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THE SOCIETY OFFERS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF:

GORDON POOLEY

(a founding member of Barnsley FHS)

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EDITORIAL

By the time this lands on your various doorsteps I hope to have both eyes back in full use! It's been a trying few months, REAL flu in the family, a protracted house-move (that still hasn't happened), and all this mess with my eyes. The flu has abated, one eye has been dealt with, the other is still awaiting treatment but it shouldn't be long now before I have balance between what each eye is seeing.

In the meantime, the world has many more serious problems than I have. Politically, the world seems to be at a crossroads where the wrong choice of direction could be catastrophic to all of us. Europe is in chaos, the Americas seem to be at war with themselves, China is flexing her muscles over Taiwan and the South China Sea. North Korea has atomic capability and a regime of absolute power vested in one man who seems to be mentally unstable. This is not to mention the Russian activities, if we care to accept the press reports!

Not to put too fine a point on this, we could be on the brink of the next world war. A hundred years ago, our ancestors were struggling to survive the madness caused by Politicians and the ultra-wealthy. Seventy years ago a madman whipped up hysteria against foreigners, which led to the deaths of millions of all nationalities across the world. As usual it was the ordinary people, like you and me, who suffered the highest losses both personally and as a group. The disgraceful thing is that the politicians don't seem to have learned anything from history.

I don't know where this will take us. I can only hope that somebody with some power, somewhere in the world, will see the stupidity of all this anger. Ordinary citizens are the ones who will pay for war, directly and indirectly, we should have more control of who, where, and why we fight. The world keeps turning though, up in northern England the daffodils are here, their leaves well grown and the flowers starting to peep through. I have a Camellia in bloom in my garden and a cold sun is shining. A philosopher once told me that time is circular, not linear, and everything keeps going round in circles. Maybe he was right, have a pleasant spring (or autumn) and hope that things improve for us all.

Maggie Bennett, Editor

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Welcome to the Barnsley FHS 2017 AGM. I promise to keep my report short.

My thanks go to all members present at the 30th Anniversary party of Barnsley FHS, held on July 19th 2016. It was nice to see so many of you there. The forty in attendance witnessed the presentation of five Certificates of Recognition to founder, and long standing members: Cynthia Dillon; Anne Higgs; Jean Whitehead; Joyce Sokell; and Gordon Pooley (**I've since heard that, sadly, Gordon has passed away**).

On a lighter note, Cynthia was there to receive her framed certificate in **person. The other recipients, unfortunately couldn't attend, and had sent their apologies.**

Photographs from the Barnsley FHS archive were on display around the room. Table clothed and decorated tables were set out to create the atmosphere of a French café. A buffet and light refreshments were made available, served by members of the committee.

My sincere thanks go to members who helped to setup and cleared away equipment, tables, etc., on the anniversary evening, and at Members evenings throughout the year.

At a committee meeting in 2016 it was decided that commencing with **the January 2016 members' evening, guest speakers will be invited to all members' evenings in the year. This has proved to be an overwhelming success, and the committee has decided to continue with this arrangement until the end of 2017.**

Wearing my Programme Secretary hat for a moment, I must say at times it has been difficult to find speakers with suitable topics, but with determination, I finally filled the diary.

Due to family commitments Pam has, reluctantly, decided to step down from the role of Treasurer, but hopefully will retain her place on the **committee. She's kept the accounts in order for the past few years. So the society is in need of someone to fill Pam's shoes. Could that person be you?**

Membership

Every year the committee discusses membership fees, I'm pleased to report that the committee has decided against an increase in Membership fees, which will remain the same for 2017: Single membership £10; Family membership £12; and Overseas membership £13.

As of February 21st the society has 306 members, which in the current climate, where societies are disbanding or merging, is a testament to the

loyalty of members of Barnsley FHS. Thank you for your continued support.

Publications and Projects

In 2016 the committee decided to publish under the Barnsley FHS imprint an updated version of 'The Nail-makers of Hoylandswaine' by our very own Cynthia Dillon.

The book originally published in 1999 has undergone a complete revamp, a change in format, and methodically updated, with added census details (1911), probate records, and details of births, marriages and deaths, etc.

Since its launch it's been a very popular booklet with ever increasing sales. With the strength of these sales the committee has agreed to publish another of Cynthia's books, this time about the Linen trade families in Barnsley. An advert will be placed in Domus Historiae when the book is available.

Other sales throughout the year have remained buoyant.

Website: www.barnsleyfhs.co.uk

Unique visits to website 8,187: - 17th February 2016 to 21st February 2017.

More members/visitors have visited the website this year (2016) when compared with 2015. The Home page, Membership Area and Links page have been updated and show increased activity. More pages will be updated throughout 2017.

It is gratifying to see that members/visitors are finding material to interest them and therefore staying longer on the website.

Over fifteen hundred unique visits (2016), an increase of over three hundred from 2015, were made to the Surname Interests area, with over forty new surnames added to the database.

The Society has an ever increasing number of Exchange e-Journals available to view in the Members' Area. It is hoped that throughout 2017 more e-journals will be added to the collection. The current issue and three previous issues are available.

The Exchange e-Journals webpage continues to be a much viewed page since its introduction in 2015, with over four hundred unique visits recorded in 2016.

Reports regarding the website and which Exchange e-Journals are available will be the April journal.

In closing I wish to thank the committee who make my life easier, but above all I wish to thank you, the members, who with your continued support make Barnsley FHS what it's today, a thriving society. Thank you one and all.

A. J. Westerman

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

As many of you will be aware, I volunteered to undertake the **Secretary's role from the February 2016 AGM after my predecessor had resigned earlier in 2015.**

This year has been very much a steep learning curve, although I have had invaluable support from the Committee, especially John, Doreen, Elaine and Jeff. Despite the fact that I am experienced in performing a **Secretary's role, each Society has its own methods so it has taken a little time to get used to these.**

There has been occasional correspondence from prospective members or people requiring information so I have forwarded these to the relevant places as appropriate. The website is, increasingly, becoming the preferred **means of communication now for many people, indeed, it's how I initially contacted the Society about becoming a member in 2015.**

I have attended all the Committee meetings, held every two months during the Society year, then written the Minutes for these, distributing them to all Committee members.

The 30th Birthday Celebration in July was a major event although I was not required to become too involved except signing Certificates for long-standing members in my role as General Secretary.

At the last Committee meeting the format for the AGM on Tuesday February 21st was discussed. I have received 3 ballot papers and there are 2 new nominations for the Committee 2017 – 2018 as well as nominations for the existing Committee. There was no scheduled speaker so I have undertaken the task, offering to expand on the articles I wrote for Domus Historiae relating to feeding the folks at home and the soldiers on the Front Line during World War 1.

My first year has been "interesting" and challenging to say the least. I have found it quite difficult as I do not want to make any errors. I joined Barnsley FHS as I live in Royston and am researching my husband's family whose origins are local. I know very few members of Barnsley FHS and still find putting a face to a name quite hard as yet because I cannot attend as many members' meetings as I should like having family commitments in Morley, Leeds every Monday and Tuesday.

I do hope that my efforts have been acceptable to the Society as I have attempted to make a positive contribution. It is my intention to continue in the role of General Secretary if that is the wish of Barnsley FHS.

I look forward to a more confident and capable year during 2017 - 2018 and thank you all for the opportunity.

