



Established in 1988 by James Moxon, Founding Editor and First President of the Moxon Society

# The Moxon Magazine



*THE OFFICIAL GROUP PHOTO of The 2013 Annual Moxon Gathering on the steps of Llandudno's Queen's Hotel.*



***W***e gathered from all corners of the UK and from the United States of America and from Australia for our annual Gathering, organised by Ken Moxon, our Chairman (*pictured left*) who was behind the camera to take the official group photograph. More on the Gathering inside.

Also sadly missing from the photo was our President Graham Jagger (*right*) whose retirement the Annual General Meeting reluctantly accepted, then appointed him President Emeritus, a well-deserved plaudit from a grateful Society!



# Joseph Moxon's Vice!

**Len Moxon wrote from Nova Scotia:**

Dear Trevor,

Who would believe that somebody would produce a kit for making a vise (is it still spelled "vice" in the UK?)\* based on a design by Joseph Moxon a few hundred years ago? Well, it's been done by a Canadian tool company. Lee Valley, based in Ottawa, has been established for more than 25 years and began when the founder, Leonard Lee, started selling wood stoves from his basement. It progressed to selling high quality woodworking tools and eventually created its own designs after starting up its own research and development group. Under the name "Veritas" the line of tools has been acclaimed by fine wood craftspeople and related magazines around the world. It also is well known for gardening tools.

Sometimes Lee Valley gets into unusual items and this is one example.

For the information of any woodworking members who would like to buy this kit I believe they will ship overseas.

Kind regards,

**Len Moxon**

**Len emailed Lee Valley saying that he'd drawn their vise to the attention of the Moxon Society, and they replied:**

Hello Mr. Moxon,

Actually, we cannot in all good conscience take the credit for this vise. We get the kit from Benchcrafted. They can be found at the following link: <http://benchcrafted.com/MoxonVise.html>.

We look forward to hearing from you again.

Regards,

Dennis Stimson

Internet Customer Service Representative

**The Cambridge Online Dictionary has:**

vice – n. a tool with two parts that can be moved together by tightening a screw so that an object can be held firmly between them while it is being worked on. Vices are often used to hold pieces of wood that are being cut or smoothed.



**Having said that, the same reference somewhat confuses the issue with its example of the use of the word:** Her hand tightened like a vice around his arm.

**But this article is definitely about Joseph Moxon's woodworking vice, illustrated above. Lee Valley describe it on their web site (<http://goo.gl/MQhTk>) as:**

Inspired by a vise that Joseph Moxon described in the 17th century, this hardware lets you build a portable twin-screw vise that can be secured anywhere on a benchtop. What's more, this design lets you elevate the work to a comfortable height, so you can make close cuts without stooping. The two 8" long 3/4" acme-threaded vise screws and 5" diameter cast-iron handwheels are precision-machined for remarkably smooth, low-friction operation.

**\* Yes, Len: we still spell it 'vice' in the UK! For evidence see the Cambridge Dictionary entry above. But proof-readers please note: I have otherwise foreborn to 'correct' the transatlantic spelling in this article!** Editor.

# Annual Moxon Gathering 2014

## in West Haddon, Northamptonshire

### Friday September 5 to Sunday September 7

**WEST HADDON IS AN ANCIENT HILL VILLAGE** in the middle of rolling agricultural land. As far as we know there are no links with the village and the Moxons, other than the link when we moved here in 2011! However we hope you will find the surroundings peaceful and the hotel comfortable as well as learn something of the history of the village as you enjoy the company of the Moxon Society.

The current population of West Haddon is around 1.700 and there is a strong community spirit with many clubs and groups active throughout the week. The village centres around the church, built on high ground, and the school built lower down surrounded by cottages of varying periods mixed in with modern infill.

There is a Post Office and small supermarket, two beauty shops and a hairdresser which perhaps reflects the average age of inhabitants and the fact that many are professionals working in nearby towns and some in London.

The weekend is at the planning stage but will include a day out to a National Trust property at Canons Ashby and a talk from a local historian, Wendy Raybould. Wendy is an entertaining speaker and has agreed to give us an “overview of the history of the village, and then focussing (“drilling down”) on one person using the tools of genealogical research.”

We will stay in the Pytchley Hotel which is a fine Georgian property with an oak-beamed bar, excellent fare and all modern comforts (except a lift). They can accommodate 36 people in a variety of double, single and twin bedded rooms.

