

E Newsletter

BMSGH (North Staffs Branch)

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Welcome

Welcome to this the first E Newsletter for the North Staffs branch of the BMSGH.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Booth who for many years produce our branch newsletter. Like John we will be asking you to help shape the E newsletter with your news, views and articles.



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Projects



We as a branch have a number of on-going projects, this can only happen with the good will and hard work from willing volunteers.

Can you spare a little time to help with the following projects?

- ◆ Cheadle cemetery index requires transcribing. Have you got access to a computer and a little time to spare?. Please contact Bill or Dianne.



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Staffordshire **BMD**

Births, Marriages and Deaths on the Internet

- ◆ Steve Stutcinkas is looking for help with the transcribing of index's for the Staffordshire BMD's, can you help?
This project has helped countless people with their research over the years. For this good work to continue even the smallest of assistance from willing volunteers will help.
The transcribing can be done at your leisure at home, no time limits no pressure and may even help you in your own research?



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Cheadle, Staffordshire. By Dianne Shenton

Cheadle Cemetery

Late last summer Bill Harrison and I undertook to go into Cheadle Town Council offices and photograph the burial registers for the cemetery. These commence in 1895 and consist of 20 volumes. Mike Griffin has been valiantly transcribing these and is currently on book 7. Once completed, they will be available for members to search, and a copy will also be given to the Cheadle Town Council Office for their use.

A plan of the cemetery was found and Bill is hoping to make this available too, so that members can easily find the graves of their relatives.

Whilst visiting the Cheadle Offices we discovered that they had a large number of books, correspondence and other records jumbled up and very dirty in the cupboard under the stairs. After discussion, the Clerk to the Town Council put them out into boxes and I went over several times going through them and making a list. We suggested that much of these could be deposited in Stafford Record Office, but before then we would photograph items likely to be of interest to our members. The photographs have now been taken of a 1836 Survey of Cheadle, Councillor's declarations and various Charity Records.



The first item to be completed is the transcription of the 1836 Survey of Cheadle.

The tithe maps have the plots shown by number, so if you have found a name of interest it is possible to find the exact plot (or house) on the map.

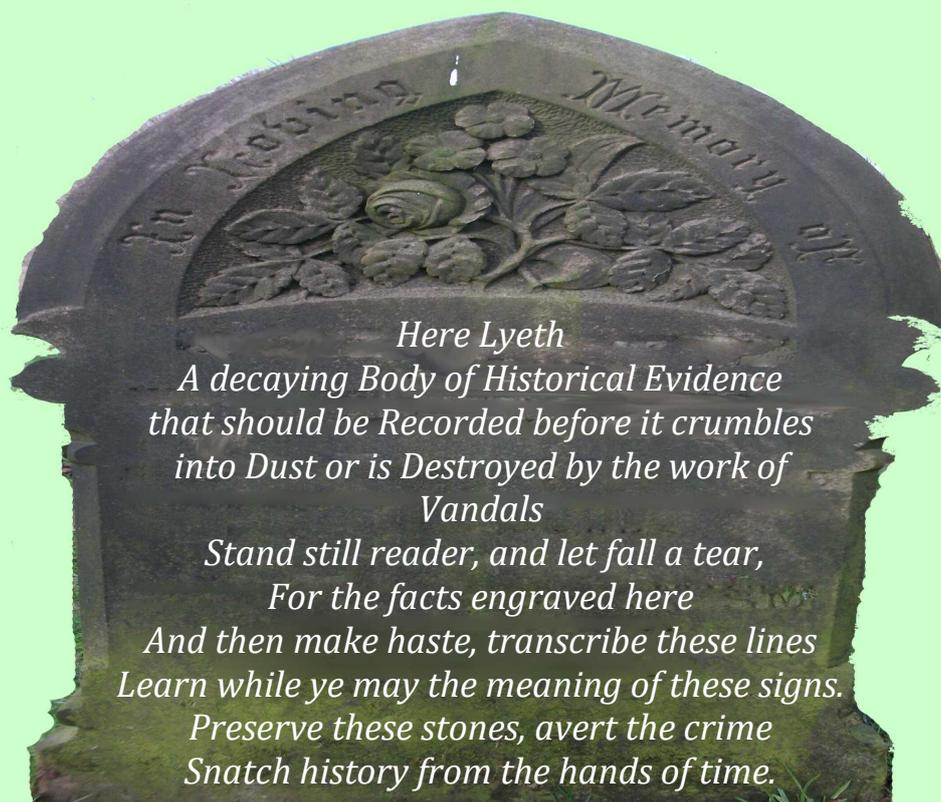
This transcription is now available to buy in the E-shop

The book has divided Cheadle into its' four quarters i.e. Above Park, Grange, Cheadle and Huntley. Each Quarter is then listed numerically, so I have transcribed them into a spread sheet and sorted it alphabetically on the Owners. At first I assumed that the numbers were just entry numbers, as there was no explanation, however as I worked through I realised that although the numbers were listed following a numerical order they were not necessarily consecutive.