Margaret E. Williams

FINANCIAL REPORT

BARNESLEY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	TOTAL 2016	TOTAL 2015
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Membership	3,000	3,299
Sale of Books and Publications	771	736
Bank Interest	27	69
Other Income	<u>0</u>	<u>273</u>
	<u>3,798</u>	<u>4,377</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Journals	1,446	1,090
Cost of Publications/Books for sale	594	748
Membership Admin costs	0	63
Hall hire	444	486
Speakers	340	170
Affiliation fees and Insurance	124	251
Fairs, Publicity and Travel	0	74
Website costs	76	0
Accountancy fees	0	0
Equipment purchased	0	202
Sundry/Other Expenses	<u>571</u>	<u>245</u>
	<u>3,595</u>	<u>3329</u>
 <u>NET SURPLUS</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>1,048</u>

BARNSELY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

		TOTAL 2016 £	TOTAL 2015 £
FIXED ASSETS	Purchase	0	0
	Depreciation	0	0
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
DEBTORS	Membership Genfair 2017	17	65
	Website hosting	64	77
	Hall rent	24	24
	Journals	381	381
	Bank Interest	0	0
		<u>487</u>	<u>547</u>
BANK	Bank: Santander UK	8,589	8,562
	Bank: Co-operative	6,686	6,097
CASH	Bookstall Float	52	52
	Stamps	4	21
		<u>15,332</u>	<u>14,732</u>
STOCKS	Publications and Books held for sale		
	Opening Stock	4,514	4,265
	Decrease in stock	<u>(92)</u>	<u>249</u>
	Closing Stocks	<u>4,422</u>	<u>4,514</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
CREDITORS	Hall rent	24	24
	Sundry/ Other expenses	418	152
DEFERRED INCOME	Memberships received in advance	922	692
	TOTAL	<u>1,364</u>	<u>868</u>
TOTAL		<u>18,877</u>	<u>18,927</u>
RETAINED SURPLUS		18,927	17,879
ADJUSTMENTS: 2015		(253)	0
SURPLUS 2016		<u>203</u>	<u>1,048</u>
TOTAL		<u>18,877</u>	<u>18,927</u>



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AGM PRESENTATIONS: 2017

Two respected members of the society were acknowledged on the night for their contribution, over the years, to the smooth running of Barnsley FHS.



Pauline HINES

After a brief introduction, by the Chairman, members attending the AGM applauded when Pauline HINES was asked to come forward and accept a framed Honorary membership certificate presented on behalf of the members by the Chairman, John WESTERMAN.

Pauline has for many years fulfilled the **role of 'tea-lady' attending the members' evenings**, where she makes the tea/coffee, provides the cakes/buns, does the washing up, and puts away the crockery, a service that all members appreciate.

A surprise framed Honorary membership certificate was also awarded to the Chairman, John WESTERMAN, on behalf of the members by the Vice-Chair, Doreen PIPER. **This is in recognition of John's dedication to the society in fulfilling the multi-roles of Chairman, Programme Secretary, and Publicity Officer, positions which he has held for a number of years. John, 'Mr. Dependable', will take on any task, be it offering to transport publications, etc., to and from fairs, sometimes, he's been known to man the stall.**

John took over the reins of Chairman, at very short notice, following the passing of the then sitting Chairman, Barry KELLY.

Under John's Chairmanship, a number of crucial policy decisions have been taken by the committee. By making these decisions the society has continued to move forward.



John WESTERMAN

The citation on the certificate reads: -

...is held in such high esteem, for [his/her] valuable contributions, by the membership of this society that it has elected to confer upon [him/her] the full rights and privileges of honorary life membership.

Doreen Piper

WEBSITE REPORT

More members have visited the website this year when compared with last. The Home page, Membership Area and the Links page have been updated and show increased activity. More pages will be updated throughout this year.

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Total visits to website 13,600 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016.

Website Usage

	<u>Jan-Dec 2016</u>	<u>Jan-Dec 2015</u>
Unique visitors:	7,029	5,122
Number of visits:	13,600	10,838
Pages visited:	38,766	22,557
Visited pages:		
About;	1,315	944
Bookstall;	307	366
Contact Us;	885	778
Diary;	927	594
Exchange e-Journals.	404	390
Home;	1,762	961
Journals;	318	188
Links;	1,205	1,112
Members Interests;	1,503	1,170
Searches.	461	701

Visit Duration

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Time on website</u>	<u>No. of visits</u>	<u>No. of visits</u>
0 secs. to 5 mins.	11,097	10,233
5 mins. to 15 mins.	629	296
15 mins. to 30 mins.	458	138
30 mins. to 1hour.	735	134
1 hour +	681	37

Browsers and operating systems used to access website:

Internet Explorer	30%	Windows	74%
Firefox	27%	Apple iOS	8%
Google Chrome	22%	Macintosh	6%
Safari	11%	Linux	5%

Webmaster

NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

1843 Mrs. Anita M. INFANTI.

APPLEYARD	East Ardsley	WRY	circa 1790
CUTT	Royston	WRY	circa 1780
STANFIELD	Billingley	WRY	1730-1930
STANFIELD	Darfield	WRY	1730-1930
STANFIELD	Royston	WRY	1730-1930
STANSFIELD	Billingley	WRY	1730-1930
STANSFIELD	Darfield	WRY	1730-1930
STANSFIELD	Royston	WRY	1730-1930
TAYLOR	East Ardsley	WRY	circa 1820

1844 Mr. Richard HEWITT.

BLACKER	Silkstone	WRY	1821-1890
HEWITT	Silkstone	WRY	1821-1897

1846 Miss. Jacqueline TURNER.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS - UPDATED

1839 Mr. Peter NORRIS.

GOULDING	Darfield	WRY	Any
GOULDING	Hoyland	WRY	Any

1842 Mr. Ian LODGE.

ADDY	Denby	WRY	Any
ADDY	Penistone	WRY	Any
BEAUMONT	Denby	WRY	Any
BEAUMONT	Penistone	WRY	Any
BURDETT	Denby	WRY	Any
BURDETT	Penistone	WRY	Any

SURNAME INTERESTS ADDED TO THE WEBSITE DATABASE: 2016-2017

ABSON; ADDY; APPLEYARD; BEAMONT; BEAUMONT; BLACKER; BRAMALL; BRAMHALL; BURDETT; BURKINSHAW; COLLIER; CROSSLEY; CUTT; GALLEY; GOULDING; GREEN; HEATH; HELLEWELL; HEPWORTH; HESKETH; HEWITT; HINCHCLIFFE; HOYLAND; ILLINGWORTH; JAGGERS; LAWTON; MARSDEN; MITCHEL; NEWSOME; OSBORNE; OUTRAM; RANDS; RINGE; STANFIELD; STANSFIELD; STEAD; SUTCLIFFE; SWAINE; TATE; TAYLOR; TURNER; THEWLIS; WILCOX; WILKINSON; WOODCOCK.

