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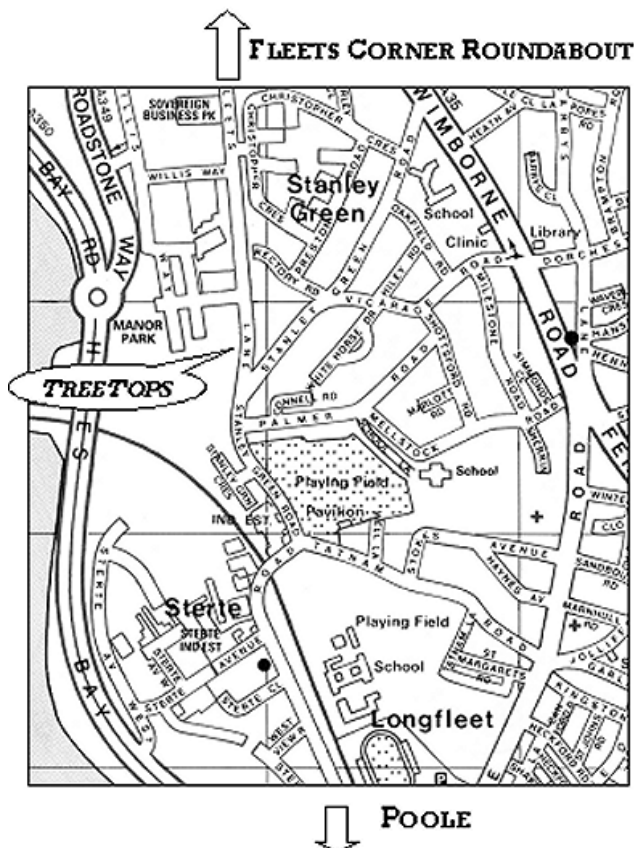
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Cover picture – *John May and family – refer article Photo Mystery Solved*

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From the Editor's Chair



During this glorious summer, your editor became a very proud Nanna. Whilst this may not be headline news, the introduction of the first of the next generation of our family has made me even more thoughtful of how our ancestors would have felt to achieve this heady status. I really hope my grandbaby grows up with a love of history and thirst to learn about her forebears. There is so much to share with her!

There may have been more babies born in days long past than we tend to have today, but one imagines that there would have been innumerable proud grandparents over the centuries. Not to mention cousins, aunts, uncles and siblings.

So this time I am asking our readers to send in articles with photos (if available) to share details of mixed-generations of the same family. Did your great grand-parents bring up their grandchildren, perhaps whilst the parents worked away? Or do you have a story to share about families living together which have confused your research? If so, we would love to hear from you. As always, we enjoy reading your emails and articles relating to your Dorset ancestors. Please email <editor@dorsetfhs.org.uk>

Angie, Journal Editor

Deadline for **December 2018** edition – **15 October 2018**

The Editorial Team will be pleased to receive articles for inclusion in this Journal. They can be short or long, with or without illustrations. Ideally they should be sent by e-mail to <editor@dorsetfhs.org.uk>, but typed hard copy or clear, legible handwriting sent to Treetops is also welcome. The editors may need to edit, abridge or reject any material submitted for publication and cannot guarantee that an article will be included in any particular edition.

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Programme and Speakers

Sue and Pete Redfearn



Meetings are held at St John's Church Centre Hall, Ashley Road, Parkstone, BH14 0AA on the second Monday of each month (except August) commencing at 8.00 pm. Admission no earlier than 7.30 pm, through the Ashley Road entrance. Admission to monthly meetings £2.00.

Mon 10th SEPTEMBER 2018 - "Workhouses and the Poor" - a talk by Les Mitchinson

The records of the Workhouse and the Poor are often overlooked, yet they contain much information that can help colour a pedigree and also extend it forwards from the 1911 census. The majority of the records are held at a local archive, making them easily accessible to the researcher. Les will describe the early workhouses and the records of the Parish chest, followed by the records created after the 1834 Poor Law Amendment and the establishment of Poor Law Unions.

Les is a professionally qualified genealogist. After graduating he became a course tutor with the IHGS and in January 2017 was appointed their Director of Education. He also has his own business in family history, with clients from around the world, and runs family history day courses and courses in genealogy leading to qualifications.

Mon 8th OCTOBER 2018 - "Frank Norman Fox" - A talk by Jane Fox

Following on from Jane's last successful talk with us, we have invited her back with a case study to tie in with the anniversary of the end of WW1. Using a study of Frank Fox, it traces and interprets records relating to those who served in the army in WW1. Documents discussed include those relating to awarding of medals, service records, war diaries, memorials, POWs and newspapers. She will inform us of the information that can be found in these and, importantly, how to go about locating these all important records and using them in research.

Jane is a professional genealogist who runs courses and helps people in their research of family history, and also a talented artist and craftsperson.

Mon 12th NOVEMBER 2018 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Followed by another entertaining QUIZ by our quizmasters Nick and Monique - Put your thinking caps on once more

Mon 10th DECEMBER 2018 - "Dad's Army – Fact and Fiction" - a talk by Steve Roberts

Steve takes a look at the real Home Guard, why it was formed and what it did, dispelling some popular myths. He also looks at the TV series, characters, actors, locations and the catchphrases. It is also worth remembering that the Home Guard lost over 1,600 members, killed on duty during its lifetime. Two of its members posthumously received the George Cross. A fun talk that attempts to set the record straight.

Steve lives in Christchurch. Originally from Worcester, he graduated as a teacher from Birmingham and taught in Brighton, Southend and Uxbridge. He later changed careers to become an IT Project Manager and then changed paths again in 2012, moving to Christchurch and becoming a freelance writer, private tutor and public speaker.

St John's Church Centre is opposite Waitrose in Upper Parkstone, on the corner of Ashley and Churchill Roads.

Please note that meetings can sometimes be subject to change at short notice. Please check for possible updates on <www.dorsetfhs.org.uk> and on Facebook.

Transport notes: The Wilts and Dorset Bus routes M1 and M2, and Yellow Buses Route 1c, regularly leave Bournemouth (Gervis Place) and Poole Bus Station for Upper Parkstone.

If travelling by car and you find the Church Car Park full, please do not double-park or obstruct emergency vehicle access. Continue along Churchill Road and turn right into Norrish Road, where there is some on-street parking after 6.00 pm (check signs before leaving vehicle) and two Pay and Display car parks (charges apply until 10.00 pm).

Meetings in Retrospect

Sheila Tanner

09 July Aviation Around Poole Bay by Kevin Patience

On Monday 9th July, we welcomed Kevin Patience at our Parkstone meeting to speak of the history of Aviation Around Poole Bay.



Kevin grew up in Kenya and served in the Royal Air Force, where his interest grew in all aspects of Aviation history. His enlightening talk, in particular the history of the flying boats, held the interest of a very captive audience.

The first powered British aircraft was flown by a Samuel CODY on October 16 1908. It was not a success, but he continued to develop aircraft by his own means. Unfortunately, Cody later died on August 7 1913 following a crash and was buried in Aldershot. Up to 100,000 people attended the funeral.

The first British pilot, William MCCARDLE, flew a Bleriot aircraft, rising to a height of 150 feet, and with his partner later set up a flying school at Beaulieu. During an event arranged by McCardle, Charles ROLLS, co-founder of Roll Royce, crashed his plane and was killed on the playing fields of St. Peters school in Southbourne. A memorial is on that site today.

