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Interim Chair's Report

Welcome to the first Ancestor journal of 2025.

This year we will be celebrating the Society's 45th anniversary year, and we are currently looking for premises in which to do this.

We are strong financially and supported by a membership of over five hundred.

It may come as a surprise that our Chair, Andy Harbon, has stood down from the Committee on health grounds. He will however be continuing in his role as web admin.

I would like to thank Andy for his drive and guidance throughout his time as chair and developing both the web site and numerous other activities done by the Society.

We have built on the Family History Help days in Armthorpe and Sprotbrough, to now include Conisbrough and the Archives on Chequer Road. These are well attended by the membership.

Our Thursday morning Self Help / Computer group, (run via zoom), still generates interesting topics as well as general family history help and ideas. The link to join via zoom is at the bottom of the members content page on our web site.

For those who have not yet accessed this member area, or are having any difficulty, please raise this via an email to webadmin@doncasterfhs.co.uk

Our social media following is growing with abundant articles from Marion raising our profile and gaining considerable responses to posts. This with our re-energised quarterly journal from Jenny helps highlight the societies activities and includes useful advice and topics from members.

Our transcribing team have now concluded Hatfield Cemetery Burial data, 1886 to 2024. The records can now be accessed from our web site.

The Society's monthly meetings at the Earl of Doncaster (joint hybrid

meetings via zoom, generate significant interest.

June's guest speaker talks are recorded and made available from our web site. Last year's talk by Philip Langford has now reached over 784 views!

I would like to thank Sheila for keeping our finances in check, Philip for Membership and Trevor, Lynn, Keith, Tony, and John for their support in the many other committee activities. Finally, Karen for helping entertain all you Zoomers at the start of our monthly meetings which I know can be challenging.

I welcome all the new members who have joined recently and wish you well in your family history searching. If you need any help, please ask! This can be done in person at our weekly Library help days or via email to the Committee.

A plea for help.

For any of you PC literate people out there, we could do with some help to operate the camera setup and zoom at our monthly meetings. These are rewarding and can be fun.

If you can help, and have some of these basic skills, please contact me.

Best wishes to you all for 2025.

Clive Damms Interim Chair
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From the Editor

Hello and welcome to the spring Ancestor.

On the front cover is a picture of a church clock in the Archdeaconry of Doncaster. Do you know where the church is, and it's name? Look closely.

A big thank you to everyone who has sent in articles this time, and as I said previously, I am really struggling to fill the pages. I hope that you enjoy reading it enough that you will also contribute, as this makes my life so much easier. Otherwise we will have to reduce the Ancestor to three copies a year.

2025 will be the 45th Anniversary of the Society, so perhaps you would like to share your memories of the Society over the years you have

been a member. Why did you join the Society? How has it changed over the years? I think you will agree that the Membership fees are still extremely low and there are a lot more records available to help with your research.

Information about our AGM is available in this Ancestor, which is the time of year the that the Committee members have to decide whether or not to continue in their role. Some members have been on the Committee for many years, and continue in their roles because no-one else has come forward. We welcome new members, with new ideas to shape the Society over the next five years. If this is something that you could help with, then please look at page 30 for further details.

It is that time of year again, when we ask you to renew your Membership and help to keep the Society going. You will find the renewal form wrapped around this Doncaster Ancestor. I must inform you that if you choose not to renew your Membership, then this will be the last Ancestor that you will receive. Also, if you wish to join the Executive Committee (you can always have my job) then we need to know by 14th February.

Another anniversary this year will be the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Japan (VJ day). There will be a service in Lichfield Cathedral and also at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire over the weekend of August 16th & 17th. Do you have any stories that you would like to share about your relatives, who were held by the Japanese?

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Deadline for the next edition is 1st Apr 2025 at the latest.

Please send in any articles, preferably as a Word Document.
You can send articles in at anytime.

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and November each year**

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Monthly Meetings via Zoom / Hybrid

Roomers and Zoomers Unite Hybrid Members Meetings 2025

You are invited to join us at the **Earl of Doncaster, Bennetthorpe, Doncaster DN2 6AD** 7pm for 7.30pm start. ZOOM link open from 7.15pm via email.

These will be Hybrid meeting where members can also join on Zoom, so why not join us at this excellent venue. There is plenty of well-lit parking and the venue has a lift. Refreshments will be available from the bar.

February 26th 2025

AGM followed by Hotels in the Sky by Mike Ogden

In the years after the First World War, few people believed that aeroplanes would ever develop into a safe, efficient and affordable way for people to travel long distances, especially across the oceans.

The first airliners had only a short range – 500 miles at most – though that was probably plenty for the passengers because they were not for the faint-hearted. They were basically wartime bomber designs, adapted to carry a few passengers in a rudimentary cabin.

In this popular presentation, richly illustrated with photographs and original newsreel footage, Mike tells the fascinating story of a whole lost technology, and a whole lost way of travelling the world.

March 26th 2025

**'The good old days when hygiene was just a dirty word'
. . about sums up what I'll be about.**

David Bell, fondly known as the Plague Doctor, will be the Society's return guest speaker.

Many will remember David - and his inflatable dummy- regaling us about the tragic story of Eyam, the famous Peak District plague village. This time David is leaving his inflatable friend at home but assures me his equally tongue-in-cheek new talk

Hybrid Members Meetings 2025 continued

Picking the bones out of the London plague lockdown of 1666 and what really happened in Eyam all those years ago.
...will put the cat amongst the pigeons!!!

30 April 2025

WW1 Why was Good Morale so Important by Adrian Walton

We all know that good morale is so important in many walks of life. None more so than in a war such as the 1st WW. This takes many forms.

Such as good food, entertainment, songs, belief, religion, friendships and of course good leadership. Learn all about some of the lesser known characters of the war. One of the ones who is Woodbine Willy.

28 May 2025

Knickers a Brief History by Janet Stain

Underwear is relatively speaking a new item of clothing coming in about 200+ years ago though Janet has found things to disprove this.

She does say will Gents make sure they have taken their blood pressure tablets, she doesn't want anyone passing out at all the things on show.

25 June 2025

Lasting Memories of Doncaster County Borough Police - the start of a Police Career by John Hope.

John illustrates his talk with photographs of Doncaster in the 1960's which he thinks fully depict how life, society and culture was so different from today. For the first 7 years of his 33 years in the Police he worked out of Doncaster Police Station (The old Guildhall)

If you are interested in attending the venue in person (Roomer), then you can do this via the email link that you will receive, or contact June Staniforth either by telephone: 07901 523529 or email: [**events@doncasterfhs.co.uk**](mailto:events@doncasterfhs.co.uk)

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Projects Report January 2025

New Project for 2025 – Edlington Cemetery

I have contacted Edlington Town Council to request permission to Transcribe the Burial Register - Awaiting reply.

