

**WELCOME TO THE E-NEWSLETTER OF THE
NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
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Hello everyone

The Beginners Course has a full complement of attendees and they are enjoying the sessions.

There will be a wrap around attached to the Winter issue of the Journal, please read it there are some importance changes being made to the membership section of the website.

Usually, the following information is included in a Quarterly Journal, but an appeal must be made through this newsletter, some Officers of the society are waiting to step down from their positions and although they are doing a splendid job, no one is coming forward to fill the roles. At some point in the near future there will be a crisis point with this situation.

Contact: www.chairman@ndfhs.org.uk

Vice Chairman – **Vacant** – Acting – Douglas Burdon. Treasurer – **Vacant** – Acting- Douglas Burdon

Membership Secretary – **Vacant** – Acting – Patricia Franklin

Sales Officer – **Vacant** - Acting – Gerry Langley - Gerry stepped down from this position and also resigned as a Trustee at the AGM in July.

Treasurer's Job Description

Role of Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial administration and control of the Society's affairs. This involves payment of all invoices, banking of the Society's income, payment of VAT, and submitting claims for Gift Aid.

The Treasurer must liaise with the Society's Book-keeper, Chairman, Membership Secretary and Sales Officer.

The control of Percy House petty cash payments and Percy House till receipts is delegated to the Secretary, Submission of claims for Gift Aid and liaison with the Charity Commission is delegated to members of the Society's Council. Preparing and submitting VAT returns to HM Revenue & Customs is

Delegated to the Book-keeper. The Treasurer is also responsible for the effective stewardship of all the Society's assets, including maintaining the insurance of the Society's assets.

Duties of the Treasurer

- Downloading PayPal monthly sales and activity reports from the PayPal website and preparing an Excel Spread sheet for analysis.

- Downloading monthly statements from the Society's TSB account
- Paying invoices
- Reimbursing the expenses of officers and members in a timely manner.
- Reviewing and checking annually the accounts of all petty cash holders and branch treasurers.
- Reporting monthly financial statements to the trustees
- Liaising with the Book-keeper in preparing the annual accounts for audit or examination
- Presenting the audited accounts to the AGM
- Dealing with financial correspondence
- Serving as a member of the Committee
- Recommending subscription levels for approval by the Committee
- Maintain appropriate insurance for the Society
- Performing an annual stock-take with the Book-keeper for the maintenance of a stock and asset register.
- Maintaining a manual on the Society's admin website outlining methods of carrying out the tasks of the Treasurer.

Membership Secretary's Job Description is under review.

Sales Officer's Job Description

Main Responsibilities

To ensure that the society's publications and other published material is made available for sale via e-mail, through links on the Northumberland and Durham Family Society website, post, and at family history events.

1. Filling orders received from Members/Customers via post and e-mail through Paypal and the Parish Chest.
2. Production of a catalogue available on the website, in the Journal. Percy House, at events and distributed upon request to individuals. Provisions of items for inclusion in the sales database used to populate the web shop.
3. Sourcing and maintaining stocks of materials for sales stock production.
4. Maintaining stocks of outside material (mainly maps and local booklets) for sale.
5. Responding to queries regarding orders for unpublished material and possible material for future publications.
6. Preparing material for new publications and arranging inclusion in catalogues and on the online shops.
7. Provide a monthly return to the Treasurer including sales analysis.
8. Preparation of orders from databases and scans according to items requested, in CD and Booklet formats and replenishing microfiche stocks mainly of those items not yet transferred to other media.

#Detailed guidance notes are available on how to prepare materials for dispatch to purchasers.

The following roles are filled: Chairman-Joyce Jackman, Secretary - Richard Calasca, Journal Editor – John Ward, Publicity & Volunteers Coordinator - Wendy Stafford, eNewsletter Editor – Joyce Jackman, Events Coordinator – Joyce Jackman, Librarian – Julie Hewitt.

BRANCH COORDINATOR'S ROLE – the duties for this position have been subsumed into the activities of specific trustees.

