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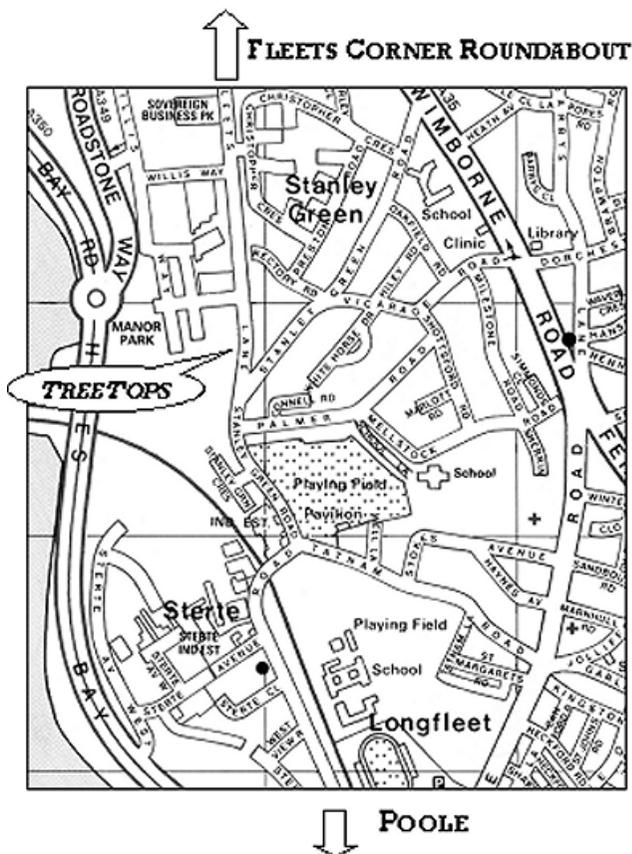
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Cover picture: Included in a family album found at an antiques fair - see Letters to the Editor

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From the Editor's Chair



Greetings fellow Family Historians. By now you will have hopefully have made good progress with your research, found out fascinating information relating to your ancestors, their lives, occupations and places they lived.

I have made a start by creating timelines to illustrate key facts known about my Grandparents, coloured by world events that were happening whilst they were busy living their lives. Thanks to the internet, I have been able to illustrate the timelines with images of houses where my Grandparents lived, and even ships that Grandad PARKER sailed on during his time in the Royal Navy. More poignant are images of the Allied operations in the Dardanelles Straits in 1915 where Grandad was severely wounded in action, suffering from a bullet wound of the chest.

Grandad thankfully recovered, and moved to Bournemouth with Grandma following their marriage in 1927. He never spoke of this war experience, so it is so special that our family have the official Naval Telegrams to my Great-Grandmother to advise of his injuries as well as other official documents from his life. These are true heirlooms.

Even the most 'ordinary' ancestor has a story for us to discover and tell. Please do send in the stories of your Dorset ancestors for us all to enjoy and be inspired.

Angie, Journal Editor

Deadline for March 2020 edition – 15 April 2020

The Editorial Team will be pleased to receive articles for inclusion in this Journal. They can be short or long, with or without illustrations. Ideally they should be sent by e-mail to <editor@dorsetfhs.org.uk>, but typed hard copy or clear, legible handwriting sent to Treetops is also welcome. The editors may need to edit, abridge or reject any material submitted for publication and cannot guarantee that an article will be included in any particular edition.

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Programme and Speakers

Sue and Pete Redfearn



The meetings will take place on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, (except August) from 7.30pm – 9.30pm, at St George's Church Hall, Darby's Lane, Oakdale, Poole, BH15 3EU. Doors open at 7pm. (Talks normally last up to 1 hour) - These timings have been changed to accommodate the bus

timetables. Admission to monthly meetings: £2.00.

Please note that meetings can sometimes be subject to change at short notice. Please check for possible updates on <www.dorsetfhs.org.uk> and on Facebook.

Tuesday 17 March 2020 – “Mixing DNA Results with a Paper Trail” by Dr. Penny Walters

Penny explains how to merge established paper trails with DNA results, the biology and jargon of which can be overwhelming. Through DNA testing people receive ethnicity estimates, a heritage map, a list of people that DNA matches (overlaps) with, and the opportunity to contact and collaborate if they wish. Many people only focus on that ethnicity result and don't know what to do with the other information. Advantages and disadvantages of different tests are explored, a consanguinity chart provided and useful information for adoptees, and triangulation explained. Penny will show how to add 'useful' DNA matches to your tree to inform a restructured paper trail. She will also outline a variety of ethical dilemmas.

Dr. Penny Walters' PhD researched ethical dilemmas, and she is a University lecturer in Psychology and Business Studies. Adoptee Penny lectures internationally about genealogy topics and regularly writes articles for Family Tree magazine. DNA testing and collaboration with 2nd and 3rd cousin matches revealed 91% Irish heritage, and has also revealed fascinating insights into her children's' cultural heritage. Penny has also published two books “Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy” and “The Psychology of Searching”

Tuesday 21 April 2020 - “Posted in the Past” by Helen Baggott

Following on from her book ‘Posted in the Past’, Helen uses genealogical skills to reveal the true stories behind postcards sent in the early years of the 20th century, and Helen shares these tales in an illustrated talk. A 10-year old servant living in Bath, a soldier who died in the first World War, and even the man who helped prepare Lord Kitchener’s last meal are all connected through postcards.

Helen is a freelance writer and editor from Sturminster Newton, and gives talks to many Societies and Clubs in the area. She has also written articles for many local magazines including Dorset Life.

Tuesday 19 May 2020 - “Keep it in the Family” by Heather Wylde

Heather tells the true story of love, bravery and tragedy taken from her mother’s diary in 1941, when her Uncle’s Wellington Bomber went missing during a raid on Dusseldorf. After researching the historical sites of the RAF she has the training records of both her Father and Uncle, the last flight plan of her Uncle and other relevant documents. With this research and the pages of her Mother’s diary it brings out an unusual and interesting story of a family’s wartime year which may relate to discoveries in your own family history.

Heather is a professional speaker and an artist, running Art workshops as well as her talks.

Tuesday 16 June 2020 - “Naval Records” by Les Mitchinson

Les returns once more to take us through another informative discovery journey explaining how naval records have evolved from the 18th century, through to the modern day. Les will describe the records, explain where they are held, and which ones are available to view on line. He will also explain the different approach to researching a naval officer from that of a naval rating.

Les, after a naval career, became a professionally qualified genealogist, a course tutor with the IHGS and been appointed their Director of Education. He has his own business in Family History with clients from around the world

Meetings in Retrospect

Angie Parker-Harris

Tuesday 26 November 2019 – AGM

Refer to the detailed minutes in this Journal

Tuesday 17 December 2019 - “Mr. Selfridge - Fact and Fiction” by Steve Roberts



We were pleased to welcome back Steve Roberts, this time to relate the true story of retail entrepreneur Harry SELFRIDGE, telling of his American background, his flagship store, his family, his successes and failures.

Harry Selfridge was born on 11 January 1858 in America and died on 8 May 1947 (aged 89). He is buried at Highcliffe St Mark's Church in Dorset. In his life, Harry lost his two brothers and was heavily influenced by his mother Lois who taught him the importance of manners, appearance and bravery.