Various suggestions were made and so I compared the 1836 Survey with the 1842 Tithe Awards (Doc Ref D1278/1-2) at Stafford Record Office and also with the 1837 Valuation and Rate Book (Doc Ref D233/A/PO/1) again at Stafford Record Office.

Both these books had plot names sufficiently similar to indicate that the same numbers were used for all. Tithe Maps can be viewed in Lichfield Record Office (Doc Ref B/A/15/81) Please note the quarter of Cheadle as there are four maps, one for each quarter.





Monumental inscriptions (MI's) are potentially a very useful source for family history and Britain has a wealth of genealogical information, inscribed on graves in more than 20,000 churchyards. The phrase 'carved in stone' conveys an idea of permanence, which sadly is far from the truth. The majority of grave monuments are unlikely to survive in a readable condition for more than two hundred years. The effects of weathering, vegetation and vandalism combine to destroy the surface of the stone. Many stones are removed wholesale in the name of tidy, easily mown churchyards, or when a church has become 'redundant' and the churchyard sold for other purposes.

Gravestones can provide more information than the rather bald entries in the parish burial records. Graves often indicate places and dates of birth, where people lived and even the names of close relations. If the death was violent, the facts may sometimes be recorded and occupations are often indicated by engravings of the tools of the trade. Engraved coats of arms can also distinguish a particular family branch from others of the same name. Many gravestones and tombs are the last resting place of more than one person, and the headstone will normally record the relationships of the individuals buried there.

We have a branch are looking for volunteers to take photographs of any war memorials, internal memorials and external headstone memorials.

Do you have any photographs of your own family memorials? Can you email them to me, making a note of their location (ie church/cemetery) this will help to preserve the valuable information that they contain.

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Dates for
the diary
2015

13th April

CLOUGH HALL
LOCAL HISTORY

PHIL LEESE

11th May

Research
Evening

1st June

Staffordshire soldiers
and the great war

Steve Booth



Phil will be giving a talk on Clough hall and the local history in and around the Kidsgrove area.

Research

Evenings

Come and join us at one of our research evenings, we have a wealth of genealogy information to share with you in book form and digital formats.

We have members who are willing to help you through the maze of information that we hold and steer you in the right direction.

Please look at the library list on the BMSGH web site before you come, this will give you a flavour of the documents we have at our disposal.

ON THE WEB

Lost Cousins Web site.

A good idea for connecting fellow family members. It also has "free weekends" with subscription sites.

The basic idea is that you enter the 1881 census details for your ancestors and if anyone else can match one of the household members then they can be put in touch but only swapping email addresses when both parties are satisfied that they want to. So none of your personal details go online.
<http://www.lostcousins.com>

New site for UK war memorials.

A new government run website aims to gather information about all the war memorials in the UK. Organisations throughout the Country will spend the next four years working on the UK war memorials site.

<http://ukwarmemorials.org>

Save printing ink.

Web pages are ink-wasters, with all the sidebars, menus etc. to print any web page without the extra stuff, copy the URL address into a free online tool (printfriendly.com) the page will then refresh as a clean text only printable version. It will also convert it to a PDF document to print later.

2 scrap books of newspaper cuttings have been donated to the North Staffordshire Branch of the BMSGH by the daughter of the lady who compiled them.

According to the daughter these were not family members and she had no idea why her mother had compiled them.

The books consist mostly of marriages and births and can be viewed at our research evenings Digitised by Dianne Shenton 2015

Do you have any old newspaper cuttings, pictures or interesting stories you would like to share ?



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AUGUST 17 1932.
The wedding of Dr. Ernest Norman Jenkinson, and Miss Nora Cartledge at Newcastle. Left to right (standing) are Miss Betty Mayer, Miss Le Davies, the bride and bridegroom, Mr. R. G. Jenkinson, Miss W. Cartledge and Miss M. Cartledge. Seated: Mr. and Mrs. L. Cartledge and Mr. and Mrs. E. Jenkinson.



Mr. James E. V. Toney, of Stockton Brook, and Miss Margaret S. Woodroffe, of Stockton Brook, who were married at Endon Parish Church. Left to right are Miss Buchan, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. V. Toney, Master Ian Morley-Clarke, the bridegroom and bride, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Woodroffe and Miss Weddell.



AUGUST 22 1932
Mr. Ronald Gibson Woodworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Woodworth, of Rugby, and Miss Phyllis Mary Emery, daughter of the late Councilor E. Emery, and of Mrs. Emery, Newcastle, leaving Trentham Parish Church after their wedding.



