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The Corn Exchange Bazaar early 1900s

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Chair's Report



First, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members and hope that we will be able to help you in tracing some of your ancestors.

Our own 1.6 million plus name database, along with Canal Boat registers and Railway Plant Works records are a valuable source of information for anyone with ancestors from the district.

The Society's web site is continuing to grow and develop with copious amounts of useful items and guidance. We continue to be strong financially with support of a membership of over five hundred.

This year we will be celebrating the society's 45th Year. Please join us at the refurbished Doncaster Corn Exchange on Sat 16th August 2025. Planning for this event is well under way with Marion organising a Family history Fair with interesting stall holders from other organisations, all supporting our heritage and family history goals.

The societies monthly meetings at the Earl of Doncaster (joint meeting with Zoomer's) generate significant interest with over seventy members regularly registering for the event. Zoomers join the meeting from as far away as Canada, USA, and Portugal as well as across the UK.

June has organised a remarkably interesting programme of talks for 2025. Most guest speaker talks are recorded and made available from our web site following the event. We have had a few challenging technical difficulties with Zoom, however, feedback received suggests that this adds to its endearment and enjoyment.

Our volunteers continue the monthly community library help day projects. See pages 34 & 35 for further details

We are still working towards the objective of a research room / facility with help from Doncaster Council managers. This takes time; however, we hope to make an announcement later this year regarding this.

Our Thursday morning Self Help / Computer group, (run over zoom)

still generates interesting topics as well as general family history help and ideas. This is very informal, and everyone is welcome to join.

Our social media continues to grow with abundant articles from Marion raising our profile and gaining considerable responses to posts. I would like to thank all the other volunteers for their support, without which the society could not function. If you need any help, please ask! This can be in person at our weekly Library help days or via email to the committee.

Best wishes with your research.

Clive Damms
Chair

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From the Editor

Welcome to the summer edition of the Doncaster Ancestor. I think that summer came too early and has disappeared again, as it is cold and windy in Doncaster as I write this. A lady said to me this morning that she had put her vest back on, so I said that I had never taken mine off! My mum always said “never cast a clout ‘til May is out, and so I don’t. I am “nesh”.

If you are reading this journal, then you will have renewed your membership, so thank you to everyone who continues to support the Society.

Also, a big thank you to everyone who has sent in articles this time. You will see that Chris Severn’s article in the spring Ancestor brought memories flooding back to a few members, and their contributions are in the following pages.

As it is the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, Richard Cuell has written an interesting article about the Mansion House on VE Day on page 24 and on page 29, Tony Armstrong tells us about his Project.

Another interesting story on page 19, when Linda finds out about her

great granddad.

Please keep sending your articles in, as even though I have a couple of articles that didn't make it in this time, I never know what I am going to receive, if anything.

Share your celebrations of VE Day (Victory in Europe), in May or are you attending services for VJ Day (Victory in Japan) in August?

My dad was a Japanese prisoner of war, so I will share something in the next Ancestor.

If there is anything you would like to see in the Ancestor, then please do let me know. If there is something that you don't like, or think could be improved on, also let me know.

All the major websites keep adding to their databases on a regular basis, so if you have previously looked for that elusive ancestor, then it is always worth having another look. You may find them this time.

Don't forget that you can always come along to the local libraries, where the Society volunteers are on hand to help you. See page 34/35 for further details.

Did anyone manage to get the half price offer on Find My Past in April?

I know some members did, but our Chair likes to pay full price for everything!

Jenny Ellis, Editor

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Deadline for the next edition is 1st Jul 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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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.

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 1960s which he thinks fully depict how life, society and culture was so different from today. For the first seven years of his thirty three years in the Police, he worked out of Doncaster Police Station (The old Guildhall) I am sure his presentation will bring back many memories.

July 30 2025

The Baby-killer and the Thief - Two Victorian Crimes & Punishments by Dr Ann Featherstone

Harriet Turner and James Foster - two young people who made terrible decisions which changed their lives irrevocably. One killed her baby, the other stole a watch. One narrowly avoided hanging, the other was

Hybrid Members Meetings 2025 continued

transported to Australia. In this talk I examine not only the crimes and the punishments, but also their contexts. Why was the baby killed? Why was the watch stolen? What were conditions like on the convict hulks and in local prisons?

August 27 2025

Lockerbie - Family Tragedies by Andy Harbon

This talk will look at the events of the 21st December 1988, when Pan American Airways Flight 103 was destroyed over the Scottish Border Town Lockerbie and in particular the impact to those families on the ground in the Sherwood Crescent area. Andy will show images of a visit to Lockerbie this year, and the main memorial sites, including Dryfesdale cemetery, where the Flight 103 memorial is found, and his research to discover what happened.

Andy will also briefly cover the enquiry and the subsequent conviction and will also look at circumstances around the incident, still the biggest mass murder event in the UK and the largest crime scene to date.

September 24 2025

The In Laws at War by Peter Rudd

The talk mainly relates to my father-in-law Basil Browne, with a brief introduction about his father, Joe Browne.

Joe Browne was an 18 year old miner at Thyrbergh and rushed off to Rotherham to join the war in 1914. His enthusiasm was "rewarded" with a 1915 visit to Suvla Bay, Gallipoli with the 6th Yorks and Lancs, after a rest in Egypt he was thrown into the Battle of the Somme 1916 and suffered serious shrapnel injuries that curtailed his war!

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

Edlington Burials are now being transcribed by our volunteers

The Clark Diaries work from the Archives has been completed, and we are waiting for an update from them regarding further projects.

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From the Postbag / via email

Hi Jenny,

re the church clock on the cover of the spring Ancestor.

It wasn't clear whether you didn't know the answer or whether it was just to awaken the readers.

In any event it is "the clock that strikes 13".

It is of course the Parish Church of Saint Mary Magdalene at Whitgift on the bank of the river Ouse.

My wife isn't interested in my hobby of genealogy yet she loves reading the magazine as do I.

