



# E Newsletter



We at the North Staffordshire Family History Society are always looking for volunteers to help in any way that you can whether it be in a large or small way.

We are looking for people who can transcribe index's for the Staffordshire BMD's project . Volunteers will be provided with a copy of the register's index and an excel spread sheet so that you can transcribe fore-names, surnames, book and page numbers on to the spread sheet. This work can be done at home and does not require any travel.

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ALSO

Transcribing various documents. And index's

Photographing of internal or external monuments within the local churches and churchyards. You may already have photographs of your own relatives headstones, why not email them to me to be added to the data base we are creating.



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**INVOLVED**  
Be a volunteer and reap the rewards

Dates for  
the diary  
2017

**3rd July**

Beryl Holt

Talk on Brocton prisoner of war camp  
1917-1919.

- ◆ Access to commandants diaries.
- ◆ How the prisoners lived and entertained themselves
- ◆ Prisoner escapes..

**August**

NO

MEETING

**4th September**

Kath Reynolds

Talk on local history

**On the Web**

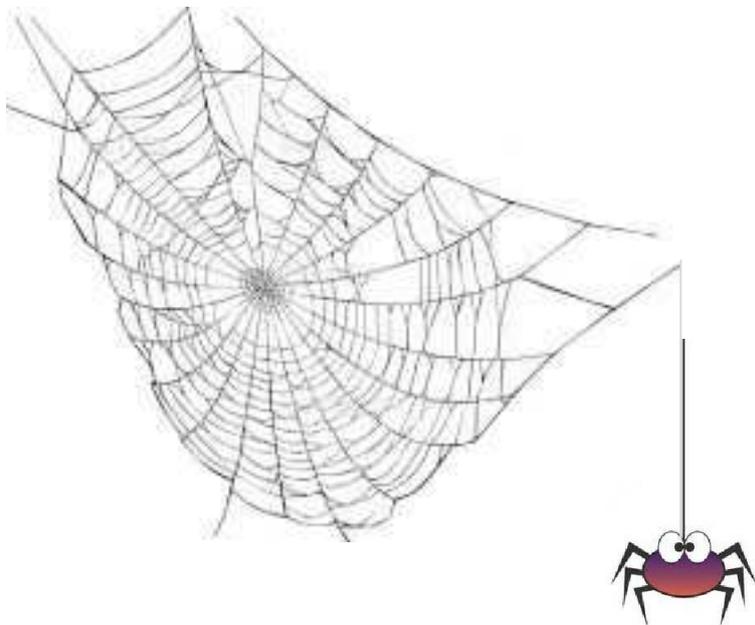
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## Report on the Stakeholder's Workshop held 16 May 2017 at St. Mary's Centre, Lichfield. D. Shenton

Various people from organisations met with Joanna Terry, Head of Archives and Heritage, Catherine Mann, Libraries and Arts Manager and consultants from Headland Consultants who are helping with the application for a grant to build a new Staffordshire History Centre.

### Overview.

There are currently 3 Record Offices (Stafford, Stoke and Lichfield) with the William Salt Library in Stafford and the outreach centre in Burton on Trent.

To Recap the first bid was turned down.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> bid was made after using consultants and stakeholders. The consultation of the Stakeholders etc resulted in the decision to create one History Centre in Stafford and they got advice from architects before submitting the bid.

At the end on May 2016 they were given a stage 1 grant of £330,000 to develop the bid to stage 2.

They are applying for a grant of £4 million and need to fundraise up to £150,000. They now have consultants to help and project staff together with mentors from the National Lottery fund.

The Archives from Lichfield are to be moved to temporary storage in Stafford and an access point created at St. Mary's Centre in Lichfield. This will have online and microfiche items amongst others.

Joanna Terry reports that they are in discussion with Find My Past to digitise the Bishop's Transcripts and Non-conformist records.

They now have an assessment from a design team which will be available at the end of June to build purpose built storage for the archive.

They recognise the need to digitise key sources e.g. the Minton Archive and Fossa have three quarters of the funding needed to digitise the Tithe maps.

An exhibition area will be created in Stafford with rotating exhibitions and they will have touring exhibitions round the county.

The time line for stage 2 - there should be a review with the Heritage Lottery Fund in September and discussion on a go ahead for next year. It will take until 2021 for the centre to open at a predicted cost of £5.5 million.

### St. Mary's Centre, Market Square, Lichfield.

Staffordshire Libraries have undergone a transformation going from 43 libraries run by paid staff to now having 23 run by communities using volunteers. Resulting in the Libraries having 160 paid staff and 807 volunteers.

