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The Society, founded in 1983, grew out of an Adult Education Class which had been inspired by Brian Austin (now a Life Member) to continue their research. It has grown into an active membership of over 300 who come from all parts of the world as well as those who live locally.

The area covered by the Society includes Weston-super-Mare and Parishes in North Somerset and in the Axbridge Registration District, as shown on the back cover.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except August and December, at the Vintage Church, Hughenden Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 2UR. The doors open at 7.00pm for refreshments and informal research. Meetings start at 7.30pm. *New members and visitors are always welcome.*

The Society tries to encourage and stimulate interest in family history generally and has a very positive link with Weston-super-Mare Library, which has excellent local history resources and facilities. Each Saturday, volunteers from the membership are in the Library from 2.00pm until 3.30pm to assist anyone who wants to start searching for their ancestors or who has a problem with their research.

Enquiries may be made through our website www.wsmfhs.org.uk – Use the ‘Contact Us’ button towards the top right-hand corner of the home page. Enquiries can also be addressed to the Secretary of the Society: *125, Totterdown Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 4LW*, accompanied with a SAE please.

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The next issue of 'Buckets & Spades' is due for publication at our March 2020 meeting.

Please note: Deadline for articles is 14 February 2020. Thank you.



I really can't believe 2020 is approaching! Hopefully, 2019 has been a good year for your family history research – with questions answered and, perhaps, some new discoveries. Thank you for all contributions to 'Buckets & Spades' and, any not used this time, will be included in a future issue. I look forward to your continuing and valued support. By the way, our next 'Buckets & Spades' (March) will be Issue 100 so please help me to make it 'extra special'!

Any queries or concerns, I am happy to advise or help. You are welcome to speak with me at Members' Evenings and you can also contact me by email - smaguire15@yahoo.co.uk

Reminder – Deadline for 'Buckets & Spades' contributions is 14 February 2020 and its publication will be in March.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Do You Need Assistance with Your Research?

Brian Austin, WSMFHS Honorary Life Member and our local historian, has kindly informed us that he is happy to assist members with their research. To contact Brian, please send a SAE and your query to 11 Alma Street, Weston-super- Mare, Somerset, BS23 1RB.





Please Help!

Remember - we need people to take a turn with serving refreshments at our Members' Meetings.

Thank you to everyone who has already helped. If you haven't done so, please consider and add your name to the list when you next attend.

WSMFH Society mugs are also still available, priced at £5 each. If you have a mug, don't forget to bring it with you to enjoy your 'cuppa'. Cheers!

Weston-super-Mare & District Family History Society Facebook Group



In January, our Facebook Group will celebrate its 1st birthday -

Congratulations!

This is a great opportunity for new family history researchers in their journey to discover their ancestors. It is also a useful way to encourage new members to join our Society and attend our Saturday Afternoon Help Sessions at Weston-super-Mare Library.

Why not join us and share your questions, photographs and memories? Please use CAPITAL letters for surnames because it makes them easier to spot.

Administrators: Pat Hase and Lorna Gibson;
Moderator: Jeanette Carter

Thoughts from the Chair Pat Hase



This will be the last time that I write these thoughts as I am standing down as Chair at the AGM. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chair over the years and I am pleased that Jenny Towey has agreed to take over the position officially. I'm confident that the Society will benefit from her knowledge and leadership. A big thank you to all those who have served on the Committee with me, for their patience and good humour and, particularly, to Brian Airey who remains as Secretary and Librarian and has alternated with me as Chair in the past.

When I became Secretary (about 1995), we were working on transcribing the 1891 Census and producing booklets of Parish Transcriptions. We used the IGI on fiche and were excited about whole 1881 Census being available on discs from the LDS. Brian Austin had indexed the previous Censuses and the local ones were available on film in the Library. So much has changed but the excitement of finding ancestors remains the same. Today, I've been trying to find a common ancestor with a DNA match.

The Committee works hard to ensure that the Society meets the needs of its members and to attract new people to its ranks. Although a great deal is available on the internet, the ability to discuss your findings and get hints on how to proceed from like-minded people is so valuable. We are currently working on plans to try to appeal to younger people with this hobby. If any of you have contacts with schools or youth groups, please let us know. How many of you have said 'I wish I'd asked them that when they were alive'? Let's give the young people a chance to ask those questions, before it's too late!

Finally, I will remain on the Committee, act as an Administrator for the Facebook Group, continue to write the Monthly Updates and I am always available to answer queries, so you haven't got rid of me! I wish Jenny and the new Committee every success in the changing scene of Family History Research.



**The WSMFHS Autumn Lunch
was held on Monday, 30 September 2019**

Thank you - we now look forward to our next one!

COUSINSHIP by Jenny Towey

**If your
Grandparents are my Grandparents,
we are First Cousins**

**If your
Grandparents are my Great Grandparents,
we are First Cousins Once Removed**

**If your
Great Grandparents are my Great Grandparents,
we are Second Cousins**

**If your
Great Grandparents are my Great, Great Grandparents,
we are Second Cousins Once Removed**

**If your
Great, Great Grandparents are my Great, Great Grandparents,
we are Third Cousins**

My Wraxall Connection

by Pat Hase

Wraxall in North Somerset features in my history as the home of the STOKES family. Annie STOKES was my great grandmother and was born in Wraxall on 11 August 1852. She was the sixth of the fifteen children born to Charles and Lavinia STOKES who married in Wraxall Church on 24 May 1846.



The lives of Charles and Lavinia are commemorated on a rather fine tomb stone in Wraxall churchyard – even listing Lavinia's last words 'All is well'.

On the 1891 Census, Charles was listed as a Market Gardener, an occupation which was particularly successful in that area on the south facing hill. Wraxall and its neighbour Nailsea were the home to workers at two physically demanding industries, coal mining and glass manufacture, whose employees would have needed the local grown produce.

Although married in Wraxall, my great, great grandparents, Charles and Lavinia, started life in Portbury, where their first children were born. They must have moved back shortly after the 1851 Census because Annie was born in Wraxall in 1852.

1851 Census Extract – Portbury

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
Charles	Stokes	Head	Married	31	Farm Labourer	Wraxall, Somerset
Lavinia	Stokes	Wife	Married	25	Labourer's Wife	West Harptree, Somerset
Elizabeth	Stokes	Daughter	-		-	Portbury, Somerset
Charles	Stokes	Son	-		-	Portbury, Somerset
William	Stokes	Son	-		-	Portbury, Somerset

Their first son, Samuel, who was christened in October 1846 at Portbury (just five months after his parents' marriage!) was staying with his grandparents in Wraxall when the 1851 Census was taken, probably because of the recent birth of baby William. Elizabeth (later known in the family as Lizzie) was one of twins - her sister, Ann, died shortly after birth. When the next girl was born, she was called Ann (Annie) after her. Annie became my great grandmother.

