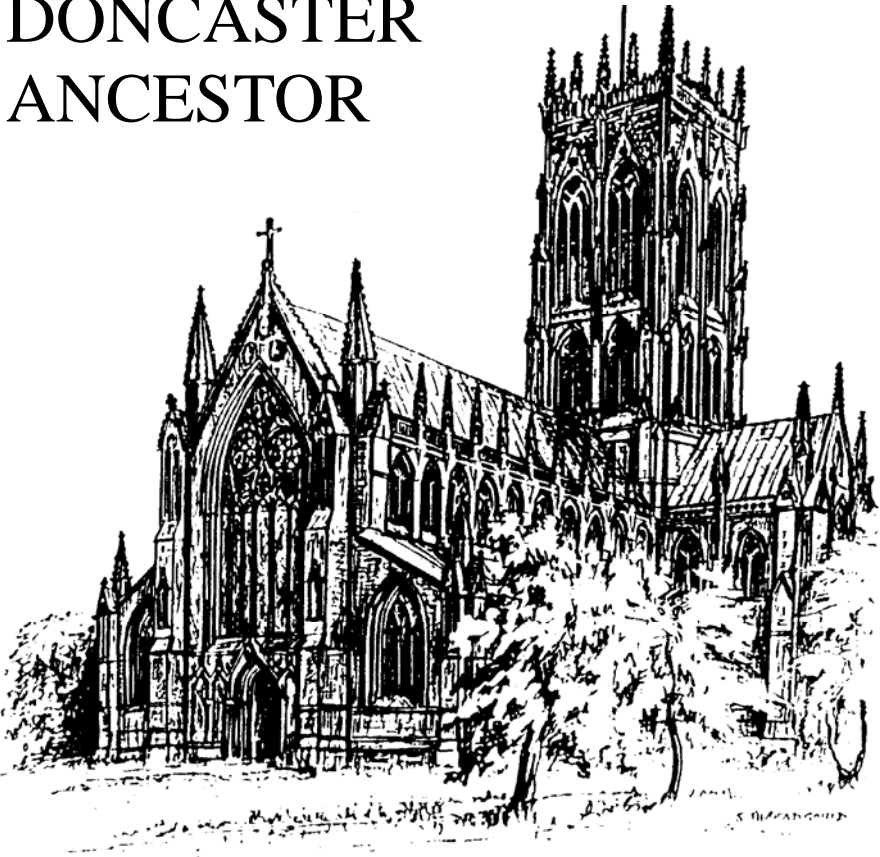


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Editor: Brenda Robb Editorial Team: Mr P Bowden, Mrs G Jennings, Mrs S Vessey

*Would you please send in any articles which are to be published  
in the Summer 2006 edition by 10 April 2006 at the latest*

# THE CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

This is my first annual Chairman's Report in this my first year as Chairman. I hope that I have met your expectations in what I can only describe as a busy and hectic year. As Gwen Jennings said in her Report last year, there is a sharp learning curve needed to take on the role of Chairman.

## **Celebrations**

During the course of the year we celebrated our 25th Anniversary at a meeting attended by over 150 members. We held an open day that celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War. This involved a great deal of input from dedicated volunteers and members who donated material, including an excellent display by Stella Vessey

We then had our Family History Day, where not only did I need to come on board quickly, but which involved a tremendous amount of lifting and shifting.

## **Acquisitions**

We have purchased new computers for the Palgrave Research Centre (PRC), and a range of new resource material including the Overseas Registers (see page 24) and more Census CDs.

## **Projects**

We have, during the course of the year, managed to produce six new CDs which include a full set of Inscriptions from the headstones of each of the 59 churchyards of the Archdeaconry of Doncaster, see page 25 for more details. We have produced three new books, two of which start a new series, Baptisms, with the first being Adlingfleet. There are also other projects in progress including the 1841, 1851 and 1901 census and other CDs and books due out shortly.

## **Palgrave Research Room**

We have implemented the new Policies & Procedures for the PRC, to comply with all necessary legislation. Researchers in the PRC did drop off slightly during the course of the year, but we have put this down to increased use of the internet. Those who come to the PRC not only use it as a social get together to meet other family historians but it enables them 'to put the meat on the bones', something you just can't get on the internet! The Society again has managed to provide members with free entry to the PRC offering great value for money.

## **Membership**

Yet again our membership has seen another year on year increase, not only are we attracting new members each year but we are retaining our loyal members who renew year after year.

Thanks to members filling in their gift aid forms when they renewed back in 2005 we managed to claim back a total of £2100 from the Inland Revenue (including back claims). This has enabled us to buy the new equipment.



## Courses

I mentioned in my first quarterly Chairman's Report that we would like to implement a range of courses and training. We have finished the year with nine different training courses being available, all free for members. Those who have been on the courses have said how informative they have been, and many have booked for more. (See page 16)

## Summary

This is the last Chairman's Report before the AGM and I hope that I have managed to continue the growth and momentum of the Society and that I have represented the Society in the manner you expect. I know that there is a small faction of the membership who have grumbled throughout the year and nothing I could have done would have avoided that. Both I and the present Committee have done everything in the Society's best interest, without any personal gain, to enable the Society to grow and move forward. It is down to the membership to act as they feel at the AGM and vote for whoever they feel is fit to lead the Society into 2007 and onward.

## Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has supported me during this year, and the kind words sent by many at membership renewal time. I would also like to thank everyone who has offered their time to volunteer for the many jobs that are needed to make the Society tick, without whom we could not operate. I would also like to thank those who have handed over the batons during the year and those who have taken over the various roles.

Thanks again for all the support over the last year and, who knows, I may be back again to write my fifth report!



*Sean Staniforth*  
Chairman

<b>Please note:</b> These are the next (inclusive) closure dates for the Palgrave Research Room	<b>Easter</b> <b>May Day</b> <b>Spring Bank Holiday</b>	Fri 14 April - Tue 18 April Sat 29 April - Mon 1 May Sat 27 May - Mon 29 May
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<b>DDFHS Subscription Rates</b>		<b>Jan 1 2006 - Dec 31 2006</b>	
<i>Please make all cheques/postal orders etc payable to:</i>		Individuals	£ 8.00
<b>Doncaster &amp; District Family History Society</b>		Family (in same house)	£11.00
Send to Membership Secretary - see back page -		Seniors (60 and over)	£ 6.50
or, for non EU memberships only,		Students	£ 6.50
on <a href="http://www.genfair.com">www.genfair.com</a>		Institutions	£10.50
		Overseas	£10.00



**PALGRAVE  
RESEARCH  
CENTRE**

**The Palgrave Research Room is situated at  
King Edward Road, Balby, Doncaster  
(sharing accommodation  
with Doncaster Archives)**

All Society resources,  
fourteen microfiche readers  
a reader/printer and four computers  
are available for use.

