

DIAPER NEWSLETTER

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Seasons Greetings One & All

The main item of news since our last letter is that we have launched a Diaper Heritage Association Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/DiaperHeritage] with many people now using that social network we hope it will be a good way for people to keep in touch between issues of the newsletter. At the moment its mainly Julie and I uploading pictures and comments but we hope the membership will take ownership and contribute to the site to keep it lively and interesting.

Julie has also been busy setting up a Facebook group for our DHA Members [www.facebook.com/groups/806100282747943], so that our DHA members can let us know about any news that they wish to share. All our newsletters have been uploaded to the facebook group and Julie has been adding photos from past events, for others to enjoy. Any one can join the group which is more for just the DHA members, where as the page enables us to reach a more generalised public sector.

Tudor Southampton

The sales of the DHA publication on Tudor Southampton have been a great hit, it flew off the shelves and has meant that our coffers depleted by rising postage costs and falling interest rates have been somewhat restored, so we are in a good position going forward. Please see below for how to buy our available books, and discs

World War One



It is pretty difficult to avoid all the events linked to the centenary of the Great War but if you haven't already found it there is a site set up so that families can upload photos and stories about their ancestors who were involved in the conflict. Website details below www.everymanremembered.org

British Association of Local History

Since the last newsletter your editor was honoured by the British Association study of local history over a number of years. The work undertaken on behalf of the Diaper Heritage Association was one of the initiatives highlighted in support of the nomination.



Diaper Graves

One item that was raised via Facebook was that in St Marys Extra cemetery when a number of ancestors are buried, it is usual if graves fall into disrepair for headstones to be laid down. We felt as an association we should declare an interest in the older Diaper graves and even thought we could help to restore and renew some of the older gravestone.



To that end we contacted Bereavement Services to express an interest in the graves and offer support for their upkeep.

Unfortunately nothing is ever that simple. They said in the first instance they would have to do a search for each grave which would cost £10 per grave and if we wanted a map, plan or photo that would be £30 per search.

To restore or renew any grave is the sole prerogative of the owner of exclusive rights.

We responded to ask what the situation was for graves that were up to a hundred years old where the original owner might no longer be known. They said we would have to send them the grave details, section, number of grave, names of those buried and who we thought owned the grave. They would then tell us if we were right or wrong. If we were wrong they would not tell us the right owner.



Graves that are prior to 1949 would have been purchased in perpetuity and would belong to the original purchaser and we would have to pay an individual search fee for each grave. The ownership of a grave could be transferred but we would need to know the current owner of each grave. They can not give us names of owners due to the data protection act but only confirm ownership if we suggest the name to them.

We asked what the situation was for a group like the Friends of Southampton Old Cemetery who have had work done on graves there. They have been given permission to restore graves of substantial significance, overriding the regulations above.

Even if we could establish the registered owners and they were happy to apply for permission for restoration work this would also involve a fee, in order for the bereavement service to be consistent in its charges.

So we are thwarted at every turn. We tried to think about Captain Tom Diaper's grave, was that purchased on behalf of the family by his eldest son, his eldest child, another family member. All of his children and most of his grandchildren are dead, did they leave the grave information to their heirs? Who knows.

Geneology Update

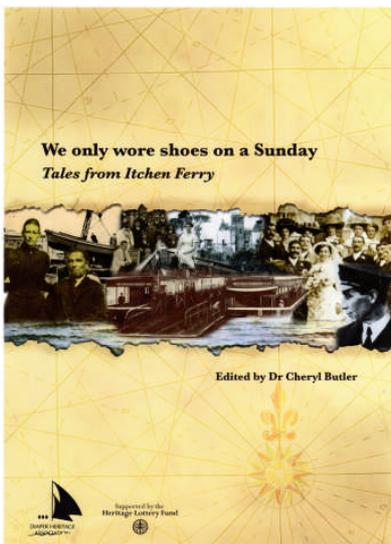
We are still getting new information to add into the family tree, along with a few new photos that are being added. Julie is still working through the 1911 census, trying to make sure that any census records for people in our family tree have all been added to our records, so that we keep as full a record as possible of each individual. Please if you have information that you would like us to include along with any pictures you would like to share. Please contact Julie on her email address below.

Email Addresses

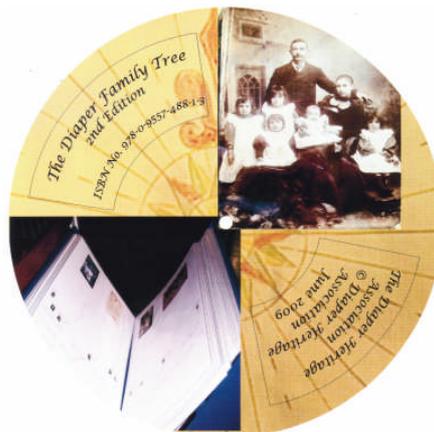
Please remember that if you have an email address to let us know so we can send your newsletters via email, which helps us save on the cost of postage, and the amount of paper we use. Also don't forget to let us know if you change your email address so that we can keep our records up to date.

Publications

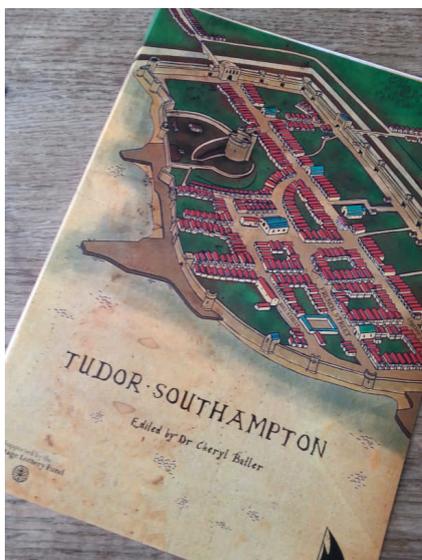
We still have the following available to purchase:



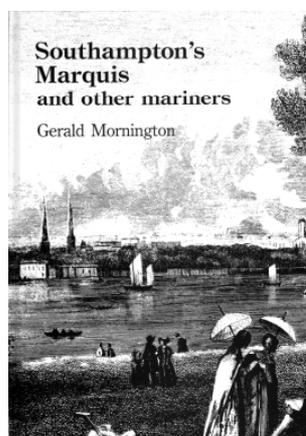
Book - We Only Wore Shoes on a Sunday – £5.00 plus £2.50 post & packing.



DVD rom - The Diaper Family tree - £14.99 plus £2.50 post & packing.



Book - Tudor Southampton: Rioters, Revellers & Reformers - £5.00 plus £2.50 post and packing.



Book – Southampton's Marquis and other mariners by Gerald Mornington - £3.00 plus £2.50 post & packing.

If you wish to purchase any of the above, please send your requests along with your payment (cheques made payable to Diaper Heritage Association) to Julie. See below for details. If you live locally you can always call Julie and arrange to collect direct from her.

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