Philip has been transcribing the Clark Diaries for the Archives, and has now completed book 5.

Margaret Jackson, Project - Coordinator

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From the Postbag / via email

Good afternoon,

I'm sorry if there's a different email I should use for this purpose, however I just wanted to email regarding Jenny's inclusion in the Doncaster Ancestor - Winter 2024. I was reading through this edition and was a little taken aback when I spotted some familiar names!

John Alfred Thompson (b 1882, d 1913) is my 2nd great-grand uncle, and bizarrely enough I had only been researching that part of my family tree over the last few days and had a good couple of laughs at Ada Hudson's father being called Wardrobe!!

Please pass on my thanks to Jenny for her including this story, and I guess we must be related somewhere along the lines!

Thank you again!

Jade Hizzett, Member 4585

The name Wardrobe always causes a few laughs, and he was the unlucky one who was given it as a Christian name. The name was passed down through the family and even the female children were given it as a middle name. The name carried on for 150 years.

Jenny, Editor

Hi Jenny,

I would like to say how interesting I found this Journal. It is difficult to pick out a particular entry as they all were interesting in their own way. The article "Twenty Two Children", was particularly interesting in identifying the mortality rate in infant children in the mid to late 19th century and the early 20th.

Also looking forward to part 2 of "The story from the grave".

Eddie Ives, Member 1685

Hello Jenny,

I am a member of DDFHS and have thought about writing an article for the Doncaster Ancestor. It would be a really big shame if the numbers of magazine copies were to be reduced due to lack of articles.

My problem is, I'm not sure what kind of articles you are interested in receiving, so here are some questions. I hope you don't mind answering them.

I'll try and get something written for the next publication once I know what kind of thing you're wanting.

Best wishes and thanks for the good job you do for DDFHS.

Chris Severn (Mrs), Member 4257

Chris included her questions which I answered, and her article can be read on page 22.

If anyone else is interested in writing an article and has any questions, then please do get in touch.

Jenny, Editor

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Christopher Betterton

Christopher Betterton, of Fairford, who died in 1660, was, according to his will (below), an Inn holder.

"In the name of god Amen; September the twenty Fourth One thousand Six hundred and Sixty I **Christopher Betterton** of Fayrford in the Countie of glouc^{ter} Inholder being att the present writing hereof Sicke and weake in bodie butt in good remembrance Doe here make and ordayne this my Last will & Testament in manner and writing as Followeth, First I bequeath my Soule into the hands of god my creator and unto Jesus Christ my redeemer by whose merritts I freely hope to be saved And my body to the earth from whence it was taken And As for what wordly estate the Lord hath lent mee I doe give and bequeath as Followeth

Inpremis I doe give to my Sonn **Alexander Betterton** my hithermost peece of ground called the peece the ground that lieth nearest the Town and this house after his mother during the Lease and after her death the ground

Item I do give unto my Sonn **Charles** my house called Haynes house with Two Acres in the Field And other remaynder of my peecees And that to have after the Death of his mother

Item I do give unto my daughter **Alice** a hundred pounds And that to bee paid her within three years after my decease

Item I give to my Sonn **Robert** one shilling

Item I give my daughter **Ann** Thomas Brownes wife one shilling

Item I give to my grandchildren each of them two shillings six pence a peece

Item I give to my Servant **Edith Harbert** Tenn shillings

Item I do make and Appoint **Ann** my wife Sole executrix to this my Last will and Testament and Leaving wholly unto her the remainder of my estate what is not by me Above menconed bequeathed And I doe Appoint my welbeloved Friends my brother in law **John Stokes** and my Sonn in law **Thomas Browne** For to bee overseers for the true performance of this my will And Testament desiring them for the tender mercie of god to see it Justly and peaceably performed And I give them for their paynes herein two shillings a peece; And to this my Last will the day and year Above written I sett my hand and Seale

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Wittness

John Stokes

William Chaunler Probate 26 July 1661”

Which Inn? As you can see the will gave me no clues.

It seems that son Robert and daughter Ann, being given “one shilling”, had previously received their ‘share’ and one phrase seemed particularly interesting – “to see it Justly and peaceably performed”. The family had lived through the Commonwealth; had there been some friction amongst them?

Christopher had married **Ann Hedges** in 1624 at Fairford and they had had seven children. Two, aged 2 years & 4 years, were buried in January 1638 within two days of each other, the others are mentioned above.

Christopher’s widow died in 1675 and she had left a will. May be this

would give me a clue. The words in () are assumed, as small parts of the original are missing.

“(In the) Name of God Amen The Twentieth Day of November One Thousand Six Hundr(ed and seventy) five, I **Ann Betterton** of Fayford in the Diocese of Gloucester widdow beinge Sicke & weake in (body but) perfect memory thanks be to Almighty god, Doe herin make & declare this my last will and (testament) in wrightinge as Followeth, first I bequeath my Soule to Almighty god my Creator and to (Jesus) Christ my sole Redeemer, by whose merritts I freely hope to be saved, And I Bequeath my body (to) the Earth from whence it was taken & to be decently Buryed in the parish Church of Fayrford, by my Executor herin named, As for what wordly goods the Lord hath blessed me withall, I doe give & bequeath as Followeth

I doe give unto the use of the parish Church Tenn shillings & Tenn shillings to the poore of the parish, to be payd by my Executor within one year next after my decease

I doe give unto my Sonn **Alexander Betterton** one shilling, Ittm I doe give unto my sonn **Robert Betterton** one shilling, Ittm I doe give unto my daughter **Ann Browne** one shilling, Ittm I do give unto my daughter **Alice** lles one shilling Ittm I doe give unto my daughter **Alice** lles the Bedd & furniture that my Bones use to lodg upon, or else my Sonn **Alexander** shall have the sayd bed & furniture, payinge unto his sister **Alice** lles Three pounds in satisfacon & leiew of the same

Ittm I do give unto my Grandchild **Alice Browne** Five pounds to be payd unto her within Three months next after my decease by my Executor & I doe give unto the sayd **Alice Browne** the Bedd I usually Lodg upon & the bedding belonging to it Imediatley after my decease

Ittm I doe give unto my Sonn **Alexander Betterton** all the rest of my goods belonging unto me & in the Inn & about the house I now live in moveable & immoveable, not herin given & bequeathed

Ittm I do give unto all my Grandchildren each of them Two shillings & six pence a peece to be payd by my Executor

Ittm I doe give unto **Edith Harbert** my Servant Tenn shillings to be payd by my Executor

Ittm I doe give unto my Grandchild **Ann** lles Forty shillings to be payd her within three months next after my decease by my Executor

