



Contacts

I have received a couple of contacts on the guestbook of the Brownedge.com website this month which might be interesting to our readers.

The first is from Norma Kaczmar.

I read the Sheldon family history with interest as Hannah Sheldon was my g.g.grandmother. Her son Daniel Simcock from her first marriage was my g.g.grandfather. He was a boatman and he and Eliza transported coal on a barge. There was a report in the "Sentinel" 2009 about the death of his wife, Eliza, she drowned in the canal at Stockton Brook. Although this accident happened in the 1880's the story was passed down in our family and is still referred to today. Hannah took in her son and five grandchildren, the rest went to live with the Sherratt family at "The Rose and Crown", two through marriage. Hannah is 78 at the time of the 1901 census and living with 3 grandchildren. I wonder if anyone remembers Rose Sheldon? She married Arthur Bestwick during the war. She removed to Ipstones and died a young woman. She lived in the cottage next to the Trent, at Norton Green. There is a dvd about Norton Green and there is a photo of a family outside the house and I wondered if one of the children was Rose. She would be around 90 now.

The second contact is from Norma Walker who lives in Australia

*Hi
Someone was asking about landlords of some of the pubs in Brown Edge. The Roebuck. In the late 60s and 70s it was run by John Connell and his wife. Many a good night we have had in there. The Holly Bush my grandmother was the land lady way back her name was Adeline Maud Simcock.
My father Tom Simcock and his brother Bill were both at one time presidents of Brown Edge Working Mens club.
Mr Walter Jones who was headmaster of the school was my great grandfather. His wife was also a teacher there. My other great grandmother was both coal supplier and the local midwife. She smoked a clay pipe
Love reading this web site as much as I love living in Australia, (have been here since 1977) there are still a lot of things I miss.*

Anyone who wants to contact them can do so by going to the Guestbook on the website.

Pubs

Anyone who remembers former landlords at our pubs could they contact the magazine or the website with name or memories.

More Dialect words

Dialect	Translation	Derivation
oction	used in all over the place	
off-side	unwell	
oss off	go away	
pather	like a dog	
piece	Sandwich	ME Bef LD Sandwich
pigcote	pigsty	
pikel	pitchfork	
pither	pottering about	
pobs	bread and milk	
pouse	rubbish food	FR pouse
powk	sty in the eye	OE pocc
proke	to poke	
proker	poker	
puddled	soft in the head	
puss-nets	rabbit nets	
puthery	hot sultry weather	
queedle	see saw	
quiggle	rock on legs of chair	
rammel	mongrel dog	
rathes	hay cart extensions	
rattle-chops	talkative person	
rawnged	strained reaching up or carrying something	
razzered (up)	worn out	
rifft	belch	Norse Rypta
rindle	small brook	
rinkers	marbles	
risen-on	feel cold usually in a morning when leaving home	
ronk	in a bad temper or simply a bad person	
rumpty-fizzer	"naughty but nice" person	

Back Tracks

Local historian Peter Turner journeys back to our people and places of yesteryear

Ale and Bacca Band

Thanks to those people who contacted me about this article. I am hoping to be able to have all the people identified by next month, well the Brownedgers at least, as apparently there were some people on the photo from Biddulph Moor who were there to make up the numbers.

The Band Room

Inevitably I suppose, as a result of talk about the Ale and Bacca Band people have been recalling The Band Room which was located up High Lane opposite Garners Shop. If anyone has a photo which I could copy and publish in the Parish News I would be grateful. People have told me about the dances and entertainment that was had and how Mr Arkinstall (who had the electric shop at the top of Woodlands Avenue at Duke Bank) used to play records. I remember Mr Arkinstall and the fact that his nickname was Critical! Everything was critical to him. "Its critical that the ariel was tuned correctly"

What's in a name?

I have always been interested in the origins of surnames and recently came upon a document that talked about an Adam de Fernyhough. This document was written in 1233 and is known as the Staffordshire Rolls The exact position of where Adam lived is not stated but it was near Leek and Stanlow (Stanley).

Additionally in that document is another Fernyhough who appears as a person as substance.

The King's attorney, John de Norton, appeared against John de Ipstones and John de Chetewynde the Abbot of Lulleshull in a plea that whereas Vivian de Staundon, junior, had robbed the King's clerk, Alexander de Couners, near Dynlegh of a great sum of money belonging to the King which had been sent towards Ireland for the King's service, and of which robbery he had been indicted before the Justice of Chester, and the King had assigned his faithful and beloved Nicholas de Audeleye to arrest the said Vivian wherever he might be found, whether within Liberties or without, and to commit him to the King's prison as we (sic) had enjoined to the said Nicholas by word of mouth, and we had likewise sent to the Sheriffs and bailiffs, and all other

ministers and liegemen of the King, strictly enjoining them to assist the said Nicholas in the premises, and if necessary to supply him with sufficient power, etc., the said Abbot and John had nevertheless impeded the said Nicholas vi et armis with a great multitude of armed men, and had received the said Vivian into their retinue, and had prevented the execution, of the King's commard to the great damage of the King and against his peace. The defendants did not appear, and the Sheriff had been ordered to distrain the said John de Ipstones, and to arrest the said John de Chetewynde, the Abbot of Lulleshull, and the Sheriff returned Ralph de Fernynghalgh and two others as sureties for John de Ipstones, and that John de Chetewynde could not be found and held nothing within his bailiwick. He was therefore ordered to distrain the said John de Ipstones and to arrest John de Chete- wynde, and produce them cor am liege at the Quindene of Easter,

So the Fernyhoughs appeared to be based in Staffordshire at that time just when taxation meant that surnames had to be preserved from one generation to the next. This usually meant that they took the name of the place that they lived.

Further evidence for the localisation of the name comes from the 1870 census map below for the Fernyhoughs



. The 1841 map is even more focused on Staffs.

Could it be then that the Fernyhoughs all descend from people who once lived at Fernyhough Farm. or a mediaeval structure located there?