SPECIAL OFFERS

General Directory for Newcastle upon Tyne, Gateshead 1824. £1.00 plus P & P

All 1851 & 1891 Census Index booklets for both Northumberland and Durham. £2.00 off the price in the catalogue

Free to a good home. **TWO MICRO FICHE READERS** - for any interested parties, **own arrangements must be made to collect the micro-fiche reader.**

Watch this space.

There will be more special offers attached to the Winter Journal 2018.

PROBATE INDEXES – LATEST UPDATE

Probate indexes: 1701-1858

DARLINGTON WARD, covering the parishes of Auckland St Andrew, Auckland St Helen, Barnard Castle, Cockfield, Coniscliffe, Darlington, Denton, Dinsdale, Eggleston, Escomb, Gainford, Great Aycliffe, Hamsterley, Haughton le Skerne, Heathery Cleugh, Heighington, Hurworth, Merrington, Middleton, Teesdale, Sadberge, Sockburn, St John's Chapel, Staindrop, Whitworth, Whorlton, Winston, Witton le Wear, Wolsingham.

77,915 names CD £15.00

Requires Windows XP or later, and Probate Index Viewer (PIV_1.2) which is provided free with orders.

Work is now being carried out transcribing Tynedale.

Will of John Johnson of Windyside, Parish of Stanhope, Proved 15 May 1812

Sisters **Peggy Johnson** of London, **Mary Johnson** of Durham, **Ann Johnson** of London (monies to come from rents etc)

Half sister **Hannah Johnson** £20.00, **John Bainbridge** of Brokengill £20.00, **Jane Walton** of Windyside £10.00, **Mary Watson** of Windyside £5.00.

Codicil November 12 1811

Thomas Walton all my books and a pair of silver buckles. **Uncle John Bainbridge** my blacksuit, hat and wig and great coat, a case with two razors shaving box, **Uncle George Bainbridge** blue coat, velveret wast coat and breches, **Ralph Walton** buckles and a silver stock, **Emerson Muschamp** a backe box and stopper, **Charles Madison** a black hefted Razor and Case, **George Hill** a Bachey Box with my name engraved on the top, **Thos. Hedley** a pair of wash leather gloves. My sister **Margaret Mary Johnson** twenty yards of harder cloth. I have no notes **Uncle Bainbridge** has got the money.

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Know your Parish: Corsenside



There are many parishes in Northumberland, but few can be as sparsely populated or as windswept and exposed as Corsenside. The name place of Corsenside consists of the ancient parish Church and a 17th century farmhouse, plus a smaller farmhouse about three fields away. The church and the farmhouse stand alone, perched exposed on top of a hill not far from the A68, with panoramic views of heatherbound moorlands to the lower reaches of the Cheviot Hills.

The nearest village is West Woodburn, about two miles south, and the parish is bounded by the parish of Eldson to the north, to the east by Hartburn and Kirkwhelpington to the south by Throckrington and the chapelry of Birtley, and on the west borders the parish of Bellingham. The area of the parish is about 12,500 acres, and here the hardy Cheviot sheep are in their hundreds, with a lesser number of cattle, and a few goats here and there. Agriculture has never been pursued extensively as the conditions of the soil and the unsteadiness of the climate make it much more profitable and easier for farmers to rear sheep and cattle on the lush lower grasslands. Sheep can often be seen in the churchyard, nibbling around the headstones.

At the bottom of Corsenside hill is West and East Woodburn, and in the valley or dale before the road climbs up to Ridsdale is the river Rede, which ripples and flashes its way to join the North Tyne, passing now through moorlands where two hundred years ago were thick forests.

The old name of the parish in the 12th-13th century and later was Crossenate, which means Crosses seat, giving substance to the legend that this was the place where the word of truth was first preached and the symbol of Christianity was first set up in these parts. The church, is dedicated to Northumbria's patron Saint Cuthbert, was built on this site about 1100. It is basically Norman, and remnants of the Norman period can still be seen in the chancel. In 1311 the income from the church was given to the nuns at Holystone who were having financial difficulties, and they continued to receive it until the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry V111. During this period it is believed that chaplains of the monastery served as vicars for Corsenside.

