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September
2017

Welcome to our September
eNewsletter

Wikipedia says: A harvest festival is an annual celebration that occurs around the time of the main harvest of a given region. Given the differences in climate and crops around the world, harvest festivals can be found at various times at different places. Harvest festivals typically feature feasting, both family and public, with foods that are drawn from crops that come to maturity around the time of the festival. Ample food and freedom from the necessity to work in the fields are two central features of harvest festivals: eating, merriment, contests, music and romance are common features of harvest festivals around the world.



In Britain, thanks have been given for successful harvests since pagan times. Harvest festival is traditionally held on the Sunday near or of the Harvest Moon. This is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox (22 or 23 September). The celebrations on this day usually include singing hymns, praying, and decorating churches with baskets of fruit and food in the festival known as Harvest Festival, Harvest Home, Harvest Thanksgiving or Harvest Festival of Thanksgiving.

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**Committee Members Standing
for re-elections**

Chair
Linda Jackson



Vice Chair
Keith Fanshawe



Secretary
eNewsletter
Assistant Web Master
Programme Organiser
Event Co-ordinator
Dena Fanshawe



Editor &
Surname Interest
Co-ordinator
Exchange Magazine
Co-ordinator
Lynne Earland



Printing and Promotional
Material
Terry Cocking



Librarian
Minutes Secretary
Julia Wragg



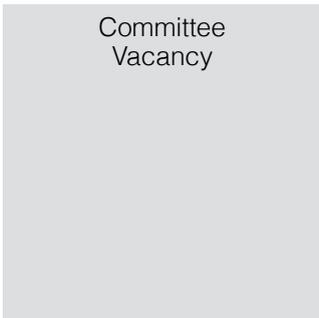
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re-standing as
committee



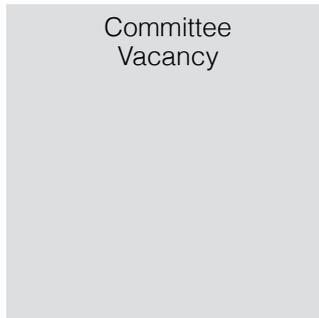
Committee and Raffle
Dena Mountain



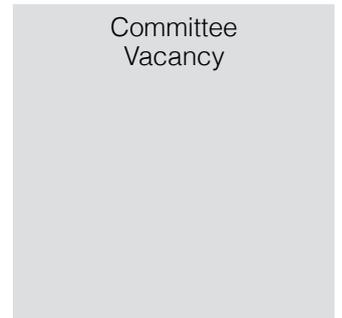
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A message from your secretary

I am taking the unprecedented steps to release a transcript of my end of year report that I shall read at the AGM.

My report will be short as I am sure Linda our Chair and Ken our Treasurer will bring you comprehensive reports on the Society and its Finances.

I want to take you back to 2012.

In the June of that year the society almost closed. Finances and moral was low, falling numbers attending the meetings and new committee members difficult to find. A SGM was called in the June and the members resoundingly voted for the society to continue.

So at the AGM in the September 2012 a new but reduced committee for Chesterfield & District Family History Society was formed with the aim to become one of the country's leading and most forward thinking 'Family History Societies'.

I became secretary at that September's AGM and have been in that role ever since but picking more roles on the way.

Keith somewhat reluctantly took over the Chair as we needed one and did a super job until our current Chair Linda Jackson joined us and relieved him of that role, literally.

Our mission statement reads:

Chesterfield & District Family History Society aims to be one of the country's leading and most forward thinking 'Family History Societies'.

Providing a strong base to enable our members to develop and grow as 'Family History' researchers.

We aim to foster a positive experience and environment, through creative and innovative, and related services for our members.

I believe this is the society has it stands today and it also as many plans in the pipeline for the future.