Elaine Jackson

TIMELINE

3rd APRIL 1917 TO 29th JUNE 1917

- 3 April **HMHS 'Jason' (minesweeper) sunk off the west coast of Scotland by a mine laid by German U-boat U-78 with a loss of twenty-five lives.**
- 5 April German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line completed.
British Government inform Russian Provisional Government of their adherence to the principle of an independent and united Poland.
- 6 April **The United States of America declares war on Germany.**
- 8 April Austria-Hungary severs diplomatic relations with the U. S. A.
- 9 April The British Army has one of its most productive days of the war as 3rd Army, supported by Canadian and Australian troops, makes rapid advances north of the Hindenburg Line at Arras and Vimy on the Western Front. The expansive first-day achievement in snowy weather includes a 3.5 mile territorial gain and the capture of Vimy Ridge by Canadians. However, similar to past offensives, the inability to capitalize on initial successes and maintain momentum gives the Germans an opportunity to regroup and further gains are thwarted. The British suffer 150,000 casualties during the offensive, while the Germans suffer 100,000.
Admiral SIMS, United States Navy, arrives in England.
- 10 April **HMHS 'Salta' hit a mine laid by the German U-boat UC-26, Le Harve.**
- 14 April Battle of Vimy Ridge and First Battle of Scarpe end.
- 16 April French Offensive begins with the Second Battle of the Aisne or Nivelles Offensive.
- 17 April **Third Battle of Champagne or 'Battle of the Hills' begins.**
Second Battle of Gaza begins, ends 19 April.
HMHS 'Lanfranc' torpedoed by the German U-boat SM UB-40, on route from Le Harve to Southampton. 22 British, including 2 officers, and 18 German other ranks were lost.
- 20 April **French Offensive stopped: Second Battle of the Aisne and 'Battle of the Hills' end.**
Second German destroyer raid on Straits of Dover.
Turkey severs diplomatic relations with United States of America.
- 23 April Second Battle of Scarpe begins.
- 24 April Samarra (Mesopotamia) taken by British forces.
First Battle of Doiran begins, ends 9 May.
- 28 April United States Congress pass Bill for raising 500,000 men.
- 29 April General PETAIN appointed Chief of French General Staff.
- 2 May First United States destroyer flotilla arrives at Queenstown.
Third Battle of the Scarpe begins.
Battle of Bullecourt begins, ends on 17 May.
- 4 May 3rd Battle of the Scarpe ends bringing the Battles of Arras to an end.
- 5 May Battle of the Vardar (Macedonia) begins, ends 22 May.
- 10 May Major-General J. PERSHING appointed to command United States Expeditionary Force.
Tenth Battle of Isonzo begins, ends 8 June.
- 14 May **German airship 'L.-22' destroyed by RNAS Curtis H12 flying boat near Terschelling, one of the West Frisian Islands, Netherlands.**

- 15 May Fourteen British drifters are sunk when action takes place between Austrian and British naval light forces in the Straits of Otranto. Gen. PETAIN succeeds Gen. NIVELLE as Commander-in-Chief of French Northern and North-Eastern Groups of Armies. Gen. FOCH succeeds General PETAIN as Chief of the French General Staff of French Ministry of War.
- 17 May The British Admiralty, following on a Cabinet decision, appoint a Committee, in conjunction with the Ministry of Shipping, to draw up a plan to convoy merchant ships.
- 18 May The Selective Service Act is passed by the U.S. Congress, authorizing a draft. The small U.S. Army, presently consisting of 145,000 men, will be enlarged to 4,000,000 via the draft.
- 19 May United States Government announce decision to send a Division of the United States Army to France at once.
- 25 May The Great Folkestone air raid at 6.00pm caused heavy casualties. The total number killed was 71: 16 men, 28 women and 27 children. The total number injured was 96.
- 26 May **HMHS 'Dover Castle' sunk by German U-boat UC-67** on passage from Malta to Gibraltar killing seven boiler stokers.
- 28 May Anglo-French Conference assembles in London to discuss the deposition of King Constantine of Greece and the occupation of Athens and Thessaly.
- 30 May Gen. van DEVENTER succeeds Gen. HOSKINS in command of British forces in East Africa.
- 5 June German Gotha plane was aiming for the Dockyard at Sheerness and missed, leaving several shrapnel marks in the historic Dockyard wall and blew up the site of the Criterion Hotel and Criterion Music Hall.
- 7 June Battle of Messines begins as an Allied offensive in Flanders. The battle was launched in the early hours of the morning with the blowing of 19 mines by the British Army, the largest of which is now known as Spanbroekmolen Mine Crater or Lone Tree Crater.
- 9 June Russian Provisional Government refuse a German proposal for an unlimited armistice.
- 13 June German daylight aeroplane raid on London; 157 killed and 432 injured. The British react to the new bombing campaign by forming home defence fighter squadrons and later conduct retaliatory bombing raids against Germany by British planes based in France.
- 14 June Battle of Messines ends.
German airship 'L.-43' destroyed by British fighters in the North Sea. The British Admiralty formally approve, a scheme for convoying merchant ships.
- 17 June **German airship 'L.-48' destroyed by British fighters over sea near Great Yarmouth, crashed near Leiston.** Three survivors.
- 18 June Admiral SIMS, United States Navy, hoists his flag at Queenstown as acting Commander-in-Chief of Irish Command.
- 21 June Mutiny breaks out in the Russian Black Sea Fleet at Sevastopol.
- 25 June First contingent of United States troops arrives in France.
- 28 June Gen. ALLENBY succeeds Gen. Sir A. MURRAY as General Officer Commanding in Egypt.
- 29 June Russian Summer Offensive begins.

Jeff Chambers

A CRIMEAN WARRIOR

This is, in part, a re-write of an article written for Hoylandswaine Parish magazine a few years ago. I find the story particularly intriguing as, so far, I am unable to name the people concerned. It was found in Rev. J. F. PRINCE's book "The Parish of Silkstone" though he was himself quoting from G. H. Teasdale. It says: -

"1860, April 14th, a wedding from Hoylandswaine caused much merriment. The bridegroom was known as "the Crimean Warrior". The couple were escorted to the parish church by a cavalcade of friends dressed in costumes of various periods, and by a mob dressed in the present style, to the number of about 400 to 500. On leaving the church a donkey dressed in white headed the procession, the rider wearing wedding favours, and the animal being led by a man in a sheepskin suit, blowing a horn representing the ancient Britons. Next came the band, consisting of fiddles, accordions, and tin cans, followed by a second band of similar composition. Then followed the married couple, on each side of whom a dark lady with white fall and huge crinoline occupied the posts of honour. After them an escort of nailers and colliers, who saw the happy couple safely home and who appeared highly pleased".

Hoylandswaine had no Anglican Church at this time, and the Methodist Chapel does not seem to have been registered for marriages, so, if the couple lived in Hoylandswaine their parish church should have been Silkstone. No suitable entry corresponding to the dates quoted has been found in the Silkstone registers, or those of Penistone.

Like a dog with a bone, I find myself returning time after time to the question of who exactly was "our Crimean Warrior". Some time ago, I came across a photograph of a funeral which took place at Penistone in 1915. Straightway I was intrigued. The number of people who had turned out to accompany the coffin to the church was staggering. It must have been someone of note. The Barnsley Chronicle reported: -

"19.1.1915, Death of John MATTHEWMAN of Bridge End, Penistone, (just over the boundary with Hoylandswaine) at the age of 88 years. He served in the Crimean War, and was present at the taking of Sebastapol. He received the Turkish medals with clasp. The veteran was interred at Penistone Cemetery on January 21st., with full military honours, a party of about 250 of the Barnsley Battalion from the Silkstone New Hall Military Camp being in attendance, and three volleys were fired over the grave. A portion of the service was read in church by the Vicar, Rev. the Hon. W. B. J. CHETWYND".

