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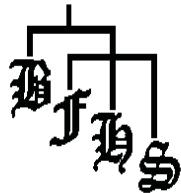
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THE FRONT COVER ILLUSTRATION

The Post Office at Odell is stoutly and handsomely installed in this comely dwelling, which caught the artist's eye. The house is good eighteenth century stuff, built of local stone, with roof of thatch, and will, with reasonable luck and care, stand for another century or two; and if houses could speak it could tell many a tale of picturesque personalities who passed by its doors on their way to or from the Castle or the Mill. For Odell has had a colourful past. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, both Odell born, have managed the post office for thirty-eight years. □

EDITORIAL

Sadly I have taken the difficult decision to stand down from my post as *Journal Co-ordinator* after the December edition. I've enjoyed my time at the Journal but now it is time to let someone else have a go. If you are interested in becoming the next co-ordinator of this excellent publication then please do get in touch: chairman@bfhs.org.uk. The work doesn't have to be done in Bedford or even in the UK !

Hopefully you will notice a change to the layout in this edition *Journal*. The committee felt that a few changes were needed so we have moved to single column format. I hope you find the change a positive one. Another change, which will be apparent if you receive the PDF version of the Journal, is that we are now retaining the original colour format of any pictures we include. □

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Geoff Young, Journal Co-ordinator

APOLOGIES APOLOGIES APOLOGIES

During April, May and June an error occurred with requests for access to our members portal.

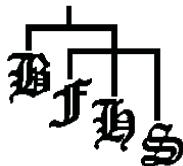
These requests should have received an automatic response but the server did not forward the request to me or our webmaster.

We have identified 7 members who still require a user name and password and by the time you read this they should have been dealt with. However if you made a request and are still waiting then please get in touch with me on paul.woodcraft1@btinternet.com

Once again please accept my apologies. □

Paul Woodcraft

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with 'subscribe' in the BODY of the email



PROGRAMME

6 SEP	FROM ERIC THE BALD TO NIGEL DE AUBIGNY: BEDFORDSHIRE AND THE DOOMESDAY BOOK	BRIAN KERR
4 OCT	SPANISH FLU PANDEMIC IN BEDFORD AND BEYOND	MAURICE NICHOLSON
1 NOV	LEGAL RECORDS FOR GENEALOGISTS	DR NICK BARRATT
6 DEC	SYLVESTER AND THERESA STANNARD – BEDFORD ARTISTS	RICHARD MORGAN
10 JAN	CONVICT IN THE FAMILY	MARGARET BUTT
7 FEB	ST ETHELDREDA'S HOME IN BEDFORD	SISTER HAZEL
6 MAR	BEDFORDSHIRE'S SECRET WAR	JEAN YATES

MEETING VENUE

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Doors open at 19:00, talk commences at 19:30
Bookstall and library also available



Bedfordshire Family History Society now has a presence on Facebook
for news and discussions visit

www.facebook.com/BedsFamilyHistorySociety

IT WON'T BE WORTH GOING IN THERE

As I've said before, I have no family history in Bedfordshire but these days there are less and less people living in their 'ancestral area' and more of us with ancestry spread over many counties. This story is about how I traced some of the ancestry of my maternal grandfather, John Caleb Richards. He is the only grandparent I remember; of the others, two died before I was born and the third before I was a year old.



*J C Richards probably
circa 1880*



J C Richards aged 91

Until I started tracing family history I'd thought that his ancestry, like my father's, was firmly based in Monmouthshire. When I looked him up on the 1861 census I found:

Bristol, St George							
1, Belmont St	William Richards	Head	29		City Missionary	Portsmouth	
	Jane “	Wife		29		Norwich	
	Alice “			6		West Cowes, IOW	
	Jane Hephzibeth “			5		Stepney, London	
	John Caleb “		3			Gloucester	
	Ruhamah Mary “			10 mo		“	

So, I had 5 new names on my tree and 5 places of birth, none of them in Wales. The next step was to send for my grandfather's birth certificate:-

16 March 1858,	Church Street, South Hamlet, Gloucester.	John Caleb,	boy
Father, William Richards,	Mother, Jane Richards, formerly Brodie.		

I could now look for my great grandmother, Jane Brodie, on the 1841 census:

Portsmouth, Portsea			Born in county
Fretts Court	Jane Brodie	40	Independent means
	Agnes do	15	
	Jane do	10	

The 1851 census added more detail:

Portsmouth, Portsea					
Fretts Court	Jane Brodie	55	Laundress	Brightstone, Hants	
	Agnes do	25	Laundress	Ipswich	
	John do	24	Mariner	Ireland	
	Jane do	19	Laundress	Norwich, St James	

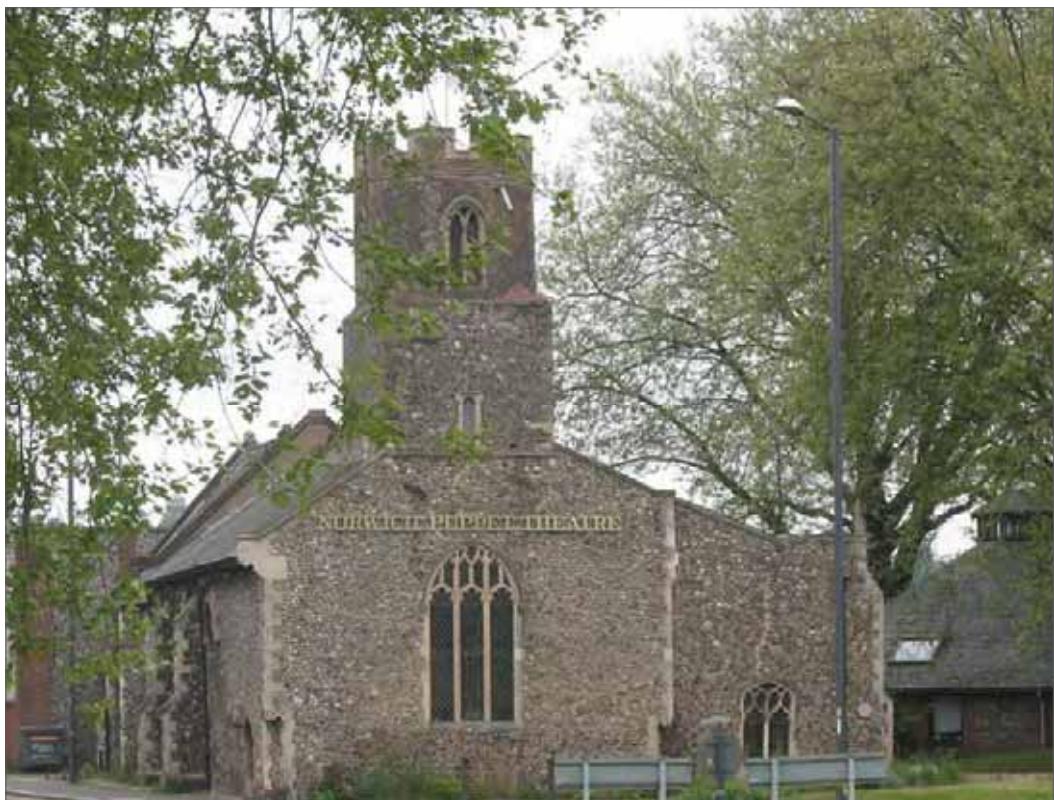
The 1861 census added that Jane (senior) had been born on the Isle of White. She was then living alone, still at Fretts Court: this time the house number, 4, is shown.