*In the spring issue of the Moxon Magazine there will be fuller details of the weekend and the menu and application form. We will have to confirm our numbers by the end of June 2014 and also our choices from the menu before the event.*

**For now please  
BOOK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY!**

*The West Haddon village sign (top right), was commissioned for the Millennium, and depicts the ancient almshouses, and the village church, All Saints, which has a Norman font and a Pugin window.*

*The Pytchley Inn (right) won a*

**Certificate of Excellence**



*this year from TripAdvisor.*



## Chairman's daughter marries...

*When Ken and Joan's daughter Barbara married Gwynfor Jones at the Calvinistic Methodist Chapel, Benlech, Anglesey she wore a dress trimmed with blue in recognition of the couple's association with Bangor City Football Club. Gwynfor is the Club Secretary. The reception was held in the Hospitality Suite at Bangor City Football Club's new ground, and the couple honeymooned in Cuba.*

*But the fans' recognition of their favourite football club didn't end there! Because...*

*...under her dress...*



*...the bride wore football boots!*



*Our congratulations to Gwynfor and Barbara Jones! And our thanks to Ken and Joan Moxon for sending us the pictures and the story! I was tempted to offer the pictures as a caption competition! But thankfully common sense and good taste prevailed!*

## A Truly Honest Man

*The Diary of Joseph Moxon of Market Bosworth 1798 and 1799. Edited by Peter Foss and Timothy Parry. Includes a 39 page Introduction, describing life of the period in Market Bosworth..164 pages, 25 illustrations.*

It was suggested at the Annual General Meeting that a copy of this book be given to new members and that copies be placed in Leicestershire libraries where it is most likely to be of interest. There are some sixty copies in existence. It was requested that this information be included in the Magazine.

# Our Visit to Cawthorne

A Yorkshire Village Rich in Moxon Tradition

By Scott and Vivian Moxon-Hults

Our interest in the South Yorkshire Village of Cawthorne began on May 31, 2012 when Scott received an email from Graham Jagger saying, "With virtual certainty we can now link you into the Cawthorne branch of the Moxon family which can trace its ancestry back to 'Robert Mokeson of Cawthorne who paid 4 pence Poll Tax in 1379.' About 25% of the Moxon Society membership belong to this tree so you should meet lots of cousins when you attend your first Moxon Gathering in September."



*Margaret Moxon, Scott Moxon-Hults and Revd Jean Daykin, Associate Minister of All Saints' Church, Cawthorne*

All of this came about as the result of a DNA test that Graham arranged for Scott, the last surviving male of the line of John Moxon (MX48), who was baptized in Cawthorne on September 12, 1747 and who died in Bethnal Green, London in 1827.

Scott and I did indeed meet some of his Cawthorne cousins on the Isle of Wight at the 2012 Moxon Society Gathering.

Knowing the 2013 Gathering would be held in Llandudno, Wales, we based our journey to the Gathering in Manchester, UK, a short train ride to Llandudno and in the opposite direction, a short train ride to Cawthorne. After the Gathering and following a coach tour through southern Scotland, on the last Saturday of our vacation, we planned an ancestral visit to Cawthorne, the village of Scott's roots.

As there is no direct train to Cawthorne we booked to the nearest town, Barnsley. The four-mile taxi ride from Barnsley to Cawthorne took about 12 minutes and cost nine pounds. As close as they are to each other, the two towns are worlds apart. Barnsley is a bustling business center while Cawthorne is a quiet village which has kept its historical ambiance intact.

The earliest record of the village is found in William the Conqueror's "Domesday Book" of 1086. It states that the Saxon Alric was then holding "Caltorne" under the Lordship of the great Norman Baron Illbert de Laci and it included a "priest and a church."

The taxi brought us to All Saints Church where we were met by Christopher A. Moxon's sister, life-long Cawthorne resident Margaret Moxon, the Rev. Jean Daykin, Associate Pastor of the Church, and Barry Jackson, member of the Church Council and Head of the Cawthorne Victoria Jubilee Museum.

From Barry Jackson, author of the book, "Cawthorne 1790-1990, A South Yorkshire Village Remembers Its Past," we learned that the Moxons along with the Fish and Shirt families are probably the three oldest families in Cawthorne. Here are some of the Moxons mentioned in his book:

Richard Moxon was the Parish Clerk in the 1790's. He died in 1800.

It was the regular task of Walter Moxon (1827-1890) and his cousin Jim to walk cattle from Barnsley where the railroad left the cattle, to Cawthorne. Walter was the butcher at Clay Hall.

For many years the butchering needs of the village were supplied by William Moxon (b. 1841) who began by bringing meat around on a

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## Searching for a Moxon with one leg...