Edward Thompson was curate in 1577.

Clement Cookson was vicar from 1581 to 1585.

William Wann in 1591.

From 1617 until 1682 John Graham was curate, and in 1663 his stipend was £3.13.8. He was described as a 'sordid and scandalous person'.

John Mulcaster was curate in 1682.

John Waite was curate until 1727, and after his death in 1744 Isaac John became curate.

The parish registers in existence today do not start until 1726. The early years are written on loose sheets of parchment which are in bad condition and are difficult to read. The first signature of a curate in the register is that of Richard Warwick in 1751. The inside of the church is bare and uninteresting except for the Norman chancel. The windows are Georgian with little character. Some of the monumental headstones which are standing upright against the outside wall of the church make interesting reading: one is in memory of Thomas Reed, died MDCCCXLV11, aged LXXX1X years and nine other members of his family, whose burial dates and ages are also in Roman numerals. Another headstone is inscribed: "Mr Mathew Reed died 29th Sept. 1755 aged 1014 years". The burial entry in the register states 104 years, was the mason inebriated, or perhaps even the Vicar?

Going south from Corsenside and at the bottom of the hill is West Woodburn, and continuing on the A68 up to the bank to the top of the next hill is the dreary village of Ridsdale, built in the 1830's for the workers of the nearby ironworks, established by Sir W. G Armstrong (later Lord Armstrong). The site of the ironworks was chosen because of its proximity to the main raw materials, ironstone, coal and limestone. The iron produced was needed for Armstrong's factory and the munitions works at Elswick – Britain's Krupps. The plain looking pub is appropriately named "The Gun". Forty or so cottages and the general store cum post office are all that remain of such a hive of activity of some 150 years ago. Many of the cottages are now weekend retreats for Tynesiders. When the ironworks closed down in 1864, it became obvious that in such a barren countryside, miles from any town or even any other village in Redesdale apart from Woodburn, it was unlikely that fresh occupants would be found, so the tenants were offered their cottages at a price of one year's rent - £14.

In the Rede valley alongside Woodburn is Risingham, originally a Roman fort named Habitanicum, which was built about 139 A.D. From inscribed stone slabs dated 205 A.D. it is known that for some time before 368 A.D. the Roman garrison was 1000strong, an outpost north of the wall. Traces of the Roman bridge across the Rede can still be seen. Sir Walter Scott's "Rokeby" refers to Risingham and the Roman sculpture – a huge block of sandstone on which is carved a Roman soldier – known in later times as Robin of Risingham.

The villages of Woodburn, East and West, were held in possession by the Norman family of Umfraville from 1120 until the male line became extinct in 1436, and they later passed into the possession of another Norman family, the

de Lises, until the 16th century. Families who had been in Redesdale long before the Conquest, the Halls, Reeds, Aynsleys and Fenwicks, were afterwards the principal landowners,, no doubt on land previously owned centuries earlier by their own ancestors. All the latter names, plus thos of Wann and Davison appear in the early arish registers. As Redesdale is the place of origin of the Reeds, Redes, it is not surprising that in the parish registers 1727-1787 there are more Reed entries than any other family. Other main families were Forster, Davison, Keith, English, Robson, Stokoe, Hymers (who on some occasions many years later changed their name to Hindmarsh), Hedley, Hall, Best, Wann and Dodds. Many descendants of these families are still farming in Redesdale today.

Branch Meetings Diary

Alnwick Branch

No meetings in January & February

6 November 2018, 7.30 pm. Bailiffgate Museum – Member Discussion: Where did they go/come/from?

Belmont Branch

21 November 2018, 1 pm, Belmont Community Centre, Gilesgate, Durham. The Festival of Fireside, Speaker: Ross Hamilton.

Blyth Branch

20 November 2018, 7.00 pm. Briardale Centre, Briardale Road – Speaker; Members Forum and Family Heirlooms.

18 December 2018, “ “ “ “ - Christmas Cheer entertainment from Alison Thorburn

London Branch

10 November 2018, 2 pm, S.O.G, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London. EC1M 7BA,

DNA Analysis, Speaker: Eirwen Palmer

Newcastle Branch

7 November 2018, 2 pm. Brunswick Methodist Church, Newcastle upon Tyne,

In the Footsteps of Tommy, Speaker: Tony Ball.

