

BRADWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Up-coming events

In July and August we come to the summer break in our talks but we shall be calling on helpers for setting up our stall on Friday 9th August and then taking care of it on the Saturday of Carnival.

Also be reminded that when our talks resume on the third Tuesday in September (16th) it will be in St Barnabas Church at the usual time of 8 pm. Drinks and biscuits will be available as usual.

Who was Fanny Sexey?

Several members, including Churchwarden Jane Dalrymple, have been puzzled by the inscription on one of the older tombstones in the graveyard of St Barnabas. This has proved a little difficult to read. But here is an earlier photograph, although when it was taken is not known.



From this it is clear that this is for the Fox family of Hazlebadge and at some time Fanny Fox had married someone called Swyer Sexey. It also seems that Fanny's sister Emma Jane had married a man called Bloop! In fact it reads Bloor.

From Ancestry records we know that Fanny Fox was born in June 1860 the daughter of Samuel and Margaret Jane (née Hayward). This Samuel Fox was a farmer not an industrialist. Fanny was baptised at St Barnabas in 1871 along with sister Emma Jane. By this time father Samuel Fox had died (in 1867). Census returns show Fanny as living at Hazelbadge until 1891 although in 1881 the address is given as Windmill. By 1901 she was still unmarried but living in Crumsall, Manchester. It wasn't until July 1916 that she married Charles Swyer Sexey in Prestwich, Lancashire.

Charles Swyer Sexey was born on 22nd January 1846 at Stanton Lodge. By 1861 he was living in Birchover. He married his first wife Sarah Jane Darley in Derby in 1869. In all Charles and Sarah had seven children before Sarah's death in 1903. Five of these step-children were still living in 1916 when Charles and Fanny married. Husband Charles died in 17th April 1927 and his family gravestone is in St Katherine's Churchyard, Rowsley.