From the age of ten, Harry showed his entrepreneurial spirit, starting as a stock boy in the wholesale department in the Marshall Field Department Store in North East USA. By the age of 29 he was the lead of the retail store Marshall Field (1887). By 1892, he was a partner at Marshall Field.

In March 1909 he opened the Selfridge store in Oxford Street, London. He was finally 'retired' (i.e. ousted) from his role as Chairman of this store in 1939. At this time Harry lost the bulk of his fortune (due to the Great Depression, his gambling, taxes and over spending).

Late in 1916, Harry took a lease on Highcliffe Castle, mainly to escape war-torn London. In 1919, he



purchased Hengisbury Head and intended to have a magnificent castle built there. He thankfully sold Hengisbury Head in 1930 with no buildings having been erected.

Steve provided a wealth of information relating to Harry, including his planned scheme to build affordable homes for returning heroes. In reality, only 70 out of 300 homes were ever built as part of the Selfridge Estate.

Tuesday 21 January 2020 - “Women of Poole “- a talk by Richard Yeoman

Richard is a long-time volunteer at Poole Museum’s History Centre and also editor of the Poole Museum Society’s Newsletter. He entertained us with a wealth of facts relating to some very interesting, if relatively unknown women with connections to Poole and surrounding area.

These included Lady Margaret BEAUFORT, the mother of King Henry VII and paternal Grandmother of King Henry VIII. In 1497 she announced her intention to build a free school for the general public of Wimborne. Following her death in 1509, Wimborne Grammar School came into existence, to become Queen Elizabeth's School, Wimborne Minster.



By contrast, we learned of Caroline Jane “Granny” COUSINS, a lady who, in her twilight years managed to make a living as a Knocker-Upper in Poole; more specifically from the Quay to the Gas Works which took in Lagland Street, Thames Street, Stand Street, Taylor’s Buildings, Emerson Road and the High Street. For three pennies a week she would come around and wake up workers from their slumbers by tapping on the bedroom window. For most of her clients this would mean a

really early morning call as work in most of the factories in Poole started at 6am.

Poole also boasts two Miss Worlds, in the form of Ann SIDNEY who took the title in 1964 and Sarah Kane HUTT in 1983.

Robert explored the lives of sportswomen too, among them figure skater Erica BATCHELOR who was born in Poole, Wendy TOMS, an international football referee from Broadstone, Karen LEGG an Olympic swimmer and Marguerite WILSON the first star of women's cycling.

This engaging talk explored the lives of women from a wide range of backgrounds, with differing achievements, both those born locally and those who moved to Poole. All those attending enjoyed learning more about our unsung local heroines.

Computer Group Meetings at Treetops

Richard Yates



Meetings are held at Treetops on the first Tuesday of each month (except January and August) commencing at 7.30pm. Please use the ground floor level access at the rear of Stanley House.

Meetings can sometimes be subject to change at short notice. Please check for possible updates on <www.dorsetfhs.org.uk> and on Facebook.

March 3rd – Any Questions

Moving on from our former Open Forums, we are trying a wider topic. Alan will still try to answer technical computer questions if you e-mail them to him at least 7 days before the meeting at <webmaster@dorsetfhs.org.uk>. In addition, the assembled group will attempt to help on Family History questions. We usually have a range of expertise present, so you could well be lucky.

April 7th – DNA Further Investigations

Our October meeting proved very interesting, but some members were away, and others have more to contribute. Hopefully Linda Adams and Ann Bush will be able to join us to share their expertise again.

May 5th – Facebook for Family History

Many members have mentioned finding assistance (and sometimes “new” cousins) on Facebook. This is your opportunity to bring examples of the benefits and show the rest of us how to do it. If you don’t usually come to Computer Group, but have something to contribute to this topic, drop me an e-mail at <liaison@dorsetfhs.org.uk> and we can slot you in. It will be light evenings by May, so there’s no excuse.

June 2nd – Some suggested Websites

Although we have regularly heard from Celia on this topic, the plan is to invite any member to bring along details of a site you have come across or has been recommended to you. There is no need to bring lots – a few people suggesting one each will happily fill an evening.

Requests for future subjects, or offers to lead an evening, are always welcome. We have decided that June and I will continue to run the meetings and produce the calendar notes.

Dorset Memorial Inscriptions

Philip Newton Webb

Over the years, volunteers from amongst our members have transcribed many of the memorials in numerous cemeteries and graveyards all around Dorset. As memorials, in whatever form such as headstones and kerbs, can become unreadable due to aging and the weather, these transcriptions become an even more valuable source of information for family history research.

Many of the written documents were put onto microfiche which have been available at Treetops for researchers to consult.

A few years ago, another team of volunteers began to put all this information onto spreadsheets and a deal was done whereby the transcriptions are gradually being uploaded onto Findmypast. This makes them more accessible to researchers all over the world and generates income for the Society, as we receive a small royalty each time someone clicks onto one of our records.

To see what is available go on to Findmypast, click on Search and choose "A-Z of record sets". In the search cell enter "Dorset" and a drop-down list will appear of every set with Dorset in its name and saying how many entries each one has. Select Dorset Memorial Inscriptions and a search page will appear. Our fellow society, Somerset & Dorset FHS, contributed to some of the transcriptions and submit their own spreadsheets to FMP, so they all appear under the same umbrella listing there.

If you scroll right down to the bottom of the page there is a link called "Discover more..." which, amongst other things, advises researchers to contact the Society for more information. Going back up the page there is a section on the right called Useful Links and the top one is Parish Lists which shows all the parishes submitted by either DFHS or S&DFHS, with the total number of records and the earliest and latest dates available.

The upload process can be a bit long-winded as every spreadsheet has to be thoroughly checked and queries answered to be sure it is as accurate as possible. It then has to be put into the format and layout prescribed by Findmypast before it is submitted to them via the Family History Federation, who will have also run their own checks for consistency, leading to more queries to be answered before they eventually appear online.

Not all the transcriptions made by DFHS volunteers will be available on Findmypast as they don't fit their definition. Some include anything in the church with a name on it! Bells, cushions, returning soldiers, pictures of vicars etc. The microfiche is still available in Treetops, where you can also access the spreadsheets and Findmypast.

On the DFHS website there is a list of all the cemeteries and graveyards that have so far been transcribed and this will continue to be updated to highlight those that have also been uploaded to Findmypast.

Members' Interests

Alan Mead

One of the benefits of Society membership is that surnames you are researching can be shared in the Journal and on the website. Names listed in the Journal will reach every Member and whoever happens to read the Journal. Names listed on the website can be viewed and searched by anyone who visits the page <www.dorsetfhs.org.uk/members-interests>. Entering a surname in the search box there can show whether anyone else is interested in a surname you are researching, and Members can check what surnames they have registered by entering their Membership Number.

I have been maintaining the database for just over 2 years and in that time most of the additions have been registered by new members. I wonder whether they joined just for this?

However, this benefit is not just for new Members. **All** Members, whether they joined when the Society started, in the last month, or at any time in-between, can register or update the surnames they are researching by completing a Members' Interests form. The latest version is available in the Members' Area at <www.dorsetfhs.org.uk/members-area>.

