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FINAL EDITION ??

Unless we get a volunteer to be Editor

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ARE YOU A SOMEBODY OR A NOBODY?

There are four people who represent all of us. They are:

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There are important tasks to be done within the branch and *Everybody* has been asked to consider taking on the responsibility of one of the tasks. Now, it seems that *Everybody* is sure that *Somebody* will volunteer.

Anybody could do it, but *Nobody* has realized that, although *Somebody, Everybody* and *Anybody* could help out by volunteering, *Nobody* has volunteered. Consequently, if the branch has to close down because of the lack of volunteers, *Everybody* will be blaming *Somebody* when *Nobody* has done what *Anybody* could have done in the first place.

Will you put your name forward to take on one of these tasks?

BRANCH AGM. - WEDNESDAY MARCH 30th 2011

The following officials are due for re-election at this year's Branch A.G.M.

Vice Chairman	Gazette Editor
Secretary	Minutes Secretary
Treasurer	Webmaster
Programme Secretary	LancashireBMD Coordinator
Executive Liaison Officer	Projects Coordinator
Committee Members	

DIARY DATES – (WHAT'S ON)

LFHHS IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

All meetings held at The LFHHS Resource Centre, 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle.

- ♣ **Lecture - From Colne to Gallipoli, 1915. John D Purcell, a soldier of the 10th Irish Division, Royal Irish Fusiliers**
Saturday 12th February 2011, 1pm to 4.30pm
- ♣ **Advice & Research Workshop and short AGM**
Saturday 9th April 2011, 1pm to 4.30pm
- ♣ **Lecture - Irish Research using the Internet – Brenda Hustler**
Saturday 11th June 2011, 1pm to 4.30pm
- ♣ **Advice & Research Workshop**
Saturday 13th August 2011, 1pm to 4.30pm
- ♣ **Advice & Research Workshop**
Saturday 8th October 2011, 1pm to 4.30pm
- ♣ **Lecture – From Clare to Burnley – McNamara's in Blackburn and Burnley – Philip McNamara**
Saturday 3rd December 2011, 1pm to 4.30pm
Enquiries – Shaun O'Hara, 8 Liddington Close, Newfield Park, Blackburn, BB2 3WP. e-mail: shaunpam at btinternet.com

NATIONAL HISTORY SHOW, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? LIVE

London's Olympia Fri 25th-27th February 2011

Further details at www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.co.uk

MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Hulme Hall, 23 Bolton Rd, Port Sunlight, Wirral CH6 5DH

Sunday 6th March 2011, 10am to 5pm, Admission £2, Accom. Children free

CITY OF YORK & DISTRICT FHS FAIR

The Folk Hall, New Earswick, York, YO32 4AQ

Saturday 26th March 2011, 10am to 4pm Admission £1. Free Car Parking.

ROTHERHAM FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

United Reform Church Hall, Wickersley Rd, Rotherham

Saturday 26th March 2011, 10am to 4pm, Admission £1. Free Parking.

PUDSEY FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawson's Corner, Pudsey LS28 5TA

Saturday 2nd April 2011, 10am to 4pm

Admission £2.25 per person. 25p discount to proven Family & Local History Society Members.

YORK FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Knavesmire Exhibition Centre, York Racecourse.

Saturday 25th June 2011, 10am to 4.30pm. Admission £4, Children under 14 free

Free Car Parking adjacent to venue.

THE NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Newcastle Central Premier Inn, Newbridge St., Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 8BS

Saturday 10th September 2011, 10am to 4pm Admission £3

PROGRAMME

The programme of events for the coming meetings is shown below and can also be viewed on the branch website at <http://www.lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk>

16 Feb.	Oddie's Bakery	Lara Oddie
16 Mar	Snuff, Spinning and Spiritual Houses	Harold Hoggarth
30 Mar	A.G.M and Practical Evening	
20 Apr	My Life and Time as a Registrar	Christine Broughton
18 May	Out-Visit - (to be arranged)	
15 Jun	Schools, Children and Work	Dr. Elizabeth Roberts
29 Jun	Practical Evening	
13 or 20 Jul	(date to be arranged to avoid the Cycle Racing)	
17 Aug	The Birth of Nelson	Fiona McIntyre
31 Aug	Open Evening	
21 Sep	Women in the Mines	Graham Stirrup
19 Oct	Rebuilding of Ypres	Denise North
16 Nov	Beatrix Potter	Margaret Curry
30 Nov	Practical Evening	
7 Dec	Christmas Festivities (ticket only, available at the November Meeting)	

Printed copies of the programme are available.

