

E Newsletter



Welcome to the NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY (MIDLAND ANCESTORS)

Meetings : 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 pm unless First Monday is a Bank Holiday, then second Monday

There is a free car park at the side of the centre and ample on street parking in Harpfields Road and Flash Lane.

We are asked though to avoid parking in Vicarage Lane which is adjacent to the building since it is narrow & difficult for residents

Dates for
the diary
2018

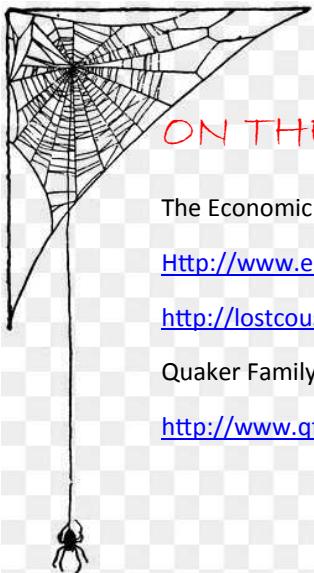
2nd July

Make do and
Mend

August

NO MEETING

3rd September
What's in a Name?
explains the Origins
of Place Names in
the UK



The Economic History Society

[Http://www.ehs.org.uk/multimedia/other-podcasts.htm](http://www.ehs.org.uk/multimedia/other-podcasts.htm)

<http://lostcousins.com/newsletter2/latemay18news.htm>

Quaker Family History Society

<http://www.qfhs.co.uk>

THANK YOU

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) are a new EU digital privacy regulation that came into effect on 25th May 2018 it is a new set of laws designed to safeguard your personal data. The new law changes the way we keep in touch with you.

We at the north staffs family history society have come to the conclusion that the best way forward will to place the newsletters on our web page at (www.northstoffsfamilyhistory.co.uk) for you to download and read at your leisure, you can also find a number of back issues listed there.

The newsletter will be added to the web page on the following dates for you to view:

30th June 2018

30th September 2018

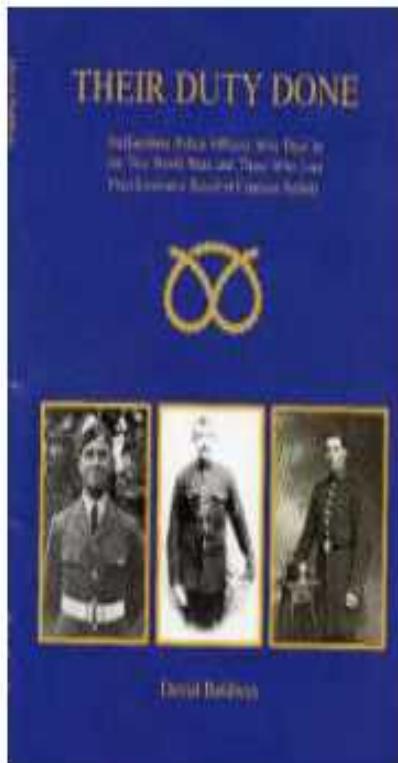
31st December 2018

31st March 2019

And the same dates in subsequent years.



Open day at Trentham Mausoleum 28th July 2018 from around 11.00 o'clock to 1.00 o'clock, with Information stalls



New Book '*Their Duty Done*'

Four memorials commemorating 55 Staffordshire police officers who died during two world wars and those murdered on duty, have pride of place at Staffordshire Police Headquarters.

'Their Duty Done' gives a deeply moving account of each of those men. Author and former police officer David Baldwin tells their stories using original sources, meticulous research and a real determination that these former police officers should be remembered for what they did and who they were. Illustrated with more than 100 photographs and postcards, this book is a fitting tribute to the men and leaves the reader in no doubt their duty was indeed done. All profits to Canine Partners. This book is priced at £12.00 and is available from:

The Ancient High House, Greengate Street, Stafford. 01785 619131

Stafford Tiles & Flooring, 135-6 Newport Road, ST16 2EZ (almost opposite Tesco). 01785 224400

Stoke-on-Trent City Archives, City Central Library, Bethesda Street, Hanley. 01782 238420

Can also be purchased via mail order for £15.00 inclusive of postage & packing.

To purchase please contact 01785 660502. Email davidbaldwin230@btinternet.com.

Staffordshire Record Office



Criminals on Tour

Criminal Quilts is an arts and heritage project by artist Ruth Singer working with volunteers at Staffordshire Record Office. Ruth and the team of volunteers have been researching over 500 women who appear in photograph albums from Stafford Prison 1877-1916. Ruth is also creating an exhibition of textile artworks inspired by the research. Some of her previous work on the subject is on show at Staffordshire Record Office.

