

Newsletter

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Editorial

First of all I must apologise to our President Mrs Beech because in our last Newsletter I missed two lines of her rhyme which will help you remember the Kings and Queens of England. I have repeated the whole article on page two.

We have a couple of items in the "For Sale" section and I have noted three websites that I have found useful during my Family History research.

I have lost the valued help of David Salt who could always be called upon to fill the pages of our Newsletter with his articles about local churches. The Newsletter will only be interesting if I can find a wide variety of items to put in it. I need your help. Please find me something to put in our Newsletter. I do not mind what form it is in as I can always tidy it up for printing.

Forthcoming Meetings.

April 4th.

From THE TOWER to the Tower
by Mrs V. Noble.

May 9th. Open Evening.

June 6th

The Hat Industry in Newcastle.

by Mr. A. Dobraszezye

July 4th Open Evening

John S. Booth

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Cricket Appeal.

I would be pleased to hear if anyone has any information or has knowledge of documents about Stoke Cricket Club c1900-1915. They played at the Staffordshire County Cricket Ground near Stoke Station. My grandfather RICHARD SAUNDERS JONES was assistant grounds man to John Butler, who was the grounds man and also a Professional Cricketer for his club. I have exhausted the few sources to be found at Stoke Archives and Staffordshire CRO. I am informed by the family that Richard played as an amateur for Birkenhead and the Smallthorne Cricket Club.

Diana Grant

Diana can be contacted at our monthly meetings or via any committee member.

One Name Studies

However interesting our hobby might be, we could always do with a little help. With this in mind, it may be a good idea to contact the Guild of One Name Studies before starting a new line of research. They will be able to tell you if a one name study of the new name you are researching has been started and put you in touch with the appropriate researcher. I found them very helpful when looking up the SANKEY branch of my family and I was able to help the researcher as he did not know that a Sankey born in Shropshire lived and died in Hanley.

Their address is :- Box G,
C/o Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell
Road, London, EC1M 7BA.
or :- www.one-name.org

Snippet

Taken from the book "Tracing Ancestors in North Staffordshire"

"Do not expect to find the Will of any married woman who predeceased her husband unless she was married after 1st January 1883 or unless a legal contract had been drawn up on her marriage to give her the power to dispose of certain possessions. Before the Married Woman's Property Act of 1882 every-thing that belonged to a woman, even the clothes she wore, became the property of her husband on marriage. Only Wills made by unmarried women, widows, and those with legal marriage contracts had any validity before 1883"

What's that you men are saying?
You'd like to repeal the Act and go back to how it was before 1883?
Shame on You.

Eva Beech

Useful Internet Website's

www.any-village.co.uk

Information about villages in the UK.

www.findachurch.co.uk

Information about village churches in the UK.

www.old-maps.co.uk

Historical Map Archive on line.

www.lostcousins.com

Help in tracing ancestors via censuses.

www.yesterdaysnames.co.uk

Tracing ancestors who have been mentioned in old Parish Mag

My deepest apologies go to Mrs Beech as I missed one line out of her excellent memory aid. I have repeated the whole article again.

How Good is Your Memory?

Can you name, in succession, all the kings and queens who have ruled England since the Norman Conquest of 1066? I can. How? Because I learned by heart a mnemonic (a memory aid) in the form of a rhyme. This was taught to schoolchildren in Victorian times so I have added a verse to bring it up to date. This is how it goes:

Willie, Willie, Harry, Ste.
Harry, Dick, John, Harry three.
One, two, three, Ned, Richard two.
Henry four, five six then who?
Edward, Edward, Dick the bad.
Harry, Harry, Ned the lad.
Mary, Lizzie, James the vain.
Charlie, Charlie, James again.
William and Mary, Anna Gloria.
Four Georges, William, then Victoria.
Edward, George, then same again.
And now Elizabeth doth reign.

Here are the monarchs names according to the history books:

William I, William II, Henry I, Stephen (and Matilda), Henry II, Richard I, John, Henry III, Edward I, Edward II, Edward III, Richard II, Henry IV, Henry V, Henry VI, Edward IV, Edward V, Richard III, Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I, Elizabeth I, James I, Charles I, Charles II, James II, William III and Mary II, Anne, George I, George II, George III, George IV, William IV, Victoria, Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII, George VI, Elizabeth II.

Recently I have found the above rhyme useful while watching the series 'Monarchy' by David Starkey on T.V. It is especially useful in placing each forebear on my tree in the setting of his or her time. It could help you too.

Eva Beech

Ancestors

I make no apologies for re-introducing a poem I first put in the Newsletter about 10 years ago. With the kind permission of Troon and District F.H.S. (of which I am a member).

Ancestors

If you could see your ancestors,
All standing in a row,
Would you be proud of them-or
not,
Or don't you really know.

Some strange discoveries are
made,
In climbing family trees,
And some of them you know,
Do not particularly please.

If you could see your ancestors,
All standing in a row,
There might be some of them
perhaps,
You wouldn't care to know.

But here's a different question,
Which requires a different view,
If you could MEET your ancestors
Would they be proud of YOU??

Betty Machin

For Sale

1. As New FUJITSU/
SIEMENS 17in Monitor.
2. 56K bps V.90 Fax Modem
Complete with Accessories.

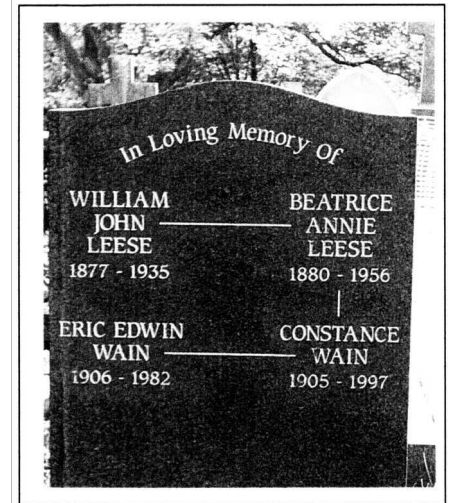
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Free to a Good Home
Glasgow & West Scotland F.H.S.
Journals from Spring 1998 to Oct.
2003.

See Betty Machin at any monthly
meeting.

The Last Post

Whilst trying to find a family grave in the Cemeteries and Churchyards, have you come across any interesting headstones? For example, the following headstone was spotted by Roma Holiday at Longton Cemetery,



Seen in the cemetery of All Saints Church Dilhorne.

Here lies the remains of JOHN ROBEY of Blakelee Lane who died 3rd July 1808, aged 76 years. Also of CATHERINE the wife of SAMPSON WRIGHT of Captain Barn who died 28th January 1808 aged 48 years.

Husband farewell my life is past,
I loved you while it did last.
Think on my children for my sake,

And ever on them pity take.
Also of MARY daughter of the above who died 12th March 1809 aged 20 years.

Here lies a damsel whom alas,
A false young man deceived.
Handsome, as faithless, rover was,

And she to death was grieved.
Let faithless rover range,
For she has fix'd her heart on one,

Whose love can never change.