Ittm I do give unto my Grandchild **Christopher Betterton**, son of Alexander Betterton, my whommost peece Called the great peece,

now divided into Two parts Layinge & beinge in Milton End, now in the possession & occupacon of the said **Alexander Betterton**, To have hold & enjoie the said peece

From & Imediately after the death of his Father **Alexander Betterton**, for & during the Remyinge Tearme of the Lease, Concerninge the sayd peece & other things that is itt to come & unexpired Butt my will and Intent is That my Sonn **Alexander** shall have receive & take all the profits of the sayd peece, for & during the Tearme of Three Score years if in case he shall happen soe longe to live

Ittm I doe give unto my Sonn **Alexander Betterton** the house I now live in Commonly called & known by the name of the Bull Inn, in Fayford, now in his possession together with all the stables outhouses gardens orchards & all other Appurtenances therunto belonging granted by Lease from **Sir Robert Tracey Knight**, bearinge date one thousand six hundred Thirty & Seaven, to have, hold & enjoy the said Inn and all other Appurtenances before menconed unto him the sayd Alexander Betterton for & during the Tearme of Ninety & Nine yeares in case he the sayd **Alexander** shall happen to live soe longe

Ittm I doe nominate & appoint my Sonn **Charles Betterton** to be my whole & sole Executor of this my Last will & Testament giving & bequeathing unto him all the rest residue & ramaynder of all my goods Cattles & Chattles & not herin by me given & bequeathed willing & Charginge him to fullfill this my Last will, to pay & discharge those Legacies by me herin given & bequeathed & to discharge my funeral expences, And I doe nominate my Lovinge Friends Daniell Hawkins & Thomas Arden and doe desire them to see that this my will may be performed & to be overseers in trust willing them to endeavour to keep peace and Continew Love among my Children & doe give them for theyr love & paynes Twelve pence a peece to be payd by my Executor, revoking all former will by me formerly made doe declare this to be my last will and Testament, wheunto I sett my hand & seale the day & yeare above written

The mark of the A Testatrix **Ann Betterton**

Witnesses

Edith Harbert

William Weston

Thomas Arden

Probate 28 December 1675"

So **Christopher** was landlord of the Bull and there had obviously been

friction in the family during the Commonwealth. Maybe **Charles**, third son and fourth child, held similar views to his mother, as he was the Executor to her will. **Robert** (my 6th great grandfather) had married **Priscilla Browne** in about 1655 and moved to Quenington.

And the grandchildren? At the last count there were 20 in 1675.

And what of the Bull? When **Alexander** died in 1693 it appears to have passed to his eldest son **Christopher**, born c1667 to **Alexander's** second wife. **Christopher** married **Susannah Wallington** 15 Oct 1695. They had one son, **Alexander** baptised 13 Feb 1695/6.

Christopher died intestate in 1696 (buried 6 May 1696 at Fairford).

Susannah married **Richard Busom** in Cirencester on 16 June 1696.

Whether **Richard Busom** became the landlord of the Bull I do not know, but it seems the **Betterton** connection with the Bull had ceased.

Trever Betterton, Member 1209

A Story from the Grave Part 2

As I explained in the last *Doncaster Ancestor*, I had found a grave of some of my relatives in Hyde Park Cemetery, and needed to find out about them. It was only the second headstone that I had found there.

The first story was about **John Alfred Thompson**, who died tragically in November 1913 aged 28 years old, at the Danum Hotel, Doncaster.

Now follows the story of the other people in the grave, starting with his wife Ada.

Ada Thompson nee **Hudson** was born in Conisbrough in 1885 and was the daughter of **Wardrobe Hudson** and **Mary Ann Tyas**.

In 1901 she was working in service for **James & Frances Batty** and living at 9 South Parade, Doncaster.

Three years after the death of **John Thompson**, Ada married **William Gilbert**, also in St Mary's Church Doncaster, and she had two more children, a boy and a girl.

By 1939 the family were living in Kings Road, Doncaster with two of her children, and this is where second husband William died in 1946, at the age of 61 years.

Ada's son **Harold Hudson Thompson** died in 1961 aged 49 years and is buried in Rosehill Cemetery. Two years after the death of her son Ada died, aged 75 years, and was buried with both of her husbands.

Harriet Hannah Hudson was Ada's aunt and was born in 1867. She never knew her father Richard. He had died suddenly on the day she was born from a ruptured blood vessel and was buried two days before she was baptised in St Peter's Church, Edlington. Her mother, **Harriet Wardrobe Hudson**, probably went into labour with the shock of her husband dying so suddenly at the age of 35 years.

Harriet grew up with her mother and siblings. By the age of 13 years she was working as a domestic servant and her mother **Harriet** was working as a charwoman.

According to the 1891 census **Harriet Hannah Hudson** had left home and was working as a servant for **Eleph Bisat** and his family, living in Nether Hall Road, Doncaster. Ten years later she is still working for the **Bisat** family.

The 1911 census is interesting as it tells us the size of the property that Harriet was living in. Now she is only looking after **George Battie Bisat**, the son of **Eleph Bisat**. The family were booksellers, stationers and printers in Doncaster.

The two of them were living in eight rooms, so I will have to go to 30 Nether Hall Road to investigate this property. When I looked online and



found a photo, I was disappointed. It is now a supermarket and post office, although I still think that I might have to go and look.

It needed a lot of imagination when I viewed the property. To imagine it over one hundred years ago.

The picture on the previous page is the opposite side of Nether Hall Road to No.30, around the same time.

By chance as I was looking at the Coroners Records that have just been added to DDFHS website, I found that **Eleph Bisat** was fifty

when he died of concussion of the brain after a fall in 1909 which required an inquest.



When **George Battie Bisat** died at home in April 1935 he left £200 to Harriet in his will, which was a lot of money in those days.

When **Harriet Hannah Hudson** died she was

living in Herbert Road, Doncaster, so I hope she had been able to buy her own house with her savings and inheritance. She was 86 years old when she died in Doncaster Royal Infirmary in 1954.

Unfortunately, this headstone has a sticker on it saying that it is unsafe, so eventually it will be laid down. I was lucky to get the information before this happened.

I found it interesting to trace the history of the people buried in the grave, which gave me a better understanding of their lives.

I certainly won't be able to walk past the Danum Hotel without thinking about my poor relative, who died in such tragic circumstances.

What stories have you discovered from the headstones that you have found?

Jenny Ellis, Editor

A Coincidence from Social Media

When Marion sent the Committee her social media report, I noticed the name **Bisat**. This was from her continuing stories about the men who worked at the Doncaster Plant and served in the military. I have included it below.

Fred Bisat was born in 1890, Doncaster. He was the son of **Eleph George Bisat** and **Susanne Rossington**.

He started working at the Plant on 23rd July 1908 as a hammer driver. In 1911 he was living with his uncle and aunt, and his occupation was blacksmith striker. They all lived at 90 Apley Road, Doncaster.