Lichfield Record Office / Library needs considerable work and it is a grade 2 listed building. The public space available in the current library is greater than that needed and book issues decreased by 34% last year. They have a recording system which allows them to see which books are borrowed and which just sit on the shelf so can reduce the stock by 30% but any book can be borrowed from other libraries.

It is therefore decided that they will transfer the library to the ground floor of St. Mary's which will be fully accessible and have flexible space. The Organ and choir stalls will remain. A performance space and History access point will be created on the first floor.

Estimates are that it will save £100,000 per year so will pay for itself in 7 years. Regarding the Local Studies Collection; they are working with others so some items may be moved to other places or made available digitally.

There are no planned redundancies.

St. Mary's will be deconsecrated and internal walls removed to expose the stained glass windows. There are plans for spaces to allow people to use their own PCs and there will be tablets for the general public to consult. The building will be WiFi enabled and the consultants will be on-site from June.

There will be training for Library Staff to help with local studies and Tourist information which will all be in the same building.

There was a plea from the stakeholders that the boundary of "Lichfield" was not too narrow as for example people live there and work in Birmingham.

### Re- Lichfield Record Office.

All physical documents will be moved to Stafford and there will be a re-organisation of all archive Staff meaning that Lichfield staff may move to Stafford.

They are creating a conservation plan for both the buildings and archives at Stafford and proposing to create an organisation to fund raise.

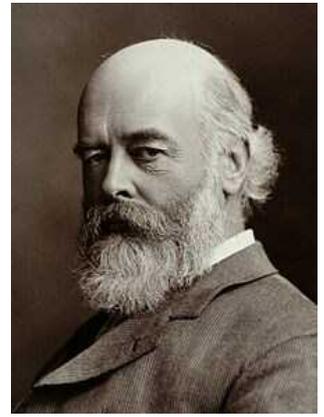
Various activities needed were discussed regarding how to attract people into the archives.

This included the suggestion of a help desk at Lichfield possibly with an archivist there one day per week, family history volunteers on another day etc.

The consensus of feeling was that "marketing" needed to be addressed and a review of how people might use the internet to spread news such as facebook etc. A suggestion for Webinars was also made.

# Sir Oliver Joseph Lodge

12 June 1851 – 22 August 1940



Oliver Lodge was born in 1851 at 'The Views' Penkull and educated at Adams' Grammar School, Newport, Shropshire. He was the eldest of eight sons and a daughter of Oliver Lodge (1826–1884) – later a ball clay merchant at Wolstanton, Staffordshire – and his wife, Grace, née Heath (1826–1879).

Lodge's siblings included Sir Richard Lodge (1855–1936), historian;

Eleanor Constance Lodge (1869–1936), historian and principal of Westfield College, London;

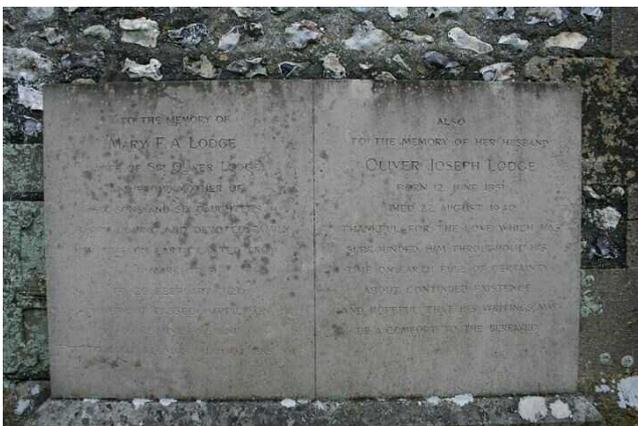
Alfred Lodge (1854–1937), mathematician.

In 1865, Lodge, at the age of 14, entered his father's business (Oliver Lodge & Son) as an agent for B. Fayle & Co selling Purbeck blue clay to the potteries, travelling as far as Scotland. He continued to assist his father until he reached the age of 22. His father's wealth obtained from selling Purbeck ball clay enabled Lodge to attend physics lectures in London and attend the local Wedgwood Institute.

Lodge obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of London in 1875 and a Doctor of Science in 1877. He was appointed professor of physics and mathematics at University College, Liverpool in 1881. In 1900 Lodge moved from Liverpool back to the Midlands and became the first principal of the new Birmingham University, remaining there until his retirement in 1919. He oversaw the start of the move of the university from Edmund Street in the city centre to its present Edgbaston campus. Lodge was awarded the Rumford Medal of the Royal Society in 1898 and was knighted by King Edward VII in 1902. In 1928 he was made Freeman of his native city, Stoke-on-Trent.