We can also laminate documents.

(See pages 24 and 25 for recent acquisitions)

Entrance: **Free** for members, £2 for non-members

Monday	10.00 - 4.00
Tuesday	9.30 - 4.00
Wednesday	10.00 - 4.00
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10.00 - 4.00
Saturday	10.00 - 2.00

Open again on  
Friday afternoons

**Bookings must be made for all sessions**

**Research Centre Bookings :  
01302 311930**

# Thank You to Two Stalwarts of the Society

On behalf of the Executive Committee and members, our thanks go to **Margaret Frost**, Programme Secretary, who is standing down from that position. The Treasurer has always said he didn't know how Margaret managed to find such interesting and varied speakers, often at very reasonable cost to the Society.

Margaret has been Programme Secretary for many years - not an easy task - and had no idea what speakers would be like until the night, so it was always a concern for her and a big relief if members enjoyed the evening and the talk went down well.

The role not only involves finding suitable speakers in the first place but also fitting them in to the members' meetings, often as long as a year ahead depending on their availability; negotiating fees; confirming nearer the time; arranging transport if necessary; hosting speakers on the night and providing the essential glass and carafe of bottled water on the table.

Margaret has done an excellent job and has ensured that we have speakers booked until the end of this year and some for 2007.

We are fortunate that *Chrissie Webster* has come forward and offered to take over this role. Margaret is happy to help initially and if members know of any good speakers I am sure Chrissie will be pleased to receive details.

We also extend our thanks to **Pat Bennett** who stood down from running the Society's commercial Bookstall after the November meeting.

Pat ran the bookstall for several years and struggled with a lot of books to all members' meetings and other Societies' Fairs but latterly sales were just not there. Other Societies also sell the same publications on their stalls.

Pat, like others, had to be at meetings early to set up and was always one of the last to leave after packing away. Her stock consisted of 361 books that she ordered, kept records of and stored at home.

Some of the books will be available on Chris Adams' Society publications stall - others are on sale at the Palgrave Research Centre where Margaret Frost will continue as a Volunteer.

It is a big commitment for everyone who takes on roles for the Society and a lot of time is involved. We are indebted to them all.

*Stella Vessey Mem No 38*

## Genealogists

Genealogists never die, they just haunt cemeteries.

Genealogists live in the past lane.

What do you mean - my grandparents didn't have any kids!?



## From the Editor



We hope that you have enjoyed the last year's 'Ancestor', and thank you to all who contributed such fascinating articles.

For our new members, please remember when you find something interesting in your research that others may also enjoy reading about it. Don't just think 'Oh, no-one will want to know about that', write it down and send it to me - you may be surprised by others' reaction to your discovery. It may just give someone the inspiration to continue with what may have seemed a dead end.

Page 10 gives an example of what can be found when looking through deceased relatives' effects, if you find something please share it with us - we all love to touch the past - which is why we are family historians, after all.

We are holding an Open Weekend in March and there is a pull out section in the centre of this journal which gives details of it. If you have not been to our Research Centre before please come and see what a large amount of resources we have, and if you have not been in for a while you may be surprised at how much new material there is since you last visited. It is much more exciting to view copies of the actual registers for our area, with all the attendant details, than trawling the Internet - try it and see! Why not bring that friend with you who keeps saying 'I'd like to find out more about my family history' but does nothing about it.

*Brenda Robb*

*You can send material by email, on floppy disk, by post, typed or handwritten*

## *Transcription Service*

Members of the Reading Old Documents Group are offering a Transcription Service (but not translations) of old documents, wills, deeds, indentures, etc to D&DFHS members only.

The cost of this service is £5 for the first sheet, up to A3.

Additional sheets by estimation

Send a photocopy (NOT the original) to:

RODG, P Langford, 45 The Avenue, Bessacarr, Doncaster, DN4 5JZ  
or hand it in at the Research Room or to any member of the group,  
enclosing a cheque for £5  
made payable to P Langford,  
and a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

All surplus to D&DFHS funds.



# *Yorkshire Remembered'*



'Yorkshire Remembered' is a new DVD/video collection which shows many aspects of life over the past century, using archive footage from around the region, with a fascinating commentary and an introduction from the late Richard Whiteley.

Each of the six titles takes a look at life and times across Yorkshire, from the earliest recorded moving images through to the later years of the last century, building up a picture of changing lives of local communities.

## **A REGION AT WAR**

A look at the impact of war on people's lives in communities across Yorkshire, from the outbreak of the First World War to the VE Day celebrations at the end of the Second World War.

## **A REGION ON THE MOVE**

Transport in the 20th Century - the age of steam railways, electric trams and the motor car, and the changes that have taken place over the past one hundred years.

## **A REGION AT PLAY**

Out and about having fun in bygone days, when people took part in local celebrations and made their own entertainment.

## **A REGION AT WORK**

Coal mining, textiles and steel - three industries that dominated the lives of local communities in Yorkshire during much of the 20th Century.

## **A REGION GROWING UP**

A look back at our school days and how they have changed over the past one hundred years.

## **FROM COAST TO COUNTRY**

From fishing through to farming, two very different ways of life for people on the coast and those living inland, in rural north Yorkshire.

Titles can be ordered for £14.99 each (post and package extra).

All are available on DVD or VHS (running time approx 55 mins).

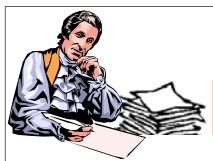
All the proceeds from sales go towards the ongoing preservation of the region's film collections

Please contact the Yorkshire Film Archive on 01904 716550, or visit the web site for more information: [www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com](http://www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com)

*(You will recall that we had a talk by the Yorkshire Film Archives in May last year explaining how early films were made - Editor)*

# Have You Kept Your New Year Resolutions?

Henry Hydenwell obviously kept his! (as did quite a few others)



## 1852 New Year Resolutions Solve Genealogical Mysteries

It is New Year's Eve 1852 and Henry HYDENWELL sits at his desk by candlelight. He dips his quill pen in ink and begins to write his New Year's resolutions.