*Anne Davies wrote from Oswestry in Shropshire with a report on a meeting of her local Shropshire Family History Society where she learned of an unfortunate accident. Your Editor was intrigued, and in any event wanted to try out the Index which Chris Moxon compiled earlier this year. The Index contains over 9,000 entries extracted from the first fifty issues of the Moxon Magazine and it proved to be highly usable! As did the Society web site as I shall relate. But first Anne sets the scene for a bit of sleuthing...*

Dear Editor,

At a recent meeting of Shropshire Family History Society, which I attend regularly, I was able to acquire an exchange journal from the Derbyshire Family History Society; this was Issue 125, June 2008, and it contains the following Moxon reference which may be of interest.

Under the heading 'Extracts from William Bamford's Diary', an editorial first sets the scene:

'William Bamford was head clerk in the Counting House at the West Mill, Belper and served Messrs Strutt for nearly fifty years. He kept a ledger detailing numbers of hands employed, wages paid, maintenance of buildings, new expenditure etc. The following are his jottings, interspersed between the accounts, of events which occurred between 1820 and 1845.'

The entry for September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1825, is as follows:

'In the summer of 1825 Nathaniel Moxon had the misfortune to receive a wound in his leg while stacking hay at Mr Walkers. It became very painful and went on to such an alarming degree that his life was in danger and amputation was considered the last resource to save him. He refused for a long time, but at last consented and it was accordingly taken off by Spencer Junior of Duffield, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>.'

I seem to recall a Nathaniel Moxon article in our magazine, but thumbing through back numbers failed to find it. I wondered if the one on MX01 might be a candidate for this unfortunate fellow, or if the society had anything further on this Nathaniel?

The diary extracts in Issue 125 ended in the Nov of 1825, but were to be continued in future issues. I wondered if any Moxon members had access to Derby FHS journals to see if there was any follow-up of this case. Alternatively the Derby Mercury may possibly have further information.

Yours sincerely,

**Anne Davies**

***We would be very interested to hear of anything more on Nathaniel and his unfortunate accident. Ed.***

## An apology

This issue of The Moxon Magazine is very late to press, and I unreservedly apologise for my tardiness. I was going to offer excuses and reasons, but as George Washington said, "It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one." And Ben Franklin thought that, "He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else." **Ed.**

**ANNE IS QUITE RIGHT:** there *have* been mentions of Nathaniel Moxon in previous issues of the Moxon Magazine... forty in all according to the **Index!**

But there's no mention there of this accident, nor of the consequent amputation, nor are there references to William Bamford, Messrs Strutt, Spencer Junior (there are two eighteenth-century Spencers) or a Mr Walker of the relevant era. To complete the search of the Index Belper and Duffield don't feature either.

Tree MX01 is, of course, available on the Moxon Society web site run so ably by Margaret Tucker Moxon. Margaret has uploaded all the trees which are to be reviewed and corrected by Tree Guardians in the near future: see the back page for more information. The web site is also a repository for previous issues of the Moxon Magazine and much more: readers are encouraged to make much use of the many hours of painstaking work Margaret has put into it!

But back to MX01 which has fifteen entries for a *Nathaniel* of whom two are Nathaniel *Mokeson* and one Joseph Nathaniel Moxon, born 1865. Of the others I can find just two whose dates of birth or death do not rule them out as stackers of hay in Belper in 1825:

*Nathaniel Moxon b: Abt. 1790, + Jane Wiles m: 12 Jan 1812 in Rugeley d: Apr 1871 in Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincolnshire*

and

*Nathaniel Moxon b: Abt. 1815 in Market Bosworth, Leicester, + Ann Pendlebury d: 07 Feb 1859 in Lancashire, d: 14 Feb 1887*

I guess it's possible that the latter was stacking hay in Belper at the age of ten, but it seems unlikely!

Intrigued by the story I also looked at The British Newspaper Archive, and found no mention of Nathaniel's accident in 1825 in *The Derby Mercury*, *The Derby Telegraph* nor *The Derbyshire Times & Chesterfield Echo*, though I must confess that I didn't spend very much time on that search and others might have more success...

## Blown away on The Great Orme!

By Jenny Jordan

*When my brother Chris Moxon suggested we have a tram ride up The Great Orme it seemed a pleasant way to end our recent Moxon Gathering: an opportunity to see over the town where we had enjoyed a happy 48 hours, without too much exertion. Those who don't know me well might be surprised that I was ever a PE teacher with so lazy an attitude! But I am a bit past my first flush of youth now.*

**S**o, having paused near the start of the tramway for photographs with aforementioned brother outside the house where our great aunts ran a school in the later years of the 19th century (see page 15: Ed.), we walked up to the terminus.