Other children followed in quick succession as was normal with Victorian families. As soon as the mother weaned a child, she would become pregnant with the next. Unlike the trend of high infant mortality, only two of their children died young – besides Ann, the other being Matilda, who lived for 9 months and mentioned at the top of the tombstone.

On the 1861 Census, the growing family was in Wraxall, off Tower House Lane. Their eldest son, Samuel, aged 14 and an Agricultural Labourer, was still with his now

Charles Stokes	Head	Married	41	Age Tab	20	20
Jacinda 62	Wife	Married	35	20 20	20	20
Charles 20	Son		11	20 20	20	20
Elizabeth 62	Daughter		10	20 20	20	20
William 20	Son		9	20 20	20	20
Ann 20	Daughter		8	20 20	20	20
Eliza 20	Daughter		6	20 20	20	20
George 20	Son		4	20 20	20	20
Henry 20	Daughter		3	20 20	20	20
John 20	Daughter		1	20 20	20	20

widowed grandfather, Samuel STOKES, nearby on West Hill. Samuel STOKES senior was mentioned in the report of the North Somerset Agricultural Association in the Bristol Mercury of 22 October 1864:

'AGRICULTURAL SERVANTS'

To the two labourers who have worked the greatest number of successive years with good characters, £2 each, William Crane, in the employ of Mrs Gibbs for 21 years; and Samuel Stokes, in the employ of Mr W Gibbs, Wraxall, for 19 years'

William Gibbs was the owner of Tyntesfield so presumably Samuel was employed on this estate.

By 1871, both Lizzie and Annie STOKES were in service. Lizzie was in Portishead as a General (and only) Servant to a retired couple and Annie was also in Portishead as a General Servant to a young family who also employed a Nurse Maid. To be ‘in service’ was almost a rite of passage for young girls in Victorian times. As soon as they were old enough, they would take a live-in appointment, sometimes miles from home. Both Lizzie and Annie later worked in Reading. At a time when much of normal housework was very labour intensive, without mechanical or electrical aids and with very large families, most households above the poverty line would employ a servant and there were more people employed as servants than in any other employment category by the end of the 19th Century.

The 1881 Census shows some of the rest of the family living at Wraxall.

First name(s)	Last name	Relation-ship	Marital status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
Charles	Stokes	Head	Married	61	Ag Lab	Wraxall, Somerset
Lavinia	Stokes	Wife	Married	50	-	West Harptree, Somerset
George	Stokes	Son	Single	25	Soldier 1st Army Reserve	Wraxall, Somerset
Thomas	Stokes	Son	Single	19	Mason	Wraxall, Somerset
Joseph	Stokes	Son	Single	15	General Lab	Wraxall, Somerset
Frederick	Stokes	Son	Single	12	Scholar	Wraxall, Somerset
Lavinia	Stokes	Daughter	Single	7	Scholar	Wraxall, Somerset

The youngest child on this Census entry, Lavinia, was actually their granddaughter. She was the daughter of Emily who had married a Charles SAMWAY in 1875, two years after Lavinia’s birth, and would later emigrate to Canada.

Charles and Lavinia’s youngest surviving daughter, Charlotte, married a Ralph SIMS and they moved to Mountain Ash in Glamorgan.

It is interesting to follow the lives of the 9 sons of Charles and Lavinia – many of whom moved away from Wraxall.

Samuel by 1911, he was employed by Leeds Corporation as a Syphon Fitter to the gas mains. He died in 1935, still in Leeds.

Charles by 1881, a Police Constable in Birmingham, his wife died in 1885. Their son, Hubert, was with Charles and Lavinia in 1891.

William When he died in 1919 in Wraxall, he was trading as a Market Gardener in Wraxall.

George After his marriage in Wraxall and the birth of two children, George and his family emigrated to Ontario, Canada. They had more children in Canada, one son was killed in France during WW1. On the 1901 Census, they were living at Perth, Lanark, Ontario, and George was a Carter with 7 children. He was buried in Perth, Lanark, Ontario, Canada in 1942.

Henry Joined the Army in 1874 and was sent to India where he became a Police Inspector with the Railway. He had 10 children, all born in India, where he died in 1924. Some descendants returned to this country.

John John died at Woolwich when aged only 23 – the place of death infers a military connection, but I haven't bought a death certificate for him.

Thomas Lived in Nailsea as a Jobbing Mason, but his wife had a grocery and boot store with a daughter helping in the business. He died in January 1943.

Joseph A General Labourer, aged 16, lived with his parents in 1881. No sign of him later, so he might also have gone to Canada.

Frederick Another successful Market Gardener, like his brother William, living on West Hill (now called Stoney Steep). Died in 1937, described in the local press as a well-known Market Gardener and Florist.

Looking at the girls in the family, Elizabeth (Lizzie) can be traced as a Domestic Servant in Portishead to Reading, where she witnessed her sister Annie's marriage in 1878. She was employed as a Cook in a household in Russell Street, Reading in 1881. She married a slightly younger Joseph BAKER in Exeter in 1887 when she was nearly 40 and, after a spell in Tickenham around the 1901 Census as a Farmer, I believe they may have taken over her parents' cottage in Stoney Steep, Wraxall, where Joseph

became a Market Gardener and where my mother once stayed as a child with Aunt Lizzie about 1920. They were certainly there in 1911. Elizabeth's funeral was reported in the Western Daily Press of 23 July 1930:

'FUNERAL OF MRS E BAKER AT WRAXALL'

The funeral took place yesterday at All Saints Church, Wraxall, of Mrs Elizabeth Baker widow of the late Mr Joseph Baker, for many years a Market Gardener at Wraxall. Mrs Baker died at her residence, Coombe Cottage, last Friday, at the age 82. The Rector J Firth, officiated.

The mourners included: Mr T Stokes and Mr F Stokes (brothers). Mrs W Stokes (sister-in-law). Mrs Sinocks, Mr and Mrs Pinnock. Miss B Priddle and May, Mr and Mrs P Cottle, Mr L Stokes, Mr B Stokes. Mr R Stokes. Mr L Cottle. Mr S Watkins, Mr H Taviner, Mrs F Wilkins, Mr J Russell and Mr and Mrs A Bonner (nephews and nieces), Mrs Jones, Mr and Mrs Stenner, Mrs Shipton, Miss Coombes and Mrs H Cottle.

The bearers, who were nephews of Mrs Baker, were Messrs R Stokes, B Stokes, S Watkins, F Cottle, L Stokes, N Perks and H Taviner.

The floral tributes included wreaths from Beat. Bert and children: Tom, Minnie and Family; Fred, Lily and family: Emmie. Hannah and William; Peter and Ethel; Lydia and Fred Cottle and family: Jack and Lizzy: Jack and Dorrie; Fanny, Bertha and Arthur; Martha, Mary Ann and Emmie; Rose, Gladys and Gwen, Jack and Daisy Hughes (Bristol); the Misses Coombes. Mrs Shipton and family, Mr and Mrs Baden, Mr and Mrs Harrison, Mrs Davis and Mr and Mrs Pearce. The undertaker was Mr F Stevens, Wraxall.'