1. No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name at least three different ways within the same document. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year.
2. I resolve to see to it that all of my children will have the same names that my ancestors have used for six generations in a row
3. My age is no one's business but my own. I hereby resolve to never list the same age or birth year twice on any document.
4. I resolve to have each of my children baptized in a different church - either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptized at all or will be baptized by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.
5. I resolve to move to a new town, new county, or new state at least once every 10 years - just before those pesky enumerators come around asking silly questions.
6. I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.
7. I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in record keeping or in participating in military service.
8. When the tax collector comes to my door, I'll loan him my pen, which has been dipped in rapidly fading blue ink.
9. I resolve that if my beloved wife Mary should die, I will marry another Mary.
10. I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer?

*Previously published in RootsWeb Review:  
28 December 2005, Volume 8, Number 52*

# Over Here!

My late aunt Ivy Clarion Dollin Brand (née Bowden) had no children and at her death all her papers were passed to me.

I was recently searching through these and I found the following paper entitled “Invasion - The English Lament” about the arrival of the American troops in Britain in the Second World War.

It was hand-written and I do not know the source of the document but, in this 61st year since the end of the war, it helps to show the reaction of some people to the American troops.

*Peter Bowden Mem No 65*

## Invasion - The English Lament



Dear old England's not the same,  
The dreaded invasion, well, it came.  
But No! it's not the Beastly Hun.  
The G... D... Yankee Army's come.

You see them in the trains and bus,  
There isn't room for both of us,  
We walk to let them have the seats  
And get run over by their Jeeps.

They're mean about our lukewarm beer,  
Think beer's like water over here,  
But, after drinking two or more,  
You find them lying on the floor.



And you should see them try to dance,  
They get a partner and start to prance.  
When you're half dead, they stop and smile  
“Now how about that, honey child?”



We see them try and Jitterbug,  
They twist and turn and pull and tug.  
It's enough to make the red Indians jealous,  
And yet Yanks are civilized (so they tell us).

Yankee officers cause us smiles,  
And with their light coloured pants you can see for miles.  
We wonder if they are mice or men.  
Decided they are wolves - avoid their dens.



With admiration we would stare at all the ribbons they would wear,  
and think of the deed so bold and daring that won the ribbons they are wearing.



No, they haven't fought the Hun,  
No glorious battles have they won.  
The green ribbons, that denotes  
They crossed the ocean in our boats.

We speak to them, they just look crazy.  
They think we're nuts,  
We think they're crazy  
Yet, they are our Allies so we must be nice,  
They love us like a cat loves mice.

They laugh at us when we drink our tea.  
Yet a funnier sight you'll never see.  
It's a gum chewing Yank with a dumb looking face,  
He'll raise a laugh most any place.

They say they can shoot, yes and fight.  
It's true they fight but only when tight.  
I must admit their shooting is fine,  
They sure can shoot a nifty line.

They tell you you've got teeth like pearls,  
They love your hair, the way it curls.  
Your eyes would dim the brightest star,  
You're competition for Hedy Lamar.

You are their life, their love, their all,  
And for no other would they fall.  
They'll love you dear till death do part  
And if you leave them, you'll break their hearts.



And then they'll leave you broken hearted.  
The camp has moved. Your love has parted.  
You wait for mail that never comes,  
Then realize that you're awfully dumb.

In a different town, a different place,  
To a different girl and a different face.  
"I love you darling, please be mine."  
It's the same old Yank and the same old line!



## FAMILY TREASURE UNEARTHED THROUGH CYBERSPACE

You just never know what is going to happen next. And if it were not for a stranger who browsed through a junk shop 30 years ago and the internet, specifically the BOWLBY Family web site ([www.bowlbyfamily.org](http://www.bowlbyfamily.org)) I still would not know anything about the existence of a special book.

I found the web site long ago, and eventually other BOULBY Family members doing genealogy research here in the UK as well as cousins in the USA. The information I gathered together linked up my branch with some remarkable research done by Barry Burley of Sheffield, and at Anthony Boulby (1767 – 1837) my branch linked up with a chain that now goes back to 1506. The information I posted up there has a hyperlink to my own email. And it was through this that Mr Tony Tindall, a complete stranger who lives in Reading, (not far from London), sent me an email. He had found me through the Bowlby Family web site, and wanted to know if I was related to Sarah HILL and William Boulby. I wrote back to confirm that I was indeed a descendent of this union. But at this point I had no idea what was to happen next. As one would, I asked if he was a member of the family and whether there was anything I could do to help him as I had lots of documentation relating to this branch of the Boulby family.

And then something quite magical happened. He didn't want anything, nor was he a distant family member, but he did have something invaluable to offer me. His email response came with two attachments, scans of two pages from Sarah and William's *Family bible*. I had no idea such an item even existed as I knew Sarah had been a servant and William a farm labourer, at the time of their marriage. As such, the chance of them having a Family Bible was unlikely to say the least and had never been known about by my family.

But here it was, written in William's own hand, detailing the births and Christenings of all their children. I printed off the pages and sat and wondered at this amazing thing that had happened. I was in touch with my great, great, great grandfather through this stranger. It brought tears to my eyes as I sat and read through the details of their issue.

So I picked up the phone. Mr Tindall wasn't in, but he returned my call later that day. It turns out he used to travel for his work which involved visiting Power Stations here in the UK and on his time off he enjoyed visiting junk shops looking for what was available. On one such visit, he stumbled across this Family Bible in a Junk Shop in Bentley, near Doncaster, and bought it. It has sat in his bookcase for 30 years.

Only when his daughter came to raid his home for items she could sell on the internet to raise money for a charity, did it come to his notice again. They decided it was



## NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Detailed below are new or revised members' interests.

These are listed in alphabetical order with the member's reference number used to cross-reference.

At the end of each line is the membership number of the person who is researching that name.