The research will be shared through a touring display at Staffordshire libraries throughout 2018 and in major textile exhibitions at the Festival of Quilts in August, at the Brewhouse Burton (September to October) and Wolverhampton University (November to January).

New Additions at William Salt Library

The majority of the annual book order has now arrived at the Library. This year's purchases include books relating to speedway, football, folklore, hand-bell ringing, the Minnie Pit disaster of 1918, West Midlands Dialect, pottery, brewing, the Newcastle workhouse and railways including one on the Hixon rail crash of 1968.,

In addition a number of books relate to the First World War including books on the Zeppelin raids over the Midlands in 1916 and Handsworth born Charles Landers' war diary. There is also an intriguing book detailing a new theory on the failure of the Battle of the Somme, entitled 'Somme Into the Breach', which asks whether a North Staffordshire soldier gave up crucial secrets to the Germans in the lead up to the battle led to the failure of the offensive. For more information on the William Salt Library Collection contact Dominic Farr, Assistant Librarian.



Nicholas Bagenal played a pivotal role in the history of Ireland and County Down in particular, he was a native of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, where his father John Bagenal was Mayor of the town.

In 1556 he married Eleanor, 3rd daughter and heiress of Sir Edward Griffith of Penrhyn, North Wales, the couple had nine children Henry, Dudley and Ambrose, and daughters Frances, Mary, Margaret, Isabel, Anne and Mabel

This marriage brought to Bagenal considerable estates in Wales.

In 1539 he was involved in a brawl in Leek, Staffordshire in which a man was killed, he fled the country to Ulster, where he took employment with Conn O'Neill as a mercenary soldier. By 1542 O'Neill had been created 1st Earl of Tyrone, it was 7th December of that year that Conn O'Neill interceded on Bagenal's behalf in the form of a letter sent by the Dublin Privy Council to London petitioning for a pardon for Nicholas Bagenal, which was granted on 2nd March 1543.

Between 1544 and 1547 he served in the French Wars where he gained a high reputation for his military prowess. By 1548 he was back in Ireland serving under Sir Edward Bellingham in the Irish midlands, where a group led by Cahir O'Connor were plundering Laois, Carlow and Kildare, it was in the latter county that Bagenal met O'Connor's superior force, inflicting a crushing defeat on them.

At this time the English Pale was under fairly consistent attack from the native Irish, the policy of strengthening the defences of the pale can to a large extent be attributed to Bellingham, one of the castles built by him was at Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow, in the Barony of Idrona owned by the Carew, the strategic location of this castle enabled the English to subdue a large part of the county. Bagenal was later (1585) to buy the barony from Carew for £2,000 for one of his sons, Dudley, who met a violent death shortly thereafter when ambushed near Ballymoon Castle County Carlow.

The year 1550 was an auspicious one for Nicholas Bagenal in that year he became a member of the Irish Privy Council and was appointed Marshall General of the Army in Ireland. In that year also he received a lease for 21 years on the Abbey lands of Newry and Newry town, and was granted the Lordship of Mourne.

Bagenal's son Henry was killed at the Battle of Yellow Ford in 1598 by the Irish forces led by Hugh O'Neill who incidentally was married to Henry's sister Mabel Bagenal.

Bagenal's castle in Newry County Down now houses Newry Tourist Information Center and Newry & Mourne Museum, there is some dispute as to whether the castle was built by Bagenal some contend that he modified another building, and that the plans which came to light were just an elaborate scam by him to extract money from Elizabeth I.

Bagenal like several of the English adventurers in Ireland came here as fugitives from English justice capitalising on this to his own advantage and also that of the English crown in his treatment of the Native Irish.

We are going to find the Mother's maiden name for this little chap: Daniel SMITH

Staffordshire Birth indexes for the years: 1891

Surname	Forename(s)	Mother's Maiden Name	Sub-District	Registers At	Reference
SMITH	Daniel		Norton	Newcastle-Under-Lyme	<u>NO/33/032</u>

If you bring that up on Staffs BMD and then CLICK on the reference NO/33/032 you will get a UKBMD Summary page and in the births section there should be this line :-

SMITH	Daniel	1891	Norton	Staffordshire	Newcastle-Under-Lyme	<u>NO/33/032</u>	View Page
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Click "View Page" and you get