I can identify many of the people mentioned in this article. The Mr and Mrs PINNOCK were Peter and his wife Ethel. Peter was a son of my great grandmother, Annie STOKES who had married William PINNOCK, a Railway Engine Driver employed by the GWR in Reading in 1878. My grandmother was Peter's sister, Florence, born in Reading in 1881.

Interestingly, I have recently had a DNA match with someone with the surname of COTTLE from New Zealand who I know is descended from the Fred and Lydia COTTLE, mentioned above and it is not surprising that, from their 15 children and at least 50 grandchildren, Charles and Lavinia have descendants in Wales, India, Canada, New Zealand and other parts of the world, all with connections to Wraxall.

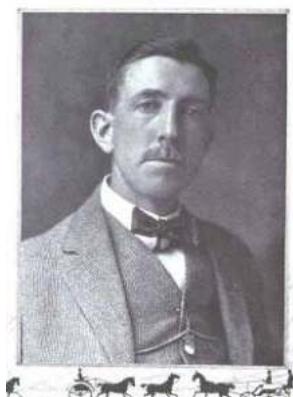
Editor: As you will see, the front cover of this issue of 'Buckets & Spades' shows Tyntesfield House and All Saints Church, Wraxall.

'Dear Ancestor' (1906)
by Walter Butler Palmer (1868-1932)
and Contributed by Jenny Towey

Your headstone stands amongst the rest,
 Neglected and alone.
The name and date are chiselled out
 On polished, marbled stone.
It reaches out to all who care.
 It is too late to mourn.

You did not know that I exist.
 You died and I was born.
Yet each of us are cells of you
 In flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse,
 Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
 One hundred years ago
Spreads out amongst the ones you left
 Who would have loved you so.
I wonder if you lived and loved.
 I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot
 And come to visit you.



Walter Butler Palmer
Family historian, breeder of trotting and show horses and accomplished poet

May They Rest in Peace



Read about the history of the men of Bleadon, Hutton and Locking who are commemorated on the First World War Memorials in these Parishes.
Details from our website: www.wsmfhs.org.uk



*To the Glory of God and in Memory
of the Men of the Parishes of Bleadon,
Hutton & Locking
The Great War 1914 - 1918*

Editor: 2nd edition is now available. It includes additional information provided by Sheila Berry (Brent Knoll) whose uncle, Private William ‘Bill’ Banwell, died in the Great War. During this Month of Remembrance, we remember all who gave their lives for our peace and freedom.

PRIVATE WILLIAM ‘BILL’ BANWELL

Bill was the eldest son of Charles and Ethel Banwell of Myrtle House Bleadon who ran a market garden in the area alongside and beyond School Lane.

Bill and his brother Ernest both served in the 1914-18 War; Ernest taken prisoner, but Bill killed in the conflict on the 8th May 1917, aged 21, during the Arras offensive of that year. He served with the 12th Battalion the Gloucestershire Regiment. Bill’s sacrifice is commemorated on the Arras Memorial (Bay 6), and remembered on both our church memorial and the family grave in the churchyard adjoining his former home.



HE whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom.

Let those who come after see to it
that his name be not forgotten.

*Private William Henry Banwell
12th Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment*



Famous for a Day
by Philip Clark
Charlottesville, Virginia

I must have been aware of him because, afterwards, I remember him close to me on my side of the street, pacing up and down. It was just before 6 o'clock on Wednesday, 15 June 1955. I was the first to arrive that evening for the Scout meeting at St John's Church Hall in the Boulevard and, since the building was locked, I was waiting outside on the pavement with my bike, idly watching people and cars passing by.

Suddenly, my focus was sharpened because, at the same moment, I heard a woman's cries of, 'Help! Stop, thief!' I saw a man run out of the Post Office across the road, followed by an agitated older lady. I quickly realised this was the same man who had been pacing next to me. He ran around the corner into a side street and then down a little lane – I think it was called Worthy Lane. Well, I decided I will have to go and see where this story leads. Knowing that the lane came out on Lower Church Road, I cycled around the block to the other end of the lane to see if he would reappear. At this point, I was still very much an observer, as if I was watching a movie.

When I got to the end of the lane, the man was running towards me, chased by an older man. The 'thief', which is what I shall call him now to avoid confusion even though, at this point, he should really be the 'alleged thief', ducked into a tiny garden in front of one of the terraced houses. Events turned more dramatic at that moment! Obviously, his crime was pre-meditated because he had thrown pepper into the Post Mistress's face. Evidently, he carried nothing else because now he picked up a small hand fork in the garden and pointed it at the older man. Threatened with the fork, the older man gave up the chase and the thief started off again towards me.

As he ran past me, I was seated (but stationary) on my bike feeling for no reason safe. I realised that I was now the only one who knew where the thief was. I ceased being an observer at that moment and became an active participant. How exciting, I thought - a real 'cops and robbers' and I'm the cop!

He may have recognised me from the Boulevard, especially since I was in Scout uniform, but perhaps he thought I was too small and insignificant. If so, he underestimated me. This was a real-life crime and I was going to solve it!

Since then I have thought about this many times, especially in the light of the letter (see below) from the Chief Scout. Would there have been someone else in my position at that moment who would not have continued the chase? Would this other person have sat there on his bike and said to himself, ‘Look! The thief is running away. This is most exciting, but I’d better be getting back to my Scout meeting.’ I can’t imagine.

Following on my bike at a respectable distance, like a good detective, I didn’t want him to know that he was being followed. I watched him run down the road to the bottom of Grove Park and turn into Wadham Street. From there he rushed into the Imperial Hotel (I think that’s what it was called) through the back entrance. It was at this point that I got into the thief’s mind, although he didn’t know it! What would I do, I thought, if I were trying to hide? Of course, I would head for the beach. It was a beautiful warm evening and there would be lots of people to mingle with. Well, it so happened that across the road from the front of the Imperial Hotel there was a footpath that led past the Winter Gardens Pavilion directly onto the Promenade. So, as before, I cycled around to the beach end of the path and waited at a distance where I would not be seen.

Ten minutes or so passed and I had almost given up waiting but then the thief emerged, confirming my hunch. This time, he had his jacket over his shoulder and, surprisingly, he was with a woman. I didn’t expect that! He must have met her in the hotel at an agreed time. He looked relaxed and didn’t look like he’d just robbed a post office. Was it even the same man? Yes, of course it was! They crossed the road and the wide promenade and walked onto the beach where they joined the people sitting on the sands enjoying the evening sunshine. I waited a minute or so until they seemed settled and then rode as fast as my legs would carry me back to the Boulevard.

Back there, things heated up! The police had arrived, not as they would these days with flashing lights and sirens blaring, but just a car with a couple of detectives and a constable on a bike whose beat had been disturbed. There was a small crowd of people over at the Post Office. There were also the other Scouts with the Scoutmaster, Reverend Dean, who were alarmed to see me arrive at great speed, go up to the policemen and tell them, in between gulps of air, that I knew where the thief was. One detective looked at me suspiciously, as if to ask what a small boy could possibly know about a serious crime like this. He reluctantly told me to hop into the car which I did, and, to the amazement of my Scouting friends, we drove back towards the beach.