The names and membership numbers are available from:-

- a) New members' page in this or previous journals.
- b) Mr M Crawley who keeps Members' Interest records. (see inside back page)

ACASTER	WRY Thorne	pre 1800	2721
ARRAND	LIN Crowle	pre 1833	1337
ASCOUGH	YKS	All	2762
BRADBURY	WRY Braithwell	1700-1980	2738
BRADBURY Hazel Viola	WRY Braithwell	18-1900s	2738
BRADBURY Laura Louise	WRY Northfield, Braithwell	1900s	2738
BRADBURY William F	WRY Wakefield	1899-1971	2738
BRADBURY William H	WRY Braithwell	1844	2738
CARR Harriet	WRY	1860	2748
CARR John	WRY	1860	2748
EDWARDS	YKS	All	2762
ELLIS	ERY	pre 1881	2718
EPWORTH	NTT Carlton	All	2652
EPWORTH	WRY Rawmarsh, Mexbro', Swinton	1700-1900	2652
EPWORTH	WRY Sheffield	19c	2652
EPWORTH	NTT	1600-1850	2652
GAWTHORPE	YKS	All	2762
GREAVES	DBY	1700-1900	2667
HALL	DBY	1700-1900	2667
HEPWORTH	WRY Rawmarsh, Mexbro', Swinton	1700-1900	2652
HEPWORTH	WRY Sheffield	19-20c	2652
HOPE	DUR West Auckland	pre 1850	2718
HUTCHINSON	NTT	19c	1337
JOBLING	ERY Aldbrough/Hull	pre 1817	2718
MANIFIELD	NTT	18c	1337
MARSDEN	WRY Fulstone	pre 1851	2718
McARDLE Beatrice	WRY Doncaster area	1900	2738
MOODY	YKS	All	2762
MOWBRAY	NTT Finningley	17c	1337
PARKIN	WRY Sheffield	All	2652
PEARCY	ERY Burton Pidsea	pre 1853	2718
PERRY	WRY Maltby, Braithwell	1900s	2738
PIMPERTOM George H	WRY Doncaster	1904	2776
PIMPERTON Charles	WRY Doncaster	Any	2776
RICHARDSON	DUR West Auckland	pre 1878	2718
ROBINSON	WRY Rotherham	pre 1853	2718

SCHOLES	WRY Hatfield/ Armthorpe	18-19c	1337
SKITT	YKS	All	2762
SLATER	DUR West Auckland	pre 1851	2718
SMALES	ERY Hull	pre 1824	2718
SMITH Sarah Ann	WRY Norton	18-19c	1337
STUBBS	YKS	All	2762
TOMLINSON	WRY Arksey	pre 1841	2771
TOWNEND	WRY	1815	2748
TOWNEND Elizabeth	WRY	1860-1895	2748
TOWNEND Mary	WRY	1860-1895	2748
TURNER	YKS	All	2762
WATERHOUSE	WRY Fulstone	pre 1827	2718
WINTER Richard P	WRY	1880	2748

Please note: Chapman Codes have been used for counties - see next page.

## DDFHS Courses

Courses which have been arranged for the next few months include:

- 9 Mar**     **Wills and Nonconformists** - Maureen Hambrecht - A look at the information to be obtained from reading old wills. Nonconformists were Protestants who were not members of the Church of England.
- 12 Mar )**   **Intermediate Family History Course** - Gwen Jennings - Looking at  
**30 Apr )**   various documents and records. Covers Bishop's Transcripts, Trades and Occupations, Directories, Education, Apprenticeships, Newspapers, Quarter Sessions and Illegitimacy.
- 23 Mar )**   **The Poor Law** - Gwen Jennings - The Poor Laws over the centuries  
**21 May )**   gave many valuable documents which can assist in tracing your ancestors.
- 26 Mar )**   **Using the Internet for Family History** (two hours) - Sean  
**20 Apr )**   Staniforth - This course is aimed at showing you how to start using the web for research.
- 6 Apr**     **Family History for Beginners** - Gwen Jennings - To let you know where to get started, what to look for and what to expect. Is also aimed to help you find your way around our Research Centre.
- 13 Apr**    **Quarter Sessions and Manorial Records** - Maureen Hambrecht - looks at criminal cases in the Quarter Sessions. Was your ancestor up before the judge or did he sit on the jury? Manorial records give details of sale of land, appointment of Constables etc.

All courses start at 10 am in the Palgrave Research Centre - Free to Members, £3 for non-Members.

Tea and coffee is available, and most courses aim to finish about 1-2 pm.

If you are interested you can book on our web site: [www.doncasterfhs.co.uk](http://www.doncasterfhs.co.uk) or by phoning Sean Staniforth (before 9 pm) on 01302 782685.

*County and Country Codes (created by Dr Colin Chapman)*

<b>England</b>	ENG	<b>Channel Islands</b>	CHI	Orkney Isles	OKI
All Counties	ALL	Alderney	ALD	Peebleshire	PEE
Bedfordshire	BDF	Guernsey	GSY	Perthshire	PER
Berkshire	BRK	Jersey	JSY	Renfrewshire	RFW
Buckinghamshire	BKM	Sark	SRK	Ross and Cromarty	ROC
Cambridgeshire	CAM	Isle of Man	IOM	Roxburghshire	ROX
Cheshire	CHS	Isle of Wight	IOW	Selkirkshire	SEL
Cornwall	CON			Shetland Isles	SHI
Cumberland	CUL			Stirlingshire	STI
Derbyshire	DBY	<b>Wales</b>	WLS	Sutherland	SUT
Devonshire	DEV	Anglesey	AGY	West Lothian	WLN
Dorsetshire	DOR	Brecknockshire	BRE	Wigtownshire	WIG
Durham	DUR	Caernarvonshire	CAE		
Essex	ESS	Cardiganshire	CGN		
Gloucestershire	GLS	Carmarthenshire	CMN	<b>Ireland (Eire)</b>	IRL
Hampshire	HAM	Denbighshire	DEN	Antrim	ANT
Herefordshire	HEF	Flintshire	FLN	Armagh	ARM
Hertfordshire	HRT	Glamorgan	GLA	Carlow	CAR
Huntingdonshire	HUN	Merionethshire	MER	Cavan	CAV
Kent	KEN	Monmouthshire	MON	Clare	CLA
Lancashire	LAN	Montgomeryshire	MGY	Cork	COR
Leicestershire	LEI	Pembrokeshire	PEM	Donegal	DON
Lincolnshire	LIN	Radnorshire	RAD	Down	DOW
London (city)	LND			Dublin	DUB
Middlesex	MDX	<b>Scotland</b>	SCT	Fermanagh	FER
Norfolk	NFK	Aberdeenshire	ABD	Galway	GAL
Northamptonshire	NTH	Angus	ANS	Kerry	KER
Northumberland	NBL	Argyllshire	ARL	Kildare	KID
Nottinghamshire	NTT	Ayrshire	AYR	Kilkenny	KIK
Oxfordshire	OXF	Banffshire	BAN	Leitrim	LEI
Rutland	RUT	Berwickshire	BEW	Leix (Queens)	LEX
Shropshire	SAL	Bute	BUT	Limerick	LIM
Somerset	SOM	Caithness-shire	CAI	Londonderry	LDY
Staffordshire	STS	Clackmananshire	CLK	Longford	LOG
Suffolk	SFK	Dumfriesshire	DFS	Louth	LOU
Surrey	SRY	Dumbartonshire	DNB	Mayo	MAY
Sussex	SSX	East Lothian	ELN	Meath	MEA
Warwickshire	WAR	Fifeshire	FIF	Monaghan	MOG
Westmoreland	WES	Forfarshire	ANS	Offaly (Kings)	OFF
Wiltshire	WIL	Inverness-shire	INV	Roscommon	ROS
Worcestershire	WOR	Kincardineshire	KCD	Sligo	SLI
Yorkshire	YKS	Kinross-shire	KRS	Tipperary	TIP
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		Moray	MOR	Wexford	WEX
		Nairnshire	NAI	Wicklow	WIC