Harald PENROSE, a test pilot for Westland Aircraft, flew a PV3 2-seater over Poole bay and recorded a height of 35,000 feet.

Sir Alan COBHAM, 1894-1973, known for introducing air displays, founded Flight Refuelling at Wimborne in 1934, which is still operational today.

Seaplanes, manufactured by Short Brothers in Belfast, started operations in Poole Bay from about 1916. These were to be used after the First World War by Imperial Airways, for both passengers and the

transportation of mail. In July 1936, taking 24 passengers and 1.5 tons of mail, one flew to Africa. Short Bros, were later requested to build 42 flying boats. The Empire Air routes took passengers to Australia and South Africa, each flight to be made in stages, Capetown taking 7-8 days.

In 1939 Imperial Airways moved premises to Poole and Salterns Marina became a flying boat base. Passengers stayed at the Harbour Heights hotel before flights. In 1940, Imperial Airways became **BOAC**.



During the WWII years, Poole Harbour housed seaplane runways between 1939/48. The RAF were based at Hamworthy, BOAC at the Marine Terminal, and RNAS at Sandbanks. The Royal Motor Yacht club became HMS Daedalus from 1940-43; bombers Swordfish, Seafox, Walrus and Sea Otter, (Churchill's Navy), were all based at the RMYC.

Kevin relayed many details of exploits of aircraft during the war over Poole Harbour, one of which, a ME109, was shot down on August 13 1940, recovered and sold off to raise money towards a Spitfire fund. The "Villae de Poole" a R7126 costing £5,000, was built but later crashed in December 1941.

On September 25 1940, a German HE.111 was shot down in Branksome Chine on Underwood house. The airmen were later buried in Parkstone cemetery, but in 1964 the graves were exhumed and re-buried at Cannock Chase.

In March 1941, Bourne Valley gasworks were mistakenly bombed, killing 34 civilians. Brownsea island was a decoy site at the time. Two guns were mounted on Brownsea; a block ship was moored in the harbour for defence. June 3 1942 saw the bombing of Rockley Park, an aviation fuel depot, spilling 300-400 gallons of 150 octane fuel. In 43 air raids, 10,000 incendiaries were dropped on Poole, 67 people were killed and three enemy and allied planes crashed within the borough. Halifax bombers were downed in Moordown and Kingston Lacey, and on March 23 1943

a BOAC Catalina flying boat crashed in the harbour, killing three airmen. 461 Squadron flew Sunderland flying boats out of a base at Hamworthy.

At the end of the war, BOAC operated Hythe class flying boats from Britain to the Far East, Poole to Hong Kong taking a week to arrive. The last flight from Poole on March 12 1947 heralded the end of the Empire.



On March 31 1948 BOAC moved its operations to Hythe on the Solent from Poole. Over 34,000 passengers had flown from Poole during 1939-1948.

The last BOAC Solent flight took place on November 3 1950, and the last flying boat left Studland on August 23 1976, owned by Charles BLAIR and Maureen O'HARA, and is now on display at the Southampton Hall of Aviation. Kevin enthralled those attending the meeting with his wide knowledge of the history of the flying boats, and many details relating to Poole Harbour during the war years, a most interesting account which I have hopefully recounted with accuracy.

Book Donations



Thank you to the following people for donating books to the library:

Heather Bailey

Julie Groom

Sarah Fox

Grace Armfield

Julia Towner

Computer Group Meetings at Treetops

Richard Yates



Meetings are held at Treetops on the first Tuesday of each month (except January and August) commencing at 7.30 pm. Please use the ground floor level access at the rear of Stanley House.

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September 4th – Celia’s Websites

Celia has volunteered to have another go at her website recommendations/demonstrations. She promises to try to get her technology to work properly this time.

October 2nd – Your Street

Members will show their research into houses, streets, villages, etc. connected to their family history. This is open to anyone to bring along items which they can demonstrate on the Society laptop or their own. Internet connection will be available but check first if you need specific software.

November 6th – Writing up your Family History

We have done this before in various ways, but this time we would like short contributions from as many people as possible. There is no right way to show off your research, and sharing your methods and hints can help other members.

December 4th – Xmas Quiz

June Taylor won last year’s quiz and plans to provide us with another taxing offering. Can everyone bring along a SMALL contribution to the refreshments?

Computer Group Happenings

Sheila Tanner, Richard Yates

5th June 2018 - "Bring and Share"

Although we were low in numbers, it proved to be a very enlightening evening. **"DNA"** was the first topic for discussion, and very informative.

Richard Yates brought an article from a magazine explaining the three types of DNA research: *"For genealogical purposes, there are three main types of DNA tests that are available: Y-chromosomes (Y-DNA) tests for the direct paternal line, mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) tests for the direct maternal line, and autosomal DNA (atDNA) tests for finding matches on all your ancestral lines."*



Input from member, Liz Gibbons, relating her own experiences of personal DNA, led to deep discussion of results, percentages and how results can be uploaded onto <Living DNA.com>.

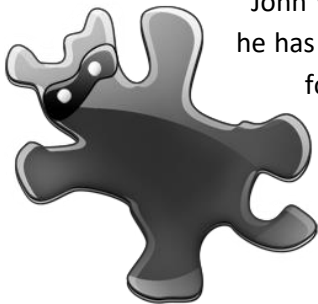
www.Trove.nla.gov.au, a website that was of interest to Sheila Simons, relating to newspaper articles, photographs, obituary's and archived websites, was also discussed for research in Australia.

For those using Facebook, there is a family tree analyser, a free download, using gedcom from Ancestry. Ann McLaughlin discussed this topic relating to her own experience using this article.

John Waters spoke about Durham University having produced a North East Inheritance database, pre-1858 Durham probate records, which are available on FamilySearch, allowing printable wills, **NLS.uk** is a website for maps, produced by the Scottish National Library, of which digitised Ordinance Survey Maps are available for the whole of the UK.

Other websites discussed, - **David Rumsey Maps**, and **Lost Cousins**. The evening proved to be well received by all who attended, and thoughts of repeating this type of session could be very popular in the future.

3rd July – Photo Resources



John Waters' talk demonstrated some of the ways he has used Irfanview and GIMP to enhance images for family history research. Irfanview is Freeware and totally free for home use, though the creator maintains it and is open to donations.

GIMP is also free to use, but is open to donations and encourages donations (currently) to two separate developers who are using it to produce significant enhancements.

John demonstrated Irfanview by showing us how he has used it to transcribe from photographs he took at the National Archives of an 18th century court case. By breaking the document into images of several different sections, and using some of the edit functions to make the wording larger and clearer, it is possible to create a split screen with Word and transcribe in a quicker and more accurate way. Another demonstration used a photograph of an old and eroded gravestone. This made letters and (especially) dates much more legible.

A wedding photo was resized to add a border to enable names to be provided while maintaining the resolution.

John showed how GIMP is preferred to improve the quality of a faded photograph, and finally took a complete birth certificate, and using two separate images of the whole, combined them to enable the complete certificate to be presented on a single A4 sheet.

Irfanview also comes highly recommended as a scanner driver.