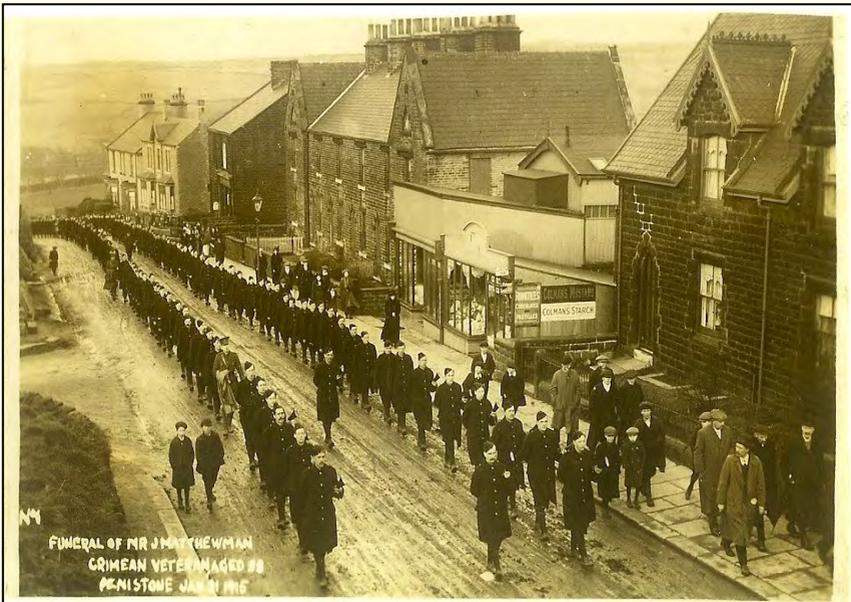
Could this have been the gentleman I was looking for?

I began my search for John MATTHEWMAN. I.G.I. and records of the Church of the Latter Day Saints from the Internet gave me a start. A John MATTHEWMAN was born at Langsett on July 29th 1827.

Wanting further proof, I searched the 1881 Census. This time I found John MATTHEWMAN in lodgings at Bridge End, Penistone, a steel works labourer, aged 47, born Langsett, and married to Mary. The John whose funeral was reported should have been 52, but people quite often "lose" a few years, and the gentleman at Bridge Street had been born at Langsett. So on to 1901. This time the John born Langsett is an inmate of the Penistone Union Workhouse, a widower aged 72, but still working as a General Labourer.

An extremely helpful lady from the Ardsley Crematorium where records for the Stottercliffe Cemetery, Penistone are held, found that a steelworker named John MATTHEWMAN had bought plot No.80 there, 7th April 1886, the day his wife Mary had died. He gave his address as 3, Bridge End. On 21st January 1915, John joined Mary; he was now described as an Army Pensioner. There is no record of a monument on the grave.

This had to be the Crimean Veteran described above, but was he "our Crimean Warrior"? So far, I have found no connection between this John MATTHEWMAN and Hoylandswaine.



A Bilcliffe photograph of John MATTHEWMAN's funeral cortege.
[Note the photographer's shop in the background.]

This constitutes the bulk of the original article and my curiosity was still not satisfied. But, just recently, with all the interest in war veterans, a friend, more “au fait” with the Internet than me, found a discharge document almost certainly appertaining to the Penistone Matthewman, dated 11th February 1873, Chester, 1/14 th Regiment of Foot. This states that Private John MATTHEWMAN, No. 3723, has served over 18 years in the forces, more than ten of them overseas. He therefore joined at the age of 27/28 in 1854/1855 and must immediately have been involved in conflict. He also served in Malta, the Ionian Islands and India. It confirms that he holds the Crimean medal and Clasp for Sebastapol and the Turkish Crimean medal. HOWEVER, surprise, surprise, it goes on to say that although he has never been tried by Court Martial, he has been found unfit for further service having appeared in the Regimental Defaulters’ Books fourteen times, that his conduct had been *‘indifferent in consequence of repeated acts of Drunkenness’* (the original is written in red ink). But, perhaps his experiences during the past 18 years may explain, even excuse, his turning to the bottle.

So, perhaps our War Veteran was not all that he seemed. But he was certainly accorded a spectacular Funeral Cortège, and there is still the possibility that the even more spectacular Wedding Parade may have been for the same colourful character.

Cynthia Dillon



KNUR AND SPELL

Monday, May 29th 1837.

A match at knur and spell was played at Worsbro’ bridge, for £5 a-side, between Thos. BENNETT, of Barnsley, and John HAIGH, of Worsbro’ Dale. They had 20 rises each; the game terminated thus – BENNETT, 136 scores; HAIGH, 131 scores.

Knur and Spell a game played with a knur (a wooden ball about an inch in diameter) a spell or lever to give it a ‘rise’ above the ground and a pummel (a stick with a woodenhead) to strike it with. The counting is by scores of yards the knur is hit.

[£5.00 (1837) approx. £525 (2017)]

Reference:

The Leeds Mercury, Saturday, June 3rd, 1837. Issue 5397.

SPEAKERS REVIEW: AGM

COME TO THE COOKHOUSE DOOR! FEEDING THE TROOPS DURING WWI.

This is a brief resume of my talk to the Society's at the AGM on Tuesday, February 21st 2017.

It became apparent during the Committee meeting discussion about the AGM that no speaker was available. Being used to speaking to groups of children and adults on a regular basis and having contributed two articles to *Domus Historiae* on the subject of food at home and in Europe during WWI, I was persuaded to expand on this theme in the absence of a more qualified – and erudite – speaker.

My presentation was divided into two sections: -

Feeding the Troops

Food on the Home Front

The catalyst for the first section was my Uncle Harry GUNNS (1891-1977) who was a member of the Machine Gun Corps (known as the 'Suicide Club!') I had found artefacts in Harry's effects when he died in 1977 and had used them with classes of Year 5 and 6 primary school children when we studied that period on different occasions. There was a very battered copy of 'The Trench Cook Book 1917' offering 'Recipes from Bully Beef Pie to Trench Tea.' Following some of the recipes became a focus as the quality and availability of food became increasingly difficult as the war progressed. This certainly gave the children a 'flavour' of the privations the Tommies' endured.

I illustrated this section with photos and anecdotes from 1916–1918.

"WHAT'S FOR TEA, MUM?"

The second part of my chat concerned the food that was served to families back in the UK and the increasing inventions housewives had to come up with to feed their families. Using a donated copy of 'The Win the War Cookery Book', (price 2d.) a version of a War Cafe Menu was devised. I talked about the food we attempted to recreate with varying levels of success – and enjoyment! Fish Sausages in 1916, anyone?

Initially, in the vain belief the war would be over by Christmas 1914, families continued much as they had before the war started as many families grew much of their food anyway and there were few shortages. Gradually, the soldiers overseas began to request food parcels of Mum's home cooking and shortages in groceries began to be felt at home as imports became more difficult because of the German naval activity. Mums sent food overseas while still trying to keep their families well fed.

I found recipes belonging to my Grandma MARSH (1874–1959), making some Parkin biscuits from her 1915 Recipe for any member to sample if they wished to do so! They are quite edible! I ended with the frontispiece from *The Win the War Cook Book* addressed

TO THE WOMEN OF BRITAIN

and exhorting them to become an integral part of the war effort.

'Every meal you serve is now literally a battle.'

Margaret E. Williams

POTTED BIOGRAPHY

REV. THOMAS BIDDULPH HUTTON (1824-1886)

Author, clergyman, painter, and teacher.