Contact details are not published in the Journal or on the website. I provide these details to about 25 Members each year on request, but I don't recall having ever heard whether that contact proved successful or not.

Please share your surname interests by adding them to the database and contact other Members if they seem to be researching the same surname. If you have had success in your research as a result of contacting another Member through this service, why not write to the Editor and share that success with other Members in a future edition of this Journal?

The following new surnames have been added to the database since the last Journal:

Member

No.	Surname	Place	County	Dates
5180	AHEARNE	Ballymore	COR	1770 - 1896
5189	BRIDGE	Any	DOR	pre 19th C
5185	BUNN	Poole	DOR	< 1800
4690	CARTRIDGE	Poole	DOR	1750 - 1900
4690	CHILD	Any	WIL	1750 - 1850
5180	CLANCY	Preston	LAN	1850 - 1875
4690	DALDRY	Any	SFK	1750 - 1900
5183	DAUBENEY	Gorwell	DOR	1600-1730
5186	DAVEY	Stoke Abbott	DOR	1735 - 1813
5180	DAWSON	Great Wilbraham	CAM	1796 - 1896
5180	DEAR	Medway	KEN	1876 - 1953
5194	FRENCH	Weymouth	DOR	Pre 1860
5194	FRENCH	Melcombe Regis	DOR	Pre 1860
5183	GOLLOP	Portland	DOR	1740-1840
5183	GOLLOP	Weymouth	DOR	1700-1820
5183	GOLLOP	Wyke Regis	DOR	1700-1820
5183	GOLLOP	Bincombe	DOR	1700-1840
5180	HATHERALL	Christian Malford	WIL	1794 - 1869
4655	HIGHMAN	Shaftesbury / Any	DOR	Pre 1870
5180	HINXMAN	West Dean	SSX	1664 - 1820
5180	LAHAN	Cork	COR	1817 - 1907
5189	LAMBERT	Any	DOR	pre 18th C
4655	LAMBERT	Any	DOR	Pre 1800
5180	LAVER	Rye	SSX	1754 - 1848
5180	MILLS	Walford By Ross	HEF	1779 - 1852
5180	ODY	Christian Malford	WIL	1710 - 1866
5180	O'LEARY	Enniscorthy	WEX	1809 - 1905
5183	PITMAN	South Cadbury	SOM	1750-1850
5183	PLOWMAN	Sherborne	DOR	1600-1700
5183	PLOWMAN	Tolpuddle	DOR	1700-1810
4655	RABBETTS	Shaftesbury / Any	DOR	Pre 1800
4655	READ	Any	DOR	Pre 1840

5189	ROLLS	Any	DOR	pre 19th C
5183	SABINE	Muckleford	DOR	1600-1850
5186	SEAL	Dorsetshire	DOR	1649 -
5186	SEAL	Stoke Abbott	DOR	1699 - 1764
5186	SEAL	Stoke Abbott	DOR	1741 - 1837
5186	SEAL	Broadwinsor	DOR	1777 - 1860
5186	SEAL	Stoke Abbott	DOR	1820 - 1900
5186	SEAL	Bridport	DOR	1856 - 1937
5186	SEAL	Stafford	STS	1530 -
5186	SEALE	Marnhull	DOR	1557 - 1644
5186	SEALE	Netherbury	DOR	1578 - 1663
5186	SEALE	Stoke Abbott	DOR	1611 - 1690
5180	SPENCER	Richmond, Victoria	AUSTRALIA	1830 - 1915
5189	STRANGE	Any	DOR	pre 19th C
5183	TAUNTON	Stratton	DOR	1700-1830
4655	USHER	Any	DOR	Pre 1800
4690	WALTON	Poole	DOR	1800 - 1900
5194	WATTS	Moor Crichel	DOR	Pre 1855
5194	WATTS	Long Crichel	DOR	Pre 1855
5194	WATTS	Cranborne	DOR	Pre 1855
5194	WATTS	Morden	DOR	Pre 1855
5194	WATTS	Wareham St Martin	DOR	Pre 1855
5194	WATTS	Minterne Magna	DOR	Pre 1855
5186	WHEADON	Broadwinsor	DOR	1800 – 1878
5200	YALE	Any	ANY	Any

The database can be viewed at Treetops and on the Society's website at www.dorsetfhs.org.uk/members-interests, where there is a search box to see if any other Member is interested in the same surname as you. This search box can also be used to check what surnames you have registered by entering your Membership Number. If there is a Member with an interest in the same surname as you, the same page has guidance on how to obtain their contact details. Members without Internet access should contact Treetops during opening hours.

Family History Day 2020

Dorset Family History Society are holding their next Family History Day on Saturday 21st March 2020 from 10am till 4pm. Once again this event will be at Parkstone Grammar School, Soper's Lane, Poole, BH17 7EP where there is easy level access to our numerous exhibitors, talks, sales and family history research area. Admission and parking are FREE.

During the day speakers will be giving the following talks:

- 'DNA and a Paper Trail' by Dr Penny Walters (Tickets are £1 on the day)

The results given after DNA testing is explained and explored so that 'useful' DNA matches can be added to family trees to inform a restructured paper trail. A variety of ethical dilemmas are also outlined.

- 'Getting Started' by David Gynes (a Free Talk)

A guide to those starting out on their journey to discover their ancestors.

- 'Sons of the Soil' by Dr Janet Few (Tickets are £1 on the day)

Every family has them, ancestors who worked the land. How can we find out more about them, the farms that they worked and the lives that they led? This talk covers a range of sources, many of them under-used, which will help to shed light on the working lives of our rural British ancestors.

To find out more please check the website <www.dorsetfhs.org.uk> and our Facebook page as additional information will be posted when details are confirmed.

As in the past refreshments will be available all day in a seated area within the school and near to all the stands.

Dorset Family History Society looks forward to welcoming everyone, those starting out on their research and those who have been working on it for years!

The late Brian Galpin - Vice President of the DFHS

Brian sadly passed away on the 30th December 2019 at the age of 82 years. He became a member of the Dorset Family History Society early on in its inception (Membership No.46) and was voted in as Chairman in 1991 serving six years until in line with the Constitution stepped down returning to the post in 1998 until 2003. The following year he was made Vice President in recognition of all his work for the Society since when he has continued to be a great supporter, retaining his deep interest in its fortunes and its future.



Brian was not born in Poole, the home of his ancestors, but came to reside there with his parents when only a few months old. As he grew up he became passionately interested in the history of the town and researching his own family history, seeking out and meeting many of his related descendants. He was a larger than life, caring and jolly, character and wherever he went advocated that researchers make their efforts 'fun'.

Over the years he arranged and took groups of members and others on many walks around old Poole showing and sharing with them it's fascinating history, on which he was an in depth expert. He was a member too for many years of the team of volunteer members who regularly visited the Dorset History Centre assisting them in the transcribing of parish registers to add to the Society's archives and would particularly enjoy gathering with them for a lively and friendly lunch break at the nearby pub.

He partook in the publication of a number of Poole history books and was a member of many local historical organisations including the Society of Poole Men and the Wessex Newfoundland Society through which some years ago he and his wife Audrey visited that country, both enjoying a really wonderful trip.