What if he was not there? The detective's suspicions would be confirmed. Ah, but he was (thank goodness) and after I pointed to the man on the beach, the detective went over and arrested him. This is where my memory gets a little fuzzy! What happened to me then? Did I get in the same car as the thief? Surely not! How did I get back to the Church Hall? I didn't have my bike anymore.

No matter! That evening I was interviewed and photographed by the Bristol Evening World. I resented being photographed in my Scout uniform, playing my violin. What did a violin have to do with catching a thief, for heaven's sake? Detectives don't play violins, but I was famous for a day! My mother was in the maternity hospital having just given birth to my sister, Catherine, and the following day I had to go and be shown off to the nurses and Mum's new friends.

The next day at school some of the boys saluted me, calling me 'Fabian of the Yard' after a popular television detective serial of the time. I was also visited by the Postmaster and a Mercury reporter. Mr Simmons, the Physics Master, came into the classroom declaring in his embarrassingly loud and crisp RAF accent and with a big grin, 'Ah, Detective Clark is here, I see'.

The Police awarded me a watch - not an expensive one, which was fortunate because it very quickly disappeared while I was in the shower at school! Though they only lost ten shillings, the Post Office generously gave me £5 and I received a hand-written letter (now very faded) from the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan:

'My Dear Philip, what a grand adventure and how lucky it was a Scout, to ... (illegible) to act and not just stand idly by, to use his intelligence and not say, it's not my job ... '

Later, I had to go to the local Magistrates Court, where I took the oath and answered a few questions, for example, 'Do you recognize the man in this room?' I was quite nervous but also felt quite sorry for him because he didn't have a job, needed money, and only managed to steal ten shillings. I also hoped that, when he was released from prison, he wouldn't come looking for me! He never did and life went on as before!

THEN & NOW **by Bill Caple**



The Boulevard, Weston-super-Mare 1920s–2017



**Weston-super-Mare & District
Family History Society**

**Annual General Meeting
26 November 2019**

A G E N D A

Apologies: Brian Airey

- 1.** Minutes of AGM 2018
- 2.** Matters arising: Publication ‘Ancestors of Kerry Nicola James’
- 3.** Chairman’s Report
- 4.** Treasurer’s Report and Acceptance of Accounts
- 5.** Nominations for Committee
- 6.** Chair:
- 7.** Treasurer:
- 8.** Secretary:
- 9.** Committee:
- 10.** Appointment of Accounts Examiner

**Weston-super-Mare & District Family History Society
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting - 27 November 2018**

Apologies: Pat Hase, Peter and Gillian de Dulin, Arleen Pilgrim. Peter sent his thanks for all the good wishes he has received. He is progressing well and will return early in the New Year. Jenny Towey took the chair and thanked Maureen Harvey for providing the cake and raffle prizes for this evening.

1. **Minutes of Previous AGM.** These were distributed to those present and were passed as correct.
2. **Matters arising.** Kerry's records are in their final proof reading and will be published next year.
3. **Chair's Report.** This was read to those present by the Acting Chair, Jenny Towey, and will be attached to these Minutes.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Roy presented the accounts and asked for questions from the floor. There were none. Peter Towey proposed they be accepted, seconded by Jenny O'Donoghue and passed.
5. **Nominations for Committee.** Nominations have only been received from those already serving on the committee, namely:
Chair: Pat Hase; Secretary: Brian Airey; Treasurer: Roy Smith; Committee Members: Graham Payne, Paul Tracey and Susan Maguire. Bill Caple and Brian Yandell will be co-opted.

It was proposed by Maureen Harvey, seconded by Libby Twite and agreed that they be accepted en bloc.

6. **Nomination for Accounts Examiner.** Brian Wilson, who undertook the task this year, is willing to continue. He is not a member of the Society

7. **Any Other Business.**

Jenny presented Brian Airey and Graham Payne with Certificates of Life Membership for their years of dedication to the Society. Maureen had a Christmas card for Pat and asked members to sign. Tea and coffee volunteers arranged for January. Volunteers are needed for February onwards. Jenny asked for assistance to set up a Facebook account for the Society. Grace Rubery proposed a vote of thanks to Jenny for standing in as Chair - agreed. Paul has produced a book ‘May They Rest in Peace’ detailing the lives of those from the parishes of Hutton, Bleadon and Locking who fell in WW1. Cost £10 + p&p

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.55pm. The next AGM will be on 26 November 2019.

THEN & NOW – Hewish Post Office

by Bill Capel



Christmas in East Brent in the 1920s

**by Lorna Gibson
from Her Husband's Aunt, Constance Hudson (1919-2010)**

When I was 4 years old (1922), my father was advised by his doctor to move to the country. So, my parents took over a shop and Post Office in East Brent, Somerset. We sold everything - grocery, drapery and hardware. In one of the outhouses, we kept chicken feed and, in another, paraffin - an essential item for lamps and heating.

At Christmas time, shop windows were decorated. A more extensive range of goods was available with things which nowadays are commonplace and can be bought all the year round. There were boxes of tangerines wrapped in silver paper, muscatels and almonds, crystallised ginger in decorative jars and very large juicy raisins waiting to be stoned for the Christmas pudding. There were iced Christmas cakes (Huntley & Palmers) which had to be ordered as they were rather expensive. We always hoped some customer might change their mind and we would stand the chance of having it ourselves, especially the one called 'Christmas Chimes' which had a Church set in snow. Mother would already have made a very good cake and I believe the anticipation of eating a bought cake was greater than the participation!

Being a rural area, Christmas was a busy time for the postman. He had a bike with a carrier for the mail bag and he would ride or push it in all winds and weathers to outlying farms. This particular Christmas, as usual, he was offered a mince pie and a mug of cider at each farm. Somerset cider is notoriously potent and, by the time he was returning to the Post Office, he was very much worse for wear!

The village had a very good drainage system with a deep ditch running along the fields, a grass verge at the edge and no lights. At this stage, he was quite unable to distinguish the road from the verge. In he went - bike, mail bag and all. By the time he reached us, he was a very sorry sight and somewhat subdued. My parents had to 'dry him out' in two ways before he could go home that night!

At this time of the year, farmers would often send gifts of cream, cheese and butter through the post, with the occasional chicken or goose. This particular day, a goose had been brought in well-wrapped, apart from its head which hung down. We had to look after these parcels overnight in the back of the shop. During the night one of our cats, who until then led a blameless life, managed to get in and had a pre-Christmas feast - scattering the wrappings everywhere but, fortunately, eating only the head!

How my father dealt with this emergency, I never knew - perhaps he attached a note saying, 'Damaged in transit'.

