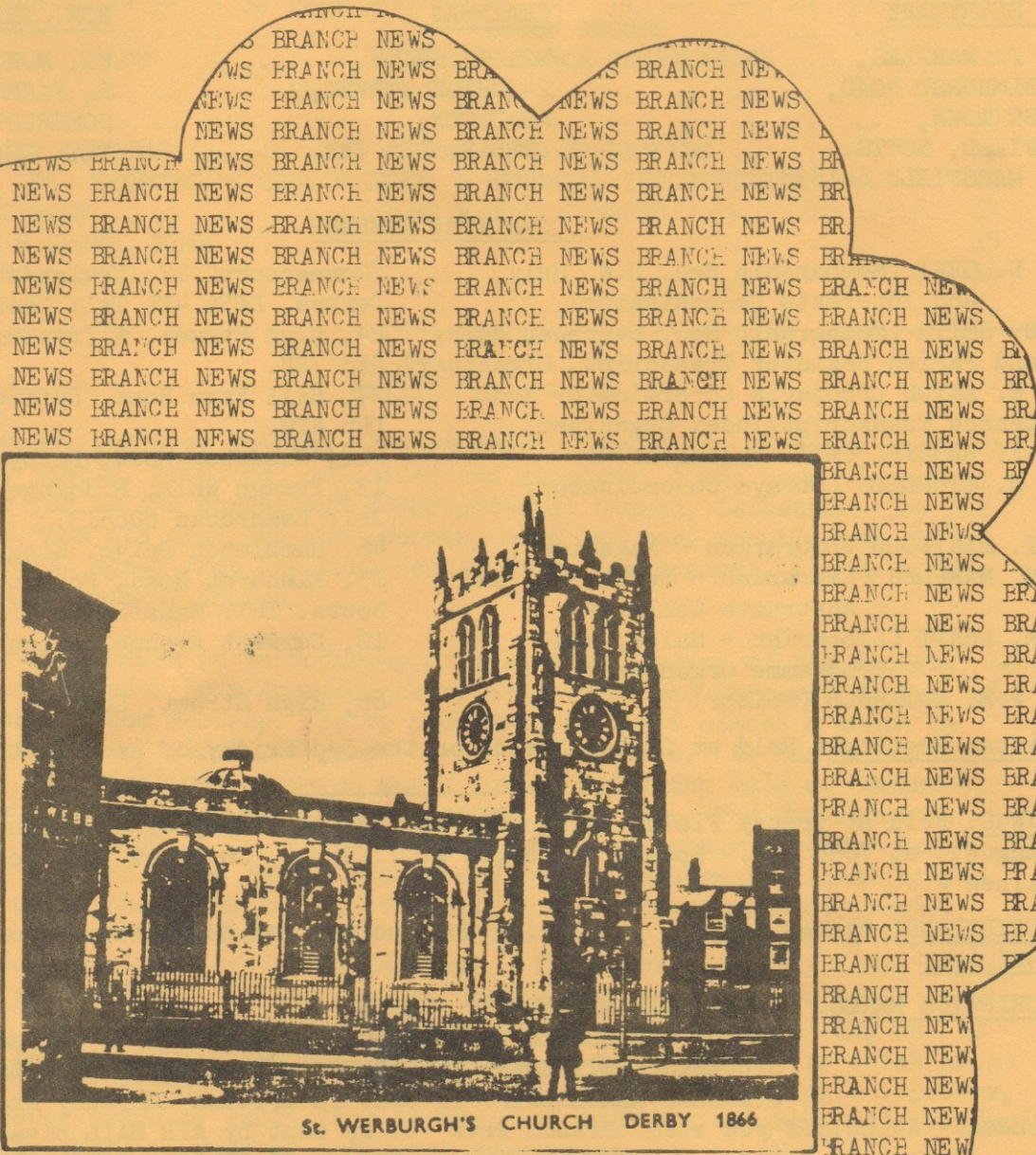


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"WHAT IS CRESSY FIELDS?" several members have asked. It is the Derbyshire County Council Home for Disabled People, where, thanks to the good offices of our first chairman, Ken Davis, himself disabled, we have been able to hold our meetings ever since the inauguration of the Society.

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EDITORIAL

After several years of editing "Branch News", typing the stencils and with the help of my family, printing, collating and stapling, I was very pleased to hand over this job to the Narborough Congregational Church, Leicester. My old duplicator had "had its day" and was becoming more and more troublesome. I'm sure that you will agree that the June issue was an improvement, thanks to the Narborough Congregational Church.

I had great pleasure in introducing at a special meeting of the Society, held on 24th June, my cousins from America, Betty Grissinger and Margaret Barger, who are both members of the Society. Betty and Margaret spent almost a month in England, a fortnight of which was spent here in Derbyshire. We had a wonderful time together, the highlight of which was a Family Gathering held at Osmaston, near Ashbourne, the village where our ancestors 'link up'. The day began by attending Holy Communion at St. Oswald's, Ashbourne, where our earliest known ancestors were married. The family then moved on to Osmaston for lunch at the village hall, where there was an exhibition of Family Trees and photographs. Guide leaflets were provided to enable those who wished, to walk or drive around the area to see the places of family interest. The weather was glorious, making a perfect day to remember. In the evening, Betty and Margaret were hosts at a dinner party. The day was planned as a 'come and go as you please' day and it was estimated that 80 family members took part. I advise you all to think about calling a Family Gathering. It was marvellous to see all those people together, some who had never heard of each other before, and to know that they all originated from a couple who were married at Ashbourne many years ago.

W.E.W.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- September 2nd - Heather Eaton will give an informal talk on 'How To Trace Your Ancestors'. Please note that the Reference Section will not be available on this evening.
- October 7th - Adrian Tinniswood on 'Derbyshire Country Houses'.
- November 4th - Colin Chapman, former General Secretary and Chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies on 'Education Records of use to the Family Historian'.

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