to book.

For researchers and steam railway enthusiasts, this is a must. There are historic photographs, posters, timetables, the first line to be opened in the North Riding in 1832 and a plan of the Whitby and Pickering Railway. The latter is now the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, NYMR more colloquially; my husband and I know it well! We really enjoyed going to this exhibition.

From the 1830s, railways had a huge impact for business, transporting goods, leisure, holidays and day trips. Now, people could travel away from their own local area for work or pleasure; this had a significant effect on families as their members were able to go to places that were inaccessible to them previously.



L.N.E.R. RAILWAY POSTER

ANCESTRY PET DNA

This is a first from Ancestry. One can purchase a Pet DNA testing kit for £59.00. This appears to be aimed just at the canine community, at the moment.

During lockdown, many people bought dogs so it is reasonable to assume that there is a growing market for owners discovering more about their pet.

Breeds – you can find out about the breed, or mix of breeds, of your animal so that you can offer them the care just right for your dog.

Unique traits – helps an owner to understand the inherited behaviours, personality and appearance of their pet.

Genetic Matches – identify which other breeds within the Ancestry community match with your animal.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Every month, the BFHS receives updates from The National Archives in Kew.

"Spirit of Invention". This is showcasing creativity from the past to the present with the emphasis from the Victorian era to the present day. The activities are available up to Sunday October 29th.

"Step into a world of creativity from past to present – see original Victorian designs that capture the glorious imagination of Victorian Britain alongside designs from modern makers."

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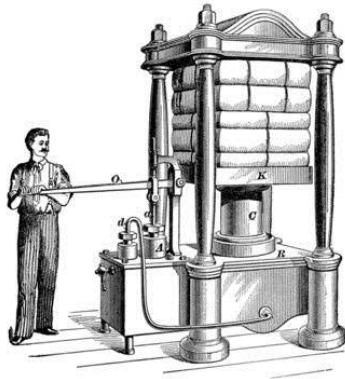
October 19th is the next meeting of the BFHS at Buckley Street Methodist Church Hall at 7-30pm. This will not now be a Members' Research Evening. Lizzie Jones will give us a talk on "Who Killed Cock Robin?"

November 16th is the last meeting in 2023. Richard Axe is giving the talk, it is always good to welcome him back.

I am always grateful to include any details of forthcoming events our members are aware of as they will be of interest to others. Do please contact me on search@barnsleyfhs.co.uk

Margaret E. Williams (Secretary and Search Officer, BFHS)