Dorset Family History Society

Shaftesbury - a guided walk

Rob Curtis

Meet outside the Town Hall at the top of Gold Hill

Saturday 22nd September 2018

2.15pm for 2.30pm start

Tickets £6.00



A gentle wander around Shaftesbury, one of the oldest and highest towns in England, with great views across the Blackmore Vale. It was Thomas Hardy's "Shaston". with many historical buildings, and the now famous Gold Hill.

(Please note there is a bit of a climb back up into the town, but NOT back up Gold Hill!)

For more information or requests/offers for lifts please contact:

Sue Redfearn 07969 229562 /01202 950344
or Tree Tops 01202 785623

Photo mystery solved

I wonder if anyone out there has John MAY in their family tree?

I discovered him through a photo album which belonged to my grandfather, Frederick Charles DOUCH, and probably to his sister, Beatrice Maud, who pre-deceased him. Very few of the photo postcards are annotated, so we were in the dark as to who was the man with a moustache and a heifer, two sons and a wife with babe-in-arms (*refer cover Journal cover image*). Initially it was thought it might be Henry Douch or his son Harry George, who were butchers in Wimborne, but likenesses and dating did not seem to match. Then a computer zoom of another photo which was annotated ("J. May on Butcher Bicycle"), of a street scene in Fordingbridge, suggested that the man standing on the left in butcher's apron was the same man in the farmyard scene.

Online research established that it was John MAY, whose birth was registered in Wimborne (or Wells, Somerset, if the 1891 census is to be believed) in 1871. He was still living in Wimborne when he married Ellen Miles (born Wimborne St Giles) in 1898. By 1901 he was a journeyman butcher, living in Leigh Road. Two sons had been born, Percy John and Frederick Charles. But Ellen died later that year. John married Thomasina Roper TURNER in 1908 in Weymouth district. By 1910 they had moved to Fordingbridge, where Ida Annie and Theodora Edith were born. In 1911 the family were living at Provost Street (just off what is today the B3078 through road).

My theory is that John and family were in the photo album because he had worked for Henry Douch in Wimborne (King Street and East Street) and probably been well-known to the Douch children. The postcards were a nice way for him to be remembered to the Douchs. The first one was probably taken in 1910 and the second at the time of George V's coronation in June 1911.

By the way, Percy John was running the business at Provost Street in 1939. By that time, according to the 1939 Register, John and Thomasina were living at Bridge Street, Fordingbridge. Thomasina died in 1955 and John in 1958.

Paul Douch, Mem #4946

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NEEDING RESEARCH ADVICE?

Our experienced volunteers are here to help

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100 Years Ago - September 1918

June Taylor

The Great War was still rumbling on. Readers of the *Western Gazette* were left in no doubt as to how long the war had lasted as the date was given as:



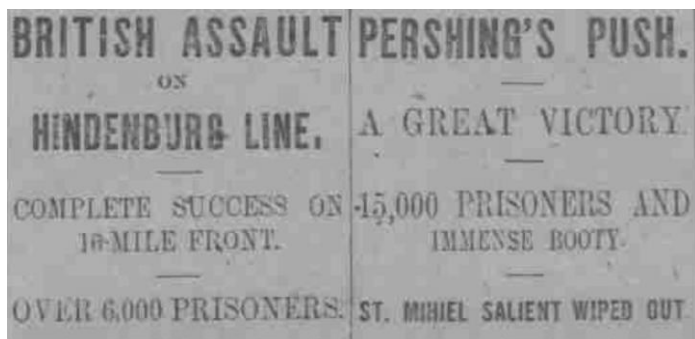
The War: 5th Year, 43th day.

not September 20 1918.

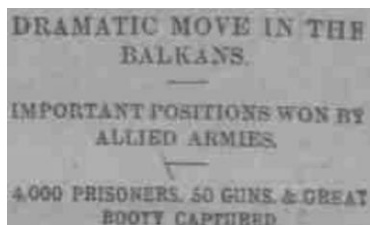
We were not alone in expecting our boys home by Christmas 1914, Arthur N DAVIES, the Kaiser's American dentist, wrote in his book "The Kaiser as I knew him" and quoted in the Times that Prince Pless thought exactly the same as he confided to him on August 5 1914. "The war will be over by Christmas. Yes, you can rest assured I shall be home by Christmas".

"Just before Christmas of that year," Mr Davies wrote, "I saw him again and reminded him of his prophecy of peace by Christmas" The prince replied, "Well not this Christmas but next" In December 1915 it was "I don't think the damn thing will ever end". By February 1917 he was more optimistic and thought that with the aid of the captured British fleet Germany could attack New York!

The other headlines were however more cheerful. On the same page they could read all about

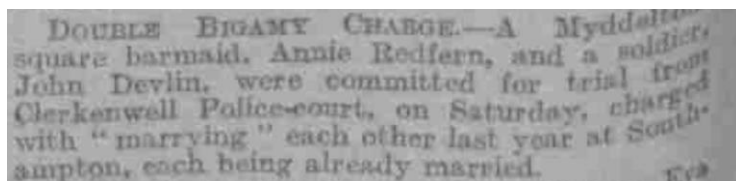


And



Meanwhile, on the Home Front the courts had still to deal with people breaking new orders they were unaware of, such as feeding long hay, not short hay, to their horses, and the usual run of petty crimes. Military tribunals were also still sitting. On Portland it was decided that the licensee of the Red Lion, William Pearce aged 50, could be excused but he must find work of national importance.

And finally, I hope this couple are not in your family tree.



Membership News

Claire Evans



Since the last Journal, we would like to welcome the following new members to the Society. If you are interested in contacting any of these members, you can obtain details from Treetops during opening hours:

5078	Mr	Michael	Reed	ARMIDALE	New South Wales, Australia
5079	Mr	Philip	Warn	FERNDOWN	Dorset
5080	Ms	Gail	Page	PORT MACQUARIE	New South Wales, Australia
5081	Mr	Jeffrey	Davis	TELFORD	Shropshire
5082	Mr	Derek John	Jenkins	VERWOOD	Dorset
5083	Mr	Terry	Hillier	HORSHAM	West Sussex
5084	Mr	Richard	Hustler	POOLE	Dorset
5085	Mrs	Elaine	Davis	GILLINGHAM	Dorset
5086	Mr	Dave	Griffiths	MONCOUTANT	Deux Sevres, France
5087	Mrs	Sharon	Lawrence	BOURNEMOUTH	Dorset
5088	Mr	Ian	Newbery	NOWRA	New South Wales, Australia
5089	Ms	Toni	Reay	GOULBURN	New South Wales, Australia
5090	Mrs	Julie	Fowler	POOLE	Dorset
5091	Ms	Sarah	Deere- ones	HOLSWORTHY	Devon
5092	Ms	Tina	Kerr	BOURNEMOUTH	Dorset
5093	Miss	Susan J	Fortescue	POOLE	Dorset
5094	Mr	Michael	Walsh	RANGEVILLE	Queensland, Australia

It is also that time of the year when the Society is making plans for the annual renewal of membership, which is due October 1 2018. With this journal you will find the Renewal Form. This explains each of the payment methods available to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to email <membership@dorsetfhs.org.uk>.

Writing it Up

Finding information and making notes is all part of researching your family history. Perhaps you would like help in "Writing it up".