At the entrance I was somewhat concerned to read a sign "Wind at top 45 mph" but as I had no idea if this was *very strong* or just *strong* I wasn't too perturbed. So upwards we rode to the halfway station where we had to change trams. At this point it became evident that the weather was distinctly unpleasant: it was pouring with rain and VERY windy. However, the four of us

(husband Trevor and Chris' friend Philip were sharing the adventure) were determined to reach the top and see the view, not to mention have an increasingly necessary cup of something warm.

At the tram stop on top of The Great Orme we could see that to reach the cafe we had to cross a 100 metre stretch of open ground sloping quite steeply uphill. But we needed that warm drink and the view! Moving away from the tram terminus building was scary; a 45 mph wind is VERY STRONG!

As we progressed, slowly, uphill and further from the building's shelter it became really frightening until just before

arriving at the shelter of the cafe I truly thought I had come up here to meet my Maker. A sudden gust (can a 45 mile hour wind be said to have a gust?) blew me over, and fortunately Philip grabbed me and pushed me onto the seat of a picnic table. Absolutely terrified for a few moments I clung to the table, mercifully built to withstand the winds, looking round to see brother Chris inching his way along the building to "check the door is open" as he shouted; and Trevor standing relatively calmly in the lee of the building. To reach that haven of calm I would have to let go of the picnic table...

Having lived for some years in Scarborough I thought I knew a lot about the power of the elements, having seen the fury of the sea and felt gale force winds. But never had I experienced anything like that fear of the wind on top of Great Orme. Perhaps the height and the feeling of being blown over the side added to the drama.

They serve a mean hot chocolate up there at the top of Great Orme, but I never did see the view!

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*Well now we can all see the view, thanks to this photo taken by Chairman Ken when he walked up the Great Orme, albeit on a less windy day! Ed.*



# We also gathered at Llanfairpwllgwyngyll



**AND WE ENJOYED** a delight  
– our own reserved carriage  
(21.7 km) long, runs from  
Ffestiniog, travelling to  
**Railway Company** (it is the  
the Act of Parliament  
company in the world.  
ating Double Fairlie engine  
Welsh poet. The locomotive  
2005 and converted to  
more miles per year than

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htful trip on the Blaenau-Ffestiniog Railway where we had – naturally!  
riage! (right). The narrow gauge heritage railway, roughly 13 1/2 miles  
om the harbour at Porthmadog to the slate mining town of Blaenau  
through splendid forested and mountainous scenery. The **Festiniog**  
retains the now obsolete spelling of the placename as defined by  
which created the railway in 1832) is the oldest surviving railway  
Our engine for the day (left) was **Merddin Emrys**, the oldest oper-  
engine on the line. Built in 1879 it was named after the 6th century  
notive underwent a major rebuild in 1987/8, returned to steam in  
coal firing during the winter of 2006/2007. She regularly completes  
an any other engine on the line.



## *Our Visit to Cawthorne*

hand-barrow before moving to Clay Hall and having a shop by the Fountain House. "When women used to grumble to him about the meat being tough, his blunt reply was 'God sends the meat and the devil sends the cook.'"

The Census of 1871 names Walter Moxon as Butcher and Farmer. In the same census, William Moxon who was the village postmaster and Schoolmaster at the Boys' School, made up for the absence of a lawyer in town by doing such jobs as proving wills.

James A. (Jim) Moxon (b.1899) began his working life in the family butchering business, but later moved into local government. He established a formidable record of service in the village as Clerk to the Parish Council and as Treasurer to the Church.

Miss Alice Moxon (1898-1979) born and educated in Cawthorne, lived her whole life there, serving as a Parish Councillor and as an official of the Methodist Church. A school teacher, she was for many years Headmistress of the Darton Secondary Girls School.

Captain Frank Moxon was a World War One veteran and Cawthorne resident who was presented the Military Cross in 1916 in Buckingham Palace by His Majesty, King George V.

In the 1900's the most prominent Moxon resident of Cawthorne was Noel Moxon (1903-79). Noel held various positions in his hometown from electrician to village historian,

all in the spirit of giving to his village community,

The Cawthorne Victoria Jubilee Museum was founded in 1884. Noel Moxon served as Secretary of the Museum from 1943 until his death in 1979. To honor his service the Museum Society established The Noel Moxon Wing of the Museum in 1983. Noel's son, Jim, and his grandson, Andrew, were special guests at the dedication.