THE SPIRIT OF INVENTION

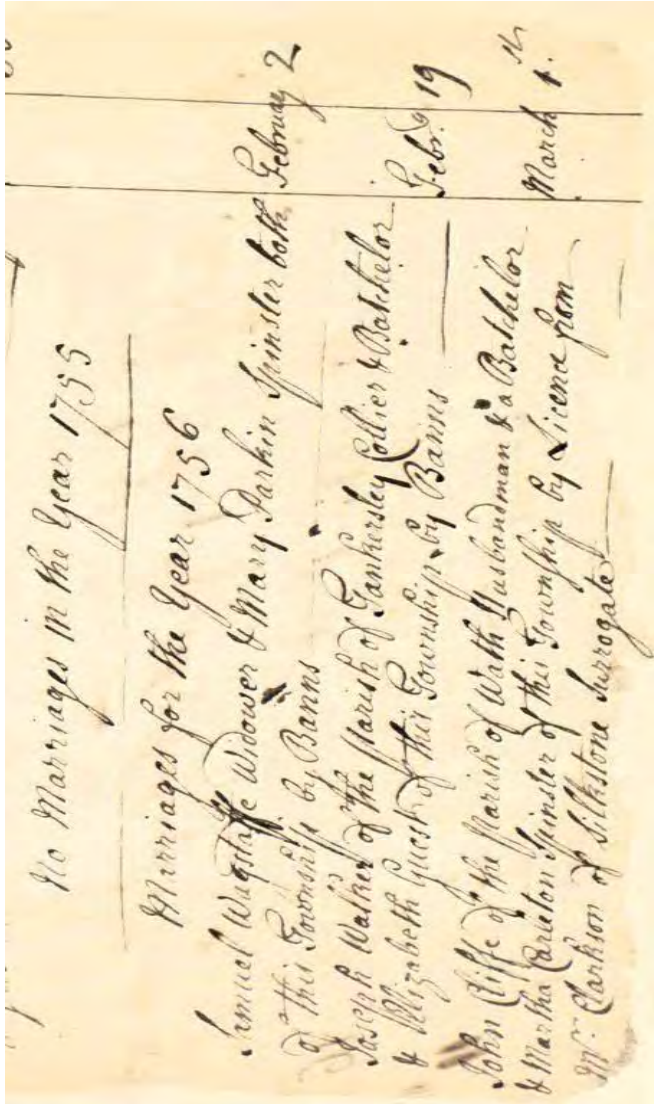


Joseph Bramah was born in Stainborough in 1748. He invented many things, including the first water closet. He was granted a patent for his hydraulic press in 1795. It uses Pascal's principle from 1647, that pressure throughout a closed system is constant. This was known for some time but no one had realised how effective and compact a machine could be. All hydraulic presses are still known as Bramah Presses.

Roger de Mercado

INTERESTING THINGS IN PARISH RECORDS AND CENSUS

Jane Ainsworth has provided us with some interesting records that she found in the registers of Worsbrough St Mary (called Darfield Chapelry as St Mary's in town centre was called Silkstone Chapelry).



1755 = John Cliffe - Married by Licence - Surrogate - I haven't come across this before, presumably a legal expression at the time.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911

Form for the Enumeration of the Population in the District of the House, as well as the Buildings of the House.

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NAME AND RESIDENCE	PERSONS IN THE HOUSE	RELATIONS IN THE HOUSE	INDUSTRY OR OCCUPATION	RELIGION	EDUCATION	REMARKS
1. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	4	Head	None	Anglican	None	
2. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	40	Wife	None	Anglican	None	
3. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	28	Daughter	None	Anglican	None	
4. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	17	Son	None	Anglican	None	
5. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	17	Son	None	Anglican	None	
6. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	24	Daughter	None	Anglican	None	
7. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	24	Daughter	None	Anglican	None	
8. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	24	Daughter	None	Anglican	None	
9. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	24	Daughter	None	Anglican	None	
10. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	24	Daughter	None	Anglican	None	
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12. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	24	Daughter	None	Anglican	None	
13. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	24	Daughter	None	Anglican	None	
14. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	24	Daughter	None	Anglican	None	
15. Royal Oak House, 100, High Street, London, E.C. 4.	24	Daughter	None	Anglican	None	

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I came across this 1911 census and love the boy's name, Royal Oak Houseley (second from bottom) - do you think he may have been born there?

Our Editor Roger de Mercado did a bit more research and tells us that FamilySearch shows that Royal went through life baptised, married and died as Royal.

Burials 1756.			
Sarah Tasher a poor Woman	—	Apr ^l	10 th
George Charleworth an Infant	—	May	12 th
John an Infant of George Parkins Carpenter	—	June	11 th
William Bellaby Farmer	—	June	19 th
a Child of Joseph Bedfords	—	June	20 th
a Child of George Burgans	—	June	20 th
Jane Wife of John Kitchen of Sheffields	—	June	14 th
William Smith	—	June	21 st
Oliver Mowbray a Foundling Child from London	—	June	27 th
John Geay a Foundling Child	—	July	2 nd
Min Wood Widow	—	July	28 th
Fanny Binter a Foundling	—	Aug st	2 nd
Elizabeth Conright a Foundling	—	Aug st	2 nd
Amund Page a Foundling	—	Aug st	20 th
Ann Birtwhshaw Widow.	—	Sept ^r	24 th
Emothy & Thomas Sons of George Wilamith Clark both Infants	—	October	14 th
James Son of Benjamin Hammonds Farmer	—	Sept ^r	20 th
Ann Lual a Foundling	—	Oct ^r	14 th
Lawrence Shephers a Foundling	—	Nov ^r	15 th
John Gilbert a Foundling	—	Decem ^r	2 nd
Elizabeth Daughter of Richard Caward Brauainer	—	Decem ^r	18 th
Jane Daughter of Widow Rock a Young Woman	—	Feb ^r	24 th
Francis South a Young Man	Taylor	Feb ^r	25 th
Elizabeth and Nathaniel Son & Daughter of Thomas Shaw Farmer	—	Feb ^r	26 th
Sarah Wife of Matthew Hall Labourer	—	Feb ^r	26 th
Elizabeth Parker a Foundling	—	Feb ^r	27 th
William Son of the Reverend Mr. Dixon Lecturer	—	Feb ^r	28 th
Martha Wife of Thomas Wadsworth	—	March	24 th

1756 - useful details but why so many foundling children in Worsbrough at this time?