A workshop is to be held at Treetops on Tuesday September 18 between 2pm and 5pm.

A charge of £5 (to include tea or coffee) is payable on the day.

If you would like to attend, please contact
<education@dorsetfhs.org.uk> or telephone: - Treetops on
01202 785623

We will contact you by email, or if you wish to be contacted by phone, please leave your number and we will get back to you.

A workshop of "Researching Military History Online", is to be arranged for a later date.

Sheila Tanner

Treasurer

I am due to retire as Treasurer at the AGM, having completed my six years. Although there will be contingency plans in place should no one come forward to replace me, this is the opportunity for another member to volunteer as an Officer of the Society. It is not a terribly onerous task, though the bank has not helped recently, but does need a member who lives locally and is able to attend monthly meetings and committee, and someone who is familiar with spreadsheets and can use the internet.

If anyone would like to find out a little more in advance of nominations, please e-mail me on <treasurer@dorsetfhs.org.uk>

Richard Yates

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor

"The CLAY Family Society" of America members have traced their ancestry back to John Clay who went to Virginia in 1613 but they don't know which part of our country he came from, hence they are offering free YDNA tests to English males with the surname of Clay.

There is no cost involved.

Should there be any interest in the project please contact me for details and a kit at - [<dmclay@btinternet.co.uk>](mailto:dmclay@btinternet.co.uk) or by post to: David Clay. 30 Mill Street. Mansfield. Notts. NG18 2PQ

Dear Editor,

'Does it help to have an unusual name?' asked Colin Dean in the June 2018 issue of this journal. Not always, he said, and used the surname DOUCH by example.

I have personal experience of this name, having worn it for some 60 years. People have trouble with it. Half the world pronounces it correctly, but the other half says 'Dooch' or 'Doosh'. Some – even relatives by marriage – persist in writing it with an 'e' on the end. Maybe this is confined to those with a smattering of French? A cold shower for them, I say!

But even some current Douchs are inclined to include that blessed 'e' in a gathering of Douches. I am here to tell you it is a hard '-ch'. Hence we are **Douchs**!

My father was pretty sure that the Dorset Douchs derived their name from the Dutch who traded and settled in Bridport and environs in the sixteenth century. And/or indeed from Frenchmen from the village of Douch in Languedoc, who may have fled persecution some 300 years before.

When exploring family records, it is better in my opinion to be after an unusual name than a common one like Smith or Jones. One learns to look for variants. Some transcribers simply read the name wrong ('Dauch' or 'Donch', for example - perhaps because Douch is not a name they've come across before). Those who wrote entries in the parish registers can be forgiven more readily when we remember the uncertain literacy of the holders of the name, not to mention their accents.

These were some of the variants among baptisms at South Perrott: Ducke (1567-73), Duck (1602), Douth (1682-85 – transcriber error), Bouch (1741 – transcriber error). At Corscombe, there were Dowtch, Dowch, Deutch, Dewtch (1596-1657). And, best of all, was the marriage of William Dooche and Agnes Duckes at South Perrott in 1559.

All of the above represents understandable confusion. Somehow I feel less kindly towards a database like Findmypast's British Newspapers, when it trots out the many Victorian adverts for 'douches' (also 'Dorchester' and 'Douchester'!), even though my 'Douch' is clearly without an 'e' and placed in the name search box. There is a way of reducing the hits ('Douch not Douche'), but this actually takes out too many bona fide Douchs. Wonderful resource to have, but work needed on Search please... Ah, the joys of FH!

Paul Douch
Mem #4946

Members' Interests

Alan Mead

The following new interests have been registered.

Mem	Name	Place	County	Period
5086	AMBLETON	Osmington	DOR	Any
5081	BEAVIS	Whitchurch Canonicorum	DOR	17 - 1800
5019	BENNETT	Fontmell Magna	DOR	Pre 1800
5019	BENNETT	Shaftesbury	DOR	Pre 1800
5019	BENNETT	Melbury Abbas	DOR	Pre 1800
5019	BENNETT	Sutton Waldron	DOR	Pre 1800
5020	BROADWAY	Gillingham	DOR	1550-1800
5086	BROWNE	Powerstock	DOR	Any
4131	CHURCHILL	Wareham	DOR	Any
4131	CRUMPLER	Wareham	DOR	Any
5025	DUELL	Any	HAM	1800-1930
5025	EASTMENT	Any	DOR	1800-1930
5086	GALE	Osmington	DOR	Any
5086	GALE	Powerstock	DOR	Any
4858	GENNARD	Beaminster	DOR	Any
4858	GERARD	Beaminster	DOR	Any
4858	GERRARD	Beaminster	DOR	Any
5086	HALLETT	Beaminster	DOR	Any
5025	HEAP	Bolton	LAN	1800-1930
5081	HODDER	Stanton St Gabriel	DOR	17 - 1800
4131	LILLINGTON	Wareham	DOR	Any
4131	LILLINGTON	Stoborough	DOR	Any
4131	LILLINGTON	Church Knowle	DOR	Any
4131	LILLINGTON	Creech	DOR	Any
5025	PETTYFER	Any	HAM	1800-1930
5020	REEVES	Motcombe	DOR	Post 1800
5020	REEVES	Gillingham	DOR	Post 1700
5086	RIGLER	Osmington	DOR	Any
5086	RIGLER	Powerstock	DOR	Any
5081	SCADDEN	Whitchurch Canonicorum	DOR	17 - 1800

5081	SCADDING	Whitchurch Canonorum	DOR	17 - 1800
5025	SCHOLES	Bolton	LAN	1800-1930
5086	SHEPPARD	Affpuddle	DOR	Any
5086	SHEPPARD	Broadmayne	DOR	Any
5086	WHITE	Osmington	DOR	Any
5086	WHITE	Broadmayne	DOR	Any
5086	WHITE	Powerstock	DOR	Any
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Members can register up to 12 of the surnames they are researching by returning the Members' Interests form included in the new members Welcome Pack. The full list of registered surname interests can be searched on the Society's website at <www.dorsetfhs.org.uk/members-interests>. Contact details can be obtained by following the instructions on that page.

A Members' Interests form can also be downloaded from the Members' Area at <www.dorsetfhs.org.uk/members-area>. Members can use this form to register new, or update existing, surnames they are researching. The details on the new form will replace any already registered.

New surname interests will be added to the website and published in the next Journal. Minor changes, such as revised place or dates, will be updated on the website but not published in the Journal. Interests of those who do not renew their membership will be deleted from the database.

Members without Internet access should contact Treetops during opening hours.

Chairman's Chat

What can I say that I have not already said two years ago – and two years before that – and..... about you, our members, and particularly, in this instance, those of you who live locally and volunteered at our recent Family History Day (FHD)?

I said in my last Chat that occupying the Chair of this Society is a privilege. I re-iterate that too, as I repeat my thanks and praise for all the folk who put time and effort into planning, setting up, running and taking down our FHD.

As in previous years, we received very positive feedback from both our exhibitors and our visitors. Nearly all the comments began with phrases like “a very friendly and happy atmosphere”. Well – that was down to you. You were (and always are) the face of DFHS.

Thank you for contributing, thank you for the “Smile” T-shirts and to those of you who reminded me to smile!