## YORKSHIRE SURNAMES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ALIAS

A report on a talk given by Dr George Redmonds at a meeting  
of the London Group of Yorkshire Family History Societies

Introducing him, Chairman Roy Stockdill joked that “George should come with a health warning, since just when you think you know everything there is to know about your surname, he has a disconcerting habit of turning all your theories on their head!”

Dr Redmonds began by talking about the “sins of omission and of commission” in the various surname reference dictionaries and the “leap of faith” made between a modern name and its medieval meaning. He was critical of the approach of etymologists, who were interested only in establishing the literal meaning of a name. He pointed out that every single surname is unique and that to understand any surname we need to prove the genealogical links between the modern holder and the progenitor.

As an example of a surname that can be attributed to a single ancestor, Dr Redmonds instanced the name Dyson, which is common in the Colne Valley, near Huddersfield. A woman called Dionisia - the medieval form of Denise - of Linthwaite was a formidable character in the late 1200s who appeared in the Court Rolls of the Manor of Wakefield, riding out with men and taking cattle from the lord of the manor. She passed to her son, John, the surname Dyson - son of Dy - and he became the ancestor of the Dysons. Tests had shown, said Dr Redmonds, that 85 per cent of Dysons tested had identical DNA, a far higher proportion than the Sykeses tested by Professor Bryan Sykes. There was no doubt Dyson was a single-origin surname, and in the 1881 census the name was still overwhelmingly found in Linthwaite, where the progenitor had been in the Middle Ages.

Dr Redmonds went on to talk about the importance of how dialect pronunciations could affect and alter surnames. For instance, names beginning with an “H” would lose it and others would acquire one, or names ending with an “L” could lose it because of local pronunciation.

He spoke also of understanding the regular use of aliases. Our ancestors frequently had two surnames, either an explicit or an implied alias. An explicit alias such as “Smith alias Jones” was not a linguistic alias. Bastardy aliases could be inherited and continue for centuries but usually worked themselves out by the time the 19<sup>th</sup> century demanded more information about a person’s surname.

As an example of an alias, Dr Redmonds said the family of the former Yorkshire prime minister, Herbert Asquith, had had an alias, Sparling, back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

The name Ormondroyd was found at Great Horton, Bradford in 1350 and then disappeared until about 1840. Why? Dr Redmonds said its origins could be traced back to a locality called Hammondode and some members of the same family became Hammond. DNA tests had shown that some Hammonds in Bradford could be linked to Ormondroyds.



At Rastrick, near Brighouse, was found an Abraham Goodall who was also known as Goodheir and Goodyear. In 1565, John Goodall alias Goodheir of Rastrick appeared in the Wakefield Court Rolls. Later, the “L” was dropped and the name became Gooder.

In similar ways, the name Holroyd became Olered and then Oldroyd, while Richardson could be Dixon and Rogerson could become Hodgkinson.

Dr Redmonds urged his audience to “Look at documents like court rolls and tenancies, etc. Very often the information you want is there.”

He added that every surname with more than one syllable was likely to be abbreviated at some time in its history and that some two-element names could be switched around, so that Waterby became Bywater and Burnwood became Woodburn.

Some families even used several names, and Dr Redmonds mentioned one family who were known as Gawkroger, Platts, Barker and Rogers - all of them connected.

A further factor was when clerics and clerks decided to enjoy a little joke at the expense of an illiterate parishioner and made puns on their name. He instanced a child born at Hull, probably to a Gawkroger, who was baptised as Daniel Cockroger and buried as Daniel Cockrobin.

He also pointed out that surnames were relatively unimportant to our ancestors because they all had by-names, and in some cases these could take over as the surname for a few generations.



## A Royal Visitor



In 1631 King Charles I ‘made his progress’ through Doncaster on the way to Scotland. This would have involved a large procession of coaches, men on horseback, luggage carts etc. The local townspeople (including your ancestors?) would, I’m sure, have turned out in full force to see the wondrous sight. We are told that the king ‘lodged at Doncaster’. I wonder where? And where on earth would there be enough accommodation for all his retinue?

In 1644, the King was again in Doncaster, though in very different circumstances. The war between King and Parliament had already begun. The King, on this occasion, attended divine service at Doncaster Church, I wonder what his fellow worshippers thought, especially any who supported the Parliamentarians. If your ancestors were in Doncaster in the 1640s, they would have been in church with the soon-to-be-beheaded King. What a tale they could tell!!

(Information from Miller’s ‘History of Doncaster’

*Christine Carr*

## Unusual Christian Name

While searching for deaths in the Anscomb family I found:

Dec Qtr 1845 - Gift Anscombe

I am now searching 1841 Census to see whether Gift was male or female.

*Keith Crouter Mem No 1623*



## ***FROM THE POSTBAG***

*Dear Editor*

### **Well Used High Chair**

I read with interest about the Christening Robe worn by four generations of children (Has Yours Been Worn More Often? Winter 2005) because I have a Baby's High Chair which has been used by four generations of children.

My grandfather, Robert Dunning belonged to a Harrier's Club in Selby at the turn of the century. He won a prize for running (so the story goes) and because his first child had been born in May 1900 he asked if he could have a high chair, instead of the prize, whatever it was, for his new baby.