So I have now been your Secretary since the AGM of September 2012 and although the work has been hard I have enjoyed it very much and am proud to have been part of the committee and its achievements over this five year period. The achievements are due to the hard work of the committee and it's members as we have all taken part in taking Chesterfield & District Family History Society from strength to strength. We now have a healthy membership and are in a strong position with a great opportunity for further growth, to make our society one of the best. But the society can't run by name alone.

The Future of the Society

Two years ago I gave the committee three years notice to me standing down as Secretary and so I will give the society one years notice this year at the AGM / today.

I have said I would still like to remain involved with the society, for example with external support by continuing producing the newsletter and with webmaster support and also our now annual event.

This will hopefully release me to do more of my own research but also some freedom to help others with their research too which currently I don't seem to have time too.

I have talked about the strength of the society and opportunity for the future but there is one flaw on that as we have one major weakness and this will lead to a threat to the society if more changes in its culture does not take place from today at the AGM.

What weakness you may wonder?

The answer to this is easy, it is our society's inability to recruit new committee members, this is nothing new and has been the major risk to the society's survival for many many years.

But times are changing and it is now the time to ask our members and so yourselves a question.

- Do you want to see the society survive?

If the answer is yes then another question to ask oneself is:

What can I do?

How may I contribute?

None Committee Posts

and is why we have always been open to members helping us without the commitment of the committee. Our Librarian, Minute Secretary and Assistant Membership Secretary have all been posts held in the past by None Committee, but by our members.

The irony is that our society needs new custodians to ensure its future for those who follow on from us, to keep a legacy going for those who want to know about the people of the past.

What these roles may look like

Next year a new Secretary role will look like this and will be very different than mine:

The Secretary role is to support the society and the chair.

- Will need to be computer literate.
- Answer emails and correspondence on behalf of the society.
Answer queries and forward to the appropriate persons.
- Attend committee meetings.
- Attend monthly meetings.
- Contribute in the preparation and clearing up of the venue at monthly meetings.

Ideally with an **Assistant Secretary**

A Programme Organiser is required. I would work this year with a new programme organiser and hand over the resources I have in the hope that by 2018 the organiser would be in a position to continue this role on their own.

Membership Secretary

- The new membership Secretary would be taught how to update our on-line memberships system, which is not difficult and does most of the work.
- Collate paper records to keep for the society, and liaise with the 'Surname Interests' person who is currently Lynne Earland and work also with none committee person Margaret Linacre our assistant membership Secretary.
- From time to time it may be necessary to liaise with the Treasurer member payments.

Accounts person. This could be a none committee role.

This person would need to be able to use spreadsheets.

- Have access to a computer and a telephone.
The spreadsheets are already set up and just need the figures adding.
- Training would be given to anyone willing to take on this role.
It is not extensive and an hour a month would see this through and a couple of hours at the end of the year.

This person would liaise with the Treasurer and need not necessarily be a committee member.

A Treasurer. We are in need of a new Treasurer this year but if we can't find one this year we will definitely need by September 2018

Committee members.

Are asked to attend as many committee meetings per year as they can? We hold 11 committee meetings per year and are once a month and now exclude December. They are currently held for a couple of hours on a Sunday morning. If there is a need to re-arrange every endeavour is made to accommodate people's other commitments, holidays etc.

Please note : if there is a full compliment of a committee, the less we need a full committee to attend.

Committee members are also asked to attend as many of the monthly meetings as they can and help in the preparation of the room and the clearing up of the same.

Vice Chair will be needed by September 2018.

This role is to stand in for the chair in the chair absence. Otherwise the same a other committee role.

Other roles that you may like to get involved with?

- A write up writer re the Monthly Meetings.
- I need an assistant secretary.
- Researchers, who will help others.
- People with computer skills, research skills, various business skills that are needed.
- Take part in projects.
- Brawn to help set up the room on Meeting nights
- And those without brawn too. ;o)

Expression of thanks for our none committee helper during the year.

The A team with our refreshments Pam Kemp / Gail & Doreen Rodgers / Marion Yeldham.
Raffle - Dena Mountain. Keith Feltham. Also to those who bring raffle prizes.