- Parents: Rev. John HUTTON (1783-1846) and Jane BURTON (1784-1869)
- Born: 13th April 1824 Sproxton, Leicestershire.
- Baptism: 20th April 1824, St Bartholomew, Sproxton, Leicestershire.
- Ordination: **Deacon** on 19th September 1847, **St Paul's, Auckland, New Zealand.**
- Ordination: **Priest** in 1853 by George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand.
- Appointment: **Curate at St Peter's church, Tankersley (1869-1870)**
- Appointment: **Curate** at St John the Baptist church, Chapeltown, (1870-1874)
- Appointment: **Curate at St Peter's church, Tankersley (1874-1879)**
- Appointment: **Chaplain** to the Wharnccliffe Silkstone Colliery Co. Ltd. (1874-1879)
- Appointment: **Vicar** of St John the Evangelist church, Hoylandswaine, (1879-1886)
- Married: **1st** Sarah WILLIAMS (1829-1866) 26th April 1849, Pahia, New Zealand.
- Issue: Henrietta Jane HUTTON (1850-1931)
Anna Maria HUTTON (1852-1936)
George Thomas Frederick HUTTON (1854-1937)
Edward Michael HUTTON (1857-1872)
Marianne Elizabeth Georgina HUTTON (1860-1950)
2nd Sarah COOK (née MARRIOTT) (1824 -) 7th July 1868
St John the Baptist church, Chapeltown.
- Died: 15th February 1886, Hoylandswaine vicarage. (61yrs.)
- Burial: February 1886, St John the Evangelist church, Hoylandswaine.
- Memorial: **1st Sec. 1 Plot 20.** Broken stone cross, "I.H.S." , The Rev. T. Biddulph Hutton, for 6 years vicar of this parish; born April 13th 1824 Entered into rest February 15th 1886.



Notes: Lived in New Zealand 1843-1866.
Master of St John's College, Auckland, New Zealand.
Acting Chaplain to Troops at Wellington.
Reserve Chaplain at the Hutt Valley, New Zealand.

Vicar of St John's, Hoylandswaine for 6 years

Artist: Active 1843-1861.
Works include: Clifton Plain-Darling Downs, Moreton Bay, Australia. (1858); St. Matthew's Church and Parsonage Drayton, Darling Downs, Australia. (1858)

Author: Odds and Ends, Records and Recollections of Life and Character at Home and Abroad; Maori Legends.

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If you have any further details to add to his biography, particularly where Thomas was educated, please forward them, with references, to **Jeff:** publications@barnsleyfhs.co.uk

Jeff Chambers

A RELATIVE TO BE PROUD OF

Over the years as a member of the Barnsley Family History Society I have had countless hours reading other members accounts of how they found certain relatives. Sometimes they were found in the most unexpected of places and only come across by accident while, searching for something totally different. They have gone on to describe not only how that particular relative was discovered but in many cases the unusual and often exciting lives they had lead. Some had been captains of industry some captains of ships, while others had been performers on the stage of some famous theatre. One case in particular recorded the 15 minutes of fame apportioned to one individual who was on hand, just by fortunate chance, to be able to rescue a small boy from a frozen canal, the almost victim of a skating accident.

This got me pondering over the possibility, and even the desire, to have such a relative. Would it not be nice to find a brain surgeon, an astronaut or even a burned at the stake for witchcraft amongst them?

Trawling through the long lists of "Agricultural labourer" or "Cordwainer" that seemed to be the height of the achievement of most of my kinfolk and slowly trying to bring myself to accept the fact that it was not to be and my forebears were, like me, very ordinary folk, I focused on one, Benjamin Franklin GREEN, of whom I was the grandnephew of his daughter in law. This is distant but I contend it's acceptable as a relation.

Benjamin F. GREEN was born on the 29th January 1844 in Blair County, Pennsylvania, USA. His whole life was spent in Blair County and he earned his living as a farmer and also operated a stone quarry but at the outbreak of the American Civil war he enlisted as a Cpl. in Company F 2nd Pennsylvania Reserves on the 1st August 1861.

The American Civil war was the war to free the slaves, the war of right against wrong, the era of Abraham Lincoln, or so we were taught but events were not quite so simple. This was full of magical names which thanks to Hollywood film moguls, every school boy of the 1945-1955 cinema-going fraternity were very familiar with, names such as Robert E. LEE, SHERMAN, GRANT and John BROWN, etc. Our juvenile minds were full of romantic, almost idyllic qualities of what soldiering was like, the truth, as with all wars was very different.



The 2nd Pennsylvania Reserve infantry was organised in Philadelphia during the late April and early May 1861 and a few weeks later mustered into Pennsylvania State service at Camp Washington, Easton and then mustered again, this time into Federal service on July 10th 1861.

The regiment's first move was to Sandy Hook, Maryland, near **Harper's Ferry, West Virginia** though it appears the unit made this movement without authority or approval so on arrival were unable to draw rations. Because the Federal authorities were only too glad to receive fresh troops after the losses at Bull Run no

action was taken against the regiment.

On August 28th 1861 the regiment was ordered to Jamestown, Maryland and from there to Tennallytown and placed in the Army of the Potomac. The Pennsylvania Reserve infantry took part in more than thirty engagements in its career, some of which are Grinnell's Farm, Darnesville, December 6th 1861. Advance on Manasses March 10th 1862. Mechanicsville, Beaver Dam Creek 26th June 1862. The second Battle of the Bull Run 16th August 1862 and the battle of Gettysburg July 1st 1863.

Having served his time he re-enlisted in the 19th Pennsylvania Infantry on 29th December 1863 as did so many more, to get the job done. The job was to preserve the union, as most of the northern soldiers cared little about the actual cause. This particular regiment took part in more than 15 engagements, some of which included the Battle of Cold Harbour June pt 1864, Assault on Petersburg June 16th and 18th 1864. Unfortunately at the Battle of Weldon August 18th 1864 Benjamin was captured and spent 1 year and 11 days as a P.O.W. enduring severe rigors of deprivations of shelter and food until, I believe, the war ended.

To give some indication of my pride in Cpl Benjamin F. GREEN is to show that the American Civil war was a frightful slaughterhouse and would require some human spirit to endure it. Civil war attacks were fearfully costly; the old standard tactic of the direct frontal assault was little better than mass suicide. Casualty rates of 25-30% were not uncommon and the battle of Gettysburg is an outstanding example, where some of the regiments that fought there lost up to 80% of their number. Also at the Battle of Cold Harbour in 1864 the union lost 7000 men in just over 1 hour.

I am very glad and proud to have you in the family, well done Cpl Benjamin F. GREEN.

This amazing article was submitted by a member, but details have been lost. If it was yours, please contact me. ED



BETTER BEER COMING

Average Gravity to be increased.

The dark coloured but thin flavoured beer known by the public and publicans as 'Government ale' is shortly to disappear. When the Budget has been introduced and the War Cabinet sanctions the substantial addition to the beer output promised by the Food Controller in February, **the quality as well as the quantity, of the workers' liquor will be improved.** The proposal is that the average gravity of 1032 at present in force in Great Britain shall be increased to 1040.

In 1915-16, before the restrictions on brewing were imposed, the average gravity was 1060.2 in Great Britain and 1066.4 in Ireland, so that the concession now to be made, will still leave beer much weaker than before the war. At 1040, however, brewers should be able to produce a palatable beverage.

If the present controlled prices are maintained, the new beer will be sold at 6d. a pint in public bars and 7d. a pint in other parts of licensed premises. The duty as now levied, works out at slightly over 1½d. a pint on beer at strength of 1040. This may be increased by the coming Budget, but the margin remaining should still permit the trade to carry the burden, particularly with increased sales, without increasing the price to the consumer.

Reference:

The Barnsley Chronicle, April 19, 1919, Vol LXI, No. 3155.

POLICE HEROES' RETURN

Re-sworn at Barnsley Borough Court.

Eleven Barnsley County Borough police constables who have been re-attested as constables at the Borough County Court yesterday (Thursday) morning, and they ere given a hearty welcome back by the Mayor (Col. W. E. RALEY, J.P.)

