

DIAPER NEWSLETTER

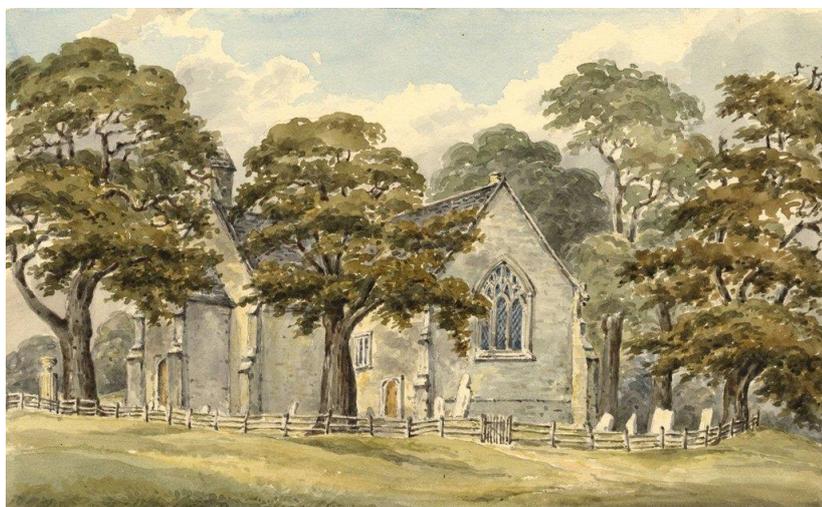
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ACCOUNTS

The Association is in good shape thanks to sales of the new 'Jane Austen & Southampton Spa book', this income helps support our website and enables us to produce the newsletter free for our 500 members. However if you can switch to an electronic version of the newsletter that will save us print cost and postage and we would like to build up our resources for a major event in 2020. Please see below. And of course if you want to buy the new book yourself, details are at the end of the newsletter, it does contain Diaper references of course. The Tudor book we produced is now sold out, and we only have 17 of the 'Shoes' book, and 9 of our genealogy disks. Julie is still beavering away on the family tree of course and it maybe that for 2020 we look at the potential for an updated disk, again your thoughts welcome. We had been donated a large store of 'the Marquis & other Mariners' about the Ferry Village in the early 19th century and those have been going down over the years and we still have around 90 of those.

PEARTREE 400



In 2020 it will be the 400th anniversary of Peartree Church also known as the Jesus Chapel, the first church to be consecrated after the Reformation. Every Anglican Church since that date has followed the service that was specially written for Peartree. The churchwardens and friends of Peartree Church are planning a range of events for 2020 and have invited the Diaper Heritage Association to be one of the stakeholder partners. As the church was built to serve Itchen Ferry Village and is therefore the ancestral church of the Diaper family since 1620 we felt that we wanted to support the initiative. It also gives us the opportunity to organise a Diaper reunion. We have not organised such an event since the founding of the Diaper Heritage Association in 2006 and hope that you will all want to be involved. There will be talks, walks and special services and we will let you know more as events develop. If any local family members want to help in the organisation do let us know. If you have any ideas for events that you would like to see happen, again let us know. As we are the only family whose name is not marked in the village with a road or building name we are considering a plaque or piece of artwork being commissioned for the church as part of the anniversary.

One thing we would want to support is a book about Peartree and Itchen Ferry Village, our first publication 'We only wore shoes on a Sunday' focused on the events of the first half of the 20th century but we have lots and lots

of research that takes the Diaper story right back to the sixteenth century, and this gives us the chance to tell that story. If you have images of Peartree Church or of life in the Ferry Village that could be used for this publication, again do get in touch.