His three daughters used the chair in 1900, 1902 and 1904. Robert and Edith had nine grandchildren (including me) and the chair was passed around the family,

There were 16 ggrandchildren including my two born in 1958 and 1961 and the chair was passed around as family pictures show.

My two grandchildren used the chair in 1987 and 1990 - they are the gg grandchildren of Robert and Edith Dunning.

And now the old chair, 105 years old, stands in my dining room displaying a plant. I'm very proud of that chair. If only it could speak what a story it would have to tell.

*Enid M Bennett-Shaw Mem No 2247*

*Dear Editor*

### **Journal on the Web**

First of all, thanks for all the committee members do for us, the overseas members.

The journal downloaded well. I am sure that this is the way all the journals will eventually go and it makes sense money-wise.

*Mary Gleadall Mem No 2207 (Barbados)*

## **HELP WANTED**

### **HUNT**

I am trying to trace the descendants of Herbert Hunt and Mabel Dora Scholey who married in 1908 in Ecclesall Bierlow.

They had about five children, one of those was a Robert Douglas Hunt born 1911. I would like to trace his siblings and possibly their offspring.

*Teresa Buckley Mem No 2783  
47 Shaftesbury Ave, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hants, SO53 3BR  
teresa@at buckley.co.uk*



## Research Centres - v - The Internet



More and more information is now available on the internet for family historians but are researchers sure that it is all correct?

I have accessed information that I know is wrong. Some people have told me they have completed their research in 3-4 months, downloading family trees - I have been doing mine for well over 20 years.

Do people get the same buzz and feelings of euphoria having it handed to them on a plate rather than "getting to know" their ancestors the conventional way, searching through Parish Registers, Census etc.

Gwen Jennings, Society Projects Co-ordinator, stresses that looking at copies or original records can give extra information. For instance, most parish registers of 1617 will only show entries such as "John illegitimate s.o. Elizabeth Edwards" but sometimes get an entry such as the following :

*'Jan 5 1617 John s.o. Elizabeth Edwards which Elizabeth was (as she affirmeth) borne at Blackborne in Lancashire and hath dwelt these 8 years last past at Greenwich with one Richard Dickenson and she hath at her travell charged one William Baker shoemaker dwelling at Charincross in London to have begotten the aforesayd Bastard John.'*

Sometimes virtual settlement examinations may be found in the registers :

*'Nov 16 1623 Elizabeth base d.o. Elizabeth Thornton borne at Austerfield having lately dwelt 6 yeares together at Ordsall with Nichols Johnson - last of all at Rumstow in Notts with Christopher Farnsworthe and of John Carenell in Derbyshire with his mother a widow.'*

If indexes only are used, a family historian would miss such as these. There are so many other records that can give these extra details. All unsubstantiated information needs to be checked against original records. DDFHS has a well-stocked Research Centre with over 45,000 items.

In the future the Society hopes to be connected to the internet at the Research Centre but it is an additional help, not a sole source of information.

(Extracts supplied by Gwen Jennings)

*Stella Vessey Mem No 38*

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS IN THE SOCIETY LIBRARY

D40	The History of Adult Education in 19th Century Doncaster
D41	Managing without a School Board - The Doncaster Experience 1870-1902
H/A31	Upstairs and Downstairs
W7	Erddig (Clwyd)

**Would members please note that the normal loan is for two months**

Should you wish to keep the books for longer please telephone me to arrange this

*Keith Crouter Society Librarian 01302 342301*

# Victorian Child's Verses

The following short verses are from a nursery book belonging to my great uncle who was born in 1886.

They reflect a very different outlook to life and childhood than in the present age. No alien make-believe for them! Concepts of religion, death, and family respect were obviously started early in life.

## Be Kind to Thy Mother

Be kind to thy mother: for, lo! on her brow  
May traces of sorrow be seen;  
Oh, well may'st thou cherish and comfort her now,  
For loving and kind hath she been.  
Remember thy mother: for thee will she pray  
As long as God giveth her breath.  
With accents of kindness, then, cheer her lone way,  
E'en to the dark valley of death.



## Be Kind to Thy Father

Be kind to thy father: for when thou wast young;  
Who loved thee as fondly as he?  
He caught the first accents that fell from thy tongue,  
And joined in thine innocent glee.  
Be kind to thy father: for now he is old,  
His locks intermingled with grey;  
His footsteps are feeble, once fearless and bold -  
Thy father is passing away.



The title and author of the book are unknown since only a few pages have remained intact.

*Sylvia Scott Mem No 1928*

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## Did You Know?

Until 1634, there was a May-pole in the Market place in Doncaster, which, presumably was the scene of dancing and merrymaking . In 1634 it was taken down and a Market Cross erected in its place

## Not after 9 pm please

Would members kindly not telephone  
Committee Members and Volunteers after 9 pm

Thank you



## DDFHS and the BBC Silver Bus

On a cold and crisp Thursday in January Gwen Jennings, Stella Vessey and Margaret Frost braved the weather to meet with the public in the centre of Doncaster from 10 am until 5 pm. The Society had been asked if we would like to come on board the BBC travelling silver bus, promoting the new TV series “Who Do You Think You Are?” and Family History in general.



Wrapped up warm and armed with folders, help sheets, and plenty of advice, they also took along our laptop containing various databases collated over the years. They gave help and advice to anyone who came onboard, including a teacher who wanted to tell his pupils what was available for a project they were doing.

The Radio presenter Jimmy Carol [Everall] presented his show live from the bus. Gwen was interviewed live, as well as myself and Dr Brian Barber, Principal Archivist from the Doncaster Archives.

As well as helping the absolute beginners, and the more experienced, who came on the bus, Jimmy thought we could research his family history during the three hour radio show and present him with a completed family tree at the end, just like they do on telly!

He gave us the name and dates of birth of his parents (but no place or date of marriage) and very limited details of his grandparents (no forename of his paternal grandfather or date/possible place of marriage), and that's it, other than the fact that they had lived in the Liverpool Area. As his mother and father had both died we then asked if he could get in touch with his mother's or father's siblings (his mother was one of twelve children) but he had had no contact with them for several years, and had no idea where to find any of them. We explained that there was no way this research could be done, with such limited information, in so short a time.

Jimmy has asked us to continue looking for his ancestors and he will come to our Open Weekend and get an update, and do something for his radio show.