Lorna Gibson: George Gunniman Hudson and his wife Amy ran East Brent Post Office for many years. Their daughters (Rosa, Connie and Grace Hudson) grew up in the village. Rosa was my husband's mother.



Diary Dates for 2020

8 February	The Family History Show, SW UWE Exhibition & Conference Centre, Filton Road, Bristol, BS16 1ZG 10am - 4.30pm
21 March	Dorset Family History Society Open Day Parkstone Grammar School, Poole, Dorset, BH17 7EP 10am – 4pm
21 March	BALH (British Association for Local History) Annual Regional Conference – ‘Unexpected Sources for Local History’ Albemarle Centre, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 1BA 10am – 4.30pm Seven speakers: railway accidents, taxation records, Court of Wards, house insurance £25 for non-members and £20 for members: includes lunch, coffee, tea To book: www.balh.org.uk
17/18 April	Family Tree Live Family History Fair Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace Way, London, N22 7AY
24 – 26 April	Guild of One-Name Studies 41st Conference/AGM - ‘Sources and Resources’ Jury’s Inn, Godstow Road, Oxford, OX2 8AL This event is open to non-GOON members and it is an excellent way to mix with fellow family history enthusiasts, listen to some top-notch speakers and even (hopefully!) buy some home-made marmalade.
16 May	GOONS Seminar - ‘On the Wrong Side of the Law’ Ruishton Village Hall, Cheats Road, Ruishton, Taunton, TA3 5JD Again, open to non-GOON members. 9.30am – 4.30pm
20 June	The Family History Show York Racecourse, Knavemire Road, York, YO23 1EX 10.00am – 4.30pm
26/27 June	THE Genealogy Show The NEC, Perimeter Road, Birmingham, BS40 1NT 10am - 5pm

Society Meetings and Speakers for 2020
Weston-super-Mare & District Family History Society

Meetings at The Vintage Church, Hughenden Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 2UR. The venue is open from 7.00pm with coffee/tea and biscuits. Meetings start at 7.30pm.

• **28 January 2020 – Birnbeck Pier: Past, Present and Future**

What effect will the Council Repair Notice have?

Speaker: Peter Lander

• **25 February 2020 – Looking at Locking**

The history of Locking and some of its local families.

Speaker: Simon Begent

• **24 March 2020 – ‘The Formidable’**

Pauper Bristol boys were placed on this training ship.

Speaker: Shirley Hodgson

• **28 April 2020 – 100 Years: the Skidmore Family in Weston-super-Mare**

Speaker: David Skidmore

• **26 May 2020 – The West Somerset Railway**

We’re going on a trip on this iconic railway line!

Speaker: Don Bishop

• **23 June 2020 – Who Lived in Clara’s Cottage?**

Speaker: Pat Hase

- **28 July 2020 – Members’ Evening**

Did your ancestors live/work overseas?

Speakers: Members

No Meeting in August

- **22 September 2020 – My Family and Other Stories**

What I discovered through researching my family history.

Speakers: Jeanette Carter and Brian Yandell

- **27 October 2020 – Clevedon Pier: 150 Years of Resilience**

Betjeman would be thrilled to see this pier continuing to attract thousands of visitors a year.

Speaker: Abbie Edbrooke

- **24 November 2020 -**

AGM followed by MEMBERS’ EVENING – MEMORABILIA

Do you know any ‘black sheep’? Do you have famous, or infamous, people on your tree? Be prepared to talk about your naughty, but interesting, ancestors! Question and answer session. Quiz.

Speakers: Members of the Society

No Meeting in December

Charlotte Frances Morgan by Roderick Crawford

As a tribute to the 1914-18 War Dead, a small team have been researching the names on the Emmanuel Church War Memorial. This splendid marble Memorial, situated on the wall in the building, lists 66 men and one woman who lost their lives together with those who went to war and survived. We took up the challenge to investigate them, mainly using the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) website records and the articles that were recorded in the Weston Mercury and the Weston Gazette records held in the Town Hall.

When we came to finding information regarding the one woman named on the Memorial, we had great difficulty in finding any details whatsoever. We were able, however, to ascertain from the 1911 Census that she was the daughter of a clergyman, the Rev Francis Augustine Morgan, and his wife, Annie. Her name was Charlotte Frances Morgan. At the time of the Census, she was a spinster aged 45 and she was born in Chepstow, Monmouth in 1866. The address given in those records said the family lived at 7 Beaconsfield Road, Weston-super-Mare. The Memorial records her as QM Charlotte Morgan. First of all, we did not know what the QM stood for but, subsequently, found it was short for ‘Queen Mary’s Army Auxiliary Corp’, a nursing unit which looked after injured servicemen. Following a considerable time searching the records, we could not find any information regarding her service with them, but we believe many records were lost in the Second World War.

As a ‘last throw of the dice’ we contacted the Records Office in Taunton and went through what we had done so far. They suggested we look to see if she had left a Will. Having taken his advice, we looked on the Wills website for the years 1914-18 and, to our delight, we did find her Will. This gave us a date of death as 2 November 1918 and the Will was administered in London on 27 January 1919 by her father.

The Will did not state where she was buried but we found her parents were still living in Weston so we took the chance that she had been buried in Milton Road Cemetery and, looking at the Cemetery records, we found that she was buried there on 5 November 1918 with a grave reference number TC 2667 (ref 52).

I then spent some time with a very helpful member of the Cemetery team looking for her grave. After a struggle, we found it by the side of a gravel path in the upper part of the Cemetery covered in grass. I took pictures of the granite cross which has been laid down on the grave, like many others in the cemetery, for safety reasons. The words the parents put on the grave say, ‘Died at her post in Hospital’ followed by the words, ‘Faithful unto Death’.

We plan to include the photos of the grave in the Emmanuel brochure/booklet to be published later. With luck, help and determination over the past few months, we are able to include her story with the other 66 people named on the Memorial and who lost their lives as a result of the Great War.

THEN & NOW

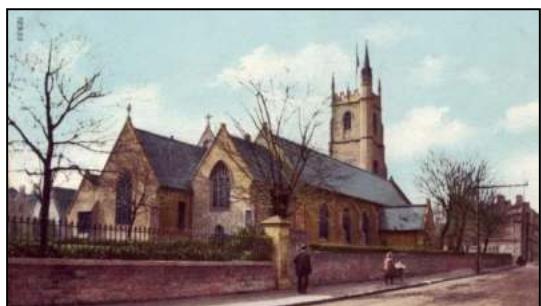
by Bill Capel



Buried in Weston Cemetery by Pat Hase

In February 1856 it was announced that the Bishop of Bath and Wells had granted a licence to permit burials in the new Milton Road Cemetery from 1 March of that year.

The Burial Act of 1854 had allowed town councils to form Burial Boards and to use the rates to establish cemeteries. At the same time, however, it gave restrictions over burials in Town Churches. The graves had to be of a certain depth and not too close to surrounding property so, in Weston, burials ceased to be allowed at Emmanuel where the churchyard was prone to flooding and at St John's where the stony nature of the land on the hillside made the depth difficult to achieve. There were no burials at Christ Church which was built after the Act was passed.