With an understanding of how firmly the Moxons are embedded in the history of Cawthorne, we were eager to visit the church where so many in the family were christened, married and buried.

We were grateful that Rev. Daykin opened All Saints Church for our Saturday visit. Margaret and Barry showed us around and pointed out that during the restoration of the Church in 1880 evidence revealed the church at Cawthorne to be the most ancient in the area. The oldest portion of the present building is the North Chancel aisle which dates back to the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. We also visited the graveyard



*Margaret and Vivienne compare family trees*



*Scott enjoys fish, chips and a pint at The Spencer Arms!*

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and discovered a very old tombstone almost completely covered in ivy inscribed with the name, Frederick Moxon (1857-1876). Margaret related the story of Frederick's tragic demise. He accidentally shot himself in the foot and the wound became infected and soon after gangrene set in, he passed away.

On the south side of the church is a small building known as the Parish Room, built in 1639; it was once the village school house, last used as a school in 1906.

Standing together in the churchyard, Margaret compared her an-

cestry information with ours, which confirmed that she and Scott are from the same line. They share Richard Moxon MX02 (b 1716), married in 1742 to Mary Ibberson and their children, Jonathan (John) Moxon (b.1747) and his sister Anne (Ann) Moxon, (b. 1757). Scott is related to Jonathan and Margaret is related to Ann.

We ended our visit to the Church and then Barry Jackson escorted us on a tour of the Victoria Jubilee Museum that opened on May 31, 1884 to mark Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee and houses a fascinating collection of local and natural history, all very interesting.

We then visited the Town Hall where we saw the "Moxon Room," dedicated to Noel Moxon. The Parish Council holds its monthly meeting in this room.

We ended our visit to Cawthorne with lunch at the Spencer Arms, an early mid-nineteenth century manor house and now an excellent local restaurant. After lunch, we left Cawthorne to return to Barnsley to catch our train back to Manchester, bringing with us some wonderful memories of Scott's ancestral village and our delightful visit with his Moxon cousin, Margaret.

***Scott & Vivienne Moxon-Hults***  
***September 2013***



*All Saints' Church, Cawthorne*

## Joan Chester 1918-2013



**Mrs Joan Chester of Boston, Lincs, a member since 1989, died on the 16th June 2013 aged 95. Her nephew Philip wrote:**

Joan was born in Peterborough on January 1st 1918, the youngest of five children of Francis and Charlotte Moxon. Her childhood was spent in Peterborough, later she worked in the shoe department of the local Cooperative Stores and then during World War Two as a munitions operator.

In 1943 she married John Chester, an agricultural worker from Boston, Lincolnshire. They lived in the village of Friskney and in 1944 a son, Richard, was born to be followed in 1947 by a daughter, Elizabeth.

Joan worked as a secretary at the Friskney Primary School until 1955 when the family moved to Boston where husband John worked as a postman and where Joan took a post again as school secretary in various schools.

She took a keen interest in local amateur dramatics, playing in her time numerous theatrical roles.

The family had a caravan on the coast at Chapel St Leonards where they spent many happy hours with family and friends. Crieff in Scotland (home to eldest sister Doris) was another favourite holiday destination, and later the Yorkshire Dales.

Joan had a keen interest in the Moxon Society, meeting Jimmy at the Cambridge Gathering, a memory she treasured.

In later life, after the death of her husband John, she was looked after by her daughter Elizabeth.

She had a very keen, active and witty mind that was maintained to the end of her life.

She leaves direct descendants: her son Richard; her daughter Elizabeth; grandson Mark, granddaughter Laura, great granddaughter Chloe; and great grandson Zak.

**John de Wight has written:** Joan was a very supportive member of the Moxon Society and encouraged her nephew Philip Moxon to be a member as well. They phoned me with the news of her death and asked if an obit could go in the magazine. They have provided details about her life and a photograph of her taken just last year (*above*).

I knew her as a lady of quite determined views and very proud of her Downham, Cambridge, Moxon ancestry. She came to the Cambridge Gathering in 1995 and we exchanged news and pleasantries during the Saturday. Subsequently, we corresponded rather spasmodically, usually in January when I would write to her asking for the coming year's subscription!! I would add the odd comment to the "request letter", sometimes a bit cheeky!

When I wrote to her most recently her reply included the comments (reproduced below) which I found very touching at the time, and now very poignant.