The next morning (Friday) Margaret searched the indexes of births, marriages and deaths at the Society's Research Room, and found an entry in the December quarter for 1916 which we think is the birth of James A Everall (Jimmy's grandfather). The registration district was Liverpool and the mother's maiden name is Ashley. This led to a search for a marriage between James Everall and Eliza Ashley.

Margaret then went on to look for the birth of his mother Eileen Martin, and found a possible match which shows her mother's maiden name to be Shelley.

By Friday afternoon we had already sent off for three certificates for him from the General Record Office.

Why not come along to the Open Weekend (details in centre page pull out) to see how far we actually get.

*Sean Staniforth*

# PALGRAVE RESEARCH CENTRE

## Recent Acquisitions also see page 25 (See page 4 for opening times)

### Books

Domesday Books transcriptions

### Donated by

John Fordham

### Fiche

Huntingdonshire – Spaldwick St James MI 1716-2001

– Census Indexes - 1841 and 1851 Ellington,  
Spaldwick and District

– 1891 Spaldwick Sub-district

Mr Malone

Lancashire – Gisburn PR 1558-1745

Lincolnshire – Sculcoates PR 1538-1772

Yorkshire NR – Settrington PR 1559-1812

Yorks WR – Bolton-by-Bowland 1558-1812

Sue Clifton

### Computer

Leicester and Rutland 1841 Census

White's 1847 Directory and Topography for Leeds  
and Clothing Districts

Mr J Firth

### Maps

London Parish Boundaries before 1837

Margaret Frost

**Thank you to all those who donated the above items**

## Volunteers always needed

*If you have not yet used the Centre for your research, come along and have a look at what resources we have. The volunteers, who so generously give their time, will help and advise. Car parking is free. There is a seating area for refreshments and tea or coffee at 50p a cup. Entrance free for members, £2 for non-members.*

## Excommunication



People who had been excommunicated were not allowed a Christian burial. Occasionally they were permitted to be buried on the north side of the church – ‘the devil’s side’ – ‘without bell, book or candle’, but more often they were buried in the night, just outside the churchyard wall “among the nettles”.

## **Monumental Inscriptions and Illustrated Churches**

A set of four CDs covering the  
Metropolitan Borough and Archdeaconry of Doncaster

*See map on back cover and article on next page*

All four CDs include full transcriptions which have been taken from the headstones and windows of churches and churchyards plus plans showing location of headstones. Also included are images and transcriptions from the war memorials found in the churchyards and a wide variety of images and details of each church.

### **Metropolitan Borough of Doncaster - Vol 1**

Includes the following parishes -

Armthorpe, Askern, Austerfield, Barnby Dun, Campsall, Cantley, Doncaster, Fenwick, Finningley, Fishlake, Hatfield, Kirk Bramwith, Kirk Sandall, Moss, Rossington, Sykehouse and Thorne

### **Metropolitan Borough of Doncaster - Vol 2**

Includes the following parishes -

Adwick Le Street, Adwick upon Dearne, Bentley with Arksey, Balby with Hexthorpe, Barnburgh, Braithwell, Brodsworth, Cadeby, Clayton with Frickley, Conisbrough, Doncaster, Hickleton, High Melton, Hooton Pagnell, Loversall, Marr, Mexborough, Owston, Skelbrooke, Sprotbrough, Stainton, Tickhill, Wadworth, Warmsworth.

(Doncaster is included on both Volumes)

### **Archdeaconry of Doncaster – Its North East Corner**

Includes the following parishes

Adlingfleet, Airmyn, Cowick, Goole, Hook, Pollington, Rawcliffe, Snaith, Swinefleet & Whitgift

### **Archdeaconry of Doncaster – Its West Side**

Includes the following parishes

Ardley, Bolton on Dearne, Brampton Bierlow (West Melton), Darfield, Kilnhurst Swinton, Thurnscoe, Wath upon Dearne, Wentworth

**Price each:** £15.80 UK, £16.75 Airmail - prices include postage

## The Background to the Compilation of these CDs

Back in 1981, a dedicated group of members of the newly formed Doncaster Family History Society visited every church and churchyard within the Archdeaconry of Doncaster transcribing the inscriptions from the church windows, wall plaques and headstones (where headstones exist – contrary to our perceptions of the past, not every family had one). This amounted to over 29,000 inscriptions which were readable at that time. These were then typed out on a typewriter, with all the pitfalls such as ribbons running out, or starting again if an inscription got left out.

During the compilation of our CDs of the 1871 and 1891 census (covering the Archdeaconry of Doncaster) I became aware that many of these headstones had suffered greatly over the last 20-25 years with the effects of weather, vandals and subsidence and were now either only partially or even totally unreadable. I took several photographs of badly worn headstones and found that where most had been completely readable and thus transcribed in the 1980s this was no longer so.

Margaret Wilson and a team of enthusiastic volunteers began the enormous task of keying in the transcriptions from the typed sheets. These were then printed out and from those printouts a second team of volunteers checked their work for accuracy.

Meanwhile I began to visit each and every church and churchyard, taking various photos (including many war memorials and plaques), both inside and out and gleaning information and literature about the churches as I went.

The set of four CDs cover the Archdeaconry and Metropolitan Borough of Doncaster and feature the Monumental Inscriptions in surname order, Illustrated Churches for each parish and War Memorials (found in the churches and churchyards but do not include those on the 'village green', schools or in working men's clubs etc)

If, after a relatively short space of time (20-25 years), headstones have weathered so much that many are now unreadable, or have been laid face up or completely removed because of being a danger to the public due to vandalism, then how much longer will the rest survive? Our recording is therefore invaluable. Without the original transcribers and the recent team of volunteers these would soon have been lost forever.

Inscriptions contain variable amounts of invaluable information for the family historian and I take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who contributed to this invaluable addition to our resources.

*Gwen Jennings - Projects Organiser*



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Please allow 21 days for delivery.

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# Thorne Guardians Minute Book

October 4 1837 to September 21 1842

including a Report on a Visit to Brigg Union Workhouse



This 60 page book by Mary Oxley consists of extracts from the Thorne Guardians Minute Book. The original document is one of only two which survive, consisting of 428 closely written foolscap pages including a variety of other business which the Board of Guardians had to manage.

There are 449 names in this book with details of such things as money loaned to help with ill health or burials. There are warrants ordered for the absconding fathers of children born out of wedlock - and many other fascinating facts.

The visit to the Brigg Workhouse gives an insight into the conditions there, from the rooms to the diet and the clothing.