A Copy of Samuel Seddon's Esq. Secretary to the Governors of
 Bounty of Queen Anne, as Follows. viz. *Printed Letter.*

I am ordered by the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne, to let you know
 that your Living of Worborough was augmented with Two Hundred Pounds part of the said
 Bounty; and that Interest of the said Two Hundred Pounds will be allowed to you from
 Michaelmas 1766 at Two Pounds p Cent. so that Michaelmas 1767 there was due
 to you £4 for One Years Interest on Condition that your Discretion or his Register certify
 that you are the Curate duly nominated and licensed to the augmented Living. Upon such
 Certificate, and a Receipt for the Interest sent to the Treasurer S. Jeffry Thwes the Interest
 will be paid Half Yearly by the said Treasurer at Mr Sandby's Bookstall opposite St. Dun-
 stons Church Fleet Street to any Person who brings a proper Receipt for the same
 all of your own Hand Writing Every Day (Sundays and Holy Days excepted) from
 Lady Day to Midsummer, and from Michaelmas to Christmas, between the Hours of
 Ten and One of the Clock in the Forenoon. You are to use your best Endeavour
 to find out a Purchase of Lands or Tithes wherein the principal Money is to be invested
 for a perpetual Augmentation of the Living. And this it behoves you to do, since the Inter-
 est is not ordered to be paid for more than One year; in which time, 'tis probable that
 with due Care, such Purchase may be found. As soon as you hear of a Purchase, you
 send me an Account where the Estate proposed to be purchased lies; and if the
 Whole or any Part thereof be Copyhold, the Fine must be certain, and the Consent of the
 Lord of the Manor obtained.

Præcedently
 Nov. 14. 1767

I am S^r
 your Humble servant
 Sam. Seddon Secy

The Form of a Receipt to be given to the Treasurer

Received of S. Jeffry Thwes Treasurer to the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne
 &c. The Sum of Four Pounds for One Years — being Half a Years Interest due on
 Lady Day last past of Michaelmas Day 1767 Appropriated by the said Governors for
 the Augmentation of the Curacy of Worborough in the County and Diocese of York.
 I say received by me Jeremiah Dixon Curate of Worborough this Day &c. n.B. Some paid
 after 20 years

From Oct. 10. 1770 removed from Sandby's to Mr. Nicholls's Carver and Quilber
 in Long Lane, where it is now paid.

1767 - I've never come across info about Queen Anne's Bounty in PRs before.

Permission from The National Archives for the use of the records.

Jane Ainsworth

MEMORIES OF BARNLSLEY

I have subscribed to 'Memories of Barnsley' for several years now, and every issue is as interesting as the previous one.

This is a quarterly magazine that looks back over Barnsley history, including stories and photographs, information and fun as well as the serious side. The information is taken from various sources including readers' experiences and memories. It 'recounts the events that shaped the lives of our ancestors'. Some I have heard about and learned more from the article, and a great deal is new to me. All of it has held my attention.

The very first edition was published in the spring of 2007 and the latest edition dropped on my doormat a few days ago, Autumn 2023.

It is interesting that on the cover of the first and most recent issue, transport is featured (see pictures the back cover of this journal). It goes from 'Taking the Tram in the 1900s (issue 1) to 'The Glory Days of Barnsley's Bus Operators' (issue 67), with many articles about different modes of Barnsley transport in the issues between, for example trains in issues 62 and 64.



A Tram at Worsbrough Bridge Terminus



One of my favourite articles in issue one, p6, is about Royston born collier, footballer and comedian Charlie Williams MBE 1927-2006. Interestingly, Charlie's funeral took place at another St Mary's Church in Worsbrough and he is buried in the overspill churchyard nearby.

The latest issue takes us back to 1950s and 1960s fireworks (p6). It takes me back to my own childhood.

"A farmer caught a little lad up one of the trees in his orchard. He said 'Hey - what are you dong up there?'"