Fred left the plant without permission and joined the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry; 1st & 5th battalion. He was a private, and his regimental number was 5487, 242281. Fred died of his injuries on 20th July 1917, France age 26. He is buried at Coxyde, Military Cemetery, Belgium.

Please note: like all families the name **Eleph George Bisat** was passed down through the generations.

Jenny, Editor

Dorothy Holt - Bargee

After looking through the DDFHS Canal Boat Registers I thought I would introduce **Dorothy Holt**.

Dorothy was Aunty to my wife Wendy (nee **Cox**) and was a bit of an enigma. We knew very little about her life on the barges until we were involved in some research.

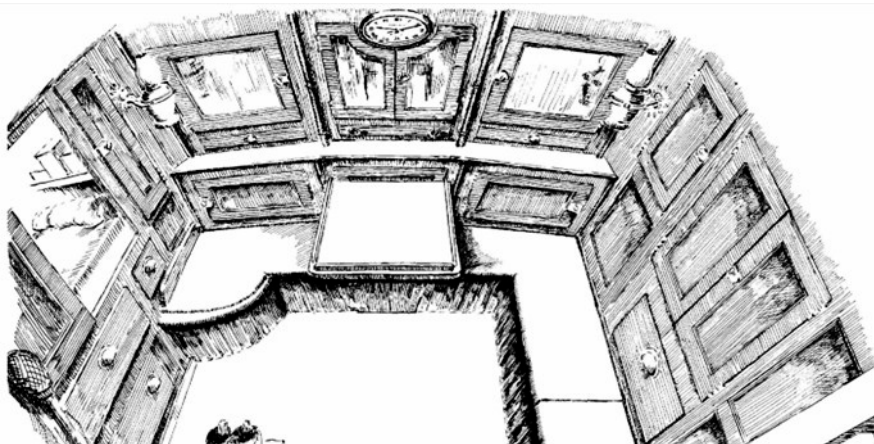
Here is what was found -

Dorothy was the daughter of **Arthur Holt & Bertha** nee **Jackson**. She was born in 1906 on a vessel called Dorothie, which was moored at St Andrews Dock in Hull.

Dorothy was one of 9 children. Education was non-existent, as the

family was constantly on the move. The cabins that Dorothy would have had to live in were very cramped, some would say cosy.

Here is a typical layout.



Dorothy's brother, James, was either a Master or Owner of vessels on the canals. Her brother Richard (Dick) owned the famous barge called Sobriety. This was a keel barge built in Beverley in 1910. She was later refitted to take disadvantaged children to encourage integration.

Dorothy could not read or write until she married **Alfred George Cox**. They married in the 2nd Quarter (April May June) of 1926 in Thorne Doncaster. Later Alfred became a Thorne Councilor.

They had only one son, Raymond, who married Molly. They had 3 boys, Andrew, John & Nigel.

In the 1921 census Dorothy was living at 107, South End, Thorne. These houses were opposite an orchard, and the family stories told that the Holts had something to do with the orchard, but no one knows for certain. This orchard later became the Blue Water Marina.

Here is a coincidence for you, Alfred & Dorothy (according to the 1939 Register) moved to 105, Lime Tree Grove in Thorne. My Grandmother on my mother's side lived at 106, Lime Tree Grove. How bizarre is that!

Ian Jefferies, Member 4296

Hall Gate Doctors – 1800s

Some time ago I was looking at a book about Doncaster's history when I came upon a sentence stating "Hall Gate was Doncaster's Harley Street in the 1800s". This remark interested me as I already had an interest in medicine in this same period.

I began searching the 1800 census looking for doctors living in Hall Gate and so far I have found 31 doctors living there during the 1800s. Some doctors had worked from their Hall Gate address for many years although in a few cases their names have only appeared on one Doncaster census. However for most of the later ones I have managed to trace them elsewhere before or after their stay in Hall Gate.

Whilst searching for my "doctor" information I started to think about their working and living conditions at this particular time. Why was Hall Gate so popular? Was it because they could have, if they wished, running water, by means of a standpipe outside. Perhaps by the end of the century there may have been a tap inside some of the houses. At this time there was a water tank in situ at the top of Hall Gate, (where the Regent Hotel now stands) – the water came from the river Cheswold - I'm not sure about the quality of the water though!!

At the beginning of the 1700s (18th century) Doncaster became one of a select group of towns with its own water supply. In 1694 the Corporation accepted an offer made by **George Scorfold** to obtain a piped water supply for the town by a method he had designed to convey water from the river Don, near all the town's mills, to all the houses who wanted it by means of engines and aqueducts. The agreement gave him power to dig up the streets for his pipes and to create a reservoir at the top of Hall Gate.

The plans for Doncaster were laid aside for a year or so whilst the capital for the project was raised and, in the meantime, **Scorfold** went to work on water supplies for other towns. However, in 1697, **John Yarnold** a rival of George Scorfold, applied to Doncaster corporation to install the water works and the corporation agreed, so they must have thought it a better contract. In April 1703 John Yarnold's contract gave him a 300 year lease to provide piped water to the town. In the following month, the main pipe had been laid and Yarnold was at work in the town with his own workmen.

The plan, finally agreed, was to take the water from the River Cheswold near Friar's bridge, where his water wheel would be secluded from the river Don's traffic and pump it through lead pipes to a reservoir at the top of Hall Gate, serving those houses that wanted water. The work was completed by the end of September 1704. On completion Yarnold appears to have sub-leased the work to local men for the next 70 years!

Did the doctors choose to work and live in Hall Gate because of the water supply or was it because of the better class, two or three storey high Georgian houses being built there. Hall Gate was gradually being re-built up to the 1820s with better, larger houses.



Hall Gate early 1900s, home to Dr Robert Storrs on the left

At the top of Hall Gate, in 1791 the sale of a house and close of over an acre, which had originally been purchased to keep the view from the house open, allowed the building of Princes Street in 1795.

In 1779 South Parade had begun to be extended and the Salutation Inn was rebuilt. By 1780 **Thomas Bradford** (who in 1795 built Princes Street) built Bradford Row, in Hall Gate, consisting of a dozen back-to-back houses in two adjacent yards. The sale particulars described them as having "two good lodging rooms, a good low room, pantry, arched cellar and small kitchen detached from the house, two stand

pipes supplying water and two privies”

Between 1878 and 1921 **William Toase Jackson** operated a school for boys at 22 Hall Gate. I have found the basic curriculum for 1890 which included Latin, Greek, French, drawing, drilling, singing and English. Parents paid extra for the teaching of German, music or shorthand. No mention of maths! Boarders paid 12 guineas (£12.12 shilling or £12 60p in to-days currency).