*JdeW*

*At 94, I'm keeping quite well - but, sorry I shall not be renewing my membership  
Thank you for such a good friend to me during these 106 of years!!  
Love, Joan*

# MY GRANDFATHER & GRANDMOTHER MOXON

by *Sylvia Merrett nee Moxon*

*Sylvia Merrett wrote to say that she was a very disappointed member of the Society: lately there had been too much about overseas Moxons and though she had been a member since 1989 she had seen no mention of her family tree, MX10. I replied that this wasn't strictly true (the Index shows entries in issues 3, 13 and 38 at least) but it is certainly true that there isn't very much about members of this tree. But then, as John Moxon Hill once reported, we can only include what we are given to include.*

*So Sylvia sent me a brief piece about her grandparents along with her own copy of tree MX10 which wouldn't fit into this issue but can be seen (with new additions) on the Moxon Society website. Sylvia ended by expressing the "hope that someone might be able to give me more information on my particular branch as obviously I would like to know more and if possible trace it further back. So if anyone can help me in that respect I will be most grateful."*

**MY GRANDFATHER** was Arthur William Moxon. Sadly, I never knew him because he died two years before I was born but I have heard such a lot about him and what a wonderful man he was. He was born in the Gardener's Cottage at Tapton Hall, Sheffield where his father, Charles Moxon (from Ardsley, Barnsley) was the gardener, latterly working at the Sheffield Botanical Gardens as head gardener. My grandfather was the youngest of five children and apparently he would tell my father all about his childhood and growing up, and how he loved to walk in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside.

He was a bachelor until the age of 36 when he met my grandmother, Sarah Jane Atkinson. Sarah Jane had emigrated to Canada in 1892. She got a job in Hepworth, Ontario, and worked for a doctor as his housekeeper. He took advantage of her and as a result she had a daughter, Dorothy. She kept the child and later married a widower, Charles Piper, who lived in the area and had grown-up children by his previous marriage. My grandmother then went on to have another daughter, Tina. When Tina was just seven months old Charles had a heart attack and died. His grown-up children became hostile to Sarah Jane, told her she must leave the house, and gave her just enough money for her to return to England. She felt she had no option but to have Dorothy adopted as she thought she would have a better life in Canada (there was much poverty and hardship in England at that time) so she had Dorothy (then aged three) adopted by a well-off but childless couple on the understanding that Dorothy would have a very good upbringing. Sarah Jane then sailed back to England with baby Tina. She lived for a short while with her sister in Rotherham

before meeting and marrying my grandfather. They married in Norton Parish Church, Sheffield, in 1898. Arthur William adopted baby Tina and the couple went on to have Vera, Ivy, and Charles (my father) and also Harold (who sadly died at the age of ten months).

The family lived at Cockayne Place, Norton Woodseats, Sheffield. In 1911, when my father was just five years old, my grandmother was tragically killed by a car which hit her whilst she was alighting from a tram in Lancaster. She had gone there with her sister to visit a relative and was knocked down by a passing motorist overtaking the tram on the wrong side. Tragically, she died in hospital three days later aged just 43 years. Tina by then was 14 years old and had to become a "little mother" to my father and to Ivy.

Meanwhile in Canada Dorothy had a good life with her adoptive parents and eventually met a young man who had emigrated from England. They married and had two sons. After a while they went to live in U.S.A. Dorothy's adoptive mother had told her how she came to be adopted and that her real mother had been forced to return to England. Dorothy had vowed that one day she would come and find her mother in Sheffield, so in 1924 Dorothy, her husband Sidney and their two sons Lloyd and Roy came over, and with the help of the police they found where the Moxon family were living in Sheffield. Grandmother had never told the family about Dorothy - the only person in whom she had confided was her sister Polly and she had told her how she was pining for Dorothy and bitterly regretted having her adopted. I can imagine what a tremendous surprise it must have been when they turned up on the doorstep!

I'm told that as Dorothy was trying to explain the circumstances my grandfather said "there is no need to try and explain any further. I can see in your eyes who you are - you look just like your mother," and with that they were all made to "feel at home" and stayed for a month. It must have been a big disappointment though for Dorothy not to have been able to meet up again with her real mother after all those years.

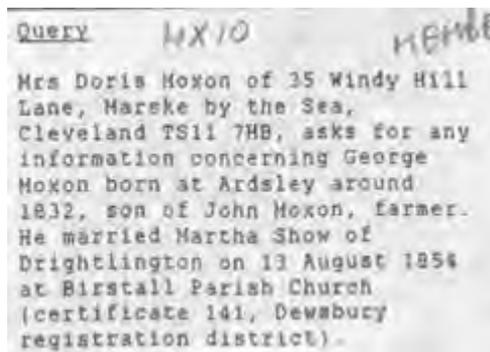
My aunt Dorothy kept in regular contact with the Moxon family and during the war years she sent several food parcels over from America for which the family were very grateful.