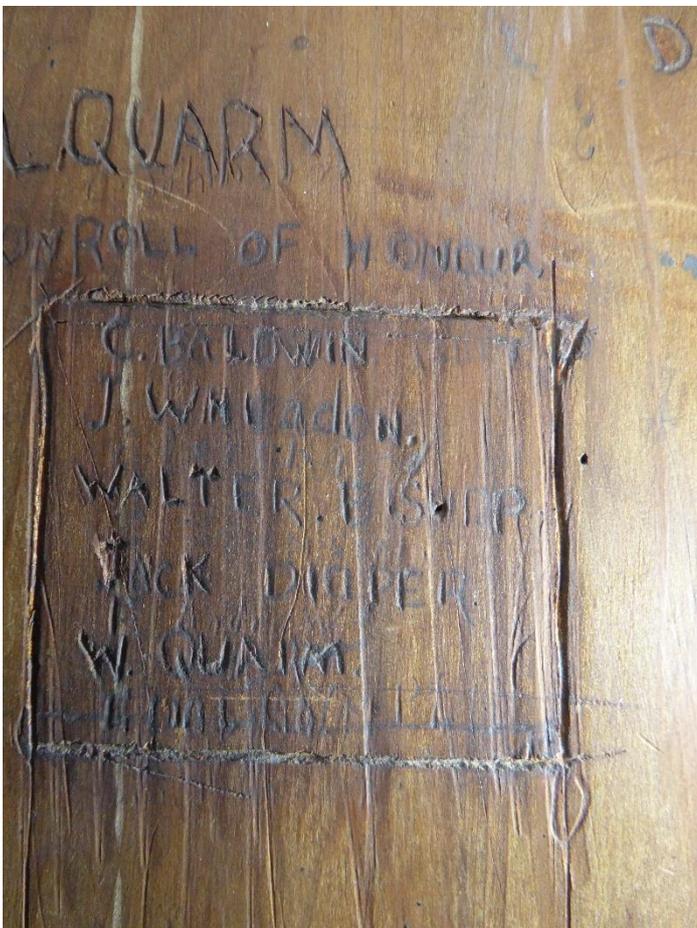
GRAFFITI PROJECT

Southampton Archaeology Society graffiti group are one of many local and county societies taking part in a national project to identify, photograph and record historical graffiti in churches and other ancient structures.

The group are interested in all periods of graffiti, from the medieval period onwards. Medieval graffiti gives us a tantalising glimpse into the beliefs of that time, when the voices of common people usually went unrecorded. We find symbols of religious devotion, marks made to protect buildings from evil spirits, inscriptions, and depictions of ever day life including people, animals, birds, buildings and ships. In later periods, when literacy increased, we find more people making their mark by leaving their names or initials, and dates.

Church bell towers and organ lofts are particularly productive, with bell ringers and those charged with pumping the organ leaving their names. These can be a valuable resource for family history researchers, and are recorded too, despite being relatively modern.

The group recently visited Peartree Church and although they did not find any graffiti relating to the early years of the church, they did find lots of 20th century graffiti around the organ casing, made by the teams of bored organ pumpers. One group, listing themselves in a Roll of Honour, included one Jack Diaper.



Family Tree updates

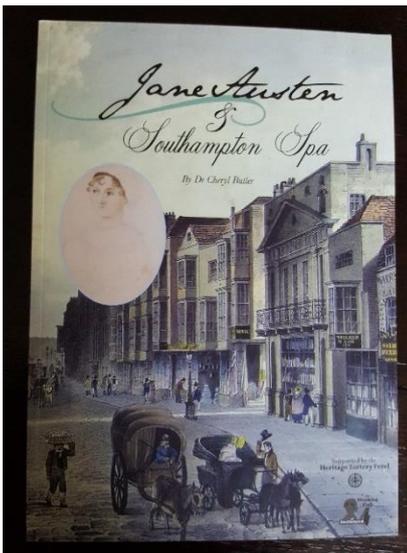
At present there is nothing much to report with regards adding in more information into the family tree. Updating information from the 1911 census is ongoing as there are rather a lot of names to check, and takes time to make sure it is all recorded correctly. If anyone does have any new information please either drop Julie an email with the updates or by post if you prefer. Likewise if you discover any old photos of people and you know for sure who they are we would love to be able to put faces to more of the names in the tree.

New Diaper Association Publication

With our previous volumes dwindling, only 12 copies left of our book on Tudor Southampton and only 30 of our book on Itchen Ferry Village, we were asked to support the Jane Austen 200 bicentenary by producing a book about Southampton during the Spa period. This looks at Jane Austen's time in the town, and takes themes from her books to explore what was happening in Southampton. The book follows the same format as our previous two offerings, A4 in size, 112 pages with over a hundred colour photographs. Of course we have mentioned a few Diapers in the book, and proceeds will help support the Diaper Heritage Association. Again we can offer it to DHA members for £5 plus £2.50 postage and packing.

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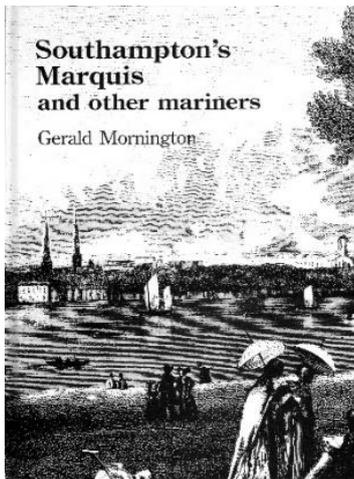
We still have the following available to purchase:



Jane Austen & Southampton Spa £5 plus £2.50 postage and packing



DVD rom - The Diaper Family tree - £14.99 plus £2.50 post & packing. We now only have 10 copies of the dvd rom left.



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.

Email & postal addresses

Please don't forget to let us know if you change your email address or move so we can keep our records up to date. Or let us know if you have an email address so we can email the newsletter to you instead of posting to help save on postage costs and also to help the environment.

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