Assistant Membership Secretary - Margaret Linacre

Web Master - Martin Mosley.

And thank you to you all for your feedback and support throughout the year.

We could not manage with out your help.

Our current Treasurer Ken Sanderson is standing down at the AGM

so we need new TREASURER / accounts person

This person will be offered help and support into the role.

Storage

We will also be needing storage room shortly.

Are you able to store one box from the Library?

Our September Meeting
Welcome Reception with buffet and drinks
& AGM Registration

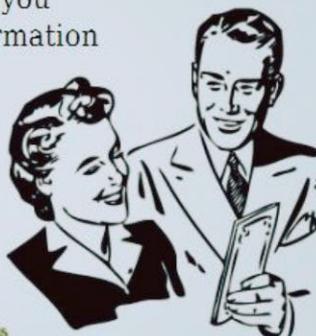
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AGM to proceed at 7.30pm

Same time - Same place

You know you're addicted
to genealogy when you
can give more information
about the long
deceased from
memory than you
can about the
living.



Twisted Twigs
on gnarled branches

Many thanks to Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches



The National Archives

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Follow us on our website:

www.cadfhs.org

Member Benefits All Aboard

Sharing an
interest with
like minded
people

Member's
'HOW TO GET
STARTED'
Information
Leaflet when
you join.

Reduced entry
into monthly
meetings

Receive
Quarterly
Magazines

Access to our
'Comprehensive
Library'

Regular
eNewsletters,
subject to us
having your email
address

An Opportunity to
share your surname
interests. (Those
people you are
looking frond where
from?)

- Website - Member access to a dedicated area where:
- Members can have their tree uploaded to our built in software: 'Family Tree Connect.' Once your tree has been added you can work on the tree and build it with out leaving our website This also connects our members and gives us access to our fellow members surname interest too. Can search surnames alphabetically.
 - Access to back copies of every magazine and newsletter ever produced by the society.
 - Exchange Magazines from other societies and
 - Case studies which can help you with your own research.
 - members Interest to be added shortly.

* This is only accessible to members, this area is constantly
* being updated.

Changes are coming in October 2017

We Are On The Move
We are moving just 1 mile down the road.

Whittington Moor is the home of our new venue and is Whittington Moor Methodist Church



Whittington Moor Methodist Church
Scarsdale Road
Whittington Moor
Chesterfield
S41 8NA

Change of Day to Wednesday

[See Forthcoming events page 8]

We have been unable to secure a regular Tuesday in the month at any of the suitable venues we have considered.

The first Wednesday of the month is the closest

A NEW ERA

A new opportunity for our members.