A plaque outside W.H. Brown’s office (estate agents and auctioneers) acknowledged that the premises were once the former home of sculptor **Joseph Lockwood**, junior, whose family once owned Levitt Hagg quarries.



Do you remember the Solicitors Bridge Sanderson at 55 Hall Gate? Previous tenant of no. 55 was the Meller Family who ran the Doll’s Hospital. I can remember taking my dolls there to have their heads or legs put back on!

Numbers 58 & 59 was where E. W. Jackson & Son, of Cheswold car fame, had a garage. At some time during their tenure this was an official check point for the Monte Carlo Car Rally. (At least that is the information I found on the internet!).

Hall Gate dates to at least the 12th century and many changes have taken place over time. This street, running through the centre of Doncaster once contained fine buildings but some dreadful changes have occurred, even since 1974 when it and High Street were designated a building conservation area. Unfortunately I haven’t visited Hall Gate since 2020 so I don’t know how much has changed in the last four years.

I know Hall Gate contains much more history, but I’m no historian. I have enjoyed searching for the information I have found so far but

there is such a lot more to find. I haven't even started to look for "my doctor's" living and working conditions in the 1800s and that's why I started my history search in the first place.

Jean Rounthwaite, Member 3664

Information source - internet

William Appleby, The Doncaster Schools' Music Legend (And Me)

Many children who attended Doncaster Borough's schools between the 1940s and the 1970s, me included, were lucky enough to benefit from an unforgettable, extra-special music education. This was all thanks to **William Appleby**, who was a leading light in schools' music teaching, not just in Doncaster, but also around the whole of the UK.

Doncaster Borough began its Music Service for schools in 1932 when a Selby man, **Arthur Allsop**, began giving violin lessons to a few children at the end of the school day. He went on to set up Beechfield Strings and the Doncaster Schools Orchestra, giving the town's schoolchildren a flying start in music education until his death in 1945.

His successor, **Benjamin William Appleby**, born in Kildwick, North Yorkshire in July 1910, was the son of a school headmaster. He went to Cambridge University before coming to work in Doncaster in 1939, when he took up a position as English Master at Doncaster Grammar School. Though a teacher of English, William Appleby was passionate about music and set up a choir at the school. In 1946 he was asked to be Doncaster Local Education Authority's very first Music Organiser.

The Music Service that he was put in charge of is still going strong. Its aims, then as now, were to provide a good musical education for all Doncaster children, to raise school musical standards, give schoolchildren an opportunity to play a musical instrument and to promote music in the community. But William Appleby had another rather surprising string to his bow; he presented the nationwide BBC Schools' radio programme, 'Singing Together'.

'Singing Together', was broadcast via radio to children in their school classrooms. School children all over the UK sat at their desks singing

and learning a wide variety of songs, from traditional British folk songs to favourites from around the world. Special 'Singing Together' song-books were used, and William Appleby gave the children instructions over the air, going through each song bit by bit with a musical accompaniment; practicing the different and difficult parts until everyone was supposedly able to sing each song perfectly. His standards were exceptionally high, and the singing lessons were exceptionally enjoyable.

As William Appleby was Doncaster's Music Organiser, we Doncaster schoolchildren had special benefits. Every so often, William Appleby himself would be ushered into our classroom by the teacher. And he would proceed to give us a private lesson in mastering the current 'Singing Together' songs. It was always very exciting when he unexpectedly turned up in our classroom.

As a girl during the first half of the 1960s, I was a pupil at Park Primary School in Wheatley and I got to know Mr Appleby. He was a lovely man; very popular with all the children and though small in stature, he had a larger-than-life personality. He made music lessons great fun. The only downside for me was that sometimes he would ask children to sing solos. The idea of having to do one filled me with dread. But happily, my voice wasn't good enough to be noticed and I never had to sing alone. Mr Appleby seemed to remember everyone, and he gave members of our class silly nicknames, which made us all laugh.

As well as coming into the Borough's schools to help with 'Singing Together', Mr Appleby also came to schools as Doncaster's Music Organiser to help the teachers rehearse with the children for any school concerts or musical plays in the school year. He also ran a weekly schools' string orchestra on Saturdays at Beechfield School, which children could join by invitation. I played the cello, and I went to this orchestra for a time. I remember well his loud shouts of 'up bow' and 'down bow' as he tried to make sure that the assortment of children and instruments kept time to the music.

I was also lucky enough to once play in William Appleby's 'end of the school year' orchestra, when children were chosen from different Doncaster primary schools to form a travelling orchestra, which gave concerts at the primary schools around the town. It was a very memorable experience.

I lost touch with Mr Appleby on leaving Park School in 1965. In 1967

a new Schools' Music Centre was established for the Doncaster Music Service and later there were changes to the schools' music education when the Borough merged with part of the former West Riding County Council to form Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council.

Sadly, William Appleby died in 1973, but his name and memory still live on in Doncaster, because after his death every Music Centre for schoolchildren in the city has been named after him.

And his legacy also still lives on for me. Because sometimes I hear the sound of the 'Singing Together' songs echoing unbidden around my head. And suddenly I find myself singing, 'Westering Home with a Song in the Air' or 'Far, Far Away is my Pearly Adriatic,' with William Appleby's distinctive voice shouting out his instructions in the background. Am I the only Doncaster schoolchild to experience this?

(By the way, in case you are interested, Mr Appleby nicknamed my sister and I 'The Terrible Twins', which was quite apt as my singing voice was distinctly and definitely terrible).

Chris Severn, Member 4257
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John Ives 1833 - 1878

Some time ago I decided to look at my family history record, to ascertain who certain people in my family were, and what they did. The information I found was not very clear.

I started with my own father, **Irving Ives**, born 1902 in Low Barugh, Barnsley, the son of Thomas and Annie, (nee **Moorhouse**). He was recorded in the 1911 census as living in Hoyland Street, Wombwell.

In the 1939 register he was a mine worker and had worked at Mitchells Main Colliery at Wombwell and Cortonwood Colliery at Brampton Bierlow. Rotherham.

He married my mother, **Sarah Ellen Slater** on 11th, May 1940 at Wombwell, Barnsley.

Thomas Ives, my grandfather, was born in 1863. in Barugh, Barnsley, the son of **John Ives** and Martha, (nee **Allott**). He was recorded in the

1881 census and then later ones as a mine worker, and lived in various addresses in Wombwell, but no collieries were mentioned. He married **Annie Moorhouse** in 1885 and they had 13 children, losing 3 of them in infancy.

Their eldest child Beatrice married **Harry Riley** in June 1905, and they had three sons. Harry left the family and went to Australia in 1914, to settle and make arrangement for his family to follow. Beatrice and their sons sailed from London to Australia on 2nd June 1916, only one day after the largest naval battle in history had been fought over the previous two days, 31st May, and 1st June 1916. "The Battle of Jutland".

