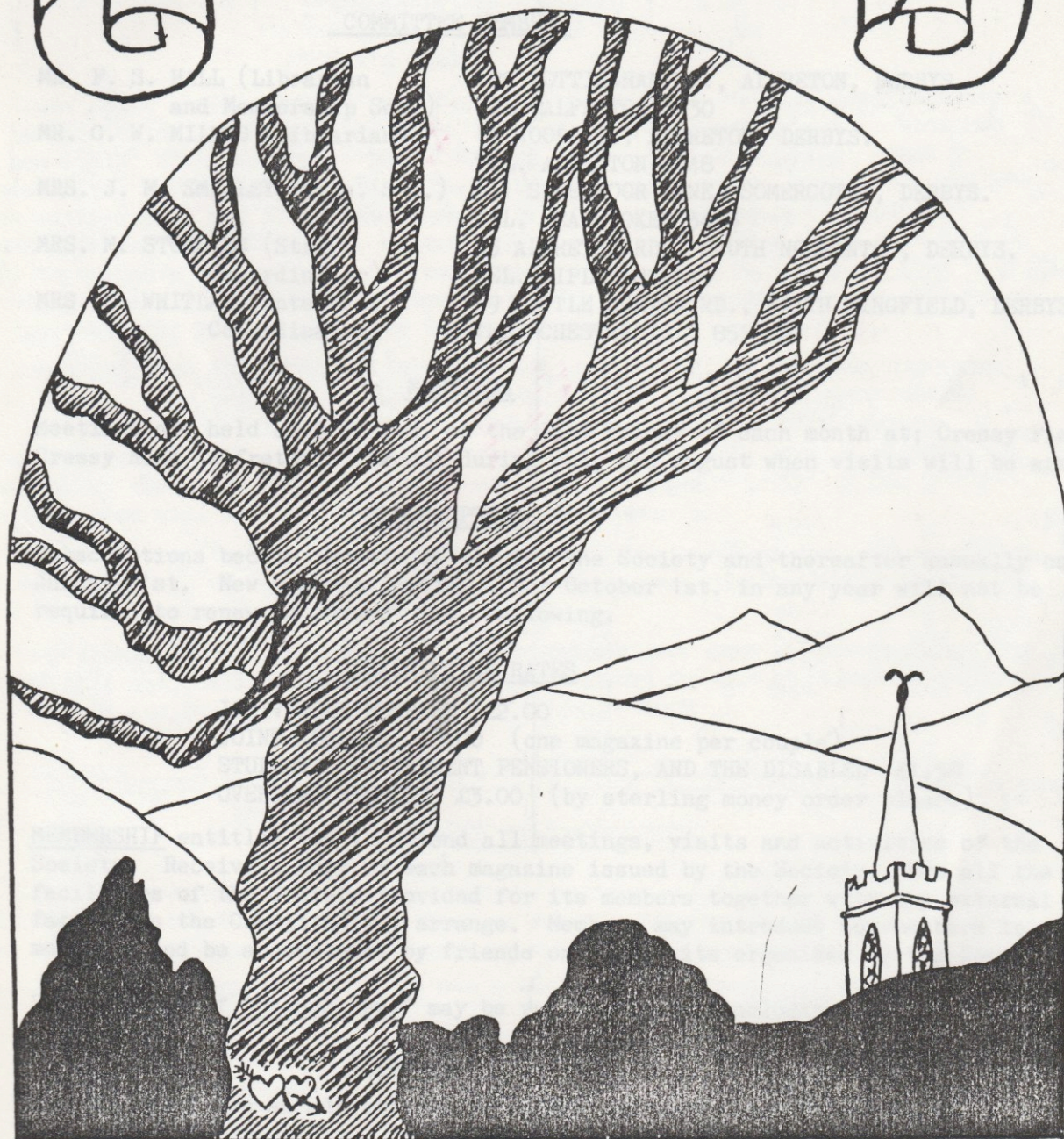


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Meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. on the last Friday of each month at; Cressy Fields, Cressy Road, Alfreton. (except during July and August when visits will be arranged)

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EDITORIAL

"A memorial is erected  
Because there was a life,  
Not a death."

I saw these words engraved on a stone at the entrance to a monumental mason's yard in Warrington. How true they are. A wealth of information can be obtained from memorials, often much more than is found in the parish register. Family relationships, a wife's maiden name, parents' and grandparents' names, occupations, places of residence and often the place of origin may be shown. We need more helpers with our project of M.I. recording. The Federation has asked each Society to try to complete the M.I.s in its own county within 5 years. This is your Society. Come along, don't leave it all to 'the few'. How about starting on the churchyard near your home, the members who live in Derbyshire.

A new addition to our M.I. library is the booklet of the Quarndon old church M.I.s. These, were recorded by Karen Roberts for her Duke of Edinburgh award under the guidance of our member Mrs Heather Eaton. Congratulations Karen. Heather and her fellow enthusiasts have recorded the M.I.s in several churchyards around Derby, these are now in the process of being typed. A list of the churchyards completed will be found elsewhere in this issue.

A warm welcome to Mrs Daphne Whitlam who has been co-opted onto the committee, filling the vacancy we have had for so long. Daphne has very willingly agreed to become our Interests co-ordinator.

Many thanks to Mrs Janet Hurst of Cambridge who has sent in, along with other items of interest, details of some old Bolsover deeds she has in her possession. These will be included in the next issue of "Branch News".

W.E.W.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Our present constitution states that the Auditor should be a paid-up member of the Society. It has been suggested that an outside Auditor be appointed and this matter will be discussed at our December meeting. May we have your ideas please.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- DECEMBER 29th - Members' Evening. Members will bring along items of interest from their researches and the question of Auditor will be discussed.
- JANUARY 26th - Mr E Mellor will talk to us about Heraldry and Inn Signs.
- FEBRUARY 23rd - Mr J Parsons will talk to us about monumental stones and the materials used.
- MARCH 30th - Mr E Paulson will tell us about the Darleys of Darley.
- APRIL 27th - Annual General Meeting.

Conference and Federation A.G.M. at Nottingham University: 31st March/1st April 1979.

For further details contact our secretary Mrs M. Johnson or chairman Mrs W. Waterall.

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#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

May we remind members that the subscription for 1979 will be due on Jan. 1st 1979. This should be sent to our membership secretary Mr F. Hall. (address on page 1)

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#### MEETINGS REPORT

Sept. 2nd. On this fine Saturday, several committee members and their families and also our Society's youngest member set forth in three cars and converged on the delightful small town of Melbourne, Derbyshire. The morning was spent viewing the church and recording various M.Is. and after a picnic lunch by Melbourne Pool an enjoyable afternoon was passed touring Melbourne Hall and its gardens.

What a treat was missed by many of our members!

Friday Sept. 29th. saw the return visit of Mr. J. Packe of the Mormon Church. He showed a film entitled "Preserving the past for the future", and a further film about the work being done by the Mormons in preserving records in their vast complex at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Friday Oct. 27th. Another return visit, this time by Inspector D. Bamforth of the Derbyshire Police Force, who brought along and spoke about a varied selection of items which will form part of a Police Museum to be established at Butterley.  
J. Smedley.

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#### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Society.

105. Mr. G. Smith, High St. Alferton, Derbys. who is tracing RUSHWORTH of BERKHAMSTEAD 1802 and ASHTON of BURY, LANCS. 1790.
106. Mr. Hoad, 2 Park St. Heanor, Derbys. who is tracing HOAD of HERSTMONCEUX 1756. HEATHER of BRIGHTON 1880 and SINDEN of SUSSEX 1819.
107. Mr. F. Heath, 213 Green Valley Rd., Greensboro, N.C. 27403. who is tracing Christopher MUSGROVE or MUSGRAVE of ASHOVER, Ann WRAGG of ASHOVER and Martha DUTTON of CHESTERFIELD, all late 1700s and early 1800s.
108. Mr. D. M. Parsons, 1 Ancaster View, Leeds, Yorks. LS16 5HR. who is tracing COLMAN and HILL of NEWBOLD, CHESTERFIELD 1871. and of BOLSOVER.
109. Mrs. S. Tomkinson, "Casa Mia", Boylestone, Derbys. DE6 5AE. who is tracing HAMBLETON of ALSTONFIELD 1830 and HADFIELD of ECTON 1772.
110. Mr. W. R. Thorp, 60 Low St., South Milford, North Yorks. who is trying to find the baptism of Stephen WASS in Yorkshire c 1793. Other names of interest are THORP of DEWSBURY 1830, MITCHELL of SELBY 1803, WADSWORTH of HUNSLET 1835, PATRICK of LEEDS 1809, BOLTON of LEEDS 1803, ANDERSON of MIDDLEHAM 1809, CADES, 1776, LOWCOCK of MORLEY 1800, WHELDRAKE of SELBY, and LITTLEWOOD of RICCAL 1767.
111. and 112. J. and Wm C. Lacey, "LABURNUM", Thatchers Lane, Tansley, Derbys. Mr. and Mrs. Lacey are both interested in tracing the names ALLEN of BONSAILL 1849 also WOOLEY of DERBYSHIRE and PEARSON.

This completes our membership up to 5th Oct. 1978.

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#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

32. Mrs. M. Richards, 38 Sittingbourne Rd., Maidstone, Kent.
56. Mrs. V. Jackson, 4 Conholt Rd., Andover, Hants.
76. Mr. L. Cripps. 4 Knowle Hill Cottages, Bodiam, Robertsbridge, East Sussex.

