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Welcome back to another fascinating year of family history research. New resources are available by the day, and the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre has both internet access to family history sites, and a library of books, fiche and parish records.

This evening's meeting

This evening's format is a little different. Several volunteers have agreed to bring along "family heirlooms", and to talk about them in small groups. Thanks to all volunteers - we look forward to an interesting evening with plenty of chatter. If everybody remembers, there should be a Jacob's Join to follow. Please tell Marian and the committee if you enjoyed the evening, or if you didn't! Marian finds excellent speakers month by month, but is always keen to try different ideas.

From Graham Robinson, Chorley branch BMD Team Leader:

On the BMD front, we have been doing some marriages for West Lancashire. However, the Certificate Services discovered certain problems with some West Lancashire deaths which were online. We checked a couple of old marriage registers and discovered numerous mistakes which meant looking through them all !! And now we are wading through the deaths as well - still it keeps us out of mischief.

Thanks to our BMD Team for the good work that they are doing.

From LFHHS Chorley Research Centre Manager, Sheila Gibbons:

At the end of November, a visitor researching at the Centre left a card with contact information. He said that if anyone had any family history queries related to football, he could be contacted at the National Football Museum.

*The contact details are:
Peter Holme,
nationalfootballmuseum.com
Tel. 0161 605 8200*

New in January from the LFHHS website shop:

Preston Directories £5
Wrightington St James the Great CE Burial Register 1857 -1992 £1.60
Wrightington St James the Great CE Baptismal Register 1857 -1992 £2.90
Wray Holy Trinity CE MIs £1.00
Worsthorne St John the Evangelist CE MIs £1.00
Worsthorne Methodist Church MIs £1.00
Whittle le Woods St John the Evangelist CE Burials 1831 £1.65
Whitewell (Yks) St Michael CE MIs £1.60

If you have forgotten to pay your LFHHS subscription, please pay as soon as possible.

Next Steps course

The branch's "Next Steps" course begins on Friday January 22nd (sorry about the wrong date in the last newsletter). There is still time to check if any places are available, and to register interest for forthcoming courses.

All 10 session courses are held on Friday evenings at the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre, and are open to all at a cost of £40. Tel 01257 453087 for details, or talk to Pauline Chapman.

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Opening Times:

Mon, Wed and Fri
10.00 a.m.
2nd and 3rd Saturday
12 noon
Closed at 4.00 p.m. on all above days.
Last appointment
3.00 p.m.

For a trial period on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, the Centre will remain open until 7.30 p.m. Booking is essential on this evening & advisable normally.

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Open every Thurs and 1st Sat in each month, 1.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

What's New

Findmypast has added many new categories to its site. For example it offers:

New records from Bradford Family History Society
Lloyds Register of Merchant Ships Index 1843
Images from England and Wales Electoral Registers 1832-1932
More British and Irish newspaper titles
Additional Devon Institutional and Social records
London Watermen records of various types 1803 – 1921
Leicestershire Baptisms and Burials, and Suffolk and Warwickshire Baptisms
Plymouth Plague Rate 1626 – 1629
British in India records dating from 1664 – 1961
Dublin Registers and Records – Church of Ireland parish records from 1600s – 1800
Knights of the Realm Index
More British Army Muster Rolls and British Army Worldwide Records
Victoria, Australia Mental Health Institutions

Ancestry has also updated many records, and has added, for example:

Gloucestershire Non-Conformist Baptisms
Norfolk Bishop's Transcripts 1685 – 1941
Freemasonry Records
Surrey Regimental rolls 1914 – 1947
WW2 Civil Defence Gallantry Awards
Various Probate Records
Electoral Registers, including some for Scotland
Ireland – Civil Registration Births Index 1864 – 1958
UK Civil Divorce Records 1858 – 1914

Scotlandspeople continues to increase access to records with the following recent additions:

Military Service Appeals Tribunal records from 1916 – 1918 are now available.
Now online are births registered in 1915, marriages in 1940, and deaths in 1965. The 1940 marriages are very significant because that year saw the introduction of civil marriages by registrars.
The Catholic Parish Registers are records of sacramental events recorded by the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland between 1703 and 1903. The registers comprise records of births and baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials, and also a small set of fascinating records of communicants, sick calls, first confessions and seat rents.

Computer Club

The Computer Club has restarted after the Christmas break. If you are interested in joining the group, please have a word with Sheila.

Next branch meeting

Our next meeting is at Chorley Library at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 16th February.

Our speaker for that evening is Dr Alan Crosby. His talk is entitled "Travels with my Great Aunt".

Alan's talks are always immensely well researched and also entertaining. If you know of someone who might like to join the LFHHS, this is the perfect evening to invite them to come along.



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