John Ives, my great grandfather was born in 1833 in Penistone, Barnsley, the son of **John Ives** and Harriet, (nee **Birchill**). He married **Martha Allott** in 1853. He was shown on the 1871 census as working as railway plate layer. He was missing from the 1881 census, but his family were recorded. Martha was listed as a widow.

I started looking for details of John's death and found a record of his death on 14th October 1878 at Barugh and a funeral at Darton Church on 16th October 1878. As I was looking for any information about his death, I noticed a word recorded, INQUEST. That really started my curiosity so I started looking for an Inquest record.

The inquest was held at the Millers Inn, Barugh, on 16th October 1878. Martha gave evidence identifying, John, him being her husband and that he left home about 7 o'clock and that he was going to assist in work being carried out at the waterworks. He returned about 11 o'clock accompanied by **Edward Meadows**. They left after a few minutes, and about an hour later Mr Meadows returned and said that John had left him and gone into George Collins, which adjoined the Corn Mill. He asked Martha to tell John to follow on to Moorhouse's.

John had helped to maintain the machinery in the corn mill and often went there. He was later seen to cross the road to the corn mill. John was seen on the morning of his death accompanied by Mr Meadows, by **Elijah Simpson**, of Mapplewell, a corn miller who worked at the Barugh corn mill, as they passed the mill.

About noon John went to the rear of the mill where he was again seen by Mr Simpson who was fixing a pump with Mr Charles Wheeler. Mr Simpson said that John had been drinking, but that he appeared to walk steadily. Mr Simpson's two grandchildren came out of the mill followed by John. Mr Simpson told John to 'go away'.

John went into the mill and stood by the fire while Mr Simpson left and went back to work on the pump. After about an hour he finished working on the pump and started the mill working by raising the 'Plough' by means of a lever inside the mill. The mill ran for about an hour before Mr Simpson stopped it.

Mr **James Cooper**, the Barugh canal lock keeper, said that he had known John for the last twenty years. He said that he went into the Royal Oak Hotel and saw John and Mr Meadows in there. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon he heard that there was something in the water wheel which was on the outside of the corn mill, and which was turned by water from the River Dearne. He said he crossed the 'goyt', (The goyt is the channel which takes the water from the river to the Mill wheel). On reaching the mill he saw a boot and part of a scull between the wall and the water wheel, lodged on a ledge. He immediately recognised the boot as one worn by John. Inside the wheel he found part of a body with arms. He said he also found part of a body remains about 55 yards away from the wheel. He said that that he had frequently seen John on the small piece of land between the river and the wheel race (the goyt).

When the wheel is not running, people can walk across the goyt dry shod. When the mill is running the water in the goyt is deep. It was possible that John had tried to cross the goyt when the wheel was stopped, but when it started, he may have tried to climb some ledges on the mill wall which were very slippery. There is a space between the mill wheel and the mill wall. Apparently, John must have slipped on reaching the top of the wall.

George Collier of the Mill House, Barugh, told the court that about a few minutes past 5pm he went to the back of the Mill. He saw a boot on a pedestal near the wheel and a bone near the boot. The wheel was running, and he saw a shirt wrapped round one of the 'stays'. He immediately made an alarm and Mr **Charles Wheeler** stopped the Mill. Verdict: Accidentally killed.

As a note, my grandfather **Thomas Ives** was the son of **John Ives**, the deceased, while his wife Annie was the daughter of **Benjamin Moorhouse**, the Licensee of the Royal Hotel at Barugh, the place mentioned as "Moorhouses", in the evidence given at the Inquest.

Eddie Ives, Member 1685

The Last One

In every family, there comes a time when someone becomes *The Last One*, the oldest living link to a particular era of a family's history. When they pass, it is more than the loss of a loved one it is the closing of a door that can never be reopened.

I was recently thrust into this reality with the passing of my late grandad's sister, Marjorie. She was the last of her generation on my dad's direct paternal line. An entire chapter of our story has now become a fragmented hodgepodge of second hand and third hand stories, half remembered anecdotes, and fast fading recollections of a bygone time.

My grandad, Ken, has been gone for ten years, and the pieces of his story are now fragmented among his descendants. The largest pieces are held by my dad and his siblings. Smaller pieces are held by us grandchildren, and tiny ones are crumbling among his great-grandchildren. Of his great-grandchildren only one, a granddaughter, has any true memory of him, and even that is faint. One day, she might become the last person to really remember him, and when she too passes, he will have faded completely, becoming little more than a name, a date, a leaf on the family tree.

Ken and Marjorie were born in 1940 and 1942, respectively, to Titch and Edna. At the time of their births, three of their grandparents were alive: their mother's parents, Frank and Edna, and their father's father, William.

Frank passed away in 1943 when Ken and Marjorie were very young. Marjorie would have had no memory of him and Ken, at most, might have distantly remembered a vague impression, more feeling than image.

William passed in 1946. Ken faintly recalled that he stubbornly refused



Ken, Marjorie, Titch & Edna

to leave his house during the wartime air raids, but whether this was a firsthand memory or Ken repeating a tale he'd been told, we'll never know. William's younger brother, Fred, then became *The Last One*, the final sibling. He passed in 1954. Ken and Marjorie's father, Titch, and his siblings, became the last generation. I wonder if they reflected on that moment, even briefly so, and wondered which of them would become *The Last One*?

Their mother's mother, Edna, passed in 1963. She was their last grandparent. Her sister would eventually be *The Last One*: 'Auntie Susie'. Susie passed in 1980, the final-final *The Last One*. Ken and Marjorie's grandparents, and their grandparents' siblings, were then all gone. Again, was the moment remarked upon within the family?

When Ken died in 2014, Marjorie became *The Last One*. With her passing, my dad and his siblings and their cousins became the last generation, and my own generation moved forward a notch, now the penultimate one.

It's a sobering thought, and confronts me with not only my own mortality, but also with my responsibility as a family historian. For eighteen years, I have searched deeply among the branches of my family tree, uncovering names, dates, places, occupations, and migrations. Yet much of what I've preserved is skeletal, dry details devoid of vivid daily life. Memories, thoughts, and feelings remain elusive. The realisation unsettles me – what will my descendants know of me? Will I too become just a collection of dates and photographs?

Despite my dedication to genealogy, I've failed to document many personal histories of those still living. Imagine if my great-grandfather, Titch, had detailed his memories and stories. He could have preserved firsthand accounts of his parents, born in the mid-1800s, who might have recalled tales from the 1700s from their parents and grandparents. Such a record would have been an invaluable gift for their descendants.

I recently had the privilege of meeting a man of 103, whom I'll call Cooper. Born in 1921, Cooper's recollections reach back into the mid-1800s, to his parents and grandparents. Having all his faculties and being a witty conversationalist, he is a living archive, and speaking with him underscored the vital importance of capturing such historical narratives.