Long before we had the opportunity to visit the Norfolk Records Office we went to a family history fair at St Ives to assist with the BFHS stall. During a break from my stall duties I found the Norfolk FHS stall, told them what I knew about Jane Brodie and asked if they had any information. They found it straight away on their baptisms database and wrote it out for me:

Norwich, St James with Pockthorpe;		
30/07/1831; Brodie, Jane;	Father, William;	Mother, Jane (late) Jacob;
Prof. of father, Soldier 1 st Royal Dragoons; Notes, born 15 July.		Home, Parish Barracks;

It was not until 2013 that we had the opportunity to visit Norwich. In the record office I found the register and bought a print. There was nothing new here but it is better to have an image of the original rather than a hand written copy from a database of transcriptions. I asked if they had pictures of the barracks but they had none. I'd already found that the barracks (commonly known as 'The Horse Barracks') had been demolished to make way for a housing estate and that St James's Church was by then the Norwich Puppet

Theatre. At least we could go and look at the outside of the church. We made our way across Norwich, found the church quite easily and took some photos.



St James with Pockthorpe, Norwich.

We walked along the road past where the barracks had been then back past the church. Marjorie said, “Can we go inside?” I said, “It won’t be worth going in there, it’s been converted to a theatre.” We went over and tried the door; yes, it opened. We explained to the first man we met that we were there because of our family history connections rather than to see the puppets. “Ah,” he said, “you need to talk to my friend”. He called his friend over who took us to his computer and showed us the web site www.georgeplunkett.co.uk. This has lots of photographs of that part of Norwich before it was re-developed, including several of the ‘Horse Barracks’. Other photographs show the run-down housing that was in the area, known as the ‘Norwich Yards’. Try the site for yourself, the address above for all of the photos or Google “Norwich Horse Barracks” and choose the ‘georgeplunket’ link to go straight to the Barracks photos.

As shown in the census above my gt. gt. aunt, Agnes Brodie, was born in Ipswich. In 2017 BFHS took its stall to the Sufffolk FH fair in Ipswich and I was one of the volunteers manning it. While in Ipswich I took the opportunity to visit their Record Office to find Agnes’s baptism record:

Feb 16 1823	Agnes, dau of	William Brodie and Jane his wife (late J Jacob, spinster),
	Born Jan. 19	(Prof of father), Corporal, 1 st Dragoons.”

Again, there is now a housing estate where the barracks used to be. I searched the Record Office's collection of pictures of the area there were a few of the barracks but they were relatively modern.

In October 2017 I went on the BFHS visit to the National Archives. I was hoping to find a record of the movements of the 1st Royal Dragoons and perhaps even a mention of Corporal William Brodie.

The records I found did not fit the baptisms in Ipswich and Norwich. Then found that the record I had in front of me was of the 1st Dragoon Guards, not the 1st Dragoons. The National Archives' earliest records of 1st Dragoons were from 1855 - too late.

In May 2019 BFHS ran a visit to the National Army Museum. As soon as we got in I headed to their archives, in the basement. The archivist was very helpful. Before he got any records out he confirmed that the 1st Dragoons and the 1st Royal Dragoons was the same regiment but that the 1st Dragoon Guards was another regiment. In less time than it took me to complete the application for a reader's card he brought out two thick books on the history of the 1st Royal Dragoons. I spent the whole morning making notes from these books. I found how the regiment had been involved in the Battle of Waterloo and followed through all their postings until 1841. (As William wasn't with his wife, Jane, in the 1841 census and she entered her occupation as 'independent means', I guessed that he had died by then). The regiment were heavy cavalry so they were never sent to India: they remained in the UK throughout the period I studied. Their duties included keeping order at elections and anti-smuggling duties along the coast. I wondered if it was during one of these coastal postings that he met Jane Jacob on the Isle of White. In particular looked at their postings around 1827 (corresponding with John Brodie's birth). I found that in March 1826 they moved from Scotland to Dublin, in April 1827 to Newbridge, in Oct 1827 to Cork, in March 1828 to Ballincollig Barracks, in April 1828 to Dublin and in May 1829 to Manchester. So now I have a limited number of places in Ireland to search for the baptism of John Brodie. I also found pictures of the uniforms and later saw an example in the displays upstairs.

My records of William Brodie are only from 1823 (birth of eldest daughter, Agnes) to 1831 (birth of youngest daughter, Jane) but it seemed quite possible that he was already in the army by 1815, the battle of Waterloo. I read in the regiment's history that every soldier who took part in the battle was awarded a silver medal. When I returned the books at the end of the morning I asked if there was a medal role and added, "I suppose they only listed the officers."

The archivist told me that everyone was listed and out came another thick book. In the afternoon I studied the Waterloo Medal Role but did not find William Brodie. It is most likely that he joined the regiment after it returned to the UK.

Quite a story surrounds the soldier named in the baptismal register on that Norwich church which I nearly didn't go in to. No-one in the story was from Bedfordshire and none of the events took place in Bedfordshire but being involved in BFHS helped me to put some of the pieces together. □ *Noel Evans*



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BEDFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting
Held at 7.30 pm on Friday, 7 June 2019
at Mark Rutherford School, Wentworth Drive, Bedford

Present: Pamela Birch – President of the Society/County Archivist
Noel Evans, Chairman; Lynn Manning, Secretary; Peter Sharp,
Treasurer
and 46 other members

Noel Evans welcomed everyone, pointed out that this was not the usual form of monthly meeting but the Annual General Meeting and advised them that the meeting would be recorded to assist with writing minutes. He then started the recorder and invited Pamela Birch to chair the meeting. Pamela took the Chair and added her welcome.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Josie Daniels, Colin Chapman, Val Thomas, Colin West, Mary Wooldridge, Maureen Packwood and Jenny Thomas.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Copies of the Minutes of last year's AGM had been supplied as members had arrived at the meeting. Pamela Birch asked if there were any corrections to these minutes – none received.

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Cathy Friend and seconded by Alan Feasey.

Pamela Birch asked if they should be signed as being a true record of last year's Annual General Meeting. Agreed unanimously. Pamela signed the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

None were raised.

4. Chairman's Report

Copies of the report had been supplied as members had arrived. The report forms part of the minutes of this meeting.