The following is a list of the names of the constables together with a brief record of their military service:

Harold James HOLLINGS, Constable No. 7:

Late a Sergeant in the 1st Batt. Cambridgeshire Regt. Service on the Western Front. Once wounded and once gassed. Awarded a certificate for bravery in the Field.

Edwin HOLT, Constable No. 12:

Late a Driver of the 228th Company Royal Engineers. Service on the Western Front.

George HAYWARD, Constable No. 19:

Late a Sergeant-Signaller in the 1st Batt. Y. and L. Regt. Service in Egypt and the Western Front. Awarded Military Medal.

John William SYKES, Constable No. 23:

Late a Corporal-Instructor in the Coldstream Guards and attached to the Depot Staff at Caterham.

Thomas GAMMAGE, Constable No. 28:

Late a Corporal in the Military Mounted Police. Service on the Western Front. Once gassed.

Ernest Stewart BALLETT, Constable No. 34:

Late a Gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery and latterly a Corporal in the Royal Army Services Corps. Service in Egypt and Palestine.

Albert Ernest LARGE, Constable No. 37:

Late a Corporal in the Royal Garrison Artillery. Service on the Western Front and Malta. Once gassed.

Herbert MEADE, Constable No. 38:

Late a Corporal in the Military Mounted Police. Service on the Western Front.

Martin BIERNE, Constable No. 45:

Late a Private in the Irish Guards. Service on the Western Front. Once severely wounded.

Patrick HIGGINS, Constable No. 48:

Late a Driver in the 228th Company Royal Engineers. Service on the Western Front and in Italy.

Joseph Henry JEFFS, Constable No. 53:

Late a Corporal in the Royal Garrison Artillery. Service on the Western Front. Once gassed.

Reference:

The Barnsley Chronicle, March 1 1919, Vol. LXI No. 3148.

Jeff Chambers



At the 2017 Barnsley FHS AGM, Pam Danforth stood down as Treasurer. Pam has kept the society on the straight and narrow for the last few years.



Pam's decided that now it's time to hand over the reins. However, Pam will not disappear completely, she will still keep her seat on the committee.

Will you take up the challenge?

For more information about the position please contact:

treasurer@barnsleyfhs.co.uk

The society is also in need of a Search Officer following the unexpected resignation of Noel SHAW. Over his tenure Noel had successfully answered many queries posed by members and some from non-members.

If you wish to carry on from Noel, then please send an e-mail for more information to:

search@barnsleyfhs.co.uk

"MATCH JACK" - JOHN GOLDTHORP(E)

April 26th 1862 – JOHN GOLDTHORPE

The death of this eccentric individual took place this day, at the Barnsley Union Workhouse. John was of respectable parents, residing at Skelmanthorpe. He left his native place when far advanced in manhood, preferring a wandering mendicant's life to that of a settled home and calling. At the onset he domiciled at the retired village of Notton, where he took up the business of match-hawking. John was not a doleful tradesman, but sang an amusing ditty as he went from door to door.

At length he became well known throughout the district, and gained for himself, by his civility and humour, the distinguished title of "Match Jack," which he appeared rather to take a pride in than otherwise. He one day got married, after a short courtship, and had a very lively and well attended wedding. John's better half, however, soon died, and he removed to Barnsley, where he hit upon a more aristocratic mode of getting a livelihood, this consisted in visiting the neighbouring gentry, amongst whom he was a favourite, and had found many friends.

After paying a visit to some of the neighbouring halls, he would come home dressed in a variety of costumes. Sometimes he would appear in the dress of a country squire; at other times in a scarlet hunting coat, and booted to the knee; more than this, he might sometimes be seen walking about in a dressing gown a century old; or a military uniform of George the First. It may be remarked that in what dress he appeared he was never above carrying his favourite basket and stick. John had very weak eyes, which he kept half closed, and had with them an odd look which gained for him, in addition to his other title, that of "Winking Jack." This was not agreeably taken by him, for when it was that some roguish youth called out this name in his presence, his stick as well as his temper was raised.

John's friends were numerous, and for them he had a great respect; so much so, that any one of them removing to a considerable distance, he thought it not too much trouble to pay them a visit, doing the journey on foot. Proud was he when passing any person in the streets or on the public road, to tell them that he had "been to see t'gentleman."

Misfortunes are never to seek, and one day poor John had the ill-luck to fall and break his thigh. He was removed to the Union Workhouse where his injuries were attended to; but long before he was recovered, John began to be uneasy about not having "seen t'gentlemen" for so long a time. Not being able to walk, he hired a donkey and cart, and started off to see one of his most liberal, friends. Right well he succeeded in his visit, and returned highly pleased with his journey. Old age and failing health, however, shortly after this, laid him on a bed of sickness, from which he never again rose. Thus died poor John Goldthorpe or "Match Jack" at the good old age of eighty three.

THE RECORD in Pogmoor Olmenack, 1863.

From 'Whitham's Illustrated Historic Almanack 1892.

CASES HEARD AT BARNSELY COURTHOUSE

Thursday, August 20th 1868.

ACTION FOR DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURIES

William BARROW and his wife sought to recover the sum of £15 from a butcher at Elsecar. It appeared that while the plaintiff Mrs. BARROW was going along Sheffield road on the 26th March, she was tossed up by a cow which was being driven from Barnsley to Elsecar, and the animal falling on her injured her very severely. It was given in evidence that the cow had knocked another woman down before. His Honour gave a verdict for the full amount.

A DOG CASE

James BROOKE and John SMITH sued a keeper in the service of Mr. CLARKE, of Noblethorpe Hall, names Issac SHORN, to recover £10 for the illegal seizure of a dog. The plaintiffs were out walking with two dogs, when the latter went up a drain after something, when the defendant came up and commenced digging them out. When they were got out of the drain the keeper refused to give them up, but ultimately gave one up on payment of 2s. 6d. The other dog was detained and hence the action for its recovery. For the defence it was alleged that the dogs were seized under a deputation from the Lord of the Manor, which gave the power of "seizing nets and other instruments used for the taking of game." His Honour did not see that the dogs were instruments within the meaning of the Act, and gave a verdict for the plaintiff for £5, or the dog to be given up.

Reference:

The Leeds Mercury, Friday, August 21, 1868. Issue 9472.



Wednesday, May 31st 1837.

Before John THORNELY, Esq, and the Rev. H. WATKIN.

ASSAULT UPON A POLICE CONSTABLE

Thos. ARMITAGE, of Kexbro', was fined £2 and costs 10s. for assaulting Joseph SHAW, constable at Silkstone, on Sunday, while in the execution of his duty. Through the intercession of Mr. SHAW the case was compromised.

Reference:

The Leeds Mercury, Saturday, June 3rd, 1837. Issue 5397.

Wednesday, April 11th 1838.

Before John THORNELY, Esq, Rev. H. B. COOKE, and the Rev. H. WATKIN.

ASSAULT UPON A FEMALE SERVANT

Mr. John MICKLETHWAITE, Jnr., of Ardsley, was charged with violently assaulting Elizabeth TURVELL, his female servant. The case excited a good deal of interest. The complainant, who was a respectable looking girl, and was placed before the court in a languid state, stated that on Friday night, the 30th March last, the defendant came into the kitchen to discharge the male servant, at which time he accused her (the complainant) of supplying a discarded female servant, residing in the village, with provisions from his house: that she denied the charge, upon which the defendant struck her a violent blow in the face with his fist, and **seized her by the throat; that she then called out "murder," and slapped him over the face; that she fell down in a state of exhaustion, where the defendant kicked her twice or thrice in the side, and then expelled her from his house.** Mr. SMITH, the surgeon, was called, and he stated that he examined the complainant, and ascertained that she had rather a serious wound on her right side and several other bruises on her person. Mr. BIRKE (who appeared for the defendant) endeavoured to show that the girl had used a great deal of provocation to her master. Mr. COOKE said the Bench had no doubt the girl had misbehaved herself, yet Mr. MICKLETHWAITE had no right to use unnecessary violence, which appeared to have been the case. The defendant was then ordered to pay a fine of 40s., and 13s., costs, and in default to be committed to Wakefield House of Correction for one month, and kept to hard labour.