We signed up many new members and, even if they only stay with us for one season (as many do who take up the special Show Offer membership) at least we have a year and a half to help them get started, to show them what a great hobby this is and to demonstrate what a friendly, caring, bunch we are.

While on the topic of volunteers and thanks – it would be remiss of me, while rightly mentioning the recent big effort at the FHD, to fail to acknowledge the tremendous work done by our many volunteers day in, day out. The transcribers, typists, and data checkers, FMP co-ordinator (see the article in this Journal); the Treetops helpers and researchers; the Treasurer, Librarian, Education team, Face book co-ordinator, Sales co-ordinator; the folk from here and those local to the venue who take

our name and our goods out around the country to other FHDs; the Secretary, Publicity officer, Webmaster, Editor, Talks and Walks and Coach Trips organisers, Membership secretary, Strays the list goes on. Thank you, each one. Without you the Society could not function.

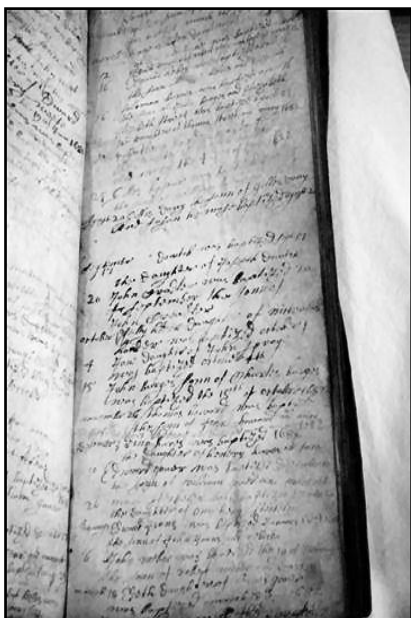
If you would like to help other Family Historians directly by volunteering at Treetops, please contact June Taylor via <contact@dorsetfhs.org.uk> marking your email >TT volunteer < or for any other role mark your email <Volunteering offer>, you don't need to be local for some roles.

To all our members, where ever you are based, Thank You for making me proud to be a part of this terrific Society. Every good wish for your continuing research, may all your brick walls crumble to dust!

David

Dorset Data on Findmypast

June Clist



Have you ever wondered how the parish register baptisms, marriages and burials actually reach Findmypast? We thought you may be interested in the process carried out by a whole team of people so that you can sit in the comfort of your home and research these valuable records.

On behalf of the Society, with the kind permission of the Dorset County Record Office (now the Dorset History Centre (DHC)), for over 30 years more than a dozen different volunteer members have been transcribing the

original baptism, marriage and burial parish registers covering the period up to 1837. In addition, the Society holds some transcripts of later dates, which have mostly been donated.

Every two weeks the volunteers visited the DHC for the day and pored over the original parish register books, many of which were in an extremely fragile state, trying to decipher the spidery writing, ink blots, crossings out, water damaged pages and spellings of the parish clerks. Some registers date back to the early 16th century, so knowledge of Latin was also a useful tool!

The details of every entry were written in a notebook and taken home where the volunteer typed them up into a specific style of Word document in surname alphabetical order for each parish. Every few months the large files of paperwork were taken to a specialist and transferred onto fiche. This method of storing information is now way out of date and no longer used but the fiche are still available to view on the fiche readers in Treetops Research Centre. During the latter years the data was typed in Word and Excel.

As of this year, this fortnightly transcriber's project has been discontinued in order to preserve the state of the original parish registers. The transcription Team is not idle though – they are now working on other name-rich sources held by DHC.

However, there is still work to be done to complete the project online and the next stage involves a volunteer who receives the Excel spreadsheets electronically from the transcribers and checks the entries for obvious spelling/date errors which are corrected as accurately as possible. The spreadsheets are then transferred to a different DFHS volunteer who prepares them in the very strict format required by Findmypast. The various databases are then passed to a coordinator from the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) who carries out a final check and verification process before submitting them to Findmypast, where it can take several months before they are uploaded to the website and available for the public to search.

It may be worth noting that the last batch of parish register entries sent to FMP totalled; baptisms 22,478 and burials 35,889. Excluding these latest batches, the total number of entries online are presently as

follows: baptisms 387,759, marriages 675,000 and burials well in excess of 152,949. Over the years the revenue generated from the Dorset parish registers on FMP has been a major source of income to the Society whilst also allowing researchers from all over the world access to the records 24 hours a day. A database is also now available to be accessed at our **TREETOPS RESEARCH CENTRE**.

The Society PARISH REGISTER TRANSCRIPTION INDEX giving the dates and parishes covered in the present very large holding together with details of our RESEARCH SERVICE can be seen on our Website: www.dorsetfhs.org.uk.

For details of all parish registers held by the Dorset History Centre see their Publication A GUIDE TO THE LOCATION OF THE PARISH REGISTERS OF DORSET'. A copy of which can be viewed at TREETOPS RESEARCH CENTRE

Monumental Inscriptions

June Clist



Our second transcribing project over the past 30 years has been that of recording, as far as possible, every gravestone in the parish churches of Dorset, about 280 parishes plus various Non-Conformist burial grounds which we have had permission to access.

Once a week during the summer months another large group of volunteers has visited a churchyard and, complete with the tools of the trade, i.e. toothbrushes,

cloths, chalk, buckets of water, weed clearing equipment, notebooks, pens and the very essential picnic lunch they would clear the undergrowth, clean each gravestone and try to decipher the details using the special abbreviations for the different types of grave i.e. headstone (HS), kerbstone (KS), ILMO (In Loving Memory of), DBH (dearly beloved husband) etc. etc.

The MI coordinator created a plan for each churchyard divided into sections and each grave was given a reference number. Once the whole graveyard had been completed the notebooks were swapped and other volunteers checked the details were as accurate as possible, bearing in mind some of the stones were old/badly weathered damaged/broken!

Up until a few years ago the transcriptions were then typed up by the volunteers into a Word document and fished. The transcribing project has now been completed “in the field” but when it was decided to add Monumental Inscriptions to our Dorset records on Findmypast the huge task of transferring every record into an excel spreadsheet began.

A team of 7/8 typists around the country receive hardcopies of the churchyard Word docs and they are copied into Excel, then returned to the Treetops coordinator, checked for errors and sent to a volunteer who deals with the FMP formatting process relating to MI's. Once again the databases are forwarded to the FFHS for verifying and finally submitted to FMP for uploading onto the website, where they have proved another very valuable worldwide source of income to the Society.

At present there are 85,868 Monumental Inscription records covering 266 parishes on FindMyPast with more still being added on a regular basis. A complete database of Dorset MI's is available in TREETOPS RESEARCH CENTRE and can be viewed either in person or via the RESEARCH SERVICE available on our website.

Footnote from the Society's Chairman:

June Clist, one of our founder members and now a Vice President, has been instrumental in putting this report together. What she has been too modest to say is that she has also been instrumental in the essential checking process, as well as other aspects of the work, over very many years.

I wish to pay tribute to her and to all the many volunteers who have contributed, and are contributing, to our transcription and publishing work. We owe them all a huge debt of gratitude and should acknowledge their work each time we consult the data bases. They are too many to name here, but - **you know who you are. Thank you.**

Have you visited Treetops recently?