Noel Evans addressed the meeting to emphasise some aspects of his report. He pointed out that nearly all of the work of the Society is done by members as unpaid volunteers. The volunteers were listed in the report and this shows how many of them are undertaking more than one role. He said that we would like to have more volunteers to spread the work load more evenly. In particular he appealed for a minute secretary to take minutes at the committee meetings and for someone to take the 'Parish Sales' role which he was doing in addition to being chairman. He then added to the list of thanks Pamela Birch, for being our President and for chairing this meeting, and the weather, as we hadn't had

to cancel any meetings in the past year.

He asked if there were any questions about his report. There were none.

5. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Report and the Accounts had been supplied as members had arrived. These form part of the minutes of this meeting.

Peter Sharp presented the Treasurer's Report and the Accounts for 2018, explaining some of the points as he did so. He thanked those members who made gift aid declarations with their subscriptions: this provided an additional £726 of income. In listing the changes in income and expenditure over the last few years he pointed out that the previous year (i.e. 2017) had been exceptional in that income had included an order for a complete set of parish CDs and expenditure had included a grant to the Bedfordshire Archives and Records Service for their Wills Cataloguing Project. This was why income and expenditure had now dropped to levels more like 2016 and earlier years.

He thanked our Independent Examiner, Mr. Richard Chaloner, for his work on the Society's Accounts for the year. He recommended that the 2018 Financial Accounts be adopted.

Pamela Birch gave an update on the BARS Wills Project mentioned above. Of the 23,695 wills believed to be in the collection, 17,310 had now been included in the on-line catalogue. She thanked the Society for the grant that had kick-started this work and for the regular payments of royalties from our CD and microfiche sales. She then asked if there were any questions about the accounts.

David Foster pointed out that we had substantial reserves and that annual running costs were being regularly met. He asked if there were any plans for a project that could benefit from these reserves. Noel replied that we have nothing in mind at the moment but we are always ready to consider proposals. We must bear in mind that membership numbers and income from CD sales have been falling. We do not want to fritter our money away but we will consider investing in a worthwhile project which will give a 'family history return'. Peter said that we would love to have ideas for things to spend the money on but there are no ideas at present. We were asked if the 'Funeral Directors' Records' Project was costing anything. Paul Woodcraft replied, "Not so far" and gave a short update on that project. Pamela summarised by saying, "If you have a project in mind put it forward". She said that many projects needed people: we needed more people to be involved and to take these projects on. Noel added that "Any ideas for new projects?" is now a permanent item on the committee agenda.

A member commented that he was a member of the Isle of White FHS and that whereas our membership has been falling theirs has been steady at around

1000. He suggested that we should be looking at what other family history societies are doing. Noel replied that we keep in touch through the Federation of FHS AGM and the East Anglian Group. Most societies report similar trends in membership to our own. However we are looking at new ways of making the society more attractive. Cathy Friend added that there was a survey form in the June Journal seeking members' opinions.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was proposed by Dave Daniels and seconded by Lynn Manning. This was passed unanimously.

6. Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee

There then followed the Election of Members of the Executive Committee as follows:

Noel Evans, Chairman, Lynn Manning, Secretary, and Peter Sharp, Treasurer, were each starting the second year of the three-year period for which they were elected in June 2018.

Nomination papers for the Executive Committee, signed by proposer, seconder and nominee had been received for the following:

Catherine Friend Kevin Friend Mark Tresidder

Paul Woodcraft Mary Wooldridge

The election en bloc of the Executive Committee was then proposed by Pamela Birch. There were no objections to this. She then asked for those in favour of the five names above being elected. This was carried unanimously.

7. Appointment of Honorary Independent Examiner

Peter Sharp recommended that Richard Chaloner continue to be Honorary Independent Examiner for the Society. This was carried unanimously.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Paul Woodcraft spoke on behalf of the Society and thanked Noel Evans for his work as Chairman.

8.2 Noel asked the meeting to thank Pamela Birch for chairing the meeting. They did so with applause.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05 pm. □

**The CLOSING DATE for articles to be published in the
December 2019 Journal is 15 October 2019
If possible, please supply by email (to journal@bfhs.org.uk)**

OFFICERS' REPORTS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2018 TO MAY 2019

Noel Evans

During the last year we have continued with the regular activities of the Society and we have added two new resources for our members.

1 Paul Woodcraft suggested to the committee that we collect funeral directors' records and make them available to our members. He researched what was available, asked BARS if we could use records that they had and asked funeral directors if we could access records that they still keep. When he had obtained sufficient agreements the committee confirmed that this was a worthwhile project. Last month the first set of records was made available to members by putting them on the Members' Area of our web site.

2 A member, Marianne Baddley, offered us a project she had prepared in her archaeology course. It consists of records of Clapham Churchyard. As well as records of the memorial inscriptions it includes photographs of the gravestones. The committee felt that this would complement the Memorial Inscriptions we already publish so with Marianne's permission Cathy Friend scanned six of the folders (estimated 400 - 500 pages) and these have also been put on the Members' Area of our web site.

In considering how to make these sets of records available we have chosen to do so in a way that benefits our members rather than makes money for the Society. We have to do this in a way that does not conflict with HMRC rules about claiming gift aid refunds.

Also during the year the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) has come into force. We have considered the way we handle personal data and we are confident that everything we do is GDPR compliant. Our Data Protection Policy can be seen on our web site and we are continuing the process of documenting our processes so that we can prove our compliance.

Work on previous projects has continued as volunteers have been available.

Mark Tresidder has continued to add available data to our Parish Record CDs. I continue to duplicate these CDs and sell them via Genfair, Parish Chest and our Publications List. These sales continue to be a significant part of our income.

Trish Sear is in the process of taking over Members' Profiles (Members' Interests). We look forward to this important aspect of the Society's work continuing.

There has been a little progress with the recording of Monumental Inscriptions but none with the publishing of Monumental Inscriptions recorded in the past. As members who have worked on this project get older they are not able to

devote time and energy to processing what has been recorded in graveyards into checked and publishable material. We need volunteers with the time, energy and expertise to do this.

Although not a project I will mention here the work done by Mary Wooldridge as our researcher. She regularly does research work for Society members and others and payments for this are another valuable source of income for the Society as well as encouraging people who have otherwise got stuck with their own family history research.

At the end of 2018 membership of the Society stood at 502 compared to 509 at the end of 2017. This is a small change compared to the falls in previous years and if the trend continues we may see our membership start to rise again. (For further comparison: 2016, 528; 2015, 582; 2014, 603.)

Our Treasurer, Peter Sharp, reports a small surplus over 2018 with a balance at the end of the year which is approximately equivalent to four years' expenditure. I commend the Annual Report and Financial Statements to you to see how this was achieved.

During the year we have completely revised the Members' Handbook. This revision took into account GDPR and also ensured that the facts were up to date and presented logically. My thanks to Peter Sharp for taking the leading role in this revision. Peter has also, with the committee's approval, reviewed and revised the Society web site to update the information on it and remove duplication and any contradiction. He is currently reviewing and clarifying the descriptions of our publications on the Genfair and Parish Chest web sites.