He was always involved too in the Poole Beating of the Land and Sea Bounds, events of 14th century origin which is still continued today. It is an ancient custom which is also observed in some other English and Welsh parishes. A group of old and young members of the community sail and walk the boundaries of the parish, usually led by the parish priest and church officials, to share the knowledge of where they lay, and to pray for protection and blessings for the coast and lands.

Brian was indeed a true son of Poole and although he has now left us he will undoubtedly never be forgotten.

June Clist

Dorset Family History Society Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday, 26th November 2019 at 7.30 pm

Chairman David Gynes welcomed all present. Vice President June Clist declared the AGM open.

1. Apologies

Debbie Winter, Nichola Hannaford, Mary Curtis, Philip Newton-Webb, Cherry Fisher, Outgoing President Ian Andrews. DG advised that Ian Andrews had recently had a stroke and the family have requested no contact to allow Ian to recover. It was agreed a card to thank him for his Presidency would be sent.

DG also noted the passing of Roy Stockdill. The family have advised a memorial service will take place on 10th January 2020 at Woodlands Burial Ground (Harbour View) Lytchett Minster. Contact the secretary (Sheila Martin) if you intend to go.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting were published in the Journal Volume 32 No 2 in March 2019. The minutes were approved.

3. Matters Arising: None

4. Chairman's Report:

Thank you for coming tonight. I know the letters AGM often carry the promise of boredom with them but I hope tonight's formal business will be as brief as it can be within the rules of procedure.

I wish to echo the thanks expressed in the Secretary's report, especially to Richard Yates who has given great service to the society over the years in office and "holding the fort" as well as running our stand at Fairs.

But I want to add one to Sheila's list – Sheila. She works tirelessly for us all, often behind the scenes, unseen and unsung but I can assure you that without Sheila this society would be much the poorer in very many ways.

I am very proud of DFHS, of our volunteers, our research centre, our library, our Family History Days, our courses, our presence at Fairs and Shows around the country, and of our loyal members.

In the past year we have been represented at several shows, including Family Tree Live at Ally Pally, (sorry, Alexandra Palace), which was a the first of a new venture launched by the Family Tree Magazine in conjunction with the Federation of Family History Societies.[^] The Federation [^] represents us national level in matters like the release of Census data and getting the GRO to issue cheaper data information from BMDs rather than having to buy the legally authenticated copy

Certificate. You have a copy of their 'Really Useful Leaflet' on your chair. If you already have one take this copy and pass it on to a friend/relative who is getting into Family History.

Another first was the Fair at Sandown Racecourse (not a horse to be seen!). It wasn't as busy as I had hoped but our volunteers made a success of it by engaging with a great number of those who attended.

It costs us money to attend these fairs, and again we rely on volunteers who give a day or more to staff our stand. Are Fairs worth the money? - Yes, we remind people that we are here for everyone, not just Dorset folk with Dorset ancestors. We encourage people to take their studies further; we engage with our Members who live in foreign parts, like Lunnun, and 'Ampshire; we show prospective members that we are forward and outward looking and prepared to travel out of our comfort zone to meet and help them.

At a recent meeting with the Federation several of the Societies represented there reported falling membership numbers. We exist in large part for the benefit of our members. Yes – we have responsibilities to reach out to others in terms of education and support, but without members we have no funds, no base from which to draw volunteers, we lose our ability to fulfil the terms of our charity status. We cease to be. To paraphrase John Cleese, we become an ex-society. If you are enjoying and benefitting from your membership, please encourage others to join you.

Over the years your Committee has tried to start programmes of forward planning for the growth of DFHS, in membership recruitment and outreach. Some have derailed due to changes in personnel, some through Government and other changes (GDPR) some through sheer lack of time, we are all busy people. If you have ideas, especially if you are willing to help launch them, do please contact us

The recent sad and unexpected death of Roy Stockdill, raised issues for me and others in the DFHS. I heard about Roy's demise through mutual friends in the Guild of One Name Studies and was able to pass on the information. We do not always hear about other members dying. As, I

am reliably informed, death awaits each of us in due time, can I ask that we all take steps to a) secure our research*, b) leave clear instructions as to what you want done with your research, c) ask that your next of kin or executor informs the society. Having this information will help to achieve at least two things: 1) prevent pain and embarrassment for your kin caused by receiving our renewal reminders, 2) enable us to mark your passing and express our sense of loss and our gratitude for the role(s) you carried out for DFHS.

** Research Succession Planning is a term sometimes used to cover the need to make sure that all your years of painstaking work doesn't end up in a skip. Finding another family member to take it on is the ideal but failing that at least ask someone to keep it safe until another researcher can be found.*

Finally, I believe that DFHS has had a good year, thanks to hard work by your Committee and all the other volunteers. If you would like to help please contact Sheila our secretary and please remember, we are all volunteers and we were all new into post/role once. Don't be shy!

Revd David J Gynes MA, Chairman

^The Federation has 'rebadged' itself as the Family History Federation in order to make clear that it supports everyone involved in Family History, not only Societies.

Proposed by Linda Adams and seconded by Chris Chuck. The report was unanimously accepted.

5. Secretary's Report

We come to the end of the Society's year with the knowledge that we've hopefully fulfilled the objective of promoting and encouraging this wonderful hobby of ours, family history. So thank you to all those regular volunteers who fill so many essential roles, but also those who come forward in response for extra help when needed.

We are in the midst of planning our Family History Day on March 21st 2020. A lot of preparation work has already been done, but we shall

soon be asking for help with specific roles, on the day itself, the night before and the day after. Look out for these requests; we really do need our members to support us in what has become a rather successful biennial event.

The year itself has passed very quickly, it seems to me, and I have a few changes to report.

Unfortunately, we were recently told of the death of Roy Stockdill. Roy joined DFHS when he moved here a few years ago. He regularly attended our Family History Day to give his talk on Breaking Down Brick Walls. He also contributed a regular article to our Journal and assisted the Editor as Proof Reader. His genealogy knowledge and expertise will be sorely missed.

The biggest challenge of the year has been to find a new venue for the monthly meetings, to meet all the necessary criteria such as size, availability, parking and price. We hope you approve of the move, and although we had to change the day, it appears to be a good choice.

At the end of last year, Julia Towner gave her resignation as Librarian, as you will have read in the article in the June journal thanking her. Debbie Winter has now been handed the reins and is currently putting her own stamp on the post.

Stuart Withers had to retire as Parish Register Coordinator because of ill health; this post remains vacant, but has been renamed as Project Coordinator. We hope in the future to be able to take on other projects to transcribe, as they become available.

After Richard Yates completed his term as Treasurer at the last AGM, we thought we had secured a replacement, but this was not to be. Since then, Richard has very kindly offered to hold the fort but we are now in a position to finally let him have a rest! Joy Dixon has agreed to take over, with the help of Chris Chuck. We wish them well with this new post and send our heartfelt thanks to Richard, who incidentally has been nominated as a committee member.

Lorraine Squires joined us at the committee meeting in May, not as a member but as Minute Secretary, and as such has proved to be invaluable in her meticulous record keeping and consequent distribution of the proceedings.