Lodge married Mary Fanny Alexander Marshall at St George's Church, Newcastle-under-Lyme in 1877. They had twelve children, six boys and six girls: Oliver William Foster (1878–1955), Francis Brodie (1880–1967), Alec (1881–1938), Lionel (1883–1948), Noel (1885–1962), Violet (1888–1924), Raymond (1889–1915), Honor (1891–1979), Lorna (1892–1987), Norah (1894–1990), Barbara (1896–1983), and Rosalynde (1896–1983). Four of his sons went into business using Lodge's inventions. Brodie and Alec created the Lodge Plug Company, which manufactured sparking plugs for cars and aeroplanes. Lionel and Noel founded a company that produced an electrostatic device for cleaning factory and smelter smoke in 1913, called the Lodge Fume Deposit Company Limited (changed in 1919 to Lodge Fume Company Limited and in 1922, through agreement with the International Precipitation Corporation of California, to Lodge Cottrell Ltd). Oliver, the eldest son, became a poet and author.

After his retirement in 1920, Lodge and his wife settled in Normanton House, near Lake in Wiltshire, just a few miles from Stonehenge. Lodge and his wife are buried at the local parish church, St. Michael's, Wilsford cum Lake (Salisbury). Their eldest son Oliver and eldest daughter Violet are buried at the same church.



# HUXLEY UPDATE

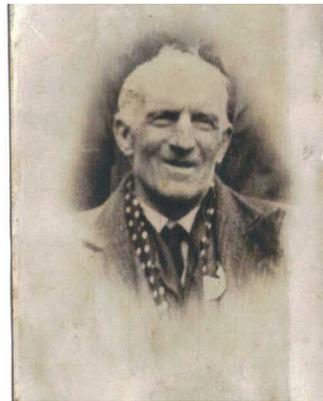
In the last E-newsletter we asked if you could help Stephen Huxley. Who was looking for photos of Goose Street, Newcastle which is now Morrisons car park. Were his gg grandparents, John and Ann Huxley lived at number 21 with their children Mary Ann, Sarah Alice, Samuel

Stephen contacted Newcastle-under-Lyme Museum were they kindly emailed him two photos of houses taken in Goose street.

If you can help please email Stephen on: [cactus\\_jack666@hotmail.com](mailto:cactus_jack666@hotmail.com)



Goose Street



Samuel and Jane Huxley



Samuel and Jane Huxley's graves



## **Life Was Different**

Widows with small children often marry again quite quickly and likely see a quick marriage as a way to support their children.

## **Siblings Are Important**

Hours of research can be saved by spending time on your ancestor's siblings. If records on your ancestor seem non-existent, perhaps a record on their brother or sister will be more informative. If a search does not locate an ancestor, perhaps looking for a sibling will be the key to finding the entire family. Our ancestors spent a significant part of their life with their siblings. We should spend some of our research time on them.

## **There Are Few Absolutes**

For virtually every rule in genealogy, there is an exception. There will be individuals who do not follow society norms, who leave little paper trail, and who move where they know no one. Those ancestors who break all the rules are the ones who build the strongest brick walls.

1 July 1837 - Introduction of General Civil Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths in England and Wales

## **Births**

- Pre-1875 - an estimated 6 to 10% of births NOT registered
- 1875 more rigorous enforcement of compulsory registration
- September quarter 1837 to June quarter 1911 -- only first two full forenames, subsequent initials, registration district and reference number

September quarter 1911 to present -- only first forename, subsequent initials, registration district and number but also includes mother's maiden surname.

## **Marriages**

- September quarter 1837 to December quarter 1911 -- only first two full forenames, subsequent initials, registration district and ref number
- March quarter 1912 to September quarter 1962 -- if female was previously married, index shows maiden name and married name

March quarter 1912 to present day -- surname of spouse added

## **Deaths**

- 1875 enforcement of compulsory registration
- September quarter 1837 to June quarter 1911 -- only first two full forenames, subsequent initials, registration district and reference number
- September quarter 1911 onwards - only first forename, subsequent initials, registration district and number
- September quarter 1837 to December quarter 1865 -- no age given
- March quarter 1866 to March quarter 1969 -- age at death given
- June quarter 1969 to present -- exact date of birth given