The pattern of *The Last One* is relentlessly poignant, but as family historians, we have the power to transcend it. By preserving stories, we can ensure that lives are not reduced to mere names and dates but remembered as colourful, intricate legacies. Through storytelling, we do more than honour the past – we build a connection to it, offering our descendants a sense of belonging and identity. We inherit more than just names: we inherit legacies. As family historians, we should ensure that those legacies endure, not as distant echoes but as vibrant tributes.

Marjorie's passing and the reflections it has prompted, have inspired me to embark on a family chronicle, a record of memories, anecdotes, and experiences from across the current branches of my tree. I intend to document not just my own recollections but those of my family, creating a tapestry of voices that future generations can cherish. I hope to share an extract in a future *Ancestor* edition.

I invite you to consider the oldest people you remember and the stories they shared. I would love for you to share your memories with me and to allow me in turn to share them with the *Ancestor's* readership.

Samantha Taylor, Member 4427

Reminiscing about Norton in the 1920s and 30s

In the 1920s and 30s, Norton was a rural village with a population of about 3,000, just over a mile in length, located on the Northern boundary of Doncaster Rural District Council, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. It was divided in two by the main road which was called High Street on its way from Broccobank on the West side to the village centre, then it changed name to Station Road, down to the railway station on the East side of the village. From there it ran through fields and allotments to the A19 Doncaster/Selby Road. Most of the inhabitants lived along each side of this road, the remainder within thirty or forty yards of it.

It wasn't quite self-sufficient, the nearest doctors were the brothers John and Duncan **Malloch** who ran separate practices at Askern about a mile away, the chemist's shop was also there, together with a cinema

called The Picture House. The Roman Catholic Church was also at Askern, whilst St. Mary Magdalen Church of England was at Campsall about half a mile from the top end of Norton.

Most things could be dealt with or obtained in the village. **Mrs Sawbridge** near the top of the village had a bakery, where my mother had worked as a young woman. **Mrs Colton** at the post office on the crossroads sold sweets, cakes and stationery as well as stamps etc. A bit lower down, **Mrs Hope** sold sweets, vegetables and general goods, whilst almost opposite her, **Mrs Heath** had a small bakery, selling bread, cakes and a few groceries. Further down **Mrs Waddington** had a bakery and also sold all manner of other things too, cheese, mousetraps, paraffin, candles, groceries, firewood, wire mesh and many other things and her shop had a most distinctive smell with it.



Norton Schools

On the opposite side of the road, almost in the centre of the village, was the Co-op, by far the largest shop, run by **Mr Gardner** and a few assistants, whilst at the bottom end near the station **Mrs Alcock** sold sweets, cakes and general goods. Lund's shop was just over the station among the few houses there. On the opposite side of the road behind the railway signal box was a large Malt Kiln. There were three butchers' shops, Hough's Dixons and Tomlinson's and **Mr and Mrs Wardle** had a fish and chip shop just beyond our house. My Grandad and Grandma **Laycock** sold milk, cream and eggs from their small dairy at Ryders farm near the station.

When I visited them with my Dad, usually in the evening, Dad and Grandad would talk about farm matters, Grandma would give me a drink of pop or milk, and I would read one of Grandad's "Wide World" magazines containing fascinating and terrifying stories from Africa, South America and the Far East. **To be continued.**

(John) George Laycock, Member No 4256

Condolences

We were informed of the death of **Pat Horton**, who had been a member of the Society for many years, and also a volunteer at the Palgrave Research Centre.

John Robert Fordham has also passed away recently.

We send our condolences to the families and friends.

D&DFHS Annual General Meeting 2025

The 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Doncaster and District Family History Society will take place at The Earl of Doncaster on **Wednesday, 26 February 2025 at 7.30 pm**. Members will also have the option to attend via Zoom as it will be a hybrid meeting.

Agenda

The main business of the meeting will be to receive the Annual Reports and Accounts for 2024 and to elect the members of the Society's Executive Committee.

Nominations

Nominations for any of the Executive Committee posts should be sent to the Secretary by **Wednesday 12 February 2025**.

A Nomination Form is available in the members' area of the Society's website or from the Secretary.

See the inside front cover for the Secretary's contact details.

New Members

Listed below are the names, and membership numbers of members who have recently joined the Society. We extend a warm welcome to

Mem ID	Title	Initial	Surname
4633	Mr	T	Avery
4634	Ms	D	Hawtree
4635	Mr & Mrs	S & J	McShane
4636	Mr	M	Kelly
4637	Mr	I	Pratt
4638	Miss	D	Brown
4639	Mrs	M	Clark
4640	Mrs	A	Hetherington
4641	Mrs	J	Walsh
4642	Mr	P	Lawson
4643	Mr	P	Wauchope
4644	Mr & Mrs	M & H	Howitt
4645		S & A	Sharpe & Dunn

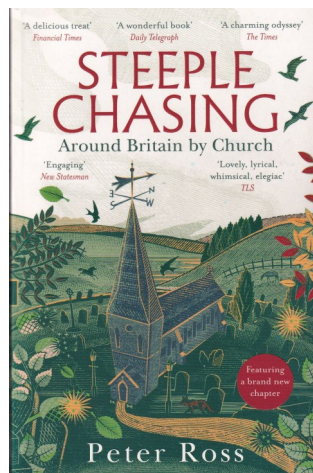
Members' Surname Interests

Surname	Code	Place	Dates	Mem ID
Walker	YKS	Doncaster	1850-1945	4637
Pilkinton	YKS	Doncaster	1830-1940	4637
Leitch	YKS	Doncaster	1830-1940	4637
Pratt	YKS	Doncaster	1820-1935	4637
Terrell	YKS	Doncaster	1860-1904	4632
Birley	WRY	Thorne	1700-1940	4634
Barley	WRY	Thorne	1700-1940	4634
Burley	WRY	Thorne	1700-1940	4634

Steeple Chasing Around Britain by Church by Peter Ross

Many years ago, I joined a WEA summer term group to go to church visiting on a Tuesday evening. I quickly learnt from the old-timers to call it “church-crawling”. And we certainly took our time with our truly knowledgeable tutor Geoff Bell making sure we did not miss anything. Geoff knew things that you would never find in a guidebook and often surprised locals who thought they knew everything about their own church.

With those happy memories in mind, Peter Ross’s choice of title for his latest book was, for me, a bit off-putting. The adage of repenting what you did in haste, came to mind. But, having read Peter’s earlier book, “A Tomb with a View” I knew that I would not be disappointed – and I certainly wasn’t.