Dorothy and her family lived in north Hollywood and in her younger days she worked as a make-up artist for the big film stars of the time including Joan Crawford, Betty Davis and Mae West.

I was lucky enough to be able to go out to America for the first time in 1990 and meet my aunt Dorothy and my two cousins Lloyd and Roy. Dorothy was then aged 98 - still very "with it" and indeed a lovely person, and I so enjoyed listening to all her interesting tales about her life.

**Sylvia Merrett**

*Bedgrove, Aylesgrove*



*From Moxon Magazine issue 3 (April 1989), page 2. Sylvia's brief article on her Aunt Ivy Moxon (nee Cobb) appeared in issue 26 (October 2000), p.8*

## THE MOXON SOCIETY

### MINUTES OF 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – LLANDUDNO SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2013

The Chairman, Ken Moxon, opened the meeting, firstly in Welsh and then in English, and gave the good wishes of Graham Jagger (President) to the meeting.

#### Present:

Ken & Joan Moxon; Jim & Birgit Moxon; John & Sue Moxon; John & Jacqui Moxon; Don & Wendy Moxon; Chris Moxon; Doris Moxon; Scott & Vivienne Moxon-Hults; John Earnshaw; Marlene & David Hamilton; Judy Huggett; Trevor & Jenny Jordan; Philip Lord; Rosemary Mans; Denise Muncaster; Robert Muncaster; Barbara O'Neill; Lynne & Brian Raskow

#### Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Graham Jagger; Christopher & Jane Micklethwaite. Gill & Bruce Jones were delayed during their journey and missed the meeting; also absent from the meeting but present at the Gathering were Sarah Earnshaw caring for Reuben Earnshaw aged 20 months!

#### Minutes:

The minutes of the 2012 AGM had been circulated and were adopted as a true record of that meeting.

#### Matters Arising:

There were none.

#### Secretary's Report:

This was accepted without question.

#### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer explained that there was an error in updating the balance sheet which was due to a late subscription. He also explained that the MFRT funds had been withdrawn from the Halifax Bank as it no longer offered Charitable Trust facilities and were temporarily lodged in the Society accounts. As soon as a new bank had been agreed the funds would be used to open a new account in the name of MFRT. There were no questions and so the report was accepted.

#### Membership Report:

The Membership Secretaries' report was accepted with no questions.

#### Webmaster's Report:

This was received by email; no questions were asked and it was accepted.

**Editor's Report:** Two publications were available at this Gathering: Don Moxon's reprint of the *Housewifery* book and Don paid tribute to Trevor Jordan for his publishing of same. Trevor announced the *Index to the first 50 copies* of the magazine was now available due to an enormous amount of work from Chris Moxon who had had to read every single name from each magazine and type in each one, a total of some 9,500 entries and 100,000 words!

#### Thank You:

John Moxon (Isle of Wight) paid tribute to two officers standing down: Graham Jagger who had held office as President (and Acting Chairman for one year on the sudden demise of John Moxon Hill) for several years. Graham's health was no longer very good so he had decided last year to stand down. The committee having discussed this during the year agreed the position should not be filled this year and that, in recognition of his work for the Society, Graham be asked to accept the position of President Emeritus. A round of applause followed this vote of thanks. John then proposed a vote of thanks to John Earnshaw for his invaluable work in designing and building the Website and in encouraging and enabling Margaret Tucker Moxon to take it over and enlarge it. It is our principal recruiting tool and the Society's thanks are due to both members for their contribution. This was also followed by applause. The Chairman, Ken Moxon paid tribute to the work of the Membership Secretaries who had so willingly picked up their old post after Richard Pope decided to step down during the year. They had been instrumental in retrieving several members who had forgotten to renew their subscriptions or had otherwise apparently left the Society. This had taken a great deal of time and effort and the Chairman expressed the gratitude of the Society and welcomed Chris Moxon who had offered to take on the role of Membership Secretary and had already spent time with John and Sue familiarising himself with what is required.

#### Programme:

The chairman outlined the programme for the weekend, much of which had been produced for everyone in attendance although a slight alteration to the afternoons plans was that instead of spending time in Caernarfon after lunch there, the coach would take us to Anglesey. He also gave a brief description of Llandudno and recommended a trip up The Great Orme. The group photograph will be taken at 0930 at the front of the hotel.