Best wishes,

David Rayner Member 2231

Dear Marion,

I am writing to congratulate the Society on its 45th Anniversary Year.

My wife and I were very much involved in founding the Society when we were living in Doncaster, and we have always retained our interest in the activities which we very much enjoy reading about in the *Doncaster Ancestor*.

I am genuinely honoured to be your President, and I wish the Society continued success.

Yours very sincerely,

Derek Palgrave

Dear Jenny,

I was chatting to my cousin Jean yesterday about her article and happened to mention my interest too in Chris Severn's contribution about William Appleby. So on Jean's prompting here is my own memory of the Music Service.

In answer to Chris Severn's lovely article about William Appleby and the Music Service, where she asks "Am I the only Doncaster school

child to experience this?" his legacy still lives on for me too!

Chris was at Wheatley in the early 1960s, I was at Hexthorpe in the early 1950s, Chris playing 'cello, me violin.

The accompanying photograph shows how brilliant the peripatetic instrumental service was even then, with a primary school orchestra of over 20, conducted by our visiting teacher whose name I feel ashamed to say I have now forgotten.

One of her colleague's name I do still recall, a **Mr Goodman**, and **William Appleby** himself visited the school. I remember because it was he who accompanied me in a school concert, my solo being somewhat delayed when I fell flat on my face while climbing up on to the stage. Fortunately the violin could be quickly retuned!

Chris talks of the weekly Saturday orchestra at Beechfield school. In my day, aged nine, I would get the trolley bus from Old Hexthorpe into town (the conductor teasing me to play *The Bluebells of Scotland!*) then walk to Elmfield House for Saturday afternoon rehearsals. I still have my



programme for a concert there on Sat. 25th July at 6.30 pm, when the D.S.O. Nursery, Junior and Senior orchestras all performed. The Juniors pieces included *Brother James' Air*, arr. Trew, and I played Handel's *Minuet from 'Berenice'*, as one of five soloists. The Seniors ended with the Finale of Beethoven's 5th Symphony - and three of their soloists, **Susanne Holdsworth**, **Barbara Baker** and **Joyce King**, had all been winners at the Ilkley Music Festival that June.

Whilst still at Hexthorpe school my father got a new job up in Glasgow; but just as Chris described it, I still had my weekly "Singing Together" session there with **William Appleby** - and went on to be a "peri" myself, so yes, as Chris says, it was "an unforgettable extra-special music education".

Kerry Milan Member 2451

Can I, along with all the other members of the Committee, please thank all of those who have helped the Society over this last year, whether it be volunteering in any way. Such as help at the Archives, Libraries, or at Fairs or transcribing, or even someone beaver away in the back-ground. I would also like to thank those who have donated prizes for the monthly raffle, or at our Fair at the Old Art College; these are all very much appreciated.

Thank you again.

June Staniforth

I was interested in Chris Severn's article in the Spring "Ancestor" about William Appleby as I had a letter published in the Yorkshire Post about him, last year.

All the best

Janet McCulloch, Member 4063

Please see Janet's letter below.

Editor

27th October 2024

The Editor
The Yorkshire Post

Dear Sir

I am writing to say that I agree wholeheartedly with your Editorial comments on Monday 21st October about the value of music in schools.

Children who grew up in Doncaster from the 1950s onwards had varied and valuable opportunities to experience music education. The Doncaster Schools Music Advisor was William, "Pip", Appleby who also presented the weekly, "Singing Together" on the Home Service, now Radio 4. He greeted us all with, "Hello Schools!" in his cheerful voice. Many of us still have the pamphlets we used during the broadcasts. Also, we listened to, "Time and Tune" and "Rhythm and

Melody". One of the great advantages of these broadcasts was that all of us learned to read music which helped with musical activities throughout our lives. We learned traditional and folk songs from many countries and there was always a Christmas story from another country in the Autumn Term. If it hadn't been for that I would not have heard, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" which is very apt for the present day.

The Music Centre on Danum Road was named after Mr Appleby. There was a thriving Orchestra which met on a Saturday morning and the excellent Doncaster Youth Jazz Band based at Conisbrough, led by a brilliant teacher, John Ellis.

Music lessons were held at Danum Road in the evenings for groups of teachers who wanted to learn or improve their skills and a team of peripatetic teachers of music worked from there. They also had a system for lending instruments to pupils who wanted to learn but who couldn't afford to buy them. My violin lessons were scheduled for the Art lesson on Tuesday afternoons, "so I did not miss anything important"! In retrospect I would have been better doing Art, thus saving a lot of pain for myself and others and I might have passed Art GCE!

Doncaster schools held a Music Festival in the Corn Exchange every two years where musicians, choirs, orchestras and various ensembles met to enjoy making music. In the intervening years there was a Dance Festival held at the Racecourse in front of the old grandstand. Schools would learn and perform their own choice of dance and we would finish with a mass performance of one dance we had all learned in our own school. What a lot of work for the teachers and pupils!

The ability to read music has helped me throughout life, in choirs and in taking a lunch time recorder group from being beginners, through four years of regular playing to being able to sight read pieces in parts.

There are many children who would benefit from taking part in Musical activities in school and so being able to enjoy something which is not purely academic both in school and in later life.

Yours Sincerely

Janet McCulloch

Reminiscing about Norton in the 1920s and 30s

Part Two

Mr (Captain) Sanderson and his competitor **Mr Wild** delivered fresh milk each day around Norton and nearby villages. **Mr Sanderson** usually finished his round at Smeaton in the evening and had a few pints at the Fox Inn, one of the two local pubs, so anyone who lived the wrong side of the Fox got very late deliveries indeed.

Joe Woodward had a big wooden building on the High Street, below Waddington's shop, on the opposite side of the road to the Co-op from which he sold bicycles, spare parts, batteries, torches etc, and also re-charged wet accumulators which were necessary for battery wireless sets in those days. When we went to live at Spring Lodge Cottages, Womersley in 1933, and Dad bought a wireless, I made trips on the bus to **Joe Woodward's** to leave our accumulator for charging and take a newly charged one home. Not many people had electricity laid on and most houses in Norton were lit by gas.