The first burial to take place in the newly completed, but un-consecrated, Cemetery was not until 28 May 1856, when 9-year-old Robert Henry DUNSCOMBE, the son of John and Elizabeth DUNSCOMBE of 6 East Row, Weston-super-Mare was interred. He was buried in Plot Tc 3806, following a service conducted by Rev Quarrell who was the Minister of Emmanuel Church, in which parish they lived - East Row being between Oxford and Carlton Streets, roughly where Dolphin Square was later.

Robert's death had been reported in the local newspaper: The Weston-super-Mare Gazette and General Advertiser on Saturday, 24 May 1856:

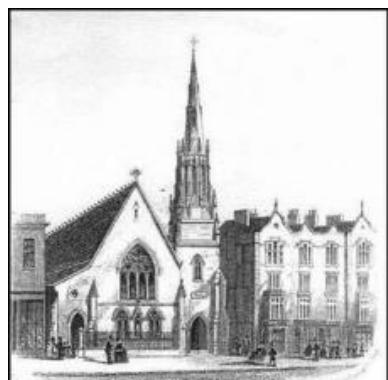
SUDDEN DEATH.—A boy named Dunscomb, whose parents reside in East Row, was seized with a fit, on Tuesday last, and immediately expired. The body awaits a coroner's inquest.

The following Saturday, 31 May 1856, the Weston-super-Mare Gazette reported that an Inquest by the Coroner, Bruges Fry, had been held in the Plough Hotel in the High Street (roughly, where Marks and Spencer was later). The verdict was natural causes because the boy had been subject to epilepsy and he died following the rupture of one of the blood vessels in the brain:

Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Abridge</u>									
Registrar's District <u>Banwell</u>									
1856. DEATHS in the District of <u>Banwell</u>		in the County of <u>Somerset</u>							
No.	When Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
427	Twenty-first May 1856 East Row Weston-super- Mare	Robert Henry Dunscombe	Male	9 years	Son of John Dunscombe a Labourer	Rupture of a Blood Vessel in the Brain	Bruges Fry. Coroner Cheddar	Third June 1856	Sam'l. Newson Regist'r

It is interesting to note that his death was registered on 3 June 1856 which was after his burial in the Cemetery!

A month after Robert's funeral, on 21 June 1856, the first Non-conformist burial took place in the Cemetery when 4-year-old John LANGWORTHY was interred in Plot Tu 167.

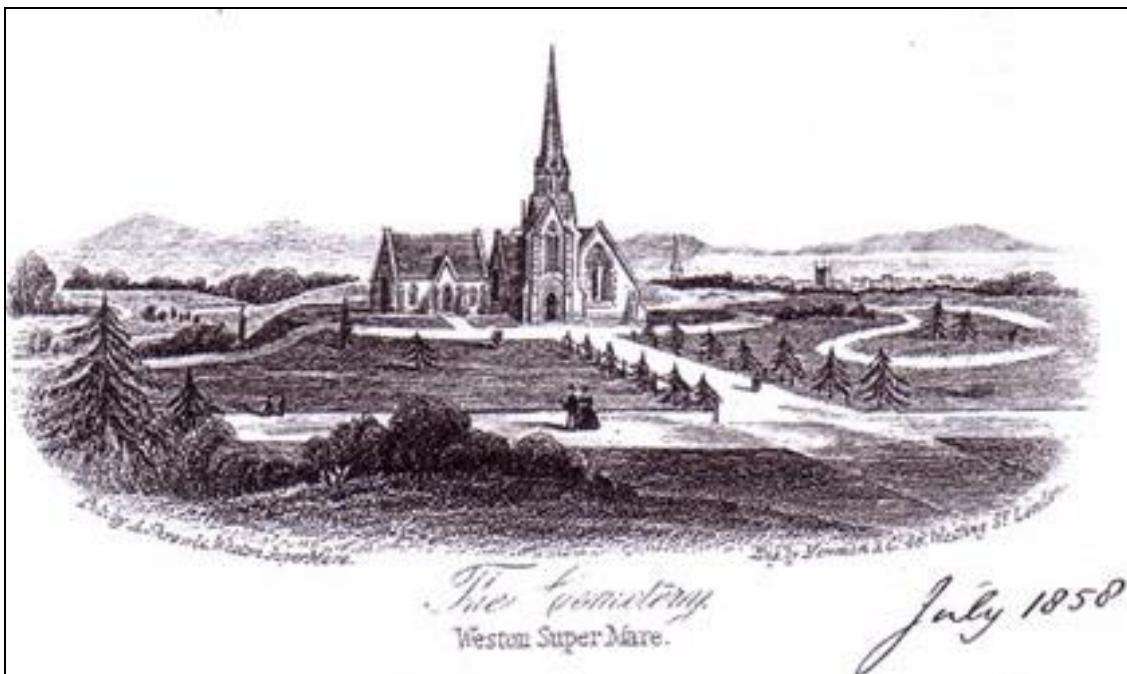


The service was taken by Rev R C PRITCHETT who I believe was the Minister at the Congregational Church in the High Street, situated where Woolworths used to be.

Rev Richard Charles PRITCHETT was also a member of the Weston-super-Mare Burial Board which oversaw the provision of the Cemetery.

It had been agreed that the Cemetery should have sections reserved for burials of members of the established Church (Church of England) which would be consecrated. Other parts would be left un-consecrated for burials of Non-conformists and for Roman Catholics whose burial service included the consecration of the grave.

In the top part of the Cemetery (the oldest part), the plots are today known with the prefix Tc for consecrated plots and Tu for un-consecrated ones. There were originally two chapels – the one on the left for Non-conformist funeral services and the one on the right for Church of England services. Only the C of E one remains today.



The Bell Tower masked the division between the two Chapels making it look from the top gate like one large Chapel.

John was the son of George and Sarah LANGWORTHY who were living in the High Street, Weston-super-Mare, at that time, having moved there from Devon. Here is his death certificate:

Superintendent Registrar's District		<u>Abridge</u>							
Registrar's District		<u>Branwell</u>							
1856. DEATHS in the District of <u>Branwell</u>		in the County of <u>Somerset</u>							
No.	When Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
1642	Twenty-seventh June 1856 High Street, Weston-super- Mare.	John Langworthy	Male	41	Son of George Langworthy a Labourer	Subacute Meningitis certified	The mark of George Langworthy in attendance High Street Weston-super-Mare	Twenty-fourth July 1856	Sam. Norman Registrar

It shows that young John died on 27 June 1856, presumably at his home in the High Street. According to the certificate he died of ‘Tubercular Mennyteus’ but I think this was probably Tubercular Meningitis. This would have started as TB, a contagious, airborne disease that affects the lungs, caused by a bacterium called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Sometimes, the bacteria will travel to the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord resulting in a life-threatening condition known as tubercular meningitis. The damp conditions surrounding the High Street with its neighbouring stream could have aggravated the situation.