Mr. Frank Moulton Jones, of Weston Coyney, and Miss Edna Griffiths of Blorton, photographed after their wedding at Blorton Parish Church.

MEDITERRANEAN HONEYMOON

8.10.1932

Mr. Geoffrey H. Adams of Tunstall, Weds

The wedding took place at St. Chad's Church, Derby, on Saturday, of Mr. Geoffrey H. Adams, younger son of Mr. Brittain Adams, of Tunstall, and Miss Mary Deudney, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Deudney, of Empress-road, Derby.

The bridegroom is in business with his father in the firm of Brittain Adams and Sons, wholesale ironmongers, Station-road, Tunstall. Educated at Newcastle High School and Ellmers College, Mr. Adams became an enthusiastic Rugby footballer and played with Waterloo (Lancashire) and North Staffordshire clubs. He is the founder of the Tunstall Territorial (now Cavaliers) Badminton Club, and is a member of the Mosley (Compton) Golf Club. He holds the rank of Captain in the 5th Bn. North Staffordshire Regiment.

Mr. Adams is a member of Wesleyan Methodist Church Tunstall, with which his family for very many years have been associated. He follows in his father's footsteps in his recent appointment to the position of trustee of the church.

The bride was educated at the Nottingham Free and Crewe High Schools, and her father is on the staff of his Chief Motive Power Superintendent, L.M.S. Derby.

The service at the church was conducted by the Rev. N. J. Poole, M.A., Vicar of St. Chad's.

The ceremony coincided with the harvest festival, and the church was tastefully decorated. Mr. G. H. Boudersstone was at the organ and played appropriate music.

MISS RUTH M. GIMSON

Married to Sir Digby Lawson

The wedding of Sir Digby Lawson, second Baronet, to Miss Ruth Mary Gimson, second daughter of the late Mr. T. W. Gimson, veterinary-mechanic, of Fenton, and Mrs. Gimson, who formerly resided at The Brampton, Newcastle, Staffordshire, was solemnised on Monday—four days after the announcement of the engagement—at Christ Church, Loughborough, Leicestershire, officiating being the Hon. the Bishop of the diocese's mother the ceremony took place quietly.

Sir Digby Lawson, who succeeded his father in the Baronetcy in 1915, is a Major in the Yorkshire Hussars. He was born on September 3rd, 1889, and was educated at Winchester and Trinity Hall, Cambridge (E.A.). He served in the Great War from 1914 to 1918, and was mentioned in despatches. He served in the Yorkshire Hussars, 1916-17, the 4th West Yorkshire Regiment, 1917, and the 19th Royal Hussars, 1918, afterwards acting as President of the Summary Courts Army of the Peace from 1919-1928. He has been twice married before, his second wife being in 1931.

Miss Gimson is well-known in North Staffordshire, and for a time was a student of the Burslem School of Art. Since then she has been in business in London.

BIRTHS

SWANN—On June 24th, 1932, the wife of Geoffrey V. Swann, a son (Nicholas Blair).

SWANN—On Aug. 19th, at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, Nicholas Blair, beloved son of Geoffrey V. Swann, and Agnes Swann, of Alldersley, Newcastle, aged seven months.

BIRTHS 1934

SWANN—On 4th August, at Alldersley, Newcastle, the wife of Geoffrey V. Swann, a son and daughter.

MARRIAGES

WOKOR—On Feb. 19th, at Longford Cottage Hospital to Miss M. Wokor, a son (Nicholas Blair).

MR. W. G. PEASEGOOD, OF KEELE

Death of Wellknown Mining Engineer

We record with great regret the death of Mr. Walter Gordon Peasegood, which took place at his residence, Redroofs, Keele, on Sunday, at the age of 68.

Mr. Peasegood was a well-known North Staffordshire mining engineer. He came to this district from Sheffield, and for 40 years was associated with the Maudley Collieries, until about 1927 Mr. Peasegood was Mining Agent for the Maudley Collieries, Ltd., since when he had lived in retirement.

For very many years Mr. Peasegood had been a member of the North Staffordshire Institute of Mining Engineers, and for some time was a Vice-President. He was also a Past President of the North Staffordshire Branch of the National Association of Colliery Managers.

Of a reserved and retiring disposition, Mr. Peasegood was a mining engineer of marked practical capacity, and was highly esteemed and respected by everyone in the North Staffordshire mining community, alike by his colleagues and the workmen.

Mr. Peasegood had been ill for about two months, and his passing is greatly regretted. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Peasegood and the three sons and daughter.

The funeral takes place at Keele Church, tomorrow (Wednesday) at 3.30 p.m.

BIRTHS 1935

COBBINLEY—On Nov. 2nd, at Leighton Lodge, Newcastle, the second wife of Arthur Cobbinley, a son (Francis Gordon) and a daughter (Lucy).

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