Arrangements for the May out-visit will be announced soon and a day visit to York with optional tour of the Borthwick Library will be announced soon.

Monthly Family History sessions at Colne library will continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month until March 2011. Drop in any time from 10.00 am to 12 noon

Jean Ingham, Acting Programme Secretary.

LIBRARY

The present arrangement for the branch library is under review. There is a shortage of space for our collection at Colne library and a lot of books are still in storage at my home. Please see me at any branch meeting if you wish to borrow a book.

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian

LANCASHIREBMD PROJECT

Work on the deaths is continuing. Barnoldswick deaths from 1837 to 1954, and Burnley East 1837 to 1923 are now on the internet. We are currently working on Burnley East, but due to the bad weather, we have had to miss quite a few trips to Preston. Fortunately, work at home does not seem to have been so affected.

Thanks to all the volunteers.

Janet Knowles, Lancashire BMD Project Coordinator

THE NEXT CENSUS WILL TAKE PLACE ON 27th MARCH 2011.

YOUR BRANCH NEEDS YOU!

The March AGM will soon be here and as in previous years we are looking for new people to join the committee, either as ordinary members or as officers. This year, however, it is more important than ever that we get new members. Over time we have reached a point where several posts are still vacant, which means that some committee members are now doing at least two jobs each. We do seriously need your help.

The vacant positions are Vice Chairman, Secretary, Programme Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Projects Organiser, Gazette Editor, Webmaster and Executive Representative/Trustee.

Many of the present committee have served for a long time but they will not always be there and if we are to continue as a successful branch we need people to come forward to help. We are asking the wider membership, not just those who attend our monthly meetings, to consider joining our team in the running of the branch. We know that many of you will have acquired, through work and life, the skills and experience, that the branch needs. A willingness to help is all that is really required. For those who have several years experience of family history research, here is a great opportunity to share your expertise and help others.

Some of these posts could be done on a job-sharing basis so lessening the amount of work involved, and full coaching will be given. As long as you can attend committee meetings, it is not necessary to live right on our doorstep!

Without a committee, we cannot operate and the branch would eventually have to close; and that sadly would be the end of a family history group which has existed in this area for over thirty years. No more lectures and no more practical sessions. It really is up to you!

If you are interested and would like further details of what is involved please contact me either by phone 01282 869815 or e-mail at wj-ingham@mypostoffice.co.uk, for an information pack.

Jean Ingham (Chairman)

THANK YOU.

Sadly, this is the last 'Gazette' edited by Brenda. Taking on the role of temporary editor in 2003, Brenda has been producing these excellent newsletters for over 8 years. A long time for a temporary position! She has done a brilliant job and has always delivered an interesting and professional publication.

As only about a third of branch members attend the monthly meetings, the newsletter is particularly important in keeping our out-of-area members informed on branch activities.

We have all enjoyed reading the Gazettes and on behalf of everyone at the branch I offer Brenda our grateful thanks for all her hard work and dedication.

Jean Ingham

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

IT WAS DUE ON JANUARY 1ST.

LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES (formerly Lancashire Record Office)

Anna Watson MBE. Anna has been awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours list for services to Local Government. As many of you will know, in 1988, Anna got together a group of volunteers who became known as the Will Flatteners. Over the past 22 years, this group have flattened, preserved and sorted hundreds of thousands of probate documents. The project has been one of the longest running volunteer projects in the archive world.

CHANGES AT LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES

The New Year saw not only a name change, but also a restructuring of Lancashire County Council