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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.

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MEMBERSHIP entitles you to attend all meetings, visits and activities of the Society. Receive a copy of each quarterly 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.

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EDITORIAL

It will be noticed from this issue and the previous issue of "Branch News" that we have a large number of new members. This is almost certainly due to dropping the 'Mid' from our title and the publicity it caused on local radio and in the press.

I am thrilled to be able to tell you that I shall be visiting America in August. I shall fly out on 3rd August to stay for a few days with my relative Mrs Betty Grissinger, (found through Genealogy, we are 3rd cousins once removed) Betty is also a member of our Society. I will then travel with Betty and her friends to Salt Lake City to attend the World Conference on Records to be held there.

We now hold the census records for South Normanton (1841, 1851 and 1871) which have been transcribed by Mrs. A Burnham, and the index of the 1871 census for Draycott sent in by Mr. D. Hooley. I should like to thank everyone who is working on projects for the Society whether it be recording of M.I's, transcribing records or indexing them.

At the A.G.M. held on 25th April four new members were elected onto the committee, Mrs. A. Burnham, Mrs. P. Marples, Mr. M. Marples and Mr. M. Spencer. Mr. Spencer has taken on the office of Treasurer, thus giving Mr. Fred Hall more time for research for the Society in his office as Membership Secretary and Interests Co-ordinator. Mrs. D Whitlam who has been our previous Interests Co-ordinator, resigned from the committee owing to other commitments. I should like to thank Daphne for all the work she has done during her time on the committee.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer.

W.E.W.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

There will be no formal meetings during July and August, but work will continue on projects. We hope members will take the opportunity this summer to work on a project of some kind. If any of you wish to help with a project already begun, please turn to "Branch News" No. 12, page-14 and contact any of the organisers named there.

The new season of meetings will begin with a Members' Evening on Friday 26th Sept.

MEETINGS REPORT

At an extra meeting held on Monday 24th March we were privileged to welcome as our speaker, Councillor Bob Newton, Mayor of Derby. Councillor Newton spoke of his life as a child when he was separated from his parents on being taken to live in the workhouse when the family hit on hard times. He described in detail the terrible conditions in the workhouse at that time and spoke of the utter misery and humiliation of those unlucky enough to be sent there. He said he never saw his mother again after they were admitted to the workhouse and she eventually died there. The happy times in his young life were when he was sent into a foster home, when, for the first time for years he had a comfortable bed and someone to say "goodnight". Thank goodness times have changed!

Meetings Report cont.

It was pleasing to have one of the Society's own members, Mr. Richard Thornton of Nettleham, Lincoln, to be the speaker at the end of March meeting. His subject was the Kerry family of SMALLEY and the Rev. Charles Kerry (1833-1908) in particular. This talented gentleman was not only a priest but also a teacher, an antiquarian, an architect; an author, an archaeologist, a genealogist, a stained-glass manufacturer and a benefactor to the poor of Smalley.

In April the Annual General Meeting took place when officials were appointed for the ensuing year (See page 1.) Yet again we did not have time to index the Ironville 1851 census there always seems to be so much else to be fitted in to the evenings.

The May meeting was particularly well attended and eight new members joined on this occasion. The Rev. Paul Norman, Rector of Ashover, was the speaker and we were entertained by his knowledge of Ashover the village, Ashover the church and Ashover its people.

(Joan Smedley.)

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS INDEX

Mrs. Heather Eaton has kindly offered to be our Memorial Inscriptions Co-ordinator, although she does not wish to become a member of the committee. Heather will search the indexes on request and forward the information although she cannot enter into any lengthy correspondence. There is no charge, but a stamped and addressed envelope must be sent with your query, also a small donation to the Society would be gratefully accepted if you so wish.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STRAYS CO-ORDINATOR

I would like to thank all who have sent in the strays, but owing to the large amount I am rather short of time to thank you individually.

(M. Stumbles.)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE DERBYSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY. For year ending 25th April 1980

Total Receipts from Membership Dues, Book Sales, Donations and Raffles etc.	592.93
Less Total Expenses For The Year, including Postages, Stationery, Duplicating, Affiliation Fees, Insurance, Donation To Cressy Fields Centre, and Producing 1200 copies of "Branch News".	435.80
Which Leaves a Credit Balance For The Year of - - - - -	157.13
Add To This - Balance at Bank at the Beginning of the Year - - - - -	127.17
Gives Us a Credit of - - - - -	284.30
Balance at Bank, Today's Date (25th April - - - - -	280.61
Leaves Cash in Hand - - - - -	3.69

Plus 4 U.S. Dollars

Accounts Have Been Audited By - Mr. P. Whitlam and Mr. D. Smedley.

We welcome the following new members who have joined the Society up to 31st May.

- 213. Mrs. L. LEEDHAM, Syerscote Manor, Wigginton, Nr. Tamworth, Staffs. searching ELLIOTT of BRAILSFORD; SPENCER and GREGORY of ASHOVER.
- 214. Mr. E. HORN, 5, Devas Gardens, Spondon, Derbys. searching GORDON (John) of FELLING - On - TYNE or NORTH SHIELDS, born c. 1850.
- 215. Mrs. M. IBBERSON, 2, Reresby Drive, Whiston, Rotherham, S. Yorks. S60 4DL. searching - Wm. BODEN of ASHBOURNE, CROMFORD and WIRKSWORTH 1850's; KAY of LATCHFORD, WARRINGTON 1881; GREEN of WINTERTON, LINCS. 1887.

