

# ◆ NFHG BRIEFING ◆

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Monthly News of the Nuneaton Family History Group

## THE MILLENIUM PROJECT

A History of Nuneaton & Bedworth in archives, photographs, documents, moving picture and sound. A meeting will be held to discuss this exciting project at the Chilvers Coton Heritage Centre, Avenue Road, Nuneaton at 7.30pm. Tuesday 30th January 1996. This is the only known project of its kind. It will help to ensure the preservation of the history of the area: Contact: Steve Moore 01 203 396457

### PROJECT NEFAM

This is continuing to build towards my total goal of linking all the family networks together in Nuneaton up to the end of the Nineteenth Century.

N.F.H.G. members have access to this database without charge (other than copying of documents) in return for a copy of your own family tree.

At some stage in the not too distant future a publication will be produced both in paper and software form giving an account of progress so far. It will never be possible to compile a definitive history of all Nuneaton families, that would be impossible since some people have no interest in their roots in the town and would not co-operate with such a project. Publication of interim documents will allow participants access to an ever increasing fund of knowledge about the area and its inhabitants. When I can no longer carry it forward it will, hopefully, be passed on to someone else to compile, but in the meantime a very important mine of information is building up. Almost on a daily basis as new family trees come in. This is a non-profit making activity. It is my hobby so all I will try to do is recover expenses as best I can. Although in terms of manhours put in so far that sort of cost can never be recovered. However, fellow townspeople will benefit because it will be so much easier in years to come to research your families with a wealth of information culled from all over the world available in one place. Remember this information can only be accessed through membership of the NFHG or by direct participation in the project through registration of your family trees.

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### FAMILY HISTORY ADVISORS

This is an appeal to all our more advanced researchers to help induct new members and totally inexperienced researchers into family history. The NFHG is growing at such a rate that to give new members adequate help when they know nothing about the mysteries of research, or what is available at the library is vital to the future of the NFHG. Our aim is to give a quality service to all our members. Whether starting out or advanced. Interested? Please phone 01203 381090



*Archie Carmichael.* Remember Archie? One of Nuneaton's principal hairdressers. Established a week before the Great Flood of 1900. His salon was in Queens Road. Photographed in 1902. He died in the 1950's.

### COMMITTEE NEWS:

**Microfiche Loan Service:** We have been given 2 microfiche readers by Barclays Bank, Nuneaton and another by Lloyds Bank, Nuneaton. We are ordering the IGLs for Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Staffordshire. A loan service will be set up soon to enable you to hire these at our monthly meetings, the second Tuesday of each month, at the library, and take them home to work on for a month. (Contact Steve Moore 01 203 396457)

### WORD PROCESSING SKILLS?

If you can help with text preparation contact: Peter Lee 01 203 381090

## For Your Diary 1996

**Tuesday, January 9th: Speaker Barbara Robinson "Short & Simple Stories of the Poor"**  
**February 13th and March 12th 1996 Research at the Library**

**Tuesday, April 9th: "Organising Family History". We invite members to tell us what systems they operate in organising their research.**

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**A Happy New Year To Our Members and Good Luck With Your Research**  
We are always here to help!  
Chairman & Briefing Editor: Peter Lee  
NFHG Helpline (01 203 381090) & The Committee

### NUNEATON NAMES

Alan Cook is preparing a database from all available records of the surnames of Nuneaton families. At the latest count this runs to 14 pages of A4 paper.

The index indicates what sources he has used to compile these names and will be most useful to researchers to locate documents where their own family names occur. Here are well known names going back more than 400 years: Astley, Baker, Bayly, Brown, Clark, Cook, Davies, Ford, Green, Harris, Hill, Lee, Marston, Parker, Payne, Smith, Veasey, Wagstaff, Watts and Wright.

Alan is preparing to index the Constable rental of 1543/4 which gives the name of much of Nuneaton, Horestone, Attleborough, Stockingford. For details contact Alan on 01 203 387776.

### NFHG MINIBUS SERVICE

There are a lot of people in Nuneaton who are interested in family history but cannot get to our meetings for various reasons, no transport, disabilities, not wishing to walk through the streets of the town on their own etc. Do not want to lug files and papers for any distance.

We are keen to help everyone who finds getting to our meetings difficult, by looking at providing a mini-bus setting out an hour before the meetings, and taking the new members home afterwards. Of course, this will cost and will need co-ordinating. It will also put pressure on our advisors in inducting so many new members. Therefore please phone: 01 203 381090 if you wish to take advantage of this service, to discover the cost, would like to help induct new members.

### NEWSLETTER No 2

Production problems have been experienced in producing these in the A5 format, due to the need to keep costs down we are planning to produce them in future in A4 size because they take less time to produce. However, the situation is under constant review, and if funds permit we may return to the popular A5 size. Hopefully we shall soon be able to produce the 4 planned newsletters per year. To do this, however, we need more articles from members.