#### Elections of Officers:

*To serve for 2013-14*

Chairman	Ken Moxon
Secretary	Jenny Jordan
Treasurer	John Earnshaw
Membership Secretary	Chris Moxon
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Webmaster	Margaret Tucker Moxon
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**THE MOXON SOCIETY****MINUTES OF 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****Election of Committee:** *To serve for 2013-14:*

Graham Jagger; Sue & John Moxon; Christopher & Jane Micklethwaite; Joan Moxon; Vivienne Moxon-Hults

**Venue & Date for 2014**

Jenny and Trevor Jordan agreed to find suitable accommodation near their home in the Midlands, at roughly the same time of year and approximate costs of this year. The details and a booking form will be issued with the October magazine.

**Any other business**

Lynne Raskow offered her thanks for the organisation of the Gathering and gave small goody bags from Australia to everyone.

**Vote of Thanks**

John Moxon (Isle of Wight) proposed a vote of thanks from the meeting to Ken and Joan Moxon for all the arrangements they had made for this (their second) Gathering. Received unanimously and with applause.

**FOOTNOTE**

**Moxon connections with Llandudno:** Two sisters of Joseph Nathaniel Moxon (MX01) are known to have run a school at no. 29, Church Walks, Llandudno. They died some 100 years ago. Three of JNM's grandchildren were present at The Gathering. Two of them, Jenny and Chris, are pictured below outside the school, now a private house.



*Chris Moxon & Jenny Jordan find the school run by the sisters of Nathaniel Moxon at number 29, Church Walks, Llandudno.*

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## Working on the past – in the future!

*Currently the Society has almost fifty Family Trees on its website.*

It is simply impossible for one person to check, update and expand all of these Trees and so, over the next few months, the Society is hoping to appoint a “Tree Guardian” for each specific Tree with the task of checking the accuracy of their particular Tree and authorising all future amendments or corrections to it which anyone submits.

Each “Tree Guardian” will have guidance notes as to what they should look for; special access to the Society’s Research Archives and will be able to ask for help or advice from other Society members. Some “Tree Guardians” may be less active than others – but some Trees may need rather less amendment!

Full details of this new initiative will be given in the Spring issue of the Magazine, but if you would like any more information about these plans now, or if you would like to put your name forward for being the “Tree Guardian” for your particular Tree, please contact any of the following:

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## Corrigendum

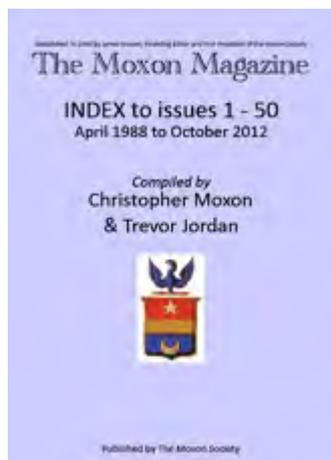
IN OUR LAST ISSUE CHRIS MOXON wrote an article about two Moxon connections in Llandudno, venue for our Annual Gathering this year. Chris now writes to say:

*(T)here is a misprint in my article - Harriet Matilda married Charles Coxon (NOT Moxon!) in 1911. I'll drop John a line just to make clear that I know his great grandfather (and grandfather as well) was a Coxon!*

## New books by members

### *Moxon Magazine Index 1-50*

**Chris Moxon** worked incredibly hard to produce this comprehensive Index to the first fifty issues of the Moxon Magazine. Now we don't need to scratch our heads wondering where we saw that article on Nathaniel Moxon (see page 6 for an example!); the answer is here in over 9,000 entries! Designed and typeset by the Moxon Magazine Editor this guide is invaluable, (*though I do say so myself! Ed.*) Available at £9.99 plus postage from  
<http://tinyurl.com/moxonindex>



### *Seventeenth Century life in a small market town*



**Another new book from Chris Moxon**, our Membership Secretary. The Enclosure Acts removed previously existing rights of local people to carry out activities in these areas, such as cultivation, cutting hay, grazing animals; using other resources such as small timber, fish, and turf; or sometimes even living on the land. Unsurprisingly it led to riots in some areas though some – mostly the landowners who stood to make a profit – welcomed enclosure.

Chris's carefully researched study – a newly-rewritten version of his Doctoral thesis – explores the effects on the people of his home town, the small market town of Ashby de la Zouch in North West Leicestershire. Obtainable from Amazon.co.uk at £9.35 plus postage. Highly recommended.