June Taylor



Much of your research can be done online but not everyone can afford subscriptions to three commercial websites. We have them all at TT - Ancestry.com, FindmyPast including the British Newspaper Archive, and the Genealogist, and for £3 for up to eight hours on Mondays and five hrs on

Wednesdays and Saturdays you can search all three. Come and find out how much more they have beyond censuses, BMDs and the 1939 Register. Our volunteers will happily leave the other tasks they are doing for the Society to come and help you. We may even be able to break down your brick walls.

Do take a look at our catalogue, it's on the research section of our website and at TT. We have parish records from many other counties, some of which will not allow the commercial sites access to their records.

The number of societies exchanging journals has decreased in recent years, but we still have many as hard copies that can be borrowed and more as digital copies on our website.

While you are at TT browse the library and see the wealth it has to offer. How much does it cost to visit Kew for the National Archives (TNA)? A lot less than you'd think if you come on one of our (virtually) door to door coach trips. Look at the TNA catalogue on line. First visit, other members will gladly help you find your way around.



Several interesting and informative walks around local towns have been arranged recently. They are usually at ambling pace and lifts to the start can be arranged. It would be nice if you would like to join the regulars from time to time.

Have you attended our monthly meeting or our computer group? Both offer a wide range of talks and the computer group is always looking for new subjects. Is there something you would like to know about? Please let us know.

We are all volunteers in DFHS and always welcome offers of help with the roles and tasks involved in keeping ours a friendly, helpful and lively Society.

Have you visited Treetops recently? If not, and you live within reach, could you tell us why, please?

Details about contacting us are elsewhere in this journal.

Minutes of Council Meeting 18th July 2018

Apologies

Stuart & Miriam Withers, Julia Towner, Cherry Fisher, Chris Peach, Pam Reeks, Theresa Dobbs, June Clist, Helen Colvin, Brian Galpin, Val Groves, Christ Peach, Jan Spink, Judith Day, Lindsay Dedden

The Chairman, David Gynes, welcomed those present to the meeting and stated the purpose of which was to give everyone an opportunity to comment on anything pertaining to DFHS and discuss the future of the Society and the means to increase membership if possible. He reiterated thanks to all those volunteers who helped in any way at the FH Day last March and also ran through the numerous activities that have gone on throughout the year.

Looking to the future and the need to increase and maintain our membership levels, he said that he is going to suggest to the committee

that we institute a form of mentorship or “Buddy system” to support new members.

He thanked the members of Committee and the Officers and volunteers for their hard work on behalf of the Society.

The following reports were received from officers:

Treasurer – Richard Yates.

Richard gave a short insight into the finances of the Society; takings are slightly down this year, which was expected, but we remain in a comparatively good position. The final payment from the legacy of Doreen Giles has now been received.

Secretary Report – Sheila Martin

The main ‘event’ since the AGM last November has been the implementation of the new GDPR regulations which became law in May. Several hundred emails and letters with the consent form were sent out over a period of 2 weeks or so.

Thank you to those who complied with our request promptly, so we could input all the replies and respective agreements on how we can contact you into a database for future reference. Unfortunately, it is now the middle of July and there are still many outstanding..... 257 to be precise! So we, or is that ‘I’, will again have to contact those non-responders to ask for that much needed permission to contact our members.

Thanks must go to our Chairman and his good lady, for all their help in getting the letters out, to Claire Evans who continues to input the data into a database, and to those who contributed in the beginning as to why, what, and how we were to implement this law for our members.

I do hope this particular job can be completed very soon; it has been an experience! Apart from that, life at DFHS continues. None of the many things that take place throughout the year would be possible without our volunteers, so ‘thank you very much’.

Webmaster – Alan Mead

I am grateful to those Officers who have taken on the role of updating their own section of the website. This enables me to concentrate more

on ensuring that the software that runs the site remains up to date. Whilst the content of many pages doesn't change much, if any other Officer wants the facility to update their own section, please email me and I'll set them up. If you don't want to make the changes yourself, but still want wording changed, please also email me. I'm slowly sharing Society OneDrive storage space with Officers. The hope is that by saving all material connected with the role on Society storage, this will then be available for a successor, particularly in the event of a sudden change of Officer.

Society Members continue to register their surname Interests. It is usually new members who do this, but the form, Journal and website wording have recently been updated to try and clarify that existing Interests can be updated by submitting a new form.

Parish Registers – Stuart Withers

The team comprises, Miriam & Stuart Withers, Pam Kelly and Jenny Way all of whom work from home. The projects undertaken are prompted usually by June Clist and or Debbie Winter. We commenced dedicated work for DFHS about 18 months ago when long-standing arrangements with Dorset History Centre were reviewed and withdrawn.

We have completed transcription of Poole Union and District Workhouse Registers, Poole Electoral voting card records and I expect to have lodged the transcription of the censuses at Puddletown compiled by the Vicars 1724/1769. After which we will probably make ourselves available for the next project. We all enjoy the opportunity to look under the carpets at what was happening and what previous residents in the Borough were going through in a very different Poole.

Programme Secretary - Sue and Pete Redfearn

Over the past year we have arranged a selection of speakers and tried to provide a mix of Local and Family history topics. In September a local historian, Jenny Oliver "guided" us around Poole's history, which seemed well received. October took us to the world of body-snatching!! (this given by a well-respected family historian, a friend of Roy Stockdill) November was the AGM, and members Monique and Nick created an entertaining quiz instead of a speaker, which was a great success (this year again please!) December saw the Society's 30th anniversary with

Jackie Berry giving a talk on the changes in researching over the years, a light-hearted quiz by Anna Ward, and the “infamous” Baby Competition.

Roy Stockdill started 2018 with the life of Fred Karno and his links with Lilliput, and we have continued this mixed theme of Poole and its surrounds, with speakers on the ways of researching family history, one exception tying in to the 50th anniversary of Donald Campbell’s death. We have also organised walks of Dorchester, Sherborne and Wareham (thanks again to our own Anna Ward for an informative and entertaining walk). These have been attended by a regular core of members, but we hope we may be able to attract more, any thoughts on this would be welcome.

Attendance has varied in the winter months, though recently talks that have centred around Poole seem to have brought in several non-members; we feel this mix of local and family history related subjects could be considered for the coming year. Any feedback or suggestions would be welcome.

Publicity – Shirley Robinson

As in previous years, our monthly meetings are publicised by posters three times a year which are updated and printed here in Treetops. They are distributed by a team of volunteers, which is greatly appreciated, as is the work of Sue and Pete Redfearn who arrange the speakers for the meetings. Flyers are also printed. The monthly meetings are advertised in the Stour & Avon Magazine, the Link magazines & Dorset Life Magazine. They are also put on the ‘Echo’ website and on the Rootschat Calendar online.

During the year our Society is promoted in the Federation’s ‘Really Useful Information Leaflet’ and also in its sister publication in Australasia. We advertise in local event programmes as and when we are invited to do so if the cost is reasonable and approved by the Committee.

The main focus this year was the advertising of our Family History Day. The event was advertised in all the places already mentioned plus more, but also in the free ‘What’s On’ section of three national family history magazines. David Gynes also wrote a great article on how to organise a

successful Family History Day which was published and gave us good publicity.

Attractively designed posters and flyers designed by Theresa Dobbs' husband Martin were readily available to anyone who would take them. Flyers were sent to about 30 associations in Dorset who we thought would be interested in coming. Our only cost for the event was for printing and postage.

