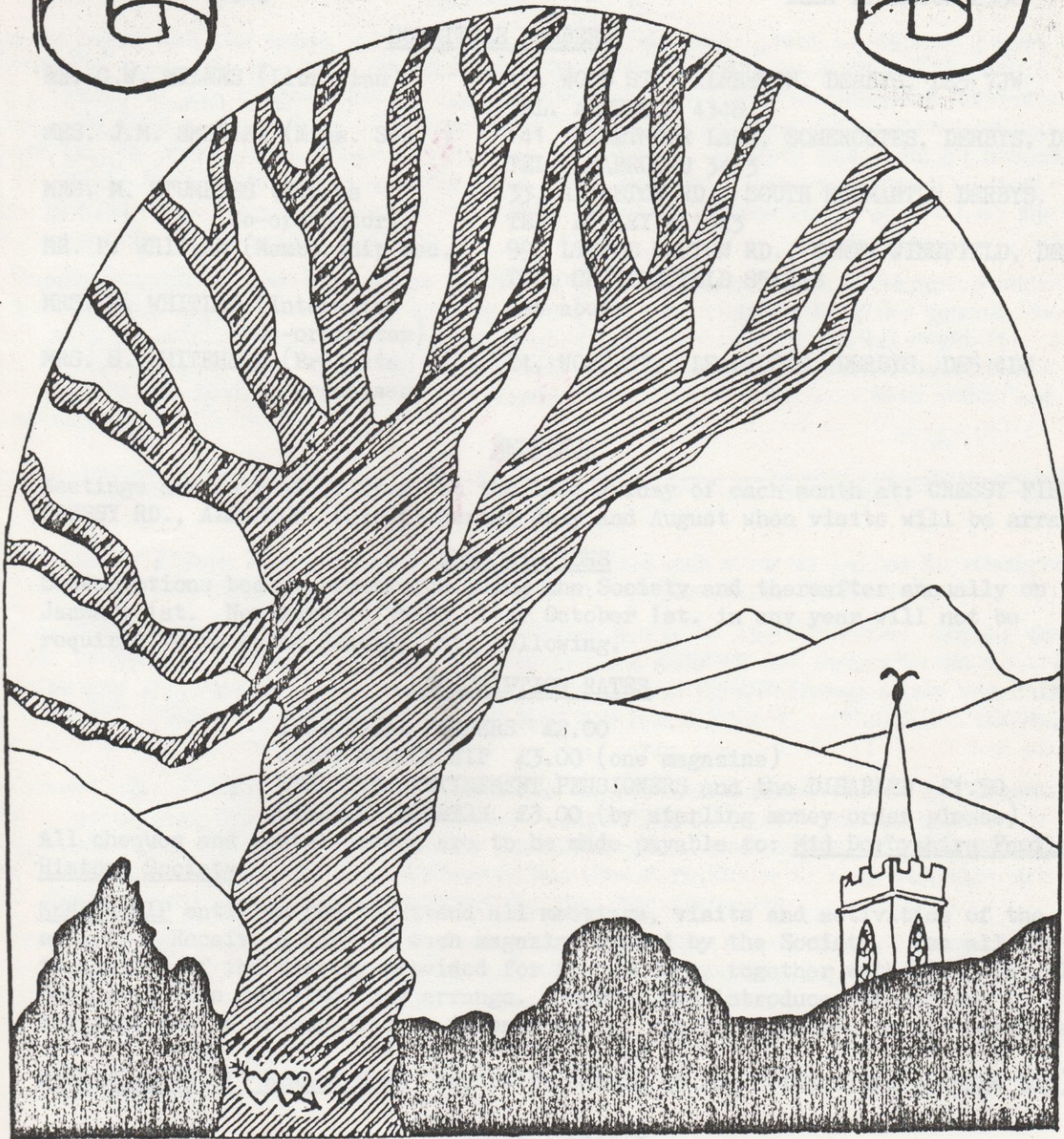


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EDITORIAL

As we begin our new series of meetings, thought has been given as to what form these should take. It has been decided that there should be more Members' Evenings, so as a trial, we are alternating a formal lecture meeting with an informal discussion evening. We find a great deal of information can be passed on at these meetings and problems can be shared with other members and alleviated, we know how family historians like to talk! Members who live too far away to be able to attend are asked to send in any queries to our Secretary or to Mr. & Mrs. Whitlam (addresses on page 1) so that these too can be discussed at meetings.

Thanks go again to Heather Eaton and her fellow enthusiasts for the work they have done during the past months. Not only have they been busy recording more M.Is (a list will be available later) but they have transcribed the baptismal register of the Dunkirk Methodist Chapel, Derby 1880-1900. I should also like to thank the 'home' members who have returned the questionnaires, offering to help with recording and indexing, a big Thank You to you all.

W. E. W.

JUNE MEETING

Mr. Dudley Fowkes was the speaker at our June meeting when he talked to members about IRONVILLE his neighbouring village on which he is quite an authority.

