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MEETINGS

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)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions become payable on joining the Society and thereafter annually on January 1st. New members joining after October 1st in any year will not be required to renew on January 1st following.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

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MEMBERSHIP entitles you to attend all meetings, visits and activities of the Society. Receive a copy of each magazine issued by the Society. Use all the facilities of the Society provided for its members together with any external facilities the Committee may arrange. Members may introduce non-members to meetings and be accompanied by friends on any visits organised by the Committee.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Members may place an advertisement in "Branch News" free of charge. Non-members may advertise for a fee of 1p per word.

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E D I T O R I A L

Grateful thanks go to Mr. A. Knight who has printed in booklet form for the Society, the Pentrich and Dalbury Monumental Inscriptions which were recorded by some of our members. The booklets are now available in the Society Library.

Many thanks also to Mrs. H. Eaton who has placed into our care, the lists of out parish baptisms and marriages she has taken from the registers of BRAMPTON near CHESTERFIELD. These range from 1658 to 1826.

A keen member of our Society who has been 'bitten' by the M. I. Bug has recorded the monumental inscriptions at St. Lawrence's church HEANOR. The inscriptions of gravestones in the churchyard appear in this issue. Inscriptions of memorials inside the church and the names from the War Memorial of those who gave their lives during the 1914 - 1918 war will be included in the next issue of "Branch News".

W. E. W.

I N C R E A S E I N S U B S C R I P T I O N S

During the two years that the society has been in existence, it has been noticeable that costs have increases. Unfortunately, we have not escaped these increases.

We have been very fortunate in the past in that "Branch News" has been produced almost for nothing. However, this cannot continue and we must budget ahead for expected costs.

In addition, as our membership increases, we are becoming less a local society and more a society with members all over the country and all round the world (particularly the United States and Canada). This means that we are becoming more and more involved in correspondence with distant members, with the increase in postal costs that this involves

To enable us to cover the increased costs and to enable us to stay in balance by the end of the year - our most difficult period, before annual subscriptions are paid - the committee felt that there was no alternative but to increase the annual subscription rate and this was agreed by the members present at the Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 28th April, 1978.

The new rates are:-

Ordinary membership	£2.00
Joint membership	£3.00
Reduced rate (students and senior citizens)	£1.50
Overseas membership (no reduction for students or senior citizens)	£3.00

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

JULY - Outing to Oakes Park near Sheffield, the Bagshaw family home. (date to be arranged)

AUGUST - Proposed outing to Melbourne if a sufficient number of people are interested. (date to be arranged)

SEPTEMBER 29th -- We welcome the return visit of Mr. Packe of the Mormon Church.

RECORDING OF MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS: These are well under way at Ironville and South Wingfield, a start has also been made at Codnor. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

MEETINGS REPORT

MARCH - Members and visitors were entertained by Mr. R. Storer of Selston, Notts. who presented an N.C.B. Film on the development of coal-mining through nine centuries, from the early days of picking coal from the beaches to present day highly mechanised methods of mining. Very useful background material for those of us with miners in our family tree!

APRIL - Mr. C. Daniel who has established a small museum in his native village of Eyam, Derbyshire, spoke to us on the Bubonic Plague which raged in this village in the 1660's. Slides of the various burial grounds of the plague victims were shown and views of the yearly commemoration ceremonies which take place.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - This year the A.G.M. followed Mr. Daniel's talk on Eyam Plague. Unfortunately it was not too well attended. In the chair was Mrs. Winifred Waterall who had taken this position during the year. She, along with other committee members were re-elected but one vacancy remains to be filled. Mrs. Waterall had enjoyed her year of office and thanked the committee for their support. The treasurer spoke of the increase in membership during the year, and also the need to increase the annual subscription rates. The secretary spoke of our plans for the coming year and reported on the 'adopt a distant member' scheme which was helping to lighten her load with correspondence.

J. Smedley

HELP OFFERED - Mrs. Barbara Kent of 8 Pedmore Court Rd. STOURBRIDGE, West Midlands. DY8 2PH is helping to compile the Derbyshire Marriage Index and offers information concerning the WAGSTAFF (E) family, especially in the GLOSSOP area, to anyone researching that name.