We have continued to publish the Journal every three months. The number of members receiving their Journal by email has increased. Those accepting the Journal this way pay a lower membership subscription and receive their Journal quicker: this is particularly advantageous to members living overseas. The task of editing the Journal is done professionally, though by a member who charges us less than the 'going rate'. We are concerned that the lack of articles sent for publication means that the Journal sometimes contains fewer pages than we would like. Please remember that the Journal is written by people like you, not by specialists. If you have anything that could be of interest to your fellow members please send it in, long or short.

Members' meetings have continued here at Mark Rutherford School every month except August. We have continued to benefit from talks by well informed and interesting speakers. I have appended a list of the talks since the last AGM at the end of this report. Attendance has ranged between 50 and 70. I would ask you to remember the amount of work that has to be done to get this hall ready for you. Some of us arrive at 6:30 pm to a room empty except for the seating and folded tables stacked on a trolley. Everything we use in the hall and in the corridor outside is got out of our store room and put ready for

use by 7:00. Later, after the meeting, it is all put back in the store room, the tables are folded and stacked on the trolley and we have to be off the school premises by 9:30 pm. There is usually plenty of help to put things away but a few more arriving early to set things up would be appreciated.

In the past year we have attended two family history fairs. We attended the Suffolk Family History Fair in Ipswich last October and Family Tree Live (a two day event) in April this year. (I am expecting that a report and pictures of the latter are in the Journal you are collecting tonight.) We receive invitations to attend other fairs but some we have to decline because we haven't got volunteers available to attend.

During the last year I have attended the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Family History Societies and the two meetings of the East Anglian Group. These meetings are valuable for hearing what other societies are doing, if they have the same problems or if they have different solutions.

The Committee has continued to meet each month except in August. We now meet at Kempston in the winter and in Bedford in the summer. I value the input of all the committee members in reviewing our activities, suggesting new ideas and noticing when things need updating or improving. During the past year the committee membership has been the three officers and five others. At the time of writing the nominations received for the coming year are, again, five committee members (the three officers continuing, as they have been elected for a three year term). We really need more members on the committee to give a wider range of experiences and expertise and to share the various responsibilities more widely. At present we are short of a Minutes Secretary. We are in the process of arranging for the services of a professional minute writer who will work from recordings of the meetings.

You will already have read in your Journal the sad news that two of our honorary members have died during the last year. Pete Smith died on 27 December and Olga Page on 9 February. Both were committee members for many years and their contribution to the Society was invaluable. You can read more about their work in the Journal (March and June 2019).

It just remains for me to thank the many people who, in various ways, keep this Society working. I list them (nearly) alphabetically:

Cathy and Kevin Friend are our Membership Secretaries. They receive your membership applications and renewals and keep our membership records up to date. In addition they collect the letters from the Society's post office box and distribute them to the appropriate people. At the meetings they set up the sound system.

Maureen Hall has produced the two booklets which you were given on arrival for this AGM. She is currently working on the indexes for the Journals.

Lynn Manning is Society Secretary, keeping us informed of information she

receives from other organisations, booking our place at fairs etc. She is also our Publicity Officer, making sure that local libraries get a poster advertising our meetings and putting an announcement of each in local magazines. She has set up our stall and run it at each Family History Fair we have attended. She and her husband, Tony, took the materials to London for our stall at Family Tree Live and set it all up the day before the event. At these meetings she assists with serving the refreshments or at the reception desk.

Charlie Norman and Kerr Clement run our bookstall at our meetings. This stocks our own publications (books and CDs) and a large number of second hand books which have been donated. This provides a worthwhile outlet for those who have books they have no further use for and some income for the Society.

John Partridge is our librarian. He is one of the first to arrive for our meetings, setting up tables, arranging the library on them and, at the end of the evening putting it all away. John also looks after our Facebook page, providing a ‘point of contact’ for many who might not hear of us in other ways.

Judith Moody is Assistant Librarian and arrives here early to assist John with setting out the library and putting it away.

Brian Payne has continued as our web master. We very rarely see Brian as he lives in the USA. We appreciate this important work as for many people our web page is the first impression they get.

Geoff Sewell is our Programme Secretary and has ensured that each month we have a well informed and interesting speaker. He arranges the bookings of this hall with the School and is always one of the first here to get things out for our meetings and set them up ready for you to arrive. He is also working on the Memorial Inscriptions for Keysoe and the records of the Keysoe Woodland Burial Site. He prepares the front cover of the Journal and provides the description of the scene pictured.

Peter Sharp is our Treasurer. Each month he provides a comprehensive report on our finances and, at the year end, the annual report and statement that you see in the booklet. He has also done a lot of work to update our Members’ Handbook, our web site and the descriptions of our publications on Genfair. In addition he often collects our visiting speakers from the station.

Val Thomas is our Social Secretary and organises trips to places of interest. She also looks after the reception desk.

Mark Tresidder continues to add data to our Parish register CDs, issuing new versions as each is completed.

Colin West arranges our post meeting refreshments. We must also thank the team who work with him.

Paul Woodcraft distributes the Journals; those given out at the meeting, those

posted, those emailed, those sent to other societies as ‘swaps’ and those provided to libraries etc. He organises the ‘Members Only’ area of our web site and your passwords to the ‘portal’ to access that area. He initiated the collecting of Funeral Directors’ Records, some of which are already in the ‘Members’ Area’ and there will be more to follow. He takes and sends in a current photograph of the scene shown in the sketch on the front cover of the Journal.

Geoff Young edits the Journal fitting the articles submitted each quarter into printable pages and fitting text around pictures etc. A skilled job done expertly.

I have already mentioned the research work done by Mary Wooldridge. Mary has also been at our stall at family history fairs where there she has been in great demand for her skills.

The programme for this year's members' meetings was as follows:

1 June	2018 AGM + Quiz	Pamela Birch
13 July 2018	Bedford’s Lost Industries	David Fowler
7 Sept 2018	The Many Ways Of Counting Our Days	Colin Oakes
12 Oct 2018	The Future Of Family History	Dr Nick Barratt
2 Nov 2018	Victorian Superman	Amanda Goody
7 Dec 2018	My 50 th Great Grandfather	Norman Holding
11 Jan 2019	Famous Connections – Flitton cum Silsoe	Margaret Butt
1 Feb 2019	The Great Exhibition Of 1851	Michael Simmonds
1 Mar 2019	Up With The Lark – Agricultural Labourers	Ian Waller
5 Apr 2019	How Far Did Your Ancestors Travel Before The Coming Of The Railways?	Celia Heritage
3 May 2019	Bedlam And Mental Health	Colin Oakes



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2018

Peter Sharp

The society made a surplus of £2,307 in the financial year ending 31 December 2018.

Thank you to those members that pay tax and have completed a Gift Aid form. In 2018 we claimed £726 for the subscriptions received in the calendar year 2017.