DDFHS has published a set of three books on Settlements and this book complements the others.

All in all an interesting read, especially if you find your long lost relative.

A5 pbk 60 pages

Price: £2.50 + postage UK 50p, airmail £1.50

**Do You know  
that the Palgrave Research Centre  
has the full set of Fiche of the Indexes to the Records held by the  
Overseas Section of the GRO?**

These fiche include: Marine Births and Deaths; Civil Aircraft Births and Deaths; Hovercraft Births and Deaths; Off-Shore Installation Deaths; Article 7 Marriages; Consular Returns; British High Commission Returns. British Forces Posted Overseas: Service Department Registrations; Regimental Records. Ionian Islands and War Deaths.

These may just find that long lost relative for you.

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This book is companion to 'Dating Nineteenth Century Photographs' replacing the previous 'Dating Old Photographs'. It gives details of photographic processes and equipment, then goes on to explain how to tell rough dates by backgrounds and props, composition and fashion.

A5 pbk 128 pages

**Price** £6.50 + postage

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This little booklet is intended as an aide-memoir, defining many common terms including abbreviations and acronyms.

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The purpose of this book is to encourage readers to go beyond the bare bones of civil registers and census, and to work out their family history, rather than just its genealogy.

15 cm x 10.5 cm 136 pages

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Stuart A Raymond

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**Price** £6.95 + postage

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### **A Guide To Jewish Genealogy In The United Kingdom** ISBN: 09537669 7 7

This new guide in the 'Jewish Ancestor' series is hot off the press and packed with an abundance of helpful information. If you don't know what a specific archive, library, museum, record office, organisation etc in the UK may hold in the way of Jewish genealogical material and resources, then this guide will give you the answer. If you need to find a Jewish cemetery within the UK, then I believe we have listed most of them giving some indication on when they opened and closed, who is responsible for their up-keep and records plus details of the location in order to help people visiting the UK from overseas. You may just find the vital clue you are looking for to continue your research.

This enlarged publication updates and augments our previous Beginner's Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Great Britain. It now incorporates the whole of the UK and not just Great Britain and is designed specifically with the family historian in mind, (whether or not a beginner) since the majority of information is given under town headings - invaluable for anyone researching their family in the UK.

The Guide includes detailed information about the (Jewish) holdings of the various resource centres throughout the UK with a large section specifically on London and the home counties (details of the records of the Anglo-Jewish community held at the London Metropolitan Archives) including Archives, Libraries, Museums, Record Offices, Synagogues etc.

It has a very large section on Using Public Records (vital records, passport records, adoption records, census records, wills/probate, electoral registers, naturalization records, shipping records, trade directories, military records etc) plus information on Cemeteries, Computers and the internet, Mormon family history centres (including a list of films of Jewish interest held at the LDS in London) Hospital records, Burial records and Marriage records. A full list of Jewish cemeteries throughout the United Kingdom is given with information about each and where they are located. There is a Bibliography, where many of the books relate specifically to individual towns and much, much more.

We trust that this book will help to locate the records for which you are looking.

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**Price:** £5.95 + postage. UK 80p. Overseas £3.00. US \$16.00 includes postage

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A Guide to Organising your Family History Records

A Guide to Reading Hebrew Inscriptions and Documents

Genealogical Resources within the Jewish Home and Family.

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**These publications are now available from the FFHS (see page 32)**

## NEWS AND DIARY DATES FROM OTHER SOCIETIES

### The London Group of Yorkshire Family History Societies

18 Mar 2006 Non-Conformist Ancestors in the North Michael Gandy

17 Jun 2006 A Manly Race Ann Batchelor

Meetings are held at the SoG, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1  
Doors open at 10 am and coffee or tea is provided before the meeting which starts promptly at 10.30 am. All Yorkshire FHS members may attend our meetings.

DDFHS  
will  
have a  
stall at  
these  
fairs

### The City of York and District FHS Fair

Saturday 25 Feb 2006 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

The Folk Hall, New Earswick, York

### Pudsey Family History Fair

Saturday 11 March 2006 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Civic Hall, Pudsey

### Sheffield and District FHS Fair

Saturday 1 April 2006 10.00 am to 5.00 pm

The Centre in the Park, Norfolk Heritage Park, Guildford Avenue, Sheffield, S2 2PL

### Keighley and District FHS Fair

Saturday 22 April 2006 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Victoria Hall, Keighley

### Barnsley Archives and Local Studies Open Day

Saturday 6 May 2006

Barnsley Archives and Local Studies Department

Central Library, Shambles St, Barnsley



**Make a note that our DDFHS Family History Day is on**

**Saturday 28 October 2006**

**If you can help at all please contact our Chairman**





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**DDFHS BOOKS:** [www.familyhistorybooks.co.uk](http://www.familyhistorybooks.co.uk)

This is where you can purchase our publications and pay DDFHS memberships on the Net.

**DONCASTER ARCHIVES** have an excellent web site at:

[www.doncaster.gov.uk/doncasterarchives](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doncasterarchives)

**LONDON GROUP OF YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES:**

[www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/YKS](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/YKS)

Information about the London Group and its meetings can be found by clicking on 'Yorkshire Consortium' on the list of Family History Societies and Groups.

**Yorkshire Film Archive** See article on page 8

[www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com](http://www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com)

**Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain**

[www.jgsgb.org.uk](http://www.jgsgb.org.uk) See article on page 29

## A terrible slander!

In 1706, the Vicar of Selby, who rejoiced in the name of Rev Shadrack Shereburne, took one of his parishioners to the Church Courts on a charge of slander, or Defamation, as it was then known. Normally such cases were brought by women who had been called a 'whore'.

This could not be the case for the Rev Shereburne, so just what was the charge?

John Jackson, sitting drinking with his friends, reputedly had said that the vicar was "a Scandall to his profession as a Minister of the Church of England, that he was a preacher up of Scandalls and falsities, was fitter to be a swineherd than a priest" and, worst of all, apparently "was fitter to be a Hangman than a priest or a teacher!!"

I wonder what the vicar had done to so upset him?

*Maureen Hambrecht Mem No 122*

## Did you Know?

Armthorpe used to be a small farming village, comprising one straggling street with a church at its highest point. In 1743, there were only 29 families in the whole parish.

By 1837, numbers had risen to 368 inhabitants, but Armthorpe remained small and rural until the coalmine came in the 1920s.