One reviewer’s comment was “consider this a travel book with bells on.” I will agree with that. He starts with 21st century monks in Scotland and closes with Westminster Abbey. Although some of the chapters are about the buildings themselves, this book is about the men and women who love, care and work in and for them. And it is surprising too, that a lot of these people have no religious beliefs at all. I found it interesting to hear their personal stories and their reasons for giving all their spare time to the preservation of a building in their community that isn’t used.

There are churches of every size, condition, and age. There are masons, monks and druids, angel roofs, sacred springs, and sheela-nagigs. There is an account about Ivor Bulmer Thomas who founded “Friends of Friendless Churches” that I found interesting because they care for a village church not far from me. And for animal lovers, there is a story about Southwark’s famous cat – Dorkins Magnificat.

The book’s dedication reads “For Strangers”. On the following page, the author explains that these words are on box pews in St Mary’s Church, Whitby and adds that this book is for anyone, believer or

sceptic. Welcome stranger and take a pew.

Pauline Stainton, Member 4573

Potato Pastry

Whilst researching my Maternal Gt Grandmother's siblings I came across this newspaper cutting about Phyllis one of my Gt Grandmother's sisters. It was in the Northern Weekly Gazette 23rd January 1902 in the household recipes and home hints section where she won a prize for her potato pastry, the sum of 10/-.

Phyllis was born in 1882. In the 1921 census Phyllis is a dress maker living at home. It would seem she never married and in the 1939 census she is living with her sister Edith Annie (b.1894) at High Street, Skelton. In the census Phyllis is recorded as Incapacitated Blind.

The family originally lived in Great Ayton where her father and later her brother were recorded as Quarrymen so its possible this recipe was part of their daily pack up.

JANUARY 23, 1902. NORTHERN WEEKLY GAZETTE. 23

HOUSEHOLD RECIPES AND HOME HINTS.

Prize of the value of Ten Shillings are awarded each week to the competitors who forward the most useful Hints, Recipes, Queries, or Replies about Household Matters. Two successful competitors will each receive 5s, and the others minor awards. Letters should be addressed "Household Page," Northern Weekly Gazette, Middlesbrough; and must be accompanied by the Coupon to be found below. Prize List in another part of the paper. Questions and answers to be as short and concise as possible.

INQUIRIES ABOUT HOME MATTERS.

Can any reader give a recipe for orange wine?—
"R."
Will anyone give a well-ried remedy for whooping cough?—"Econ."
Wanted, patterns for knitted lace for window blinds.—"Constant Reader."

REPLIES.

How to Polish a Piano.—Mix equal parts of vinegar and paraffin together in a saucer, and apply to the wood with a clean flannel rag. Polish with a linen duster, and finish with a clean old silk handkerchief.
Mrs Cooke, 55, Gillespie-street, Middlesbrough.

A First-Class Yorkshire Relish.—One gill of Tullin soy, 3 gills of vinegar, 4 blades of garlic, half a teaspoonful of cayenne pepper. Mix altogether in a jug, and stand one night. Take out the garlic, and bottle for use. I use no other.
Mrs H. Wilson, 45, Low Eildon-street, Bishop Auckland.

How to Polish a Piano.—Get a piece of flannel and sprinkle a few drops of paraffin oil on it, then rub all over the piano. You take a clean cloth and polish it off. Tried and found successful.
R. Raincock, 115, School-row, Faggs Bank, Spenny.

Liquid for Prevention and Cure of Falling Hair.—Rau-de-Colony 2 ounces, tincture of cascarrille two drachms, oil of rosemary, oil of nutmeg, and oil of lavender, each ten drops. To be rubbed on the part of the head affected every night.
S.A.B., 54, New-street, Thornaby.

Yorkshire Relish.—One quart of vinegar, half a teaspoonful of cayenne pepper, 3 teaspoonfuls of mustard, 1 teaspoonful of black treacle, 1 tablespoonful of salt. Boil altogether for fifteen minutes, then cool, and it is ready for use. Bottle and keep in a cool place. The above is a very cheap and excellent recipe.
Ward, 13, Langley-avenue, Thornaby.

Yorkshire Relish.—One and a half gallons of vinegar, 1 quart of Indian soy, 1 quart of ketchup, 3oz. of nutmeg (grated), 3oz. of pimento, 3oz. of mace, 6oz. of garlic (to be cut up small), 1oz. of cayenne pepper. Add together, and allow to stand 8 or 10 days. Stir up each day; then strain and bottle ready to use.
Jackson Sweeting, 35, Bacon-street, Hartlepool.

HOUSEHOLD PAGE.—Prize Winners.

RECIPES.

POTATO PASTRY.
Rub 1lb. of lard into 1lb. of flour, mash 1lb. of boiled potatoes well, and add them to 1lb. of flour, also 1 teaspoonful of baking powder and a pinch of salt, with sufficient cold water to mix to a stiff paste. Roll out thinly on a floured board, and bake in a quick oven.
Miss Phyllis Ansell, High-street, Great Ayton.

FRUITED APPLE AND MARMALADE PUDDING.
Cut four slices of bread and butter, then grease your dish, and put a layer of marmalade and sugar at the bottom, and then slice some apples and lay them on the top of the marmalade, and then lay your bread and butter over. Beat two yolks of eggs with enough milk to fill the dish, and bake for one hour, and serve with sauce.
I have used this recipe, and can recommend it. It will be found very nice.
Mrs Spence, 5, Front-street, New Eildon.

VIRGINIA PUDDING.
Butter a plain mould, and put dried cherries, fine raisins, or strips of candied peel in regular rows on the inside. Place a slice of soaked bread round the edge of the fruit, and three parts fill the inside with alternate layers of thin bread and butter, and currants and grated nutmeg. Pour in as much custard as the bread will absorb. Let the pudding soak for an hour, and steam it over boiling water or bake in a moderate oven. Turn out before serving, and serve with sweet meat.
Mrs Siddall, 57, Hampton-road, Stockton.

BRADFORD PUDDING.
One quart of milk, 3oz. of gelatine, 1oz. of arrowroot, 1oz. of sugar, 3 eggs, 3 small spoonfuls. Dissolve gelatine in one pint of milk, boil and pour over the arrowroot, which should be smooth in a basin with milk beforehand. Flavour with any essence, and sweeten with half the sugar. Roll up again, and pour back into basin. Beat whites of eggs to a stiff froth, and whisk lightly into milk and arrowroot. Slice the cake lengthwise, half-inch thick, soak slightly in flavoured milk, and line a mould with them, putting the brown side to the mould. Then pour white custard in. Bake one hour in a moderate oven.

Sheila Cave, Member 4018

DDFHS Family History Research Days Please come along and meet the teams
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**Please note these days are the 2nd Monday of every month
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10.00 - 13.45

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10.00 - 2.00

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Doncaster
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Doncaster DN12 3ND**

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