Cash at bank and in hand increased to £54,109. Included in the total is £42,613 which is in a 95 day notice account albeit with an interest rate of 0.40%.

Income from membership for 2018 actually increased slightly to £5,875, due to increased Gift Aid but the membership subscriptions (excluding Gift Aid) dropped by £100. This was against the reduced direct costs of membership (journals, postage, meeting rooms, speakers and governance) amounting to £7,114.

Membership in 2014 was 603, in 2015 was 582, in 2016 was 528, in 2017 was 509 and in 2018 was 502 full members including 41 new members.

Income from publications decreased from £8,154 to £5,131, mainly due to reduced Parish Register CDs sales, although the 2017 PRCD sales were unusually inflated by the sales of a complete set of Parish Register CDs from New Zealand.

The total expenditure increased from £11,060 in 2016 to £17,366 in 2017 but reduced in 2018 to £10,365. The 2017 value was influenced by a contribution of £5,000 to Bedfordshire Archives and Records Service (BARS) for a project for the digitisation of their wills collection. Your committee pays close attention to all costs and has managed to keep our main expenditure concerned with the journal as low as possible particularly as more members (currently 20% of members) take the journal in PDF electronic format.

After each quarter of the year we make royalty payments to BARS in relation to our sales of Parish Register CDs and microfiche. Although sales of fiche are being phased out and sales of Parish Register CDs reduced to £3,705. The total royalty paid to BARS for the 2018 sales reduced to £448.

The society continues to host well attended members' meetings, normally on the first Friday of the month, and we have maintained our policy of inviting widely-known speakers to give a lecture. The cost of the speakers reduced to £512 in 2018 due to one meeting being cancelled due to snow and two speakers giving their services free of charge.

The society is affiliated to the Federation of Family History Societies, to which we pay an affiliation fee of 38p per member. This fee includes insurance for public liability. We also insure our assets against all risks.

I would like to express my thanks to our independent examiner Mr Richard Chaloner for his help and assistance in maintaining and preparing the society's accounts for this year.

I recommend that the 2018 Financial Accounts presented to the members at the AGM are adopted. □



Annual Accounts for the Period

Period Start Date

Period End Date

From 1 January 2018

To 31 December 2018

Statement of Financial Activities

	Current Year 2018 £	Prior Year 2017 £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds		
Voluntary Income	5,875	5,595
Investment Income	219	89
Income from Charitable Activities	6,578	9,905
Total Incoming Resources	12,672	15,589
 Resources Expended		
Cost of Charitable Activities	7,956	14,769
Governance Costs	2,409	2,597
Total Resources Expended	10,365	17,366
 Net Movement in Funds	2,307	(1,777)
Total Funds Brought Forward	71,171	72,948
Total Funds Carried Forward	73,478	71,171

Balance Sheet

	Current Year 2018 £	Prior Year 2017 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Fixed Assets	15,168	15,168
Total Fixed Assets	15,168	15,168
Current Assets		
Stock of Books and Stamps	3,689	4,131
Debtors	1,476	1,747
Cash at Bank and In Hand	54,109	51,238
Total Current Assets	59,274	57,116
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	964	1,113
Net Current Liabilities	964	1,113
Net Current Assets	58,310	56,003
Net Assets	73,478	71,171
Funds		
Unrestricted	73,478	71,171
Restricted	-	-
	73,478	71,171

Any member who was unable to attend the AGM may contact the Society through the PO Box or by email and ask for a copy of the accounts booklet.

BEDFORDSHIRE PARISH RECORDS ON CD

See also details of the **Surnames Index CD** to all parishes

CDs for all 128 ancient Bedfordshire parishes are now available from:
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or parishsales@bfhs.org.uk – details of CD contents: www.bfhs.org.uk

Each CD contains, for one parish:

All Parish Register transcripts up to 1812 (images)

Searchable Indexes to the Parish Registers for:

Baptisms at least 1813-1851 (some parishes all up to 1851);

all Marriages up to 1837; and all Burials to 1851

The relevant 1851 Census Index for Bedfordshire (images)

CDs marked † also contain *Monumental Inscriptions* (MIs) from a graveyard in the parish (church, chapel or cemetery).

Those marked * contain *records from the registers or graveyards of Non-Conformist chapels* in the parish;

photographs and other records are included as available.

‡ Holwell: MIs and Burials only, not Registers (now in Herts)

Parish	Price	Issue	(Recent updates marked in bold)	
Ampthill † *	£15	2	Clapham †	£10
Arlesey	£20	2	Clifton	£20
Aspley Guise †	£15	3	Clophill †	£15
Astwick †	£10	2	Cockayne Hatley	£10
Barton	£15	3	Colmworth †	£10
Battlesden	£10	2	Cople †	£10
Bedford St Cuthbert †*	£15	2	Cranfield † *	£15
Bedford St John *	£15	2	Dean † *	£15
Bedford St Mary † *	£15	2	Dunstable † *	£15
Bedford St Paul † *	£25	2	Dunton †	£15
Bedford St Peter *	£10	2	Eaton Bray	£20
Biddenham †	£10	2	Eaton Socon † *	£25
Biggleswade † *	£15	2	Edworth †	£10
Billington †	£10	2	Elstow †	£15
Bletsoe	£10	2	Eversholt †	£15
Blunham † *	£15	2	Everton	£10
Bolnhurst	£10	2	Eyeworth	£10
Bromham †	£10	2	Farndish †	£10
Caddington †	£15	1	Felmersham † *	£10
Campton & Shefford † *	£20	2	Flitton *	£15
Cardington † *	£15	2	Flitwick	£10
Carlton † *	£10	2	Goldington	£10
Chalgrave	£15	1	Great Barford †	£15
Chellington	£15	2	Harlington †	£10