Surname	Forename	Mother's Maiden Name	Year	Sub-District	Registers At	Reference
SMITH	Daniel		1891	Norton	Newcastle-Under-Lyme	<u>NO/33/032</u>
CONNOR	Martin		1891	Norton	Newcastle-Under-Lyme	<u>NO/33/032</u>
TOMKINSON	Thomas Henry		1891	Norton	Newcastle-Under-Lyme	<u>NO/33/032</u>
SUTTON	Heana Eliza		1891	Norton	Newcastle-Under-Lyme	<u>NO/33/032</u>
BLACKHURST	Florence Elizabeth		1891	Norton	Newcastle-Under-Lyme	<u>NO/33/032</u>

So you now know everyone who is on that page in the Register. I'm showing you all the stages as some are easier to find than others

Now look at [FreeBMD Home Page](#)

and look for Daniel in FreeBMD and you will find it under LEEK and you should click on the number AFTER the 6b ie 277

Births Dec 1891 (>99%)					
SMITH	Daniel		Leek	6b	277

Births Dec 1891 (>99%)					
BLACKHURST	Florence Elizabeth		Leek	6b	277
Connor	Martin		Leek	6b	277
Cox	Georgina		Leek	6b	277
Gibbs	Edith		Leek	6b	277
Leese	Daniel		Leek	6b	277
Mountford	Emily		Leek	6b	277
Ryland	Edward		Leek	6b	277
SMITH	Daniel		Leek	6b	277
TOMKINSON	Thomas Henry		Leek	6b	277
Tunstall	Frederick William		Leek	6b	277

Check that the names you saw on the StaffsBMD page are on this page or most of them are ie Blackhurst, Tomkinson, Connor and of course SMITH.

So you have confirmed that you now have the 6B No for Daniel together with the district and year/quarter.

We now move to the GRO site -> [General Register Office](#)

You are now going Click ORDER CERTIFICATE ONLINE -----But Dont worry - YOU will NOT order one - we are only searching and that is FREE !

After you click the above you see :-

Search the GRO historical birth and death indexes and order Certificates/PDFs Online

So click that link and then half way down the NEXT page you see

LOGIN and where you put your email and password

If you don't have these then just below is the "REGISTER as AN INDIVIDUAL" link where you can register your email and create a password. After doing that come back to this point and LOGIN

I'm assuming you are now logged in, and you can see the next page which has this link :-

Search the GRO Indexes

So click that and then the next few pages should be self explanatory

Click BIRTH and when the next page comes up fill in the form

SMITH, Daniel, Male, Year=1891 , Qtr= Oct-Nov-Dec

District= LEEK Vol=6B page =277

Press SEARCH and then when the next page comes up scroll right down to the bottom of the page and you will see there is only one Daniel Smith

and the Mothers maiden name is BARNETT..... Woooo Hooo !

Name:	Mother's Maiden Surname:	Order: ?
SMITH, DANIEL	BARNETT	<input type="button" value="Certificate"/>
GRO Reference: 1891 D Quarter in LEEK Volume 06B Page 277		<input type="button" value="PDF"/>

THAT IS WHERE YOU STOP as all that was FREE going further could lead to ordering the cert which is NOT the goal of this example .

You could now go back and search for other names and you can cut this process down by just going straight to the GRO site and putting the name in - However if you are looking for SMITHS etc then the above process is reasonably fool-proof but if you are looking for Lemuel Arbuthnot Merryweather then go straight to the GRO site

Hope that is straightforward albeit a bit verbose but I have tried to cover the harder names in this example

LOST MEMORIALS

More and more churches and chapels are being lost or turned into restaurants or residential properties so this begs the question were do the memorials go?

Are they taken to the mother church?

Are they left with the property ?

Are they dumped into a skip?

Can you spare a little time to photograph the memorial located inside churches, chapels etc.

If you feel you can help please email me and I will let you know which churches/chapels need to have their memorials photographed near you.



robecarter@hotmail.com

HELP REQUIRED

Do you have relatives or know the story of any servicemen who appear on the Trent vale St John's WW1 memorial? If you have any information on those service men would you share it with us by contacting: steve.stutcinskas@sky.com

G.S DIX	F. COOPER	G.T. PLANT	W. FINNEY	S. SPEED	J.C. STACEY
C. KNAPPER	G. HAYES	G. LEACH	J. MELLOR	W. CUTTELL	G. BLOOR
H. FITZJOHN	W. BOARDMAN	J. TILSTONE	A KINSON	I. WRAGG	J. SMITH
F. STONEHEWER	G. BOARDMAN	G. COOPER	G. JAMES	J. BOX	J. MAYBURY
A.E. KELSALL	C.H GREEN	H. CORBISHLEY	C DAVIES	H. BOURNE	T. WILLOCK
W.T. SHERRY	J. CARR	T. WRIGHT	L. MYATT	A. TAYLOR	B. CARTWRIGHT
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		T.B. SMITH			