Reference:

The Leeds Mercury, Saturday, April 14, 1838. Issue 5441.



Wednesday, April 18th 1838.

Before H. WATKIN, Rev. H. B. COOKE, and John THORNELY.

DAMAGING MEAT

Richard and William BUCKLE were charged by Geo. FIELD with wilfully throwing down a large quantity of meat in the dirt, by which it was much damaged. The case being proved, they were fined £2. 12s. 6d.

BEER-HOUSE CONVICTION

Mr. John CARNELLY, constable, charged Mr. Wm. BURROWS with having **company drinking in his house between nine and ten o'clock last Sunday forenoon.** BURROWS admitted that there was company in his house, but he was from home, and his wife thought the company were all strangers. He was fined £5., and 10s. costs, it being his second conviction.

Reference:

The York Herald and General Advertiser April 21, 1838; Issue 3423.

SIR HENRY BRADWARDINE JACKSON

Some of the members present at our October 1993 meeting, a question and answer session, may have noticed my ears prick up when Mrs Kathleen WRIGHT, our membership secretary, said she had been scanning the 1881 Naval Census records for any reference to local men. She had found one Lieutenant, born Barnsley, aged 26, serving in V *Agincourt* (presumably the V refers to Queen Victoria), one Henry B. JACKSON. Members may have noticed my rising excitement when Mr. COOPER, a fount of local knowledge, said that he would be the Henry B. JACKSON, Admiral of the Fleet during the 1st World War and the son of William JACKSON of Beevor Hall.



H. B. Jackson

Now, I knew that William JACKSON's son Henry, had followed him into the linen trade. I knew, because Henry JACKSON had married Jane, daughter of Charles TEE, a branch of my husband's family. However, Henry and Jane had baptised a son, Henry Bradwardine JACKSON (Bradwardine according to the baptismal register and Bradwardine according to 'Who's Who'). The last reference I had to this young man was as a scholar, at home at the rectory in Darfield. How did a boy born just about as far from the sea as it is possible to get in England, choose the Navy for his career?

Perhaps it was as well he did, for investigation proved that in the Navy, Henry Bradwardine JACKSON rose as high as it was possible to rise. His influence throughout the 1st World War was immense; The decorations collected a most impressive list; his impact on scientific developments in the Navy no less commendable.

In 1890, Henry JACKSON had married Alice Mary Florence, eldest daughter of Samuel Hawksley BURBURY. F.R.S. The marriage was childless.



Capt. Henry B. JACKSON (1897)

Among his numerous honours were K.C.V.O (1906), the K.C.B (1910) and the G.C.B. (1916). He also received honorary degrees from Oxford, Cambridge and Leeds Universities. Foreign honours included Grand Cross of the Spanish Order of Naval Merit in 1909, The Japanese Order of the Rising Sun, and the Russian Order of the White Eagle. He was also a grand Officer of the Legion of Honour. For his scientific expertise, he was made Honorary Vice-President of the Institution of Naval Architects.

Henry JACKSON was particularly interested in science, especially where it could be related to the Navy. At first, he studied navigation, then



HMS Defiance (1861-1931)

became interested in the mechanism of the torpedo. Later he conceived the idea of employing wireless waves to signal to a capital ship the approach of a friendly torpedo boat. Jackson made and experimented with many pieces of equipment designed for the sending and receiving of messages, and whilst master of the Defiance

succeeded in transmitting signals from one end of the ship to the other.

In 1896, Jackson met Signor Guglielmo MARCONI. The two pioneers had been working on parallel lines, but whereas Marconi was aiming at long distance wireless communication over land and sea, Jackson's main aim was to improve the communication service of the fleet. In 1900, he felt personally rewarded when a contract was given to Marconi to supply wireless installations to many Royal Navy ships.

During his time as Controller of the Navy, recommendations were approved for building the first turbine battleships ('Dreadnoughts') and the famous *Invincible* class of Battle-Cruiser. Among other types of warships designed under the general direction of Jackson were the *Frobisher* and *Hawkins* classes. He continued to be interested in wireless telegraphy and in 1920 was appointed the first chairman of the Radio Research Board of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. Under his guidance, and in his presence, important experiments were carried out, covering such things as propagation of wireless waves, the nature of atmospheric, radio direction finding and precise radio frequency measurements. More than 100 important papers were published. In 1926, the Royal Society

Society presented him with his most prized award, that of the Hughes Medal in recognition of the great merit of his work. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that British prestige in the scientific aspects of radio telegraphy owes much to the guidance of Henry Bradwardine JACKSON.

Members may wish to know more of this son of Barnsley of whom they can be justifiably proud. A résumé of his life would read as follows:

21 Jan. 1855	Born in Barnsley at Rectory House, Darfield into a family whose lineage can be traced back to Sir Jno., JACKSON, Knight of Edwardthorpe (now Edderthorpe) (Darfield and Hickleton; c 1580.
1861	Being educated at home by a governess. Later educated at Chester and at Stubbington House, Fareham.
Dec. 1868	At age 13, joined the Royal Navy.
1878/79	Took part in the Zulu War. Junior Lieutenant on board the Active on the African Station.
1881	Lieutenant on board the Agincourt .
Jan. 1890	Promoted to Commander.
1895	In command of the Defiance , Torpedo School Ship at Plymouth.
Jun. 1896	Promoted to the rank of Captain.
1897	Appointed Naval attaché to Paris.
1899	Given command of the torpedo depot ship Vulcan .
1901	Elected as fellow of the Royal Society in recognition of his work in the field of Wireless Telegraphy.
1902	Appointed Ass. Director of Torpedoes at the Admiralty.
1903	Captain of Vernon .
1905	Appointed Third Sea Lord and Controller of the Navy.
1908	Appointed to command the Third (afterwards known as the Sixth) Cruiser Squadron in the Mediterranean.

1910	Represented the Admiralty at the International Conference on Aerial Navigation in Paris.
1911	Assumed the direction of the newly created Royal Navy War College at Portsmouth, training the First World War Staff Officers.
1913	Appointed Chief of the War Staff at the Admiralty.
1914	Nominated as Commander in Chief, Mediterranean, but instead of taking over the command, he was retained at the Admiralty.
May 1915	Selected to succeed Lord Fisher as First Sea Lord.
Dec. 1916	Appointed President of the Royal Naval College at Greenwich.
1917-1919	Served as Principal Naval Aide-de Camp to King George V
Jul. 1919	Advanced to the rank of Admiral of the Fleet.
Jul. 1924	Retired from the Royal Navy.
14 Dec. 1929	Died at his home, Salterns House, Hayling Island. Buried in the churchyard of St Mary's church, Hayling Island. Memorial Service held in Westminster Abbey.

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who will help you to write an article for the journal.

THE "COLOSSAL" LAMP POST ON MAY DAY GREEN

It is worth recording a few words about the **"COLOSSAL"** lamp post that once stood on May Day Green and was clearly marked on the Ordnance Survey Map of Barnsley dated 1850.