The village street lighting was also gas, and a lamplighter went round each evening as it got dark, turned on the gas at each lamp-post, then turned it off again in the mornings. The gas gave off a beautiful golden light and as my sister and I walked up the street on a winter night it was lovely to see our shadows start to lengthen as we passed a lamp-post, fade out as we approached the next post, then start lengthening again as we walked on.

There was a barber's shop, a ladies' hairdresser and two cobblers, on each end of the village. **Gwennie Birdsall** sold ladies' clothes and children's clothing, and Robinsons also had a similar shop lower down the village. **Miss Childs** on Station Road gave piano lessons. There was an odd-job builder, **Mr Harry Oades**, who lived near us and **Jeff Thornton** had a petrol filling station and garage by the side of the post office. Most farms were mixed and sold milk and eggs.

The village had three public houses: The Forresters Arms at the top end, The Royal Hotel in the centre on the crossroads and The Schoolboy further down, together with the Coronation Working Men's Club opposite. Also, near to this pub was the Wesleyan Chapel, and almost opposite, the Mission Room.

Norton Modern School had recently been built on Campsall Road, next



The Royal Hotel, Norton

to the now disused old school and catered for children from five to seven years old in the Infants section and then up to the age of fourteen which was then the school leaving age. In the Senior section. The headmaster was **Mr Furniss** and most of the teachers lived in Norton.

I started the infant class in 1931 when I was five, my teacher was **Miss Dickson**, a truly kind young lady who I came to love and admire. There was one boy in the class who was always fighting and one play time he picked on me, but I ran away. However, he kept it up so eventually during an afternoon playtime I put both my arms around his arms and back so that he could not hit me. After staggering around a bit, we fell and fortunately I fell on top of him and without thinking, I grabbed his hair with both hands and banged his head on the ground. I was so frightened of what he would do to me when he got up that I kept on banging his head until a teacher separated us. I was reluctant to go to school the next morning, thinking that I would get more punching, but to my surprise he never bothered me again.



Norton Schools

On the morning we broke up for Christmas, Miss Dickson told us that Father Christmas had let her know that he was hoping to come and see us in the afternoon but it would depend on how busy he was because he had so many other children to see. We were all absolutely thrilled and hoped he would have time. Halfway through the afternoon Miss Dickson went out and when she came back she told us that Father Christmas had just landed in the field behind the school with his reindeer and sledge, and would be here shortly. Within a couple of minutes we heard "Ho Ho Ho" coming from the corridor and in through the door came Father Christmas in his big red robe and long white

beard. We were all excited and I think a bit scared. He asked if we had been good boys and girls and of course, we all shouted “yes”, so he took the bag from his shoulder and took out presents with our names on and called us over to pick them up from him. We knew it was the real Father Christmas or else how would he know our names?

When he'd given out all the presents, he wished us all a Happy Christmas and said he must go because he had a lot more children to see and disappeared down the corridor with another “Ho Ho Ho”.

As well as reading, writing and sums etc, Miss Dickson used to read to us for ten or fifteen minutes each afternoon, sometimes poems and sometimes stories, I loved this time. One afternoon she started reading ‘The Wind in the Willows’ which I really enjoyed, and I think this is what really started my great love of books and reading.

John George Laycock, Member 4256

PORTRAIT MYSTERY

Author Jean Renwick seeks a missing portrait which could still exist somewhere in Doncaster.

In an ornate gilded frame sits a portrait of a pretty, round-faced young girl with chestnut hair dressed in ringlets. She wears a cream silk gown with an off-the-shoulder ‘Bertha’ neckline beloved of Queen Victoria. Seated on the ground, she caresses a black dog, a basket of flowers beside her. The girl is **Mary-Ann Addy**, daughter of **Elizabeth** and **Joseph Addy**, a Bentley farmer. She is perhaps five years old, so it is possibly 1848, the year before her mother dies. Although difficult to perceive in the photograph, I am told that behind the dog you can make out the shape of a church – All Saints, Arksey is suggested, the church where her parents married and are buried.

I know that another similar painting once existed, that of a young boy possibly of a similar age. I guess that it would be of Mary-Ann’s younger brother, John, who died in Bentley in 1856 aged four. Was it painted before he be-



came ill or was it painted posthumously? This painting was gifted to a cleaning lady in London just after the Second World War but is now lost.

Was there a third portrait? True, I do not know if it ever existed, but logic tells me that if Mary-Ann and her brother were painted, so also was Fanny, born in 1848, five years after her sister. If **Joseph Addy** had her portrait painted at a similar age, possibly 1853, it would have been left to Fanny on his death. After all, she had received the mourning brooch.

On the death of **Elizabeth Addy** in 1849, her husband commissioned a gold mourning brooch encasing a lattice of grey and brown hair, possibly hers interlaced with his. Just as the painting of **Mary-Ann Addy** was handed down five generations, so the mourning brooch passed via Fanny through three family descendants and was finally bequeathed to me by my unmarried godmother, **Dorothy Walker**, great-granddaughter of **Elizabeth Addy**.

Where could the missing portrait be? I believe it could still be in Yorkshire, centered on Doncaster. Fanny had several children but most, like Dorothy's mother, moved away from their hometown. When she died in Doncaster in 1913, her portrait would have remained in Wood Street with her husband, **Joe Mellows**. On his death in 1917, the only daughter to remain in Doncaster was Annie, now married to **Harry George Fogg**, one time picture framer and art dealer, now a successful turf accountant or bookmaker. With his business based at White House Chambers in Silver Street, and living comfortably at Arundel House, Highfield Terrace, Thorne Road, Harry went on to become one of the largest credit bookmakers in the north and to build a position in the community as a town councillor for St James's ward and a director of Doncaster Rovers. I know that on his retirement in 1930 they moved down to live in Bournemouth. After his death in 1937 (registered by a **J Fogg** of Heanor), Annie returned to live in Doncaster at 76 Benethorpe where she died in 1958 aged 80. In the public notices, **Fred Fogg** (who is he?) thanked the doctors for their help.