Last but not least, Anna Ward has stepped down from the committee, but we thank her for her steady input and participation in all things, especially her involvement with fairs. I am pleased to say she has now agreed to take on the post of Fairs Coordinator and will be overseeing DFHS presence at various events throughout the year.

We now have a full committee of 13, 11 of whom also hold 'official' job titles, and I would personally like to express my gratitude for their support throughout the year and all their hard work they do for the Society.

I hope you, the members, continue to enjoy your Society, whether it is attending meetings, going on coach trips, visiting Treetops or just quietly plodding on with your own family history. Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.

Proposed by Alan Mead and seconded by Chris Chuck, the report was unanimously accepted.

Sheila Martin, Secretary

6. Treasurer's Report:

Despite what was in my report last year, it was not my last Treasurer's Report to the Society's AGM. It has proved rather a difficult year, as we lost Steve Wallington as Treasurer within two months of the AGM, and I was prevailed upon to stand in – as it turned out for the remainder of the year. Due to the requirement for me to stand down from the Committee after serving for six years, I have not returned in that roll, and have confined myself to keeping up the accounts and providing a report to each Committee Meeting. The issue which may have led Steve to resign was the inability of the Society's Bank to carry out our instructions. After twelve months we are still only partly there – a complaint to the bank resolved one part, but we have still not been able

to add and delete signatories, and it is likely we will need to complain again to deal with the outstanding issue before we can add the new signatories to the list. That brings me to the good news – Joy Dixon and Chris Chuck have agreed to share the job going forward.

I have compared the receipts for this year against last, and by excluding the Bequest and the Open Day receipts there was approximately £900 less. There was £2000 less in subscriptions, £200 less in meetings, £140 less in Sales and nearly £200 less in Gift Aid. On the other side, Coach Trip receipts increased by approaching £1000, Research by £300, Interest by £200 and Sundries by £150. The Sundries were from Sale of old unused printers.

On the payments side, after similarly excluding Open Day expenditure, the Society paid out some £2100 more than last year. Treetops expenditure – rent and administration – accounted for approximately £650, of which £235 represents a 3 year licence for antivirus software on 10 computers. We spent £230 additional on meetings, £800 more on Sales and Fairs, £240 more on travel expenses and £740 on the Coach Trips, which nevertheless made a profit. By not buying any equipment, there was £560 less spent on Sundries.

There is again a deficit for the year. It is larger again than the previous year, but some of that was the result of conscious decisions to attend larger events – Family Tree Live at Alexandra Palace requires significant expenditure on the Stand and expenses – but the Society needs to keep giving a service at such events. Our receipts are less than the amount the Society spends on Treetops and the Journal together. I am again asking you to approve the resolution to permit the Society to increase subscriptions. It may be that this time we will need to put up with the aggravation of sorting out Standing Orders and do it – I believe it is more than 10 years since it was last increased. For that reason, I have asked the Secretary to produce a flexible resolution to permit an increase of up to £3 – another Society to which I belong has recently increased their sub from £13 to £15.

Once again, this is my last report to the AGM as Treasurer (even just “holding the fort”). I hope Joy and Chris will find it not too onerous a

task, I wish them luck, and I look forward to someone else writing the Reports!

Proposed by John Dymott and seconded by Ann Bush. The report was unanimously accepted.

Richard Yates

7. Election of Society Officers and Committee:

The election of Society Officers and Committee Members were proposed, elected and accepted en masse.

- **Chairman:** David Gynes
- **Treasurer:** Joy Dixon
- **Secretary:** Sheila Martin
- **Committee:** Linda Adams, Ann Bush, Chris Chuck, Cherry Fisher, Susan Redfearn, Shirley Robinson, Sheila Tanner, June Taylor, Debbie Winter, Richard Yates

8. Proposal for increased membership fees

A proposal to increase membership by up to £3 (to £15 pa), if necessary, was proposed by Clare Evans. Seconded by Shirley Robinson and was unanimously agreed.

9. Any Other Business:

None

The AGM was closed by June Clist at 20.00 giving her thanks to the Chair, officers and committee members.

DORSET FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019

	2018 - 2019		2017 - 2018	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions				
2018 - 2019	3895		2017 - 2018	5263
2019 - 2020	<u>2311</u>		2018 - 2019	<u>2936</u>
		6206		8199
Open Day		200		2221
Meetings		1572		1767
Coach Trips		1406		437
Sales		1397		1537
Advertising		0		0
Research		6772		6463
Donations / Fundraising		264		6826
Gift Aid		1001		1185
Education		40		90
Sundries		151		3
Interest		314		96
		<u>19324</u>		<u>28823</u>
PAYMENTS				
Treetops				
Administration	5687		Administration	5294
Rents	<u>10727</u>		Rents	<u>10456</u>
		16414		15750
Meetings		1395		1164
Coach Trips		1262		520
Sales/Fairs		1642		843
Journal		3987		4022
Open Day		0		2137
Travel expenses		553		310
Education		30		33
Sundries				
Equipment	0		Equipment	514
Bank Charges	<u>97</u>		Other	<u>141</u>
		97		656
		<u>25379</u>		<u>25434</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year		-6056		3389
Bank balances brought forward		86385		82996
Bank balances				
Current account	23695		Current account	27869
PayPal	363		PayPal	2559
COIF Deposit account	<u>56270</u>		COIF Deposit account	<u>55956</u>
Carried forward		<u>80329</u>		<u>86385</u>
ASSETS - As valued by the Committee				
Stock of Publications at cost		2366		2889
Computers, fiche readers, etc		332		902
Furniture, Banners, etc		556		794
Library		3411		4548
Stationery		<u>453</u>		<u>639</u>
		<u>7117</u>		<u>9772</u>

No Restricted funds, being funds which may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were received, have been received or spent during the year.

The Society holds a lease on the property at Suite 5, (known as Treetops Research Centre) Stanley House, 3 Fleets Lane, Poole, BH15 3AJ at an annual cost of £9950 exclusive of VAT on the Service Charge for a three year period starting on 12th August 2017. Service charges increase annually throughout the term.

I have prepared the financial statement for the year ended 30th September 2019

Richard Yates
Treasurer

APPROVED BY THE Annual General Meeting held on 26th November 2019
and signed on its behalf by

Chairman of the meeting

I have examined the books and records of the Society and confirm that the above Account has been prepared in accordance therewith

Phillip Newton Webb FCA
Chartered Accountant

Date: 26th November 2019

Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor,



Several years ago I bought a photo album at an antiques fair in Boscombe which contains a number of photos of people, events and buildings dating from around the early 1900. It appears to be from one family and seems linked to a member of parliament at the time. There are also references to a small sailing boat called 'Black Cat'.

Would you be able to assist me in identifying the family/location based on scans of the photos I could send you so perhaps I could return the album to the rightful owners.