The little lad said 'One of your apples has fallen off and I'm trying to put it back!'"

Charlie Williams and one of his funnies



1950s and 1960s fireworks



I only ever liked the sparklers and then someone else had to be holding them - away from me!

The article about the Barnsley Coat of Arms certainly taught me a lot I didn't know.

Barnsley's Coat of Arms

Barnsley was granted its coat of arms in 1869. A miner and a glassblower were added in 1913, the year that Barnsley became a county borough, after the town's population exceeded 50,000 at the 1911 census. The two figures represent the two major industries which the town was built upon. These were not the only industries however, with linen, tanning and iron works also earning a living for many of those living in 'black' Barnsley (so-called because of the colour of the soil). There was also of course the market, which has seen a decline in recent decades but used to stretch right through the town centre.

The former local authority areas were grouped together to form the metropolitan borough in 1974. These are represented in a 14 point escarbunde resting under the griffon's paw, showing the strength of the 14 areas combined. The symbol of the escarbunde is often used in heraldry and has been said to symbolize supremacy, dating back to an iron device used to strengthen shields in ancient wars.

At the top of the shield, the cross between two covered cups represents Monk Bretton Priory which was built in 1154 and dissolved in 1539.

The two shuttles represent the linen trade which was prosperous in Barnsley in the 18th century. Joseph Beckett was regarded as the 'father of the Barnsley linen trade'. Shuttles are a tool used in weaving, they are often made of wood and are passed back and forth on a loom to weave the thread.

The falcon and the padlock on the shield are taken from the coat of arms of Joseph Locke, the notable civil engineer who was the chief engineer on many of Britain's major railways. His widow dedicated Locke Park to his memory when he died in 1862 and gave it to the town.

The two bears' heads are taken from the coat of arms of the Becketts, a prominent family in the town. Amongst their interests in Barnsley were banking, groceries, the linen trade and Beckett's Hospital which opened in 1865.

The ground area upon which the glassblower stands is a representation of the Borough's rural areas.

'Spectemur Acendo' meaning 'Judge us by our Actions'.

The importance of the mining industry to the town is evident as there are two references to it on the coat of arms: the mining figure and the crossed pick axes on the central shield. Many Barnsley pits closed in the 1960s, and the last of them closed in the mid-1990s after bitter strikes in the 1870s and 1960s, with Arthur Scargill as the Yorkshire NUM president.

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Courtesy of Memories of Barnsley

The Memories of Barnsley magazines have countless interesting articles that I cannot list here, but they include miners' strikes, the 'Great Canal Burst', life during the wars, diseases, theatre, holiday destinations, 'A Childhood Christmas' and many more.

The first and a few following editions are currently out of print but you can read it on the Memories of Barnsley website www.memoriesofbarnsley.co.uk

You can subscribe to Memories of Barnsley by clicking the Subscribe link, and you can buy a full range of back issues from the Back Issues page.

You can also have your own memories of Barnsley published on the magazine's Readers' Page, along with any photographs you send in. Click on the Contribute link if you'd like to submit photos or write an article for the magazine; your photos will even be in the online Gallery.

Many thanks to the Barnsley Chronicle and Memories of Barnsley.

Shirley Sura

AUTUMN QUIZ ANSWERS

1. LEAVES
2. HAYRIDE
3. HALLOWEEN
4. COSY
5. APPLE CIDER
6. PUMPKIN
7. MIGRATION
8. HOT CHOCOLATE
9. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
10. FOOTBALL
11. THANKSGIVING
12. APPLE PIE
13. TRICK OR TREAT
14. LATTE
15. SWEATERS
16. CHILLY
17. COSTUME
18. BOOTS
19. CORN MAZE
20. FLEECE JACKET

Margaret Williams Search Officer/General Secretary

TOM SELLECK – THE BARNLSLEY CONNECTION

I have heard a lot recently about a possible the connection between American actor Tom Selleck (Magnum) and Barnsley. Links through his maternal line have now been proven thanks to the research of Dave Cherry, Jane Ainsworth and Lin Taylor. I'm not going to give you all the details here because that would spoil the fun (if you don't know already). You can watch for yourselves the film "**Tom Selleck – The Barnsley Connection**" by Dave Cherry and John Irwin, on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoKBqyALM8E>



Jane Ainsworth and Dave Cherry Courtesy of the Barnsley Chronicle

Jane has very generously put all her research into the family (including Jagers) into two 40 sleeve display books to donate to Barnsley Archives – with various photos and information about her book, Victims of the Oaks Colliery Disaster 1847.