And the portrait? **Annie Fogg** (nee **Mellows**) outlived her son so did **Fred Fogg** inherit the painting in 1958? Did he share her possessions among her family? No, because all her remaining siblings lived in California. So, who now owns a large oil portrait of a young girl in Victorian dress, possibly in a similar gilded frame, handed down through the family? Or bought in an antique shop? I hope it was never destroyed.

Jean Renwick has researched and written Books 1 and 2 of The Mourning Brooch, a trilogy based on real people who descended from Elizabeth Addy. See www.jeanrenwickauthor.co.uk for pictures of the story. Book 3 is due out in 2026 if not before.

Caption: Mary-Ann Addy, c. 1848, artist unknown. © Sarah Halswell.

Dianne Page (Jean Renwick) Member 4472

**Local Family History Fair
&
45th Anniversary of the Society
Saturday 16th August 2025
The Corn Exchange
Doncaster**

A few weeks ago, I arranged a visit to the newly refurbished Corn Exchange and the work that has been done is amazing. I thought what a great venue for having our Local History Fair.

This got me thinking about our Society's 45th Anniversary and how we could celebrate it. So, I thought it would be a good idea to combine it with having a Local Family History Fair. The committee all agreed to it. So our Local Family History Fair will be on Saturday 16th August at the Corn Exchange, 10.00am-4.00pm. This was the only month and date that was available to us.

The Corn Exchange looks amazing and will be a great venue for us as it meets all our needs. This time the general public will be welcomed along with our members, so a little different this year. I have already sent invitations out to some exhibitors, and I have had a good response.

We will be having various Heritage Groups/Societies and this year the Federation of Family History Societies will also be attending.

We do hope you can join us and celebrate our 45th Anniversary of the Society with us. Possibly we will be having a cake.

Marion Baxter, Secretary

Violence at the races ... and at Edlington!

Whilst searching The National Archive's Discovery site for possible **Leetham** ancestors, I came across a 1614 Star Chamber court case involving Richard **Letham**, mayor of Doncaster. Although probably not an ancestor, I sent for a copy and the story which unfolded turned out to be worth the effort.

The complainant was **Sir Edward Stanhope** of Edlington. He had, in the year 1609, bought a silver gilt cup 'weighing about threescore and ten ounces' to be given to the winner of a horse race upon Doncaster Moor, according to rules he had expressed. The ground on the Moor had been measured out with the consent of the whole town and in company of **Richard Levett**, alderman of Doncaster. The list of rules and conditions for the race are detailed and are of interest to anyone researching race history (I will happily supply them on request).

On 12 May 1614, **Sir Edward Stanhope** sent his servant **Raphe Marston** with a mare to run in the race. The conditions of the race were met, the race run, and **Marston** won the cup. But that morning there was trouble. **Richard Letham**, mayor, **William Carver**, innholder, **Thomas Lewis**, **Thomas Beard**, **John Northfolke**, **Robert Trosse**, **Anthony Bowser**, **Henry Savile** and up to forty others had (allegedly) conspired to 'assault, wound, kill and murder' **Raphe Marston**.

Star Chamber cases always involve violence or riots, and the language used to bolster the complainants cause is often exaggerated. Hence, when the above-named persons turned up at the race, the number of followers was then over a hundred and they were 'armed and arrayed in riotous, routous and warlike manner viz. with swords and daggers, rapiers and daggers, halbards and javelins, partizans, main piked staves, skeynes, bills, privy coats, quilt caps and diverse other weapons'. They allegedly attacked **Raphe Marston** and beat him 'to the effusion of great abundance of his blood and almost loss of his life whereof he languished a long time after'.

The mob, however, was not finished; the above-named persons forcibly took the cup and went into Doncaster 'braving, triumphing and boasting how they had abused and disgraced' **Sir Edward Stanhope** and his servant and that he would never have the cup.

The bill of complaint, dated in July 1614, ended by calling for punishment for the perpetrators but there is no record of what happened next. The question is why was there so much bad feeling against **Sir Edward Stanhope** and **Raphe Marston**?

Another search on TNA's Discovery site produced two more Star Chamber cases, from May 1614 - the month of the race. In one case, **Sir Edward Stanhope** was the complainant against **Thomas Sale**, parson of Edlington. In the other, the complainant was **Thomas Sale** and the defendant was **Ralph Maston/Marston**. Both claimed the right to the tithe corn of Edlington and both accused each other of taking the corn from the barn in a violent (and almost identical) manner. **Parson Sale's** account, however, provides much more detail in his version of events.

According to his bill of complaint, **Sale** had been parson of the rectory of Edlington for upwards of 20 years and gathered the tithes belonging to it. He had occasion to be resident in his other living (un-named but no further than 8 miles from Edlington). On these occasions, **Sale** was 'content to demise' to **Sir Edward Stanhope** the rectory and tithes, which he did for several years and received rent from him. But **Sir Edward Stanhope** had begun to be 'remiss and slack' with payment and **Sale** determined to have the lease back.

He went into the rectory on the 17th of August, then into the barn and locked the door, leaving his servant **Humphrey Lucas** to keep guard. After gathering the tithes of corn and grain from Edlington's parishioners, **Sale** put them in the barn. On the 20th of August, **Raufe Marston**, **Hector Smythe** and **James Greaves** arrived armed with 'halberts, long staves, swords, daggers' and with other 'riotous and disordered' people. They marched 'in warlike array' to the barn and finding it locked, raised a ladder and climbed onto the roof 'as if it had been some fort'. Breaking a hole in the thatch, they lowered themselves down into the barn and to the horror of **Humphrey Lucas**, opened the barn door and let **Marston** and the other two in. The three then did 'commit a most wicked cruel and bloody battery upon the body of the said **Humphrey Lucas**' and threw him out of the barn. They carried off the wheat and corn, followed by **Sale** who demanded return of the corn and to know why they had beaten his servant.