Many thanks in advance, Clare Collins
<the.collins@bigpond.com>

ED: See also the front page image on this Journal





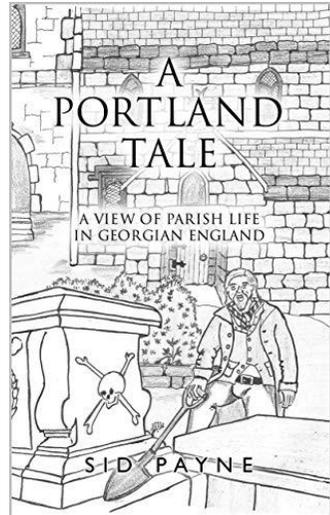
Books that may interest you

A Portland Tale – a View of Parish Life in Georgian England by Sid Payne (and Abraham Winter) - reviewed by Ann Capon

This book is based on a document written by Abraham WINTER in the 1700s to show the history involved in the decline of the Medieval parish church of St Andrews on the Island of Portland in Dorset, which was in the village of Church Hope, just below the village of Wakeham.

In 1705 Abraham Winter was born on the Island. He tells us of his life from his birth to the year before his death in 1771.

Using documentary evidence, which he embellishes, he recalls Portland in Georgian times. He also recollects the lifestyle of the time of writing about local characters, visitors (maybe your family) and the strange events of sea monsters and UFOs.



I was particularly interested in the tales of smuggling, the jobs of the day, and the cost of living, including payments for jobs or payments from the parish to those in need.

The print is easy to read, the spelling as it was in Abraham's time and the book is well worth a ready.

Published by Olympian Publishing, London £6.99



Discover your story at Family Tree Live

Family Tree Live is the UK's favourite family history event, held in partnership with the Family History Federation.

Everyone has a family story, discover yours at Family Tree Live, the annual family history celebration held at London's historic Alexandra Palace. Learn with **lectures and workshops**, meet **family history society** members, share stories with fellow **genealogists**, discover how to trace your roots with **top experts** and so much more!

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Family Tree Live is being organised in partnership with the Family History Federation (formally the Federation of Family History Societies) and really aims to help support the work of family history societies. To find out more about Family Tree Live, which is being held on 17 & 18 April 2020 at Alexandra Palace, London, please visit <https://www.family-tree.co.uk/family-tree-live/>

PS

If you've not been before, Alexandra Palace has a lovely pub, and stunning views of the London skyline, which you can enjoy from the promenade style terrace! Great for enticing 'other halves' to come with you.

Kristallnacht: Memoirs of Paul Finkenauer

Cherry Lockwood

Following the recent 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, we are honoured to bring you an account written by Paul FINKENAUER in 1970 about helping Ulrich Otto Frederic SEIGER (known as Ulli) come to England. Ulli was the second husband of Cherry's Mother in Law.

More than 30 years have gone by, but all is still before my eyes as if it happened yesterday. And therefore, it is not difficult for me to write down my experiences and, I might also add, my sufferings of those days. I would like to emphasise that it is the whole truth.

The years of 1938 and 1939 I spent in Essen, where I worked as a 'Secretary of Youth' within the Church. In the town of Essen existed a large Christian Youth Centre, the so called "Weigle House". It was named after a blessed man, a clergyman, who spent all his life in the service of the young. His name remains unforgettable in this town.

Since no other accommodation could be found for me, I was offered a tiny room in the tower of the Weigle House. It had the one advantage, that this room had windows all the way around and thus provided a beautiful view over the town.

Late one evening, the caretaker came rushing up the stairs to my little abode and called out "The Synagogue is on fire!" I rushed to the window and could see there was fire and smoke everywhere. It was the so called 'Kristallnacht' as it is known today. At the time I had no idea of the wave of suffering which would follow.

My superior, the Rector of Youth had been arrested on several occasions, because the young people sided with him and there was envy of his popularity and the number of young people being under the influence of the Church. Often I was there when the Rector of Youth would rush into his office and prepare to hide his sermon for the following Sunday. Often working on a telephone warning from his friends. In this way he would avoid the cross-examinations of the Gestapo.

A few days after the fire in the Synagogue, the Gestapo came into the house and demanded the handing over of his camera. They accused him of taking photos of the crowd of people watching the burning of the Synagogue. The Rector assured the Gestapo that he had been in bed at the time with one of his frequent headaches, but an informer had told them he was out and about at that time with his camera in its little leather case.

The Rector's camera was undergoing repairs so instead of his camera, the Rector was carrying a little notebook in the camera case, along with his Bible. Fortunately, he was able to produce the receipt from the camera repair shop so he was left in peace. But the occurrence was proof of the town being full of agents of the Gestapo. In truth, the people of the town were deeply shocked and upset to see the House of God going up in flames. But there were arrests of people who dared pass a remark about the fire of this religious building.

My task at that time was to gather together the younger boys of the town to attend religious children's hours. Partly they came into the Youth Centre if they lived nearby, or else I went into the respective part of the town and held the meeting there. Only prayers and 'story telling' were permitted. No sport, hiking, football etc. were permitted. Everything had to be approved by the Gestapo. They meant us to 'waste away' organisationally. Surprisingly the children came to us just the same.

Amongst the boys who came into the Youth Centre was a talented schoolboy who used to play the piano in the little Youth Orchestra which I had founded. There were a few boys who could play the violin. Ulli, the little pianist, and I took great pains to keep the 'orchestra' together. Occasionally there was a parent evening where our orchestra gave a performance. It was during one of these evenings that I met Ulli's mother. It was also my job to visit the homes of the boys, to get to know the parents. I rarely saw Ulli's father Lipot SEIGER but I had many conversations with his mother Betty who had been an evangelical teacher and was especially interested in our work with the young.

Early one morning, Frau Seiger came to me, frightened and bewildered. She told me that during the night, her husband and son had been taken away. All of this took place so quickly, and because of the hurry they could not and were in any case not allowed, to take anything with them. It became clear that Ulli and his father were in danger. What could be done?

Frau Seiger asked me to go to the place of assembly, where they had taken the arrested. There I was to hand over to Ulli and to her husband a suitcase containing some necessities. She was too scared and too exhausted from the shock of the previous night to be in a condition to go herself.

Frau Seiger was suddenly alone and without help of any kind. So I went to see a gentleman whom I knew very well and whom I greatly admired. I was hoping to obtain money to help Frau Seiger. Disappointingly, the gentleman turned down my plea. He asked why I was so concerned about the Jews. Eventually he gave me a measly 20 Marks. I gave this to Frau Seiger as it was better than nothing.

Then I took the little suitcase and cycled to the assembly place. Frau Seiger also gave me a doctor's certificate stating that Ulli had to visit the doctor to have his arm bandaged.

The previous year I was discharged from the 'Arbeitsdienst' in which every young man had to serve. Upon my discharge I was given a good service medal, and this medal I pinned to my coat, and it was surely of help to serve my goal.

At the entrance to the assembly place stood an SS Man asking questions. I showed him the little and its contents: 1 razor, tooth brushes, handkerchiefs and nothing else. I was allowed to pass.

On entering the building, I saw many people gathered together, a sight I shall never forget. The hall had been divided into two parts with a line of chalk. Across this line, i.e. in the middle of the hall stood a table on which a lanky SS man with a list of names in his hand. He called out the

name of the arrested. I saw many old people sitting on the ground, amongst them white-haired matrons, children...

I went up to the line and immediately saw Ulli and his father. Delightedly Ulli came up to me at once and took my hand. I handed the suitcase over to his father and passed on the regards of his mother. Herr Seiger was very courageous. And Ulli did not let go of my hand.