I mention this book because it has many links with the film, historical Barnsley and her collieries, history, social conditions and difficulties. As Jane herself says, "Some amazing and tragic stories!" Thank you Jane.

Jane also reminded us that the Barnsley Holgate Grammar School Memorial Service is at 10.30 am on Thursday 9th November at Shaw Lane Sports Club, Shaw Lane, Barnsley, S70 6HZ.

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.

1972 Mr Ralph Pickering

1973 Mr Mark Cooke

1974 Mr Mike Marsden

Elaine Jackson

MEMBERS INTERESTS OCTOBER 2023

Mem. No.	1612	Margaret Brahney		
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Farnsworth	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Any
Gibson	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	After 1900
Gibson	Bradford	WRY	ENG	After 1900
Victory	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Before 1800
Victory	Monk Bretton	WRY	ENG	Before 1800
Victory	All	All	IRL	Before 1800

Mem. No.	1972	Ralph Pickering of Kintradwell		
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Beaumont	Cawthorne	WRY	ENG	1600-1800
Beaumont	Darton	WRY	ENG	1600-1800
Pickering	Darton	WRY	ENG	1600-1840
Pickering	Mapplewell	WRY	ENG	1600-1840
Pickering	Silkstone	WRY	ENG	1600-1840

Mem. No.	1974	Mike Marsden		
Surname	Location	County	Country	Period
Marsden	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	Before 1915
Rooke	ANY	ANY	ANY	Before 1915
Wills	Willington Quay	NBL	ENG	Before 1895

Notes:

My Dad was Cedric Rooke Wills Marsden, born out of wedlock 7th February 1915 at 9 Day St, Barnsley; I have his birth certificate. Mother Ada Allan Wills age 20 of 2 Gladstone Street, Willington Quay, Newcastle, on the banks of the River Tyne.

Cedric's father's surname was Rooke. I have no verified documentation or certificates of registration, apart from the birth certificate previously mentioned, as I have only just begun my research.

Any guidance or help will be appreciated.

[Mike contacted Margaret to help with researching his ancestors; the **following notes are Margaret's findings and suggestions**]

Ada Allan Wills was born 11/01/1895/6, attended Bewicke Infants' School Willington, Northumberland, according to school registers 1870 - 1914 in the Tyne and Wear Archives. In the 1911 census, Ada Allan Wills was age 15, living at 2 Gladstone Street, Willington Quay, Parish of Wallsend.

Parents were Charles Will, age 46 Blacksmith born 1865 and Ada Will aged 40 born 1871.

In this 1911 census brother and sister-in-law Thomas and Mary were living with them. The Allan surname seems to be a family name.

Ada A Wills married Frank Marsden in Tynemouth in 2nd quarter of 1916 (Vol 10b page 592 BMD Records).

1939 Register has an Ada A Marsden, born 1/11/1896, working as a Cook at Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Flixton, North Riding of Yorkshire.

Is it possible that Ada had met Mr Rooke in her home area then travelled to relatives in Barnsley to have the baby as she was only 19 years old and unmarried? I don't think that Ada travelled far from her northeast roots in Northumberland/ North Yorkshire during her life.

Jeff Chambers

SURNAME SEARCH INDEX

Surnames uploaded to the Barnsley FHS 'Surname Search Index' between 1st June, 2023 and, 30 September, 2023.

Beaumont; Farnsworth; Gibson; Pickering; Victory, Marsden, Rooke, Wills.

Jeff Chambers

SEARCH SERVICES

The Society offers its members free searches – there is now no limit (within reason, of course!). Our fees for search services for non-members are at 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

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.

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

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DIARY DATES

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

19 th October [changed from research evening]	Lizzie Jones Who Killed Cock Robin - unsolved Elizabethan mysteries.
16 th November	Richard Axe Yorkshire Diocese Cause Papers held at the Borthwick, with focus on BFHS families and parishes. Plus Social Evening.
December	Christmas Break
18 th January 2024	New Year Break
15 th February 2024	AGM

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