Interestingly, as with the death certificate of Robert DUNSCOMBE, it shows that John’s death was also registered after his burial had taken place! I wonder how often this happened.

John’s death was followed in 1858 by that of two of his siblings, Sarah aged 12, buried on 5 March, and Esther aged 3, buried on 19 March. They were buried in different graves but all in the Non-conformist section. I don’t have the causes of their deaths but, given that they died only a fortnight apart, I guess that they were both suffering from the same problem.

George and Sarah LANGWORTHY had six children in total but only two survived to adulthood, highlighting the level of infant mortality prevalent at that time and that children are sometimes invisible to researchers when they are born and die between Censuses.

Some Future Items for ‘Buckets & Spades’

- Brown Brothers Grocery & Provisions Stores
- Book Review: ‘When the Office Went to War – War Letters’
- Ghost in the Closet
- ‘The Fighting Chaplain’ - Cheddar’s Forgotten Hero
- Then & Now

... but more are needed – thank you!

Brown Brothers Grocery & Provisions Stores by Paul Tregelles

In ‘Buckets & Spades’ Issue 97 - March 2019, we read about the Brown Brothers’ Café. We now continue their story. In 1863, the first Brown Brother’s Store was established at 4 Cambridge Buildings, Cambridge Place, Weston-super-Mare.

This was a tiny, gloomy shop, which you entered by descending two steps from the pavement through a doorway in Cambridge Place, situated behind the Independent Chapel. In the mid-1870s, the Chapel closed and became Felix Thomas’s ironmongery before its conversion to Woolworth’s. It is now the location of Poundland.

The proprietor of that little shop was an old Quaker (the Religious Society of Friends) named George Simpson, who was a Tea Dealer & Grocer. On 19 September 1863, two other members of the Friends fraternity, Charles Brown and his younger brother, Edgar Marriage Brown, took over the business and the Weston-super-Mare Gazette (10 October 1863) reported, as follows:

‘George Simpson begs to inform the Inhabitants and Visitors of Weston-super-Mare and its Vicinity that he has disposed of his Business of Tea Dealer, Grocer, etc to Charles and Edgar M Brown, and in tendering his thanks to those friends who have favoured him with their support, he would respectively solicit a continuance of the same to his successors. N.B. The accounts owing to George Simpson, to be paid to Charles and Edgar M Brown.

Charles and Edgar M Brown have much pleasure in announcing to the Inhabitants and Visitors of Weston-super-Mare and its neighbourhood, that they have succeeded to the Tea, Grocery, and Provision Trade lately carried out by George Simpson. Having had considerable experience in the Trade, both in London and Brighton, and being acquainted with many of the first Wholesale Houses in London, Charles and Edgar M Brown will be in a position to supply their customers from the best market; and hope that with continued attention to the quality in the selection of their Articles, and punctual execution of all orders entrusted to them, to ensure the liberal support of the inhabitants.

The business will be carried on in the name of Brown Brothers.’

The business made rapid strides and it became necessary to move in the early 1870s to more spacious premises at 33 High Street. Planning permission was granted in March 1872 for alterations to the warerooms behind 33 High Street.

Then they moved to 31 High Street, which they purchased in 1877, although records indicate that they still had a grocery business at 33 High Street in 1879. Deliveries were made throughout Weston-super-Mare and there was a need for facilities to store horses and their equipment. In February 1879, planning permission was sought and obtained for the building of a stable block at the back of 31 High Street.

Brown Brothers' Stores provided 3 daily deliveries around the town. There were also country deliveries to Locking, Milton, Sidcot, Uphill, Woodborough, Worle, Badgworth, Biddisham, Bleadon, East Brent, Lympsham, Sandford, South Brent, Winscombe, Chapel Allerton, Churchill, Compton Bishop, Cross and Loxton.

Their business expanded further. Other Stores were established at 22 Boulevard (on the corner with Orchard Street) and 29 Whitecross Road (on the corner with Clevedon Road), Weston-super-Mare, also at 30 Woodborough Road (on the corner with Sandford Road), Winscombe. The Brown Brothers' interesting story will be continued in a future issue of 'Buckets & Spades'.



THEN & NOW

by Bill Capel

An Orphan's Story
by an Unknown Scout (aged 11 – 15 years)
and Contributed by Lorna Gibson

Back in the 70s and 80s when I was a Scout Leader, I challenged my Troop to produce a one-off newspaper. The response was truly amazing. Scouts became reporters, photographers, crossword compilers, letter writers, printers and so on. While tidying up some of my clutter recently, I came across the original contributions. One was relevant to local family history. For the following story, I shall use a false name in case the person concerned is still alive.

‘Reg Vincent’ at about the age of 2 was put into an orphanage at Long Ashton against his mother’s and aunt’s wishes. His mother was probably under pressure from her parents as Reg was illegitimate. His school years were normal - he was not bullied about being an orphan. He lived on a farm at Chew Stoke with foster parents and called them Aunt and Uncle. He had a hard up-bringing and became more independent through this. He was never given any financial support from his foster parents even though they promised to provide ready cash.

He volunteered for service during the Second World War, but each application was turned down because of his agricultural job. To join, he worked for 10 months in Cornish tin mines and then joined the Army. He was drafted into the 1st Airborne Division and continued until 1947. He married in 1951 and worked at ISC Chemicals. He has been involved in Scouting for about 15 fifteen years but, in this short space of time, it has broadened his attitude to the community and his outlook on life.

One day Reg received a phone call from a woman in Shipham saying she had found an aunt of his. After searching parish records, an aunt was found in Weston, then 4 more and 2 uncles! These relatives were all on his mother’s side, but nothing was known of his father. His mother had died about 20 years ago and it was confirmed that an aunt in Shepton Mallet had looked after Reg for 18 months before he was put into the orphanage.

Reg’s wife and family were very pleased and excited for him. His 2 sons and 2 daughters took great interest in the long-lost relations. Apparently, both sides of the family had tried to find each other and there is a strong facial resemblance between Reg and his mother. So, this Scout Leader eventually found his family, even though it took 56 years.

Some Useful Local Addresses

The Editor is always pleased to receive additions or corrections to this list, based on Members' experiences.