EXCHANGE JOURNALS – June Taylor

The exchange journals are reducing in number as more Societies are saving money either by giving up exchanging altogether or only sending us their journals digitally. I have no idea how much those digital copies are read but the few hard copies are very underused in spite of pointing them out to any new users of TT I see and taking them to the monthly meetings.

TREETOPS- June Taylor

Although I have not checked for exact figures, numbers of researchers visiting could still improve. Not recently, but in the past, two volunteers have spent Saturdays with no visitors and no phone calls. Gina and Mike were absent on Mondays for nearly six months due to Gina being ill and Mike having to look after her, but between us we managed to keep open until at least 3pm every week.

Research aids have been added to by both donations and removing some items from the library and the catalogue updated both as hard copy at TT and online. Several fluorescent tubes and the battery in the smoke alarm were replaced but we could still need a volunteer occasional handyman. A subscription to the Genealogist has been added. After nearly six months of asking, Birchmere have eventually removed the lock on the ladies and replaced it with a bolt.

EDUCATION – Sheila Tanner

For the last two and a half years I have been the Education Officer for the Society. During that time, I have arranged ten workshops/courses for members who have been keen to further their own research.

Topics covered to date are:

A beginners' workshop, presented by Debbie Winter

Debbie takes beginners through the first steps researching Family history, looking at civil registration, using information such as documents and certificates and understanding census returns.

"Writing it up" by Jan Marsh, who advised members on ways to collate material from their own research and presenting trees in computer programmes or guidance on how to produce booklets for future reference for their families and friends.

"Researching family history via the internet" by Jackie Berry

This workshop was aimed at researching family history using the Internet, using established programmes Ancestry, Findmypast and FamilySearch.

A workshop, looking at "Military History online" is planned for the Autumn, and a further "Writing it up" workshop has been booked for September 18. I am in the process of looking at further topics which will be of interest to members later in the year.

SALES – Ann Capon

We had a good response to the items available at the Family History Day earlier this year. New books have been added to the list and others have been removed. Some of those removed are being sold, along with books removed from the library, at much reduced prices.

Most of the sales are received via the website. It is interesting to see how requests for items seem to be for a similar item for a number of times as if we are recommended. The latest popular book is A pint of Good Poole Ale.

Sales from Treetops vary. I think those attending are too involved in their research. I still get asked if we sell books at Treetops!

Visits to open days are less these days and many people will look at a book and then take note of its name and go. Book purchases seem to be something that can be removed from the budget when finances are tight. Some of course prefer to go online to research or buy. We are hoping to produce a Mac version of Hutchins CDs later in the year.

MEMBERSHIP – Claire Evans

Our membership number currently stands at 640. News for the September Journal has gone to the Editor and the addresses with renewal form insert has also been sent.

Collation of the Gift Aid information has started and I will be getting the submission done over the next couple of weeks. Paperwork for membership needs to be reviewed so that we understand exactly how long to keep the paper records for, in connection with the new Data Protection Regulations.

Sheila has included GDPR in her report so I will leave that to her, however it is an ongoing job. Overseas members: change of application, have welcome pack or letter and link to website and members list.

DATABASE MANAGER (FMP) – Graham Searle

I receive parish baptism, marriage and burial Records in the form of Excel Spreadsheets from the Society transcribers. I arrange the spreadsheet layout so as to fit the DFHS Master Parish Record File templates. i.e. in alphabetical order by surname (baptism, marriage and burial). I then check the received files for errors and liaise with June Clist if errors are found that cannot be remedied immediately by myself (this normally involves checking the relevant parish on Ancestry or FamilySearch).

After loading the new records onto the latest Master File, a copy is pasted onto the Society's computers at Treetops using One Drive. An additional set of files in a slightly different format to suit Findmypast is sorted and checked before being uploaded to Steve Arche's (FFHS liaison with Findmypast), who forwards the data to FMP after any queries have been cleared.

Various documents containing information about the attached records have to be completed to go with the spreadsheets to Steve Archer. When queries are received from Steve Archer or Findmypast, these have to be escalated, and when an answer is received, forwarded to the originator of the query, and, if necessary changes made to the relevant Master File.

As we speak, all available records have been forwarded to FMP. At the moment I'm working my way through the society's master files checking for data that's possibly in the wrong column (e.g. someone's age in the "Abode" column), obvious spelling errors, and checking abbreviations etc.

LIBRARY – Julia Towner

Usually it's a case of `nothing to report` but for a change - a quick report. My time with the library recording plods on and, like everybody, else to be fitted around daily life. However, sometimes the end seems nearer, the library - not me. With the recording on the computer, stamping, checking duplicate copies, shelving etc., hopefully an up to date catalogue will materialise.

I feel the library is being used but there are several areas that need cutting (hear hear, I hear you say!). I am constantly on the lookout for books that will enhance people's awareness of the Dorset area and am always grateful for the many donations received. Where possible I acknowledge by letter but do not always have contact addresses, so I say Thank you.

JOURNAL - Angie Parker-Harris

Thank you to everyone who has submitted articles. Any ideas to improve the Journal are welcome. Typed articles are scanned and formatted before being sent for proof reading. I'm always looking out for family history articles, with or without photos and would welcome an article on Treetops.

Facebook – Nichola Hannaford

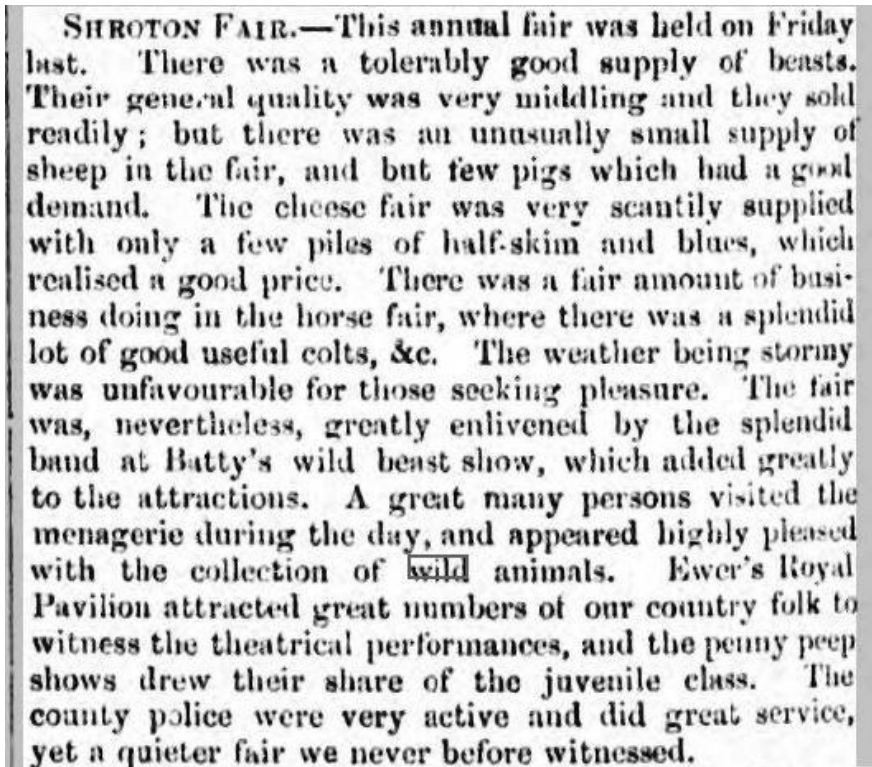
I continue to put events/news on our page & forward any requests or queries to Treetops as they come in? We hit over 900 'likes' last week, so the word is spreading!