North Northumberland Branch

17 November 2018, 10am. Bell View Resource Centre, Belford. The Cowe Family and Berwick Cockles,

Speaker: Cameron Robertson.

North Tyneside Branch

Meetings TBA. 1st Tuesday in a month 1.30pm. 1st Floor, North Shields Library, Northumberland Square.

South Tyneside Branch

21 November 2018, 1.30 pm, St Hilda’s Visitor Centre, South Shields, Murder in Bohemia, Speaker: Wendy Stafford.

Tynedale Branch

8 November 2018, 7 pm, Community Centre, Gilesgate, Hexham, Family photos, problems & solutions, Speaker: John Ward.

Wansbeck Branch

7 November 2018, 1.30 pm, Pegswood Community Hub, Pegswood, Chirupula Stephen, Speaker: John Heckles.

5 December 2018 “ “ “ The Story of Silent Night, Speaker: Wendy Stafford.
plus Seasonal Quiz.



Joyce Jackman, e-Newsletter Editor

Feedback is welcomed and do not be shy, if you wish to contribute please get in touch.

A Reminder:

The deadline for submission of items for inclusion in the newsletter will be the 1st day of December 2018.

Items must be in the form of WORD, RTF or ODT file, to be attached to an e-mail and sent to:

ndfhsnews@ndfhs.org.uk Photographs and other images should be attached separately as JPG files.



WEBSITES

Rootstech Conference, London 24- 26 October 2019, ExCel London Convention Centre.

<https://www.rootstech.org/london>

Anglican Clergymen Ancestors. Clergy of the Church of England Database 1540-1835

[www.http://theclergydatabase.org.uk](http://theclergydatabase.org.uk)

Crockfords Clerical Directory UK from 1858

www.crockford.org.uk

Qator Digital Library. Digital records include letters, archival files, maps, photographs, 150 records relating to WW1

www.qdl.qa/en

The National Library of Wales. Crime and Punishment database,. Gaol files of the Court of Great Sessions in Wales from 1730-1830

www.library.wales/information-for/family-historians/records/thecourt-of-great-sessions

Dutch Ancestors Open Archives

www.openarch.n/?lang=en-opearchives

The Irish Genealogy Research Society, database taken from census of the County of Tipperary town of Carrick-on-Suir in 1779.

www.irishancestors.ie/carrick-on-suir-census-1799

Irish Jewish Family History database. 61,821 individuals 1700 to present day. Included, birth, marriage, burial, education and occupation records and entries in the Alien registration records 1914 -1922

www.irishjewishroots.com

Canadian WW1 Army personnel records digitised and freely available online 620,000 files

www.bitly/canadian-expeditionary-service-files

Scottish Indexes, range of indexed sources searchable by name and keyword.

www.scottishindexes.co.uk

New Zealand newspaper archives free to use online collection.

www.paperspast.natlib.govt.nz

Forces War Records have transcribed more than 100,000 records to individuals awarded the 'Palestine 1945-48' clasp to the General Service Medal.

www.forces-war-records.co.uk

UK Allied Prisoners of War, 1939-1945

www.ancestry.co.uk/cs/recent-collections

WW1 Soldiers Wills. Scotland www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk Ireland: National Archives – free-

www.http://soldierswills.nationalarchives.ie/search/sw/home.jsp

Electoral Registers – Indexed 1920-1932, 53 millions names , England and Wales.

www.findmypastonhttp://familytree/fmpelectoral

Do not forget The Gazette, 350 years of digitised records, including, military promotions, awards for gallantry, state honours and awards, deceased estates, bankruptcy notices and more.

www.thegazette.co.uk