Everybody knew of a transportation to Poland. Herr Seiger told me he would do everything possible to return to get back to his wife.

Ulli had his arm in a sling and on leaving the hall, as I had the certificate from the doctor, I was allowed to take him with me to the doctor. I simply put him on my bike and rode off with him. I took him straight to his mother. It is clear that the little piece of paper in the form of the certificate saved his life.

During my visits to Frau Seiger, which I now undertook quite frequently, I heard for the first time the name of Captain Stephens. He had established in Brussels an aid-committee to help the persecuted. Frau Seiger placed all of her hope in the Captain. I do not know how she came to learn of this gentleman, but his name was shone like a hidden flame in the hearts of frightened and hopeful people.

Frau Seiger told me one day that Ulli was to be taken to England with the help of this organisation and that she too was hoping to get out of Germany.

I still remember how her flat became more and more bare. Gradually she sold everything she no longer needed. In a box, lined with oiled paper she intended to send her sewing machine to ensure her precious belongings should stand up to the journey across the sea.

Sometime later, I learned of the story of Herr Seiger who had been transported, during the night after his arrest, to Poland. By some miracle, he succeeded in escaping from Poland. One evening Frau Seiger sent for me, and on arrival at her flat, I came face to face with her husband. It was a moving reunion. Herr Seiger spoke of painful days,

when the convoy was waiting at the German/Polish border, with the Poles denying its entry into Poland, and the Germans refusing to turn back. During this terrible time, women were delivered of babies. There was no water and great was the hunger. At long last the Poles gave way.

Lipot Seiger took his typewriter and a camera. He wanted to go to Italy and with his equipment, earn his living. That night was the last time I saw him.

Shortly after this time, I learned that Ulli was to go to England and thus travel into freedom. We met at the railway station and travelled to Duisburg. I still see in front of me the empty station platform. Two or three other children also came along.

An elderly Red Cross nurse who 'knew all about it' came up to us and spoke a few reassuring words. Then the long express train pulled into the station, full of happy laughing children. We knew that the train had come from Vienna and was transporting Jewish children who were on their way, via Holland, to England.

A carriage door opened. A young man appeared with a piece of paper in his hand. Quickly he found the names of the few children and the children boarded the train. Including Ulli. With a last waving of hands, the train pulled out of the station. Frau Seiger and I stayed behind.

Sometime later, Frau Seiger reported delightedly that she had received a postcard from Ulli. He was in a boarding school in Swansea, in a house in which children of British missionaries were accommodated. This news came via the Red Cross of Geneva, Switzerland.

During the war, Frau Seiger did not manage to leave Germany. I used to write to her from France, where I was a soldier. After marching into Russia, our communication broke off.

After the war I was told that not only the street, but the whole area of the town where we used to live, had been destroyed. This part was

quite neat the railway station and was a favourite target of bomber command.

When it was possible, I wrote my first letter to the Jewish community in London. The letter was, however, returned unopened. It was not until 1960, when I came to England with my wife, having been appointed to look after the YMCA home 'Lyndale Hall' in Hampstead that I made renewed investigations. It took me over a year before I could converse fluently on the telephone and to phone organisations in the hope of getting some information. I was asked to put my request in writing, but the result was nil.

One day, two students from Swansea University came into our house. I told the young men of my search in vain for Ulrich Seiger. Much to my delight the two were able to give me the exact address of the college. Two days later I had a letter telling me of the man I was looking for. However, the trail ended in London where a family had taken care of the boy. One only knew the name 'BURGESS'. There are many under this name in the telephone directory. One after the other was contacted by me, always telling them my little story. Soon I was successful. A lady confirmed to me that she knew Ulli Seiger and could hardly believe that after all these years somebody was looking for him.

Later that evening, the telephone rang and a male voice was asking for me. It was Ulli!

I am not ashamed to admit that tears came into my eyes when I said that it was I who was on the telephone. We arranged a meeting in Guildford, his home town. On a Sunday, shortly before Christmas in 1961, I travelled from London to Guildford by train. I went alone as this hour belonged only to him and to me.

Twenty-three years had gone by since we said farewell on a station platform. Then it was a little boy with whom I shook hands. Now, on the platform of the station in Guildford there stood a serious gentleman before me.

We went to his house where I met his wife. We sat quietly together, but I dare not ask about his parents. He fetched an old photo album which he had taken with him into exile. I was deeply moved to see once more the old photos of his mother, his father, Ulli himself as a schoolboy and even photos of myself.

Ulrich Seiger then spoke of the bitter end of his dear ones. Only he himself should talk of his visit to Essen and how he got certainty of their sad fate.

My own notes shall end here. It is a matter of course that we met frequently in England, that we visited each other mutually sometimes in London and sometimes in Guildford. Since returning to Germany where I was appointed to a new position of 'house father' of an orphanage, where we were often visited by Ulli and his wife. How could we ever lose each other again?

Chairman's Chat

Ann and I recently returned from a trip to Australia and New Zealand. While there we visited Tasmania, a beautiful largely unspoiled island with lots of history, geological (it used to be part of Antarctica, separated in the Jurassic period the time when much of our own Dorset coastline was formed), cultural and domestic.

It was, for example, the first, and for many, the last, part of Australia many convicts saw. We visited Port Arthur, Sarah Island and saw Maria Island, Small Island (all 'Van Diemen's Land' penal colonies) and the Island of the Dead (the colony's burial ground). Port Arthur has many striking ruined remains of the first properly structured, brick built, penitentiary. The prisoners transported here were guarded by soldiers who probably had as little desire to be there as did their charges. However, the main deterrents that kept the inmates imprisoned were the almost impenetrable bush, the fear of hostile local Aborigines, the half wild dogs that guarded the few tracks through the bush and - the

ocean! A few did escape, many perished in the attempt and more were caught and returned for harsh punishments.

Sarah Island developed a ship building industry using the local Huon Pine. This remarkable timber was much prized and sought after. The trade led to a reduction in the harshness of prisoners' lives as they used their skills as bargaining chips for better food and conditions. The number of punishment floggings dropped exponentially as the prisoners became involved in the work and learned new skills.

What has this to do with Family History research? If you, like me, believe that the joy of Family History is putting flesh on the bare bones of Genealogy, you will want to know about the conditions endured by our ancestors. Many of you will have in your tree a transportee, a soldier from the garrison, a civil servant sent to organise the prisons... I now have at least the beginnings of an understanding of some of what these folk, prisoners and gaolers alike, went through.

If you can't go to see for yourselves, I recommend TROVE (<<https://trove.nla.gov.au>>) as a starting point, a wonderful Australian resource for books, newspapers etc. Join an Australian based society, an enormous amount of research has been done by descendants of Australia's reluctant early settlers. Read a convict's own story such as "The Travails of Jimmy Porter A Memoir".

Now back to the present and the future; I hope to see many of you at our Family History Day – March 21st. Details elsewhere in this journal, along with a volunteer form. Do visit, better still, volunteer, lots of tasks available waiting for your skills and personality! Volunteers have lots of fun AND the satisfaction of knowing you have contributed to one of the main aims of our Society – to share knowledge, skill and the sheer joy of Family History with others.