It was erected in 1821 and had the following inscription on it: -

**'This column was presented to the Town of Barnsley
by Mr. John Malam of London, Civil Engineer and
Contractor for Lighting the Town with Gas, A.D. 1821.'**

Mr. MALAM also supervised the building of the new Gas Works.

The contractor for the excavation works of the lamp was a Mr. BOWER of Dodworth. It was erected on three tiers of 4 steps. The Chartists and other organisations often used these steps as a meeting place.

When the first Baptist Ministers came to Barnsley they preached from these steps and they became recognised as the first "Baptist Chapel" in Barnsley. The steps were also known as "Hepworth's Chapel" as they were sited opposite Mr. HEPWORTH's shop. Messers. BURTON and LAW conducted the first Baptist service ever held in Barnsley on these steps.

The first Baptist meeting room was in New Street, and the first baptisms took place on Sunday March 29th, 1846, in a brook at Worsbrough Bridge, after which a church was formally constituted, Mr. EADY becoming the first Minister. The present Baptist Chapel was opened on July 5th, 1849, and cost £1,200, the amount being raised chiefly through the exertions of Mr. John WOOD and a few other friends.

In 1862 the Local Board of Health discussed the removal of the lamp as it was considered to be an obstruction. Mr. R. CARTER suggested it could be moved to Peel Square, as the only architectural ornament in the square was a drinking fountain. Mr. PARKINSON suggested they could pipe water into it and thereby convert it into a drinking fountain to replace the present one. However, it was finally agreed that it was in the way and on 7th of June that year it was removed.

Gerald J. Alliott



FUNERAL OF AN ODDFELLOW

On Sunday morning last, the members of the Queen Charlotte Lodge, Barnsley, walked in procession to Dodworth, and followed the remains of a departed brother, Isaac BENNET, to his last silent home, amidst a large concourse of spectators.

Reference:

The Northern Star and Leeds General Advertiser May 12, 1838; Issue 26.

**EXTRACTS FROM THE ENGLAND AND WALES NATIONAL PROBATE CALENDAR
1891– 1898**

BROOKE, Henry

of 16 Foster street, Stairfoot, colliery under-viewer died 19 March 1897. Probate: Wakefield 11 July 1898 to Eliza BROOKE (widow) and Wilton BROOKE (secretary to a public company). Effects: £104 16s. 6d. [approx. £12,810 (2017)] Page 297.

FREEMAN, John

of Darfield, yeoman, died 15 April 1892. Probate: Wakefield 12 May 1892 to Charlotte FREEMAN (widow). Effects: £396 19s. [approx. £46,449 (2017)] Page 144.

GLADWIN, Charles

of Barnsley, Wheelwright, died 18 March 1892. Probate: Wakefield 19 August 1892 to John BUTLER (cabinetmaker) and John SAVAGE (innkeeper). Effects: £124 13s. 4d. [approx. £14,625 (2017)] Page 205.

GLEDHILL, Sarah

of Barugh Green, widow died 2 August 1892. Probate: Wakefield 28 September 1892 to Caroline LAMB (wife of Vincent LAMB). Effects: £70 2s. 6d. [approx. £8,190 (2017)] Page 207.

KENWORTHY, John

of Silkstone Common, iron-founder died 15 March 1892 at Silkstone Common. Probate: Wakefield 11 July 1892 to Joseph FOUNTAIN (colliery proprietor) and Walter THORP (coal merchant). Effects: £2,243 19s. 5d. [approx. £262,548 (2017)] Page 18.

MILNES, Susan

of 31 and 33 Doncaster road, Barnsley, wife of Thomas MILNES died 10 September 1895. Administration: Wakefield 3 October 1895 to the said Thomas MILNES (lodging-house keeper). Effects: £150. [approx. £18,000 (2017)] Page 280.

ROUTLEDGE, John

of Barnsley, linen draper died 29 December 1891 at 41 Bold Street, Moss side, Manchester. Administration: Wakefield 23 March 1892 to Elizabeth ROUTLEDGE (spinster). Effects: £2,726 17s. [approx. £318,600 (2017)] Page 355.

SAVAGE, George

of Barnsley, inspector of nuisances and canal boats under the Barnsley Corporation died 16 May 1892 at the Barnsley Beckett Hospital and Dispensary. Administration: (with Will) Wakefield 17 June 1892 to Alice ATKINSON (wife of Walter ATKINSON). Effects: £1,414 4s. 1d. Resworn June 1893 £1,247 7s. 9d. [approx. £146,250 (2017)] Page 19.

Reference:

<http://inflation.stephenmorley.org/>

Doreen Piper

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Reference:

The Barnsley Chronicle, April 1919, Vol. LXI. No. 3155.

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Barnsley St. George	1832-1844
Barnsley St. Mary	1813-1837
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Bretton Chapely	1813-1840
Cawthorne All Saints	1800-1844
Darton All Saints	1813-1822
Royston St. John	1813-1831
Silkstone All Saints	1813-1840
Wentworth Wesleyan	1849-1980
Wortley St. Leonard	1813-1856

Marriages

Barnsley St. George	1832-1837
Barnsley St. Mary	1800-1837
Cawthorne All Saints	1800-1837
Darton All Saints	1813-1822
Penistone St. John	1800-1837
Royston St. John	1799-1837
Silkstone All Saints	1800-1837

Burials

Barnsley St. George	1832-1850
Barnsley St. Mary	1800-1840
Bretton Chapely	1800-1840
Cawthorne All Saints	1800-1845
Darton All Saints	1800-1845
Denby Chapely	1800-1856
Dodworth St. John	1848-1934
Hoyland Nether St. Peter	1813-1861
Penistone St. John	1800-1856
Royston St. John	1800-1837
Silkstone All Saints	1800-1840
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Hillsborough S6 1SW 10.00am - 4.00pm.
- June 3rd CHESTERFIELD AND DISTRICT FHS
Family/Local History and Heritage Fair 10am-4pm
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Chesterfield S41 8NZ
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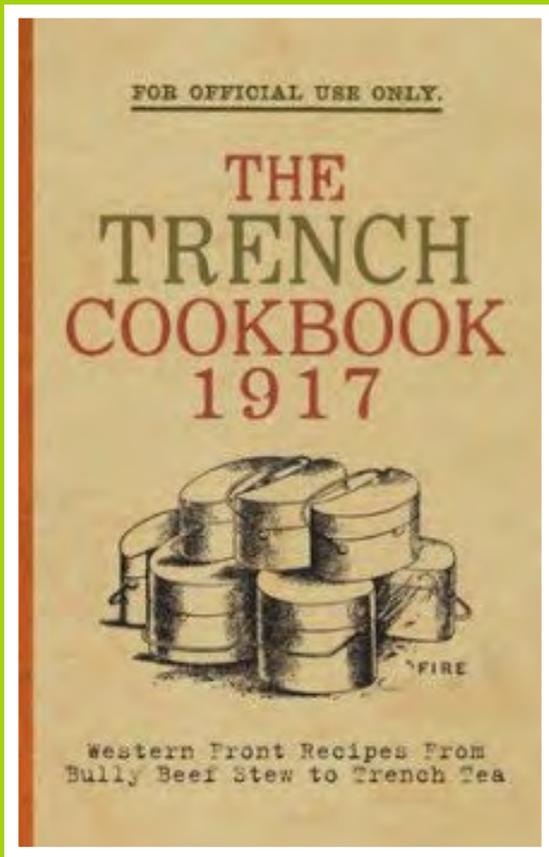
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