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Bristol Record Office, 'B' Bond Warehouse, Smeaton Road, Bristol, BS1 6XN	Tel: 0117 9224224 email: bro@bristol-city.gov.uk
Clevedon Library, 37 Old Church Road, Clevedon, BS21 1RQ	Tel: 01934 426020 email: clevedon.library@n-somerset.gov.uk
Clevedon Story Heritage Centre, Waterloo House, 4 The Beach, Clevedon, BS21 7QU	Tel: 01275 341196
Nailsea Library, Somerset Square, Nailsea, BS48 1RQ	Tel: 01934 426030 email: nailsea.library@n-somerset.gov.uk
Weston-super-Mare Museum, Burlington Street, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1PR	Tel: 01934 621028. Fax 01934 612526 email: museum@wsm-tc.gov.uk
Portishead Library, High Street, Portishead, BS20 6EW	Tel: 01934 426040 email: portishead.library@n-somerset.gov.uk
Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages, Town Hall, Walliscote Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 1UJ	Tel: 01934 427552 email: register.office@n-somerset.gov.uk
Somerset Heritage Centre, Brunel Way, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton, TA2 6SF	Tel: 01823 278805 email: archives@somerset.gov.uk
Somerset Studies Library, Paul Street, Taunton, TA1 3XZ	Tel: 01823 340300. Fax: 01823 340301 email: somstud@somerset.gov.uk
Weston Library, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 1UJ	For general enquiries: Tel: 01934 426010 email: weston.library@n-somerset.gov.uk For local history enquiries: Tel: 01934 888855 email: answers@n-somerset.gov.uk
Weston Civic Society, The Old Town Quarry, South Road, Weston super Mare	Tel: 01934 412144
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Map of the Parishes covered by the Weston-super-Mare & District FHS

On the rear cover is a map of the general area that we cover as a Society, showing the Parishes that are known to have existed in 1832. This basically equates to the same area that forms North Somerset District Council's boundaries plus that covered by the Axbridge Registration District which was set up in 1837:

1. Easton-in-Gordano	2. Portbury	3. Abbots Leigh
4. Portishead	5. Clapton in Gordano	6. Wraxall
7. Long Ashton	8. Weston in Gordano	9. Tickenham
10. Nailsea	11. Backwell	12. Flax Bourton
13. Barrow Gurney	14. Dundry	15. Walton in Gordano
16. Clevedon	17. Kenn	18. Yatton
19. Brockley	19a. Chelvey	20. Wrington
21. Butcombe	22. Nempnett Thrubwell	23. Winford
24. Kingston Seymour	25. Wick St Lawrence	26. Puxton & Hewish
27. Congresbury	28. Churchill	29. Burrington
30. Blagdon	31. Kewstoke	32. Worle
33. Banwell	34. Weston-super-Mare	35. Hutton
36. Locking	37. Christon	38. Winscombe
39. Uphill	40. Brean	41. Bleadon
42. Loxton	43. Biddisham	44. Compton Bishop
45. Axbridge	46. Shipham	47. Rowberrow
48. Cheddar	49. Charterhouse	50. Ubley
51. Compton Martin	52. Chew Stoke	53. Chew Magna
54. West Harptree	55. East Harptree	56. Berrow
57. Brent Knoll	58. Lympsham	59. East Brent
60. Badgworth	61. Weare	62. Nyland
63. Rodney Stoke	64. Westbury	65. Priddy
66. Burnham on Sea	67. Huntspill	68. Mark
69 Chapel Allerton	70. Wedmore	

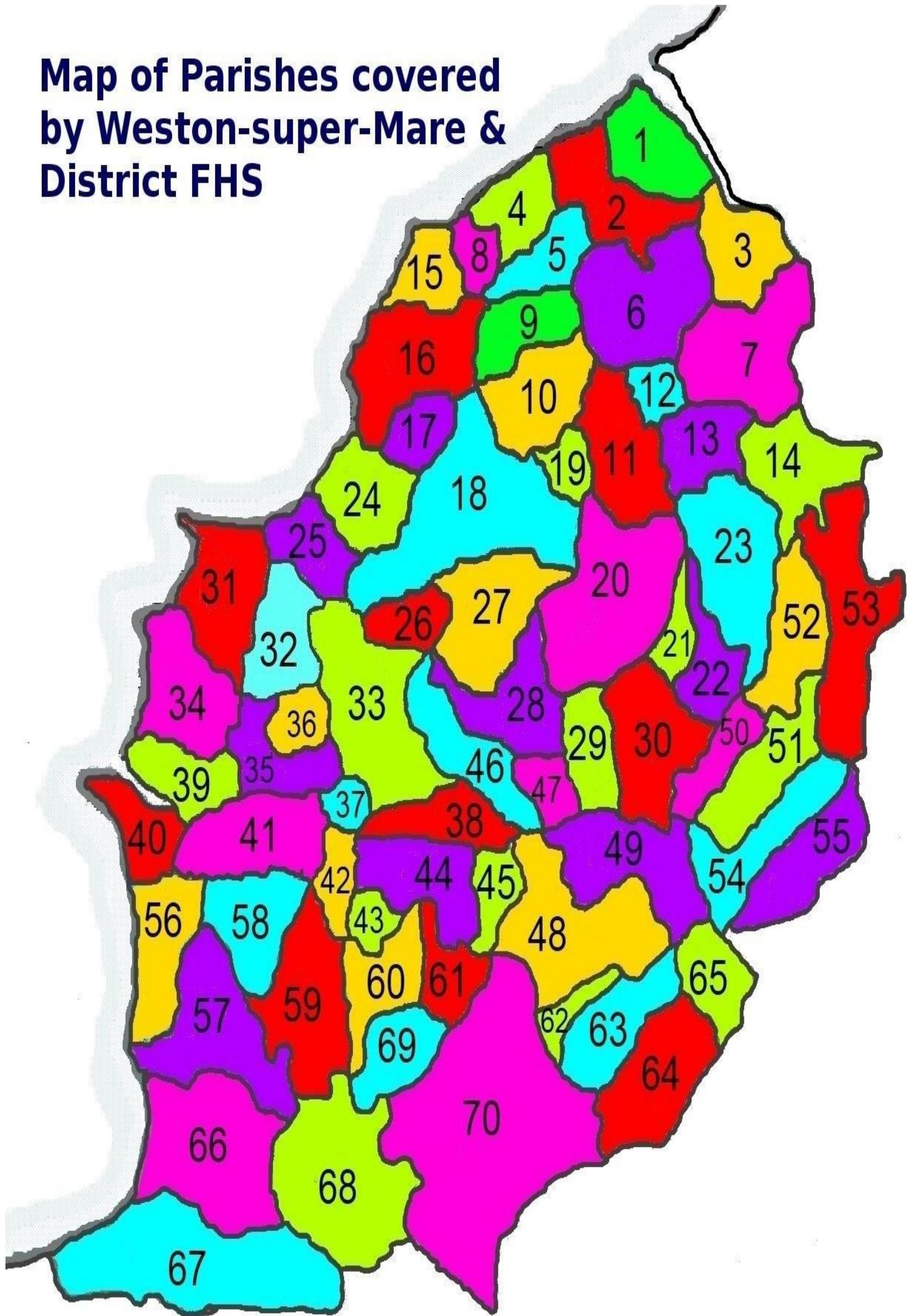
The following Parishes were split as follows:

Clevedon into All Saints; Christ Church & St Andrew.

Nailsea into Christ Church & Holy Trinity.

Weston-super-Mare into All Saints; Christ Church; Emmanuel; Good Shepherd; Holy Trinity; St John; St Paul & St Saviour.

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