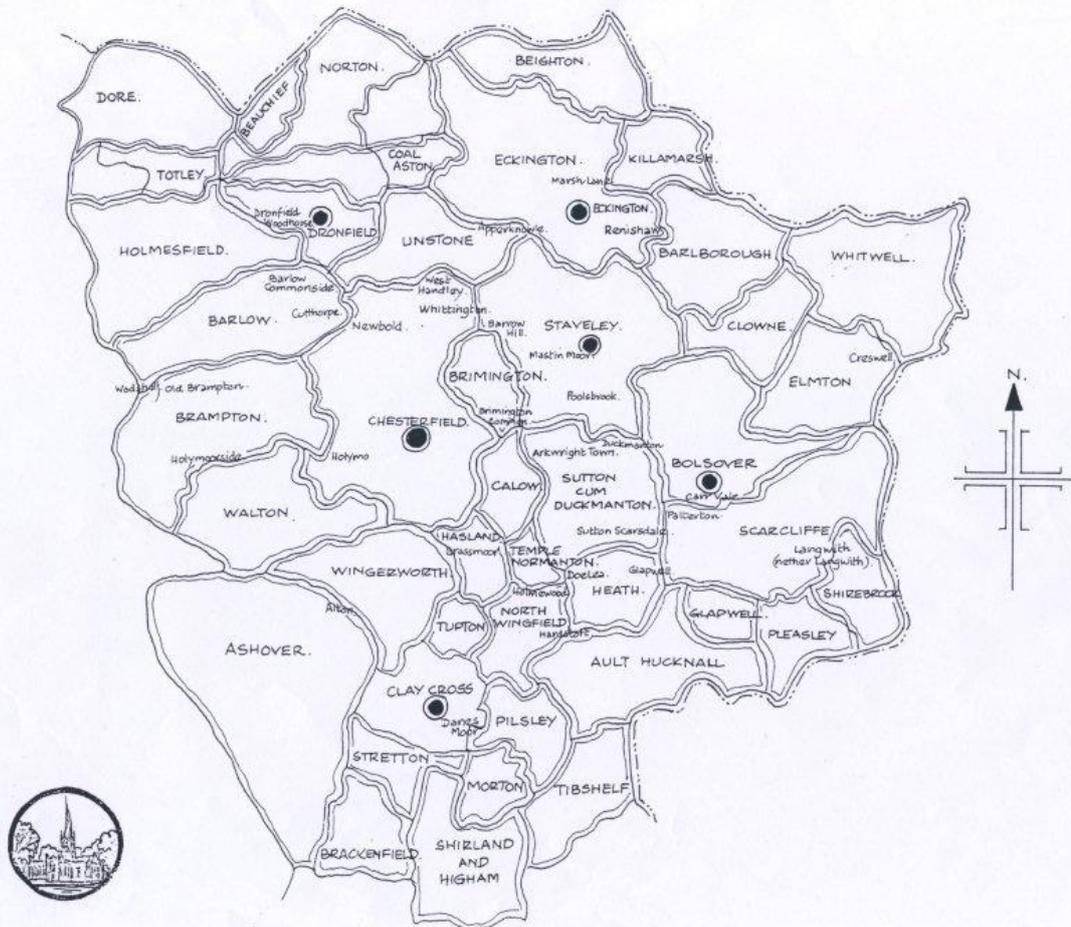
The new venue is in a really good location where all routes in and around Chesterfield converge at this round about.

Bus stops close by and major bus route run to here.

Direct line from Town Centre and Railway.

Date	Forth coming events
<p>Sept 5th 2017</p> <p>6:45pm for 7:30pm</p>	<p>Chesterfield & District Annual General Meeting</p> <p>Registration and Reception with Buffet at 6:45 pre AGM Meeting will begin at 7:30pm</p>
<p>Sept 14th 2017</p>	<p><u>Bristol & Avon FHS Family History Society Family History Fair</u></p>
<p>Sept 23rd</p>	<p>Chesterfield Museum.</p>
<p>Sept 30th</p>	<p><u>Mosborough Community History Day.</u> <u>Joseph Stone Centre, School Street.</u></p>
<p>Wednesday Oct 4th</p>	<p>At our NEW Venue</p> <p>A Soldier's Story with James Clarke</p>
<p>Oct 14th 2017</p>	<p><u>Doncaster Family & Local History Fair (with Craft Stalls)</u></p>
<p>Wednesday Nov 1st</p>	<p><u>At our NEW Venue</u></p> <p><u>In My Grandfather's Footsteps with Eric Chambers</u></p>
<p>2018 May 19th</p>	<p><u>CADFHS's 2018 SHOW CASE EVENT</u> <u>Family History, Local History and Heritage with Craft stalls.</u></p>
	<p>click here for: An online calendar of GENEalogical EVENTS and Activities</p>

Scarsdale 100 Area



The area that CADFHS covers.

Would you like to help with this Project?

We are wanting a photograph of a church near you! In the area CADFHS covers which is the Scarsdale 100 area.

see map above

Check for missing churches here:

<http://cadfhs.org/parish-churches-and-places-of-worship/>

Send your photos to web master - martin_mosley@me.com