Every good wish

David

Membership Fees

Please note that with effect from 1st October 2020, Membership fees will increase by £3 to £15 per annum. We hope you agree that this still represents excellent value, especially because the price has remained the same for many years until now.

We thank you for your continued support of your Society.

Support your Journal Editor

Angie Parker-Harris

I have been involved in creating, printing and distributing your Journal since stepping in to help out Brian in 2014 and taking over as Editor in 2015. I hope that you have enjoyed the content of your quarterly Journal since then.

Now is time for me to ask for support as my personal life is changing, meaning I expect to have less free time to devote to putting each Journal together to the required timeline, especially if I am away for periods of time.

We would like someone among our talented membership to step forward to share the role, so that it is not just up to one person to meet the deadlines to get each Journal to you on time. Ideally, a team of two would create alternate Journals, meaning that each Editor would only need to create two editions each year.

You do not need to be a professional Journalist, or have experience of writing articles. The process is not arduous - it just needs planning and time. You don't even need to live in Dorset as we receive the vast majority of our input via email. Full training and instructions will be provided. So if you think you would fit the bill, or would just like to know more, please email me at <editor@dorsetfhs.org.uk>.

Thank you.

News from Dorset History Centre

Sam Johnston - County Archivist

Frink Project



Work on our project to catalogue and conserve the archive of Dame Elisabeth FRINK has moved on apace. A project archivist David Johnston-Smith who started work in October has been making great strides. He has catalogued much of the paper archive and is now seeking volunteers to assist with the large photographic element of the collection. A fundraising event was held in November to try to raise money for a museum-grade case in which to exhibit the Frink sculptures that have also been bequeathed to DHC. We were extremely fortunate to receive

the full sum required and the case is now on order. In addition, David spoke at Christie's auction house in London – presenting background information on the archive as it related to the upcoming sale of a group of Frink pieces. The project is also seeking to gather oral history from some of those who knew and worked with Frink – this should get underway later in the year.

Herrison Hospital archive project

Work to catalogue and conserve the archive of Herrison Hospital is now approaching completion. The archive is now largely catalogued and volunteers have been working hard on listing all the 'order papers' – i.e. the documents which confirmed a patient's committal to the institution. Many thousands of these still exist within the archive and all those that are permissible to be released (under the terms of GDPR) will be made available through the new catalogue.

Work to DHC strong rooms

Dorset History Centre was (very unusually) closed to for access to original archives for a three-week period in November. The reason for this was that some major improvements have been carried out to our document storage areas. This saw a new strategy implemented to control the preservation environment – the levels of temperature and humidity. By better sealing walls and floors and introducing low levels of heating and air exchange, it has been possible to cease the air conditioning of the strong rooms – whilst maintaining the crucially important environment for our collections. Whilst relatively ‘low tech’ in approach, this project moves the service away from expensive conditioned air, allowing the buildings own mass to help regulate the internal environment. This both saves money and is a much greener way of managing historic collections.

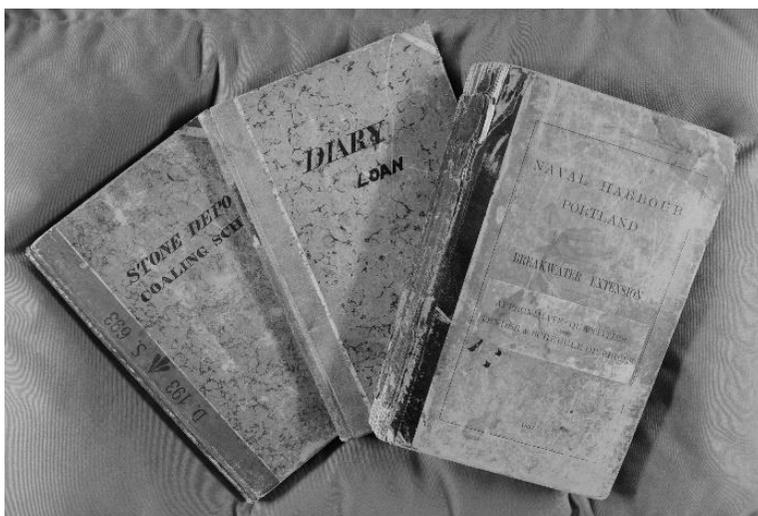
Dorset History Day

Dorset History Centre, in conjunction with Bournemouth University is holding the inaugural Dorset History Day at BU’s Landsdowne Campus on Saturday 28 March. It will comprise a day of talks and presentations on a wide range of Dorset-related history and will allow anyone interested in the county’s heritage to learn more about subjects as diverse as archaeology, Victorian asylum culture, Portland’s unique culture, film heritage and Cerne Abbas’s centenary project. Kate Adie will bring proceedings to a close. We hope that this event can become an annual fixture in the calendar, providing both a great opportunity to hear about current research, but also for individuals and groups to network. For further information and ticket availability, please search <www.eventbrite.co.uk> for ‘Dorset History Day’.

Archives received during 2019

Each year, DHC makes a return to The National Archives in Kew in which it lists all of the new accessions – that is, archival deposits received by the service during the preceding 12 months. It is always fascinating to see the type and variety of materials that have come in. It is becoming common to receive digital material alongside, and sometimes instead of

hard copy archives. 356 separate accessions are recorded within the list. The list includes many sources from which would expect to receive archives – official bodies, community groups, parishes, landed estates etc. However, there were a pleasing number of private deposits – including diaries, correspondence and photographs. Amongst the highlights were an early manorial court book from Wimborne, a Thomas HARDY letter, the accounts for the Portland Breakwater extension and some very rare medieval music. Despite the dominance of digital media in our lives, there still remains a great deal of interesting and important historic hard copy material that we need to safeguard and preserve.



Original records relating to Portland breakwater, late 19th century (accession 3155)

DHC is keen to collect the archives of culturally significant figures and organisations in Dorset – to add to the wide range of collections held by the service. If you would like to discuss the deposit of archives, please contact the service on: <archives@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>.

Sam Johnston

Membership News

Claire Evans

It's been a busy quarter for Membership! Thank you to everyone who has renewed with us for the 2019/2020 year. We had a few hiccups this time with getting journals out to members who had renewed after the main batch was distributed, and some members had renewed their membership but didn't receive a journal. I would like to apologise to those affected, and thank you for your patience whilst it was being sorted.

In amongst the renewals we have received, we have continued to receive new members and offer a warm welcome the following. If you are interested in contacting any of these members, you can obtain details from Treetops during opening hours:

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Transcriptions and Indexes

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In addition to the Transcriptions and Indexes: -

- Access to The Genealogist, Fold3 from Ancestry (military records), Ancestry.com, Findmypast and the British Newspaper Archive
- Assistance with your research, if needed
- Reference and lending library
- Sales Area

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The Society retains and processes personal data in accordance with its Data Privacy statement, which can be viewed at <<https://www.dorsetfhs.org.uk/data-privacy/>> A paper copy is available from Treetops.

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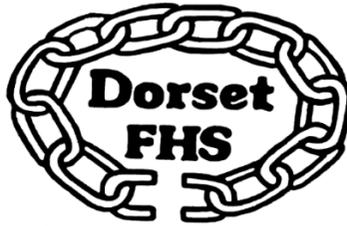
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