The bill then states that **Marston** was a 'cruel and bloody-minded person', having formerly killed a man and with no respect of the good-behaviour bond he had undertaken. He shouted that he 'would have possession by force and violence ... or would die for it' and then

allegedly said “Parson I will lay thy blood there”, pointing with his hand to the ground. The parson, aware of **Marston’s** reputation as a ‘perilous and dangerous man’, retreated and relinquished possession of the corn. The bill ends with a plea to subpoena **Marston, Smythe** and **Greaves** to appear in court and answer the charges.

These events, even if exaggerated, would certainly explain the bad blood between **Sir Stanhope/Marston** and the parishioners and their subsequent behaviour on the race day. Other cases involving **Marston** show him to be **Sir Stanhope’s** bailiff, a position of power which could easily be abused, and tithe conflicts provide a never-ending supply of court cases! Unfortunately, Star Chamber orders and decrees have been lost, so we cannot know what happened next. Perhaps some of the people mentioned above can be found in the archives at Doncaster (a quick look in our members’ database has not revealed anything)?

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Note:

Quotations converted to modern spelling where possible for ease of reading!

My History Story – My Great Grandad, Charles Hill OBE



I’ve been a member of DDFHS for about one year. A recent post on Facebook prompted me to ask a question...Is there a map of the graveyard at Christchurch, Doncaster?

Following the passing of my dad, **Geoffrey Rowland Hill**, in January 2024, I have been clearing out the house. I came across three boxes of diaries. His own and my grandad's. Normally, I wouldn't read someone's diary, it's private, but the amount of history in them when they go back to early 1900's is amazing. This is how I come to ask the question of the grave yard as within the diaries, my grandad, **Charles Rowland Hill**, but was known to the family as **Rowland** as his father was also called Charles, used to visit Christchurch. As well as Hitler's birthday !!! why on earth did he need that I ask myself, and, on 27th January 1926 the Prince of Wales's horse dropped dead under him... oh my goodness grandad... But to us this is history.

Anyway, why do I want a map of a grave yard? I am looking for my family on my father's side after finding so many memories in boxes, photos, newspaper cuttings, letters, loads of interesting things and the medal, an OBE left to me in my father's Will.

I believed from reading the diaries that my grandad, Rowland, was visiting graves of his parents at Christchurch church yard. Apparently not. The Christchurch he must have been visiting was Christ Church, Todmorden.

Rowland's parents were **Charles Hill** and **Sarah Ann Hill** (**Cranswick**).



Green House Farm, Armthorpe Lane, Wheatley

**This farm later became the Green House Hotel and then
The Cumberland**

Charles Hill was born 03 October 1873, and died 04 April 1960 in Don View Care Home and was living at 15 Strathmore Road in 1939. In 1921 he worked at Greenhouse Farm as a ploughman. He must have been promoted as in 1917 he was a horseman at the time he saved the airman.

His wife **Sarah Ann (Cranswick)** was born 10 June 1880 and died 15 January 1939 at Springwell House. She is buried at Rosehill Cemetery. Springwell House is on Albion Place, Doncaster.



**Captain John Lord Stuart Gill,
Royal Airforce of Woodlands,
Todmorden.**

As records only go up to 1957 for Rose Hill at the Doncaster Archives, it may be that Charles is buried with Sarah.

The OBE is my great grandad's for saving an airman, on 17 January 1917, on a field which is now where Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospital stands. Charles saved an unconscious pilot from a burning wreckage of a plane. The newspaper report states he went back into the plane a second time to see if there were any passengers. The pilot's name, **John Lord Stuart Gill**.

The two of them eventually met on 1st October 1920 when Charles was awarded his OBE at Leeds Town Hall, where Lord Harewood, Lord Lieutenant, presented medals. There were 14 recipients that day, one of them being from Doncaster, **Charles Hill**, my great grandad.

So, following on with my research, for which I am extremely grateful to **Trevor Betterton**, I have actually made contact with a distant relative of the pilot. It would appear that there is a private grave, in Christ Church, Todmorden. After searching on Find my grave, and 'digging around', excuse the pun, I found more details about the pilot. I put a request on Facebook page for Friends of Christ Church, Todmorden asking them the same question, is there a map of the grave yard? They responded with information and there is also a video they have

done of the pilot which they used as a talk and tour of the people in the grave yard of the church.

John Lord Stuart Gill was born 08 February 1894 and died 04 April 1970. He passed away in Somerset where he had settled after remarrying.

So, my query of where my grandad was visiting has turned into quite a story and a very emotional finding of my father's history. From Christchurch church in Doncaster, South Yorkshire to Christ Church, Todmorden in West Yorkshire. Obviously, I now need a road trip to visit the monument. The people from Friends of Christ Church, Todmorden have kindly offered to meet me and show me where the monument is. They too are thrilled to have added 'a piece to their jigsaw'

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/15kx8WTMRz/>

Please follow this link for the Pilots Story

Linda Colman, Member 4598

Trevor Betterton, who is the **Research Co-ordinator for the Society**, helped Linda with her research. Below are Linda's comments.

With the help of Trevor, for which I will be forever grateful, I have found more details of my family history. I have found out so much in a short space of time it's quite overwhelming.

Linda kindly donated £20.00 to the Society, in appreciation of Trevor's help.

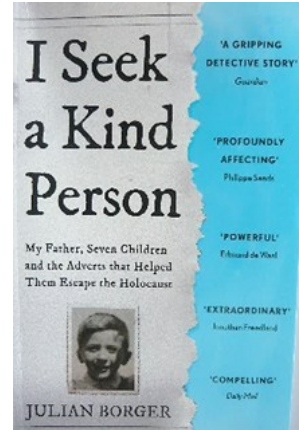
Jenny, Editor



Book Review by Hazel Moffat

I Seek a Kind Person by Julian Borger and John Murray 2024

Almost 40 years after his father took his own life, Julian Borger began investigating his background and came across an extraordinary story of escape from the Holocaust. Julian's Vienna-based grandparents were among several who tried to secure the future of their children by advertising for help in the columns of the *Manchester Guardian* in 1938. Under the heading 'Tuition' the advertisement said 'I seek a kind person who will educate my intelligent Boy, aged 11, Viennese of good family. Borger, 5/12 Hintzerstasse, Vienna 3.' This not only led Julian to finding out about his father, Robert's, journey from Vienna to the UK but also to discovering what happened to other children whose parents similarly advertised for help in the months before *Kindertransport* was organised to help Jewish children escape Nazi controlled Austria and nearby countries.



Julian describes his research and how its outcome helped him to understand his father's experiences fleeing Austria as an 11-year-old, then being fostered by a family in north Wales before becoming a university teacher and father to five children. By investigating the stories of other youngsters who also escaped Vienna, Julian built up a picture of life there before and after the Anschluss. As well as accessing online resources, Julian located memoirs of survivors, spoke to the children of those mentioned in the original advertisements and finally had conversations on zoom with the oldest survivor of the 1938 escape. While some of the children stayed in England, others migrated after the war to the USA. There is also the example of a family who escaped to Shanghai only to face challenges after Japan entered the war.

Persistence, flexibility and taking advantage of the internet's research facilities and emails enabled Julian's searches to succeed and reveal aspects of his father's early experiences. As he wrote: 'In all my sifting through archives and personal records, I discovered nothing that could explain or excuse his decision to leave us, but I did come to understand something of the suffering and fear he had lived with, which I had failed to acknowledge for all those years before I set out to follow his elusive footprints.'

Most of us will not be faced with predecessors who took their own lives, but no doubt all of us will have regrets about questions which could have been put to our forebears but did not occur to us in time.

Hazel Moffat, Member 1790

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The Mansion House and the Second World War

In May 2025, as we mark the occasion of the eightieth anniversary of VE Day 1945, it may be appropriate to look back at the part played by Doncaster Mansion House in the Second World War

It is impossible in this short article to do justice to the various efforts of everyone in Doncaster in supporting the war aims of the day and to describe the multitude of matters pursued in the town as a whole. Only those involving the Mansion House have been described here and then generally only in summary form.

The Mansion House during the war.

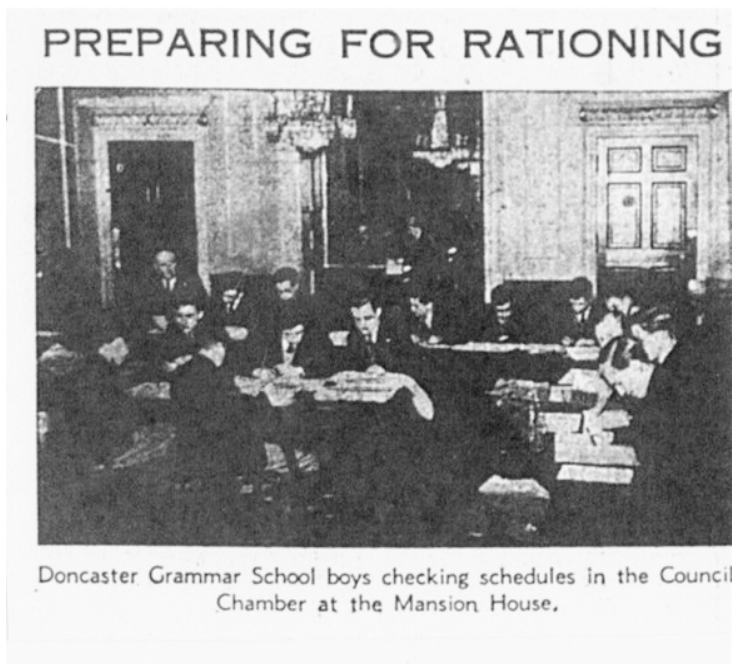
At the time of the Second World War, as the Mansion House in Doncaster was regarded as the centre for local administration, it is not surprising that it took on an increasing role. Indeed, this was nothing new, as it had carried out a similar function during the Great War.

Primarily, it was the base for the usual meetings of the town council, but the number of meetings increased apace as local government took on the task of administering the plethora of new requirements thrust upon it by central government e.g. the organisation of local rationing.

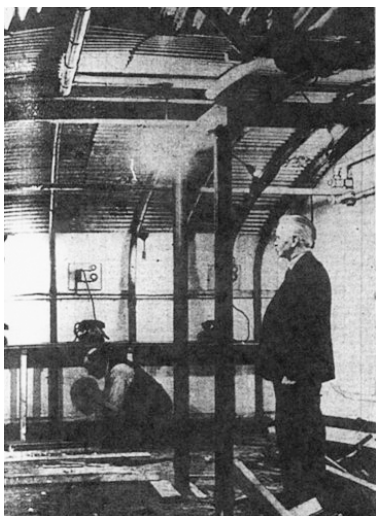
The ration books were made out in the Council Chamber, with Doncaster Grammar School boys being brought in to assist in this very time-consuming task. There were so many different groups at work in the Mansion House on one task or another, that a blackboard was situated in the vestibule to direct visitors to the appropriate room.

Committee meetings were held on so many matters and there were, amongst others, committees set up as follows: War Comforts Committee, Local Defence Committee, Food Control Committee, Local Volunteers Information Committee, Air Raid Protection Co-ordination Committee, Victory Celebrations Committee etc.

The annual mayor-making ceremony was moved during the war years: to the Corn Exchange in 1939, and then for the remainder of the war, the premises of Doncaster Grammar School on Thorne Road were used, but the “at homes” and inaugural dinner which followed still took place at the Mansion House and the usual civic parade started from there as well.



Doncaster Chronicle 19 October 1939



The cellar of the Mansion

In addition, it was decided that the cellar in the Mansion House would become a reporting centre and be used as a message and control room for the town. Accordingly, ten telephones were installed in the cellar which was reinforced to protect it against aerial attack, and remnants of the work carried out remain to this day.

Doncaster Gazette 31 August 1939

As might be expected, a multitude of fund-raising efforts took place during the war. Wherever possible these efforts and other social gatherings were still celebrated in the Mansion House. Some were local initiatives, but others were pursued nationally, and the Mansion House was the centre for each and every one of these ventures.

Warship Week Events Pictured



The Doncaster Home Guard marching past the saluting base at the War Memorial in the Sunday parade.

At the Opening Ceremonies



Friday (Nelson Day)—A group on the Mansion House steps, including Rear Admiral Sir T. Spencer Lyne (opener), the Mayor and Mayress (Councillor and Mrs. C. H. Mason), Canon and Mrs. Davies, Mr. J. A. McCallum (Savings Committee chairman), Mr. R. Howarth (Borough Treasurer), and Mr. E. Charlesworth (Savings Committee secretary).



Saturday (Beatty Day)—The group includes Mr. R. Howarth, Mr. Evelyn Walkden, M.P. (opener), Mr. A. Ellis, Captain Wilson, Mr. C. A. Barras, and Captain E. A. Jackson.



Captain Jones (left) presenting to Volunteer F. H. Barrow, 1st Company, the 1914-15 War Service Certificate awarded to a Doncaster Home Guard.



They included the following:

Spitfire Fund Week (August 1940);

War Weapons Week (February 1941);

Warship Week (September 1941);

Russian Aid Fund Week (May 1942);

and Wings for Victory Week (1943).

Doncaster Gazette 12 February 1942

Each of the above national initiatives lasted for about a week or ten days and on each occasion there were parades, concerts, exhibitions, speeches by people of note (often in the Mansion House), a civic service at St George's Church and a number of fund-raisers e.g. whist drives, dances etc (once again, often in the Mansion House). A large cardboard thermometer was placed outside the Mansion House, recording the progress of the fund-raising during the event.

The steps of the Mansion House provided a suitable saluting base for the parades and Home Guard troops were frequently involved in these, whilst the building itself was used to entertain the visiting VIPs hoping to encourage the people of Doncaster to dig deep into their pockets in support of the fund.

It is certain that those who served as mayors at this time certainly had their work cut out supporting the many and varied ventures at the time.

The end of the war in Europe.

The Gazette of 3rd May 1945 was the last edition before the actual announcement of the end of the war in Europe. It anticipated the long-awaited news by dwelling on the plans of the Corporation's Victory Celebration Committee: there was to be flood-lighting of the Mansion House, which was to be decorated with the flags of the Allied nations, and St George's Church was also to be floodlit; the Mansion House window boxes were to contain spring flowers; band concerts were to be given on the Town Fields, Elmfield Park and Hexthorpe Flatts by the bands of the Salvation Army, British Ropes and the East Yorkshire Regiment; a decorated bus (the decorations designed by the students of the Art College) was to tour the town with amplifiers available for broadcasts and for playing music; and a thanksgiving service was to take place at St George's following a civic procession.

Public houses would keep their normal hours, but following the actual announcement of peace, many shops would be shut for the remainder of that day and for the whole of the following day.

The following week, in the Gazette of Friday 11th May (a change of day for publication for this issue), the paper was able to report on these plans being implemented.

According to the reports, there were cheering crowds, dancing in the streets and the holding of several impromptu parades, including one led down Hall Gate and back by an Australian balancing a pint of beer on his head. The bells rang out; soldiers were carried along on people's shoulders; ten babies were born in Doncaster on either VE

Day or the following day, including one to be named Victor and one Victoria.

The radio broadcast announcing the news was listened to by the mayor and fellow councillors on the Mansion House steps and the crowds outside as Winston Churchill spoke to the nation at 3:00 p.m. Some of the crowd picked springs of foliage from the decorated tubs outside the Mansion House in order to furnish themselves with buttonholes. There were three cheers raised for the serving men, for the mayor and a rendition of the National Anthem.

THE DONCASTER GAZETTE, FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1945.

Thanks for the Great Deliverance

Joyous pause before bending to the next task



For Your Family Album

Cut this out and put it in your family album, to be handed down to your heirs and successors unto many generations, for Doncaster may never again see the like of such a scene—the Mayor (Councillor F. C. Trotter) announcing from the steps of the Mansion House the unconditional surrender of Hitler's Germany that was to have submerged Britain and re-shaped the map of Europe for a thousand years.

At 9:00 p.m., there were similar crowds, this time stretching from Clock Corner to the Silver Street/High Street junction, who broke into the National Anthem in conclusion of the address of HM King George 6th which had boomed out from amplifiers on the Mansion House

Many attended an early thanksgiving service in St George's and seven hundred attended the official service held on Sunday following the civic procession, with the Home Guard once again on parade.

The schools were closed on Tuesday and Wednesday as the 2,076 days of war in Europe came to an end. Street parties were held in the following weeks as the country prepared for a general election.

Although the war in Europe had ended, the war in the Far East continued and the hardship was not over and to all ends and purposes everything continued as in previous months, although in a more stress-free atmosphere.

Richard Cuell, Member 2751

Witnesses to War

(An 'Ossie through the Ages' Production)

Four years ago, the 'Ossie Through the Ages' project was launched in an attempt to preserve the heritage of the Oswin Avenue Schools, Balby. An appeal for former staff members and pupils to participate met with an enthusiastic response, particularly amongst some of the senior members of our community.

Participants from around the globe subsequently shared their recollections, with some braving the cameras to preserve their stories. They were invited to share memories, not only of their schooldays but also of their lives beyond the walls of the establishment.

Consequently, we were gifted insights from people who had lived through defining periods of history including World War II. Although they were all associated with the Oswin Avenue School at some period of their lives, their wartime recollections are reflective of the experience of the wider Doncaster community.

To coincide with 80th Anniversary of the VE Day celebrations, the project has produced a video documentary which captures some of the participant's stories.

Whilst the production is largely the result of collaboration between former Oswin Avenue teacher Keith Old and the project's developer Tony Armstrong, the stars of the documentary are the interviewees who convey moving accounts of their lived experience of warfare in Doncaster. The project is honoured to deliver a tribute to those who remind us of the impact of war.

The documentary will be uploaded to YouTube, on the 8th May 2025. Search YouTube for **'Witnesses to War' Ossie Through the Ages**.

Tony Armstrong, Membership 4480

Sir Nigel Gresley CBE

A Doncaster Steam Locomotive Engineer

Sir Herbert Nigel Gresley CBE was a British railway engineer. He was one of Britain's most famous steam locomotive engineers, who rose to become Chief Mechanical Engineer of the London and North Eastern Railway.

During 2024, Doncaster & District Family History Society tried to arrange for a 'Blue Plaque', commemorating Sir Nigel Gresley, to be fixed to one of the houses he occupied in Doncaster. However, the application was declined by the Civic Trust, due to the location of the house chosen not being within the walking distance of the town centre.

Other parties picked up the idea of a plaque, and in subsequent meetings between Doncaster Council, Great Northern Railway Society, Civic Trust, The Gresley Society, LNER (London, North Eastern Railway) and Doncaster District Family History Society, all agreed that some recognition of the work that Sir Nigel Gresley undertook in Doncaster should be provided.

This resulted in a 'Blue Plaque' commemorating Sir Nigel Gresley, and an information board to be mounted at the front of Doncaster Railway Station.

There will be a formal opening, when it is hoped that family members associated with Sir Nigel's Flying Scotsman Locomotive 4472, will be present.

It is also hoped the families of the driver of the record-breaking Mallard

Locomotive, Joe Duddington, and fireman Tommy Bray and the grandson of Patrick Stirling, Locomotive Superintendent of the Great Northern Railway can attend.

Keith Crouter, Member 1623

The above resulted from a question to our Secretary Marion on Facebook.



Bill McHugh. DMBC, Keith Crouter, DDFHS David Ingleby GNR, Chris Clark (Gresley Society), Marion Baxter, DDFHS and Steve Kimber Doncaster Civic Trust

Condolences

We have been informed of the death of **Margaret Cook** of Edenthorpe.

Margaret was member number 121, so had been with the Society since it's early days.

Peter Welburn has also died.

Our condolences go out to their family and friends

New Members

Listed below are the names, and membership numbers of members who have recently joined the Society. We extend a warm welcome to them and wish them good luck in their personal research.

Mem ID	Title	Initial	LastName
4646	Mr	L	Croot
4647	Mr	P	Guest
4648	Mr	M	Ball
4649	Mr	W	Hudson
4650	Mrs	C	Seymour
4651	Dr	T	Theobald
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Surname	Code	Place	Dates	Mem ID
Frier	CHS		1780-1850	4657
Mason	WAR/YKS	ALL	1850-1950	4657
Mitchell	WRY	Doncaster	1750-1900	4657
Woodcock	WRY	Doncaster	1800-1950	4657
Frier	WRY	Doncaster	1850-1950	4657
Beevers	YKS	Doncaster	1950-present	4439

Surname	Code	Place	Dates	Mem ID
Selwood	YKS	Doncaster	1840-1960	4598
Cranswick	YKS	Doncaster	1847-1938	4598
Hill	YKS	Doncaster	1873-1960	4598
Walton	YKS	Leeds	1906-1975	4580
Roebuck	YKS	Saxfleet	1813	4580
Roebuck	YKS	Sutton	1788	4580
Law	YKS	Doncaster	1857-1945	4580
Pulleyne	YKS		1830-1914	4580
Roebuck	YKS	Burghwallis	1834-1900	4580
Bostock	STS		1700-1900	4629
Nixon	YKS	Sheffield	1800-2025	4629
Bostock	DBY	Church Gresley	1700-2025	4629
Bailey	NTT	Nottingham	1700-2025	4629
Bailey	DOR	Weymouth	1930-2025	4629
Pearson	YKS	Doncaster	1600-2025	4629
Bradford	YKS	Doncaster	1800-2025	4629
Bailey	USA	New York	1850-1950	4629
Bailey	YKS	Doncaster	1600-2025	4629
Bostock	YKS	Doncaster	1600-2025	4629
Beevers	WRY	Tickhill	1940 to present	4439
Burns	CUL	Cumberland	1900	4646
Hett	YKS	Doncaster	Any	4646
Croot	YKS	Doncaster	Any	4646
Inchbold	YKS	Doncaster	1850-1950	4647
Cornelius	YKS	Doncaster	1850-1950	4647
Guest	YKS	Worsbrough, Barnsley	1400s-1650	4647
Rowe	WRY	Rossington/Tickhill	1900-2010	4439
Colbeck	WRY	Rossington/Tickhill	1930-present	4439
Davy	ERY	Skirlaugh	1800-1900	4439
Davy	WRY	Barnby Dun	1900-1990	4439

DDFHS Family History Research Help Days

**Conisbrough Community Library
Old Road, Conisbrough,
Doncaster DN12 3ND**

Please note these days are the **1st Monday of every month
throughout the year including December 2nd**

10.00 - 12.30

Entrance free, Tea & Coffee by donation

**Experienced volunteers will be on hand to help with your
research and it is free**

**Please note that if this is a Bank Holiday, it will be moved
to the 2nd Monday, if available**

**Armthorpe Community Library
Armthorpe
DN3 3AL**

Please note these days are the **2nd Monday of every month
throughout the year, except Bank Holidays**

10.00 - 13.45

Entrance free, Tea & Coffee 50p

**Experienced volunteers will be on hand to help with your
research and it is free**

**Doncaster Archives
Chequer Road
Doncaster
DN4 0NA**

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throughout the year, excluding December
10.00 - 2.00,
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Sprotbrough Rd
Doncaster DN5 8BA**

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membership free**

DDFHS Research Enquiry Service

The Research Service is primarily a “look-up” service and is limited to one surname search of the Society’s over 1.6 million transcriptions database.

Any additional research will be at the discretion of the Society’s Research Enquiries Coordinator, **Trevor Betterton**:

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If you are not a member we will endeavour to assist, but ask you to consider joining the Society as an appreciation of the time spent by our volunteers.

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