Any comments, suggestions: Various members made comments and practical suggestions which will be considered by the committee.

Dorset's Past in Print

Roy Stockdill

They say you learn something new every day. Well, I certainly do when researching this feature! This cutting from the *Dorset County Chronicle* of October 1 1857, reported on Shroton Fair which included a menagerie of wild animals, theatrical performances and penny peep shows. Not being a Dorset man, I confess I had not heard of Shroton, so I looked it up with *Wikipedia*. I was intrigued to find it's an alternative name for Iwerne Courtney, which I had heard of.



SHROTON FAIR.—This annual fair was held on Friday last. There was a tolerably good supply of beasts. Their general quality was very middling and they sold readily; but there was an unusually small supply of sheep in the fair, and but few pigs which had a good demand. The cheese fair was very scantily supplied with only a few piles of half-skim and blues, which realised a good price. There was a fair amount of business doing in the horse fair, where there was a splendid lot of good useful colts, &c. The weather being stormy was unfavourable for those seeking pleasure. The fair was, nevertheless, greatly enlivened by the splendid band at Batty's wild beast show, which added greatly to the attractions. A great many persons visited the menagerie during the day, and appeared highly pleased with the collection of wild animals. Ewer's Royal Pavilion attracted great numbers of our country folk to witness the theatrical performances, and the penny peep shows drew their share of the juvenile class. The county police were very active and did great service, yet a quieter fair we never before witnessed.

According to Dorset author Roland Gant, locals prefer the name, Shroton. He wrote in his 1980 book, *Dorset Villages*, "I have heard only visitors to Dorset call it Iwerne Courtney." Shroton Fair, according to another Dorset writer, Ralph Wightman, used to be a major event and old men recalled events by the number of months that had passed before or after it. The fair passed into history in the 1970s.

News from Dorset History Centre

Sam Johnston - County Archivist

Heritage Lottery Funded Bankes of Kingston Lacy project

We are now approaching the final few months of the Bankes project. There is still plenty to do and if you are interested to see more of the archive used in interpreting the story of the Bankes family, Kingston Lacy are currently hosting their 'Beyond the Portrait' exhibition which draws heavily on the collection in detailing the lives of four of the more prominent female Bankes family members: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kingston-lacy/features/beyond-the-portrait--coming-in-june-2018>. The Priest's House Museum in Wimborne is also hosting an exhibition entitled 'Wild Flowers' that draws upon the Bankes archives; the theme is Edwardian childhood: <http://www.priest-house.co.uk/news/171/318/Wildflowers.html>.

A recent highlight within the Bankes project was the conference held at QE school in Wimborne. With over 200 delegates and four principal speakers, the day focussed on particular aspects of the family and its heritage, from the archaeology of Purbeck to Egyptian temples by way of 18th century estate management and the notorious prosecution and exile of William John Bankes. Volunteers reflected on their experiences and partners spoke about the legacy of the project. You can find a report [here](https://dcc.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/bankes-archive/conference-round-up/): <https://dcc.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/bankes-archive/conference-round-up/>.

Over the next few months, project staff will leave for new roles. Our excellent archivist Luke who is putting the finishing touches to the catalogue (now over 30,000 entries) will be moving to a full-time role at the Keep Military Museum. We wish him well.

Investors in Volunteers

Dorset History Centre, like so many public services, relies heavily on volunteers who work in a range of roles to increase access to collections. Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund through the Bankes archive project (which itself involved 60 volunteers), DHC was pleased to hear that it had been awarded Investor in Volunteers status. This is an accreditation process carried out through the National Council for Voluntary Organisations which covers a wide range of factors relating to

volunteering - from recruitment, through to day to day management. DHC is the only local authority body in Dorset to have received this recognition. It has been an interesting and valuable experience and one that will undoubtedly improve the ways in which the service interacts with and involves volunteers in its work.

Dorset Archives Trust St Giles event

Dorset Archives Trust recently held its annual summer event at St. Giles House, the ancestral home of the Earls of Shaftesbury. The event was well attended and those present were able to enjoy an exhibition of the Earl's family papers which are held at St. Giles and date back to the 13th century. The Earl himself spoke about his family heritage, including his eminent forebear, the reforming Victorian 7th Earl and the history of the estate and historic collections. Also speaking was Jenny Barnard, DHC's conservator, who has undertaken work on some of the family archives, and a volunteer who has been listing and conserving some of the thousands of volumes held in St. Giles's library.

Read more about the Trust here:

[<http://www.dorsetarchivetrust.org/>](http://www.dorsetarchivetrust.org/)

Dorset History Centre blog

DHC has a re-designed web presence and a new blog page which allows us to talk about a wide range of activities. One current area of interest is how the service engages with academics from a wide range of universities and colleges. As a way of encouraging students and researchers to come to DHC and work with the rich collections here, we have started a specific blog strand relating to academic research. The first of these posts, from Professor Henry French of the University of Exeter can be read here: [<https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/dorset-history-centre-blog/2018/07/18/professor-french-university-of-exeter/>](https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/dorset-history-centre-blog/2018/07/18/professor-french-university-of-exeter/)

Recent Accessions

Like any collecting body, DHC regularly acquires new archival content to add to the collections. In recent weeks, three of the more notable accessions include:

1) Additional correspondence of William John Bankes. This was donated by descendants of the family who had become aware of the project.

The letters, four in number were written home by Banks from exile in Venice towards the end of his life.

2) Rushmore Estate archives. The Rushmore estate sits on the Dorset-Wiltshire border and encompasses much of Cranborne Chase including Larmer Tree Gardens. The archive includes many important documents relating to the estate property including some attractive manuscript maps.

3) Additional material from Poole Pottery. Acquired at auction, this material represents one of the sets of archives that were not acquired when the bulk of the material was sold by Christies in London in 2004. We were really pleased to be able to add this to the principal archive here at DHC (reference: D-PPY)



The Poole Pottery archive is not just a collection of attractive, sometimes beautiful images, but the history of a major economic

force in Poole, one that employed hundreds of people and left a major artistic and cultural legacy.

If you have archives, or know of material at risk, please contact DHC for advice. For further information on the service, please view the website at:

<<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/libraries-history-culture/dorset-history-centre/dorset-history-centre.aspx>>

For regular updates, please sign up to our regular e-letter: <<https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/dorset-history-centre-blog/newsletter/>> Follow the service on Twitter <[@dorsetarchives](#)>

Sam Johnston
County Archivist

DORSET FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Notice of Annual General Meeting

**to be held on Monday 12th November 2018
at St John's Church Hall, Ashley Rd, Parkstone
at 8.00 pm**

Welcome & Notices by Society Chairman

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, as published with Journal Vol. 31 No 2 (March 2018 issue)
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Adoption of Annual Accounts
7. Election of Officers & Committee for 2018/19
8. Proposal to raise membership subs by £1 for year 2019/ 20 (if necessary)
9. Any Other Business

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