Harrold *	£10	2	Ridgmont † *	£15	2
Haynes †	£20	1	Riseley	£10	2
Henlow †	£10	1	Roxton † *	£10	2
Higham Gobion	£10	2	Salford †	£10	2
Hockliffe † *	£10	2	Sandy † *	£15	1
Holwell † ‡	£5	1	Sharnbrook	£10	2
Houghton Conquest † *	£15	1	Shelton †	£10	1
Houghton Regis *	£15	2	Shillington †	£15	2
Hulcote †	£10	2	Souldrop †	£10	2
Husborne Crawley †	£20	2	Southill † *	£20	2
Kempston	£15	3	Stagsden †	£15	1
Kensworth †	£15	2	Stanbridge *	£10	2
Keysoe † *	£15	2	Steppingley †	£10	2
Knotting	£10	2	Stevington † *	£10	2
Langford	£15	2	Stotfold † *	£10	2
Leighton Buzzard † *	£20	3	Streatley †	£10	2
Lidlington †	£10	2	Studham	£15	1
Little Barford †	£10	1	Sundon †	£10	1
Little Staughton † *	£10	2	Sutton	£15	2
Lower Gravenhurst	£10	2	Swineshead †	£10	1
Luton † *	£30	2	Tempsford †	£10	2
Marston Moretaine †	£15	2	Thurleigh	£10	1
Maulden † *	£15	1	Tilbrook	£10	1
Melchbourne †	£10	1	Tilsworth † *	£10	1
Meppershall †	£10	1	Tingrith †	£10	1
Millbrook	£15	2	Toddington † *	£15	1
Milton Bryan †	£10	2	Totternhoe *	£15	1
Milton Ernest †	£10	2	Turvey † *	£20	1
Northill †	£15	2	Upper Gravenhurst	£10	1
Oakley †	£10	2	Upper Stondon	£10	1
Odell †	£10	2	Westoning †	£10	2
Old Warden †	£15	2	Whipsnade †	£10	1
Pavenham	£10	2	Wilden †	£15	1
Pertenhall	£15	1	Willington †	£10	1
Podington	£15	1	Wilstead †	£20	2
Potsgrove †	£10	2	Woburn † *	£20	1
Potton † *	£20	2	Wootton	£15	2
Pulloxhill	£10	2	Wrestlingworth †	£15	2
Ravensden †	£10	2	Wymington	£10	1
Renhold	£10	2	Yelden †	£10	1

Prices include UK or overseas post and packing. The cost of a full set of Parish CDs is £1,250.

Some baptism indexes only cover the period 1813-1851, but as more stocks are needed, they will be updated to include the full period from the start of registers. This also applies to the issue of new MI listings. Any revised CDs will be indicated by the **issue number**. Complete details of the content of each CD may be found on the Society website: www.bfhs.org.uk □

HANNAH REBECCA BEECH née FLANDERS 1798/99 – 1880

Readers may recall some articles I wrote for the journal regarding the search by my second cousin and myself for details of the early years in the life of our great great grandmother Hannah Rebecca. We had been searching separately for many years until we were put in touch with each other by BFHS Journal researcher in 2008 when our joint interest was spotted.

Since then we have received help from Bedford Record Office, Huntingdon Archives, family history members and professional researchers besides the various online sources now available.

The general opinion from the majority of these has been that Hannah Rebecca was a daughter of Thomas Flanders, farmer of Kimbolton and his wife Ann Sturgess who originated from Keysoe, Bedfordshire. This was

probably because the 1851 Census for Bedford showed Hannah Rebecca as living in Greyfriars Walk with her husband and family and her birthplace as Keysoe, Beds. Her age was 52 years which enabled the calculation of her birth as in the year 1798/99. This accorded with dates of Thomas and Ann's children and of a baptism entry in Kimbolton parish register.

However we have come to a different conclusion following a search of the Huntingdonshire Archives by a member of staff. When the entry of 10 March 1818 was checked it was found to relate to a Hannah Rebecca Flanders of 20 years of age, thus placing her date of birth in 1798/99. Coupled with the fact that it was unusual to find children given two Christian names at that time, we felt that we were on the right track. Hannah Rebecca's parents were shown as John and Mary Flanders with the additional information that John was a soldier.

Research now switched to TNA at Kew. The Military Records revealed the



Hannah Rebecca Beech, née Flanders

service details of a John Flanders born in Godmanchester, Huntingdonshire in 1759 who enlisted in the Duke of Manchester's Regiment known as the Huntingdon Militia, in 1780 at the age of 21. He was a blacksmith by trade and saw service with the 43rd and 46th Regiment of Foot for periods of twenty one and a half years and twelve and a half years, a total of 34 years before being discharged for health reasons on 14 July 1814 at the age of 56. His occupation as blacksmith would have been extremely valuable to the army in those days. It is interesting to note that the military records show an unaccounted break in service in 1893. I will refer to the later in this report.

Turning now to church records for Godmanchester a marriage entry is recorded for William Flanders of Keysoe to Rebecca Camman of Godmanchester on the 9.12.1758. Baptismal entries were then found for their sons John on 25.11.1759 and William on 9.1.1763. Sadly Rebecca and a William were buried within a month of each other in 1772, William being described as a labourer.

However was this the father William or the son, a labourer, despite his young age?

In 2016 information was received from an American source and the Ancestry website which claimed and showed a 'tree' of a William Flanders born in 1736 at Keysoe, Bedfordshire, England married to a Martha Chestnut of Pennsylvanian birth. Their marriage being shown as in 1756 and claiming five children were born in 13 years. Also shown is the marriage of William and Rebecca Camman on the 9.12.1758 at Godmanchester, Huntingdonshire, England, both being 18 years of age and details of the birth of four children but not of a son William.

At this stage I can offer no explanation. William Flanders of Keysoe, the father, died in Northampton County, North Carolina at the age of 57 in 1793. 1793 was the year of an unexplained absence of John Flanders in his military service. Is that just coincidental?

This report has been condensed in an attempt to give the bare bones only in view of the complexity of the research but of cause many questions remain. There were a number of marriages of a John Flanders to a Mary but so far it has not been possible to identify one that relates to 'our' Hannah Rebecca. Was she brought up by another family as possibly her mother had died and her father was away from home? If her grandfather William was indeed in America then it must have been John's brother William who had died in 1772 when her grandmother has also died. Hannah Rebecca would therefore have been on her own and would never have known her Uncle William.

At this point our research has virtually ended and we are happy to accept that

Hannah Rebecca baptised on 10.3.1818 is the great great grandmother that we have sought for so long. My own grandmother's words were that the Flanders family had originated in Flanders and had come to England at the time of civil disturbance and had adopted the name of their homeland as their own surname. This may well have been so but it is unlikely that it will be confirmed. Hannah Rebecca and William Beech had a grandson born 1880 named Flanders and another born 1885 named Frederick Gustavus which does support the idea of European lineage.

Should anyone be able to add further information it would be appreciated. □

Hilary Weston, Member No 3381

LIBRARY NEWS

Beds FHS Facebook page

In June's journal I reported that we had 764 'likes' as at 11 May. We have attracted more interest and are now at 785 'likes' as at 30 July 2019.

We receive a steady stream of questions posed on our FB page via Messenger or as a Visitor Post, but I'm not sure if these people are BFHS members or not. Whatever if I can help by providing information then I get back to them and our researcher Mary will also pick up the query. Over the recent months we have had queries from Ontario Canada, Queensland Australia, California and some more nearer home. □

Thanks, John Partridge, Librarian

Vicki Manners
BA (Hons), BSc (Hons)

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NEW ON MEMBERS' PORTAL JUNE 2019

On the 13/16 May 2019 the Society supported Dying Matters Awareness Week 2019, a function at Bedford and Luton Libraries organised by Bedfordshire Archives and Records Service. At this we launched the Society's new project, Funeral Directors Records.



Paul Woodcraft meets a visitor to our stand at Bedford Library

So what are these records? T and E Neville Ltd, now Neville Funeral Service Ltd, have deposited 22 of their ledgers dating from 1905 to 1955 at Bedford Archives and Records Service (BARS). In these ledgers you may find the person who made the arrangements, burial or cremation, which cemetery, if an obituary and which paper used. We have also identified two other Funeral Directors who have records dating back to the 1800's.

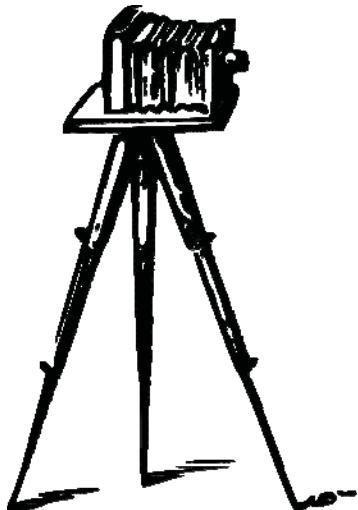
So what are we doing with these? Firstly we are producing an index which will show name of deceased, date of death, age and in which ledger to find the information. At present we have not shown the ledgers due to copyright. Permission has now been given so these will be on the website shortly. They can also be viewed in the BARS search room. To see the first sample index go to the Members Portal now.

You will also find well over 100 Journals from Societies that we exchange pdf journals with. These give many hours of interesting reading.

If you have not had a look at our members only page then go to our Website, click the Members Portal button and fill in the request form. A username and password will be sent to you. You will require your membership number and

email address.

If you are not a member but think you may enjoy the journals or find the Funeral Directors Records of interest then why not join us, To do this go to our Website click on ‘Society Information/Membership. □



INTERESTING PHOTOGRAPHS

Do you have any photographs of interest to Family Historians that you would be willing to share with our members and the general public?

We are always looking to enhance our web site (and *Journal*), so if you do have a relevant photograph(s) and you are willing to have it/them listed on the BFHS web page on our ‘Local Interest/Photographs’ page, please forward them to treasurer@bfhs.org.uk together with a short descriptive text about the photo.

Peter Sharp, Treasurer

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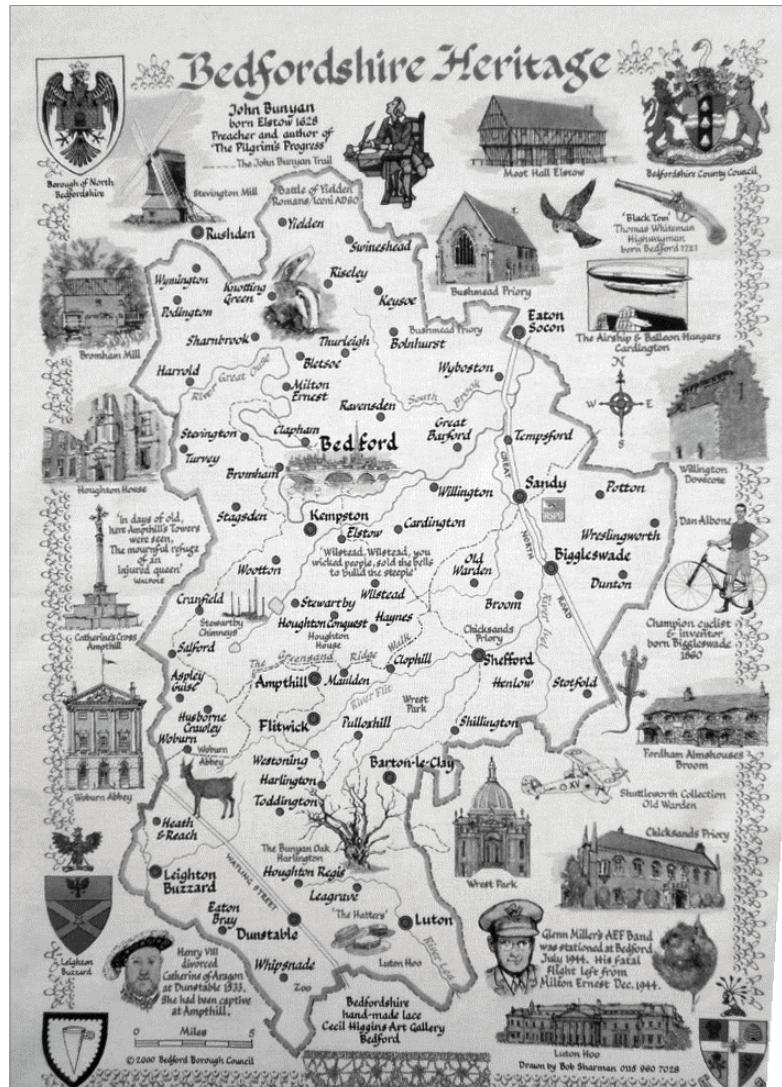
The Society has had a supply of Bedfordshire Heritage tea towels printed and these are now being sold to raise funds.

These tea towels are really too nice to use for drying up; they are beautifully colour printed with some famous Bedfordshire landmarks forming a border for the County map. Even if you don't have any Bedfordshire ancestors they make ideal gifts. They are 100% cotton and at £4.50 each can be obtained from the bookstall at Members' meetings by email to Lynn at secretary@bfhs.org.uk or by post to the undermentioned address.

For UK orders please add postage and packing as follows:

- Up to 2 tea towels add £1.50
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For orders from outside the UK please enquire before ordering.



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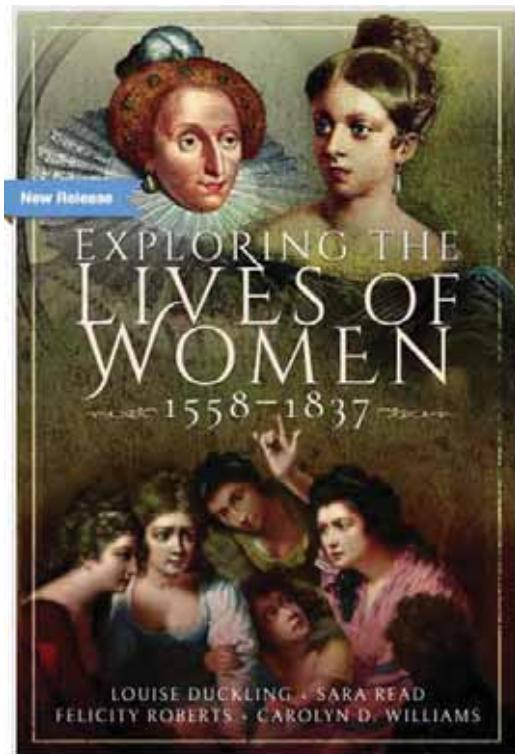
REMINDER
The CLOSING DATE for articles to be published in the December 2019 Journal is
15 October 2019

REVIEW OF ‘EXPLORING THE LIVES OF WOMEN, 1558-1837’

Exploring the Lives of Women celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Women’s Studies Group, 1558-1837. The period 1558-1837 is described as the ‘long 18th century’ and includes the reign of prominent queens. In 1558 Mary I died and was succeeded by Elizabeth I, and the period ends in 1837 with the accession of Queen Victoria. Their ruling power is in contrast to the sexual discrimination of women in the social organisation at the time.

The book is comprised of a series of essays by members of the WSG using a variety of source material to uncover women’s experiences during this period. The essays are fascinating, and they demonstrate that uncovering the real history of early modern women’s lives is not straight forward as opposed to a man’s, as the source material at the time does not necessarily include or represent them accurately, or only shows part of it. Chapter 5, for example, examines the obituaries in *The Gentleman’s Magazine* a widely read publication familiar to most literate men, women and children of this period. The obituaries were mainly of men and focussed on public achievement. If women were included it was only in relation to their relations to men, e.g. daughter, wife, mother. Therefore, they concealed women’s contributions to ‘the success of British culture and commerce of this period’. The essays also show surprising aspects of women’s lives. Chapter 9, through the memoirs of prostitutes, discusses how female friendships support women when men couldn’t or wouldn’t, providing each other with money, shelter and protection. Chapter 12 includes accounts of women taking part in sports. Advertisements for foot races and spinning competitions across the country show women performing against each other and men which gave the opportunity to earn extra income. There are also accounts of women and girls working in jobs requiring great strength such as mining where they were considered to be ‘better than men’ for their skill and endurance of the harsh conditions.

Exploring the Lives of Women looks at a wide cross section of early modern women from this period and the issues that affected them: education, motherhood (including breastfeeding), infertility in marriage, anxieties about



chastity and the potential ruin of a woman through rape, female sexuality and desire to control their own destiny in love and marriage, changing perceptions of actors and writers as careers for women, and the difficulties of overall of earning money or supporting themselves outside or inside societal norms. □

Caroline Annis

WILLINGTON AND THE MOWBRAYS AFTER THE PEASANT REVOLT BY DOROTHY JAMIESON

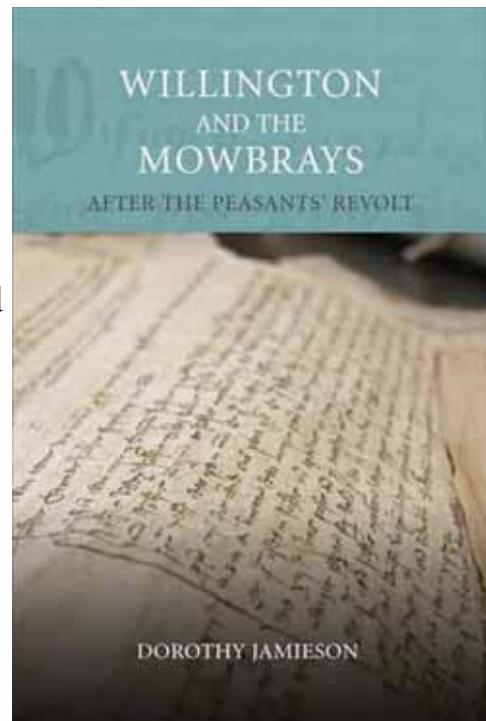
An eagerly awaited volume, Dorothy Jamieson does not disappoint. This book will appeal to anyone who is interested in medieval history. Using various documents such as Manor Court Rolls, Bailiffs' Accounts and Receivers Accounts, Dorothy paints a fascinating picture of life in the village of Willington over a period from 1382-1522.

For anyone with ancestors coming from this area the book is a must. These documents are a goldmine and very difficult to transcribe. As Dorothy explains in the preface "the handwriting some of it very beautiful, but much of it is almost illegible, is often cramped and sometimes faded and dirty. Then there is the language Latin, but using the Medieval abbreviations" All her hard work has paid off and now anyone can read what their ancestors were doing all those hundreds of years ago.

The book covers the Peasants' Revolt which has often been identified as an historical turning point leading to the end of serfdom. It also takes us to a time after the revolt and how Willington and the surrounding parishes were affected,

Taking an extract from the book there are surnames galore. From the Bailiffs' Accounts for 1457-58 and 1481-82 freemen are named as John Norman, John Abel, Robert Partriche, Robert Miton, Robert Warner, John Cawde, John Miton, Thomas Stoughton, John Gostewick the elder and the prior of Newnham.

There are several Appendices at the back of the book one of them is entitled People and Families, surnames covered are, Gostwick, Hunte, Launcelyn, Lygtfot, Maryon, Miton, Rider, de Wylyton and Yarwey. □



FRONT COVER TODAY



The old post office at Odell as it is today. A private house. You can see the small extension to the left has gone and the second door in the middle of the sketch has been filled in. You can see the stone entrance slab still in place in front of where the door was. I spoke to the current owners who confirmed it was the old post office and that they had, in the house, the old post box that you can just see in the sketch next to the right hand door.

A very pretty small village in North Bedfordshire with a lovely Pub serving meals. So get out and have a lovely day in the country side. □ *Paul Woodcraft*



BIGGLESWADE HISTORY SOCIETY 2019 PROGRAMME OF TALKS, VISITS and EVENTS

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| 2 Sep | ‘Building the Railways’ – a talk by Judith and Chris Rouse of the Wyvern Railway Society. |
| 7 Oct | ‘The Nursery Rhyme Detective’ – Vic Botterill talks about the origins and secrets of nursery rhymes. |
| 4 Nov | “My Life in Uniform” by Bernard Newman. |

MARY PHILLIPS' CLOPHILL ARCHIVE

Mary Phillips wrote a history of Clophill*, Bedfordshire and did a great deal of research into other Bedfordshire villages in the vicinity of Clophill. After her death her son found a huge collection of notes she had made on this subject, wills, baptisms, property sales etc. These are handwritten on scraps of card, sometimes coloured card which makes digitising them difficult also at times the cards have had to be trimmed.

Rather than destroy the papers he has donated them to the Society and we are attempting to digitise them with the aim to gradually put them on the BFHS members portal.

They are more or less in alphabetical order and to make a start we have dealt with the cards that refer to the letter A.

For the time being we have no intention to index them. It is hoped that members will take a look from time to time. If you find anything useful do let us know by emailing research@bfhs.org.uk □

* *'The Clophill Story' by Mary Phillips is in our BFHS library (Accession No 952 in Class 2). Introduction by Mary Wooldridge, BFHS Researcher*

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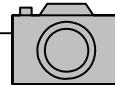
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The Friday night meetings of the BFHS offer members instructive, interesting and often amusing talks on subjects that fascinate all interested in history and genealogy in general, and are usually particularly relevant to those with a Bedfordshire heritage.

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PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED !

Are you a BFHS member with a digital camera or smart-phone? If so could you take some photographs of nearby villages to add to the parish CD?

Although we have now published a CD with data for all 128 ancient parishes, some have no photographs, or very few.

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