Many people know IRONVILLE as a model village built by the Butterley Company to house its ironworkers, from 1812 when FURNACE ROW and FOUNDRY ROW were erected to 1863 which saw the completion of the village with CASSON STREET (named after its first vicar), MARKET STREET and FORGE ROW. IRONVILLE now had a school, a church, a Mechanic's Institute and football and cricket pitches.

However, Mr. Fowkes reminded us of the two phases which preceded the IRON phase, namely those of COAL MINING and LIME-BURNING. From 1790-1809 coal mining was the principle industry of which the Butterley Company had the monopoly. This was followed by the lime-burning phase when the CODNOR PARK kilns were built to burn the lime from CRICH. Each industry relied on the CROMFORD CANAL for transport.

From 1863 the village remained virtually unaltered for 100yrs but with the collapse of the Butterley Company in 1968 and the sale of the housing to the then ALFRETON U.D.C. much demolition and rebuilding also modernisation has ensued.

The history of the growth and development of IRONVILLE was of particular interest to several members of the Society who have been busy over the past year transcribing its parish registers and recording its M.Is.

We wish Mr. Fowkes success in his new post at the Staffordshire County Record Office.

(Joan Smedley)

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

OCTOBER 26th - The talk by Dr. M. Austin has been postponed and now will take the form of a Members' Evening. Please bring along items of interest.

NOVEMBER 30th - A talk by Mrs. Yoemans of Pilsley about Bess of Hardwick.

DECEMBER 28th - Social Evening and exhibition.

NEW MEMBERS LIST

We welcome the following members who have joined the Society by 1st Sept.

144. Mr. E.G. HOLDGATE, Guide Post House, Nether Heage, Derbys. searching HOLDGATE of Derbys.
145. Mr. C.B. CARTER, 35, Falmouth Rd., Walsall, West Midlands, WS5 3EZ searching FOSTER, SHEPARD, CLEAVER all of SWARKESTON, Derbys. early 18th cent. BROWN and CHAPMAN of SPONDON, Derbys. late 18th cent. NADIN of OCKBROOK, late 18th cent.
146. Mrs. C.B. CARTER, address as above, searching SMALL of DARLASTON, West Midlands & WILLIAMS also of DARLASTON. BETTELEY of SEIGHFORD, Staffs.
147. Mr. S.D. MELLOR, 67, Caer Wenallt; Cardiff CF4 7HQ searching MELLOR of ASHOVER. George MELLOR of ASHOVER 1755, also John MELLOR of ASHOVER early 19th cent. John MATHER of ASHOVER also John WILLETTS of ASHOVER both early 19th cent. John WILLETTS of CHESTERFIELD and STAVELEY areas early 19th cent. John COPLEY of the SHEFFIELD area early 19th cent.
148. Mrs. N. SHERWOOD, 15, Old Barn Close, Leeds LS17 7BT searching HUDSON of ASHBOURNE, Derbys. TAYLOR of SOUTH WINGFIELD, Derbys. 1714. BRUCKSHAW of SOUTH WINGFIELD and PENTRICH 1685. MOON of PILSLEY, Derbys. 1809. ETCHES of ASHBOURNE 1700. NEWTON of SOUTH WINGFIELD 1699.
149. Mr. M.R. COURTOIS, 37, Innis Rd., Earlsdon, Coventry CV5 6AX searching COCKAYNE and variants of ASHBOURNE, Derbys. 1777. SMITHERS and variants of COVENTRY, St Michael, Warwickshire 1799. also HICKMAN of COVENTRY 1795.
150. Mrs. S. HOLDGATE, as Mr. Holdgate, No. 144.
151. Mrs. J.H. COURTOIS, address as No. 149 searching SMITHERS and MELBOURNE.
152. Mrs. M. MORGAN, 18, Nan St., Box Hill North Victoria, Australia. searching MARRIOTT and NEEDHAM both of ASHOVER, Derbys. 1829. TURNER of MATLOCK 1824.
153. Mr. M. MARPLES, 15, Elmhurst Rd., Forest Town, Mansfield, Notts. NG19 0EV searching MARPLES.
154. Mrs. M. MARPLES, as above.
155. Mr. G.H. ALSOP, 74, Bainbridge Rd., Bolsover, Nr. Chesterfield, Derbys. searching Samson ALSOP of BASLOW, Derbys. also Thomas ALSOP possibly of BASLOW. Earliest date 1749.
156. Miss E. FLAHERTY, 25, Breach Rd., Marlpool, Heanor, Derbys. searching THORNHILL of ILKESTON, Derbys.
157. Mr. Lee L. SMEDLEY, Route 3 Box 139, Tecumseh, Nebraska, 68450 U.S.A. searching SMEDLEY of Derbys.

OLD PRAYER (1865)

From red bugs and bed-bugs from sand-flies and land-flies,  
Mosquitoes and gallinippers and fleas,  
From hog-ticks and dog-ticks, from hen-lice and men-lice  
We pray thee good Lord give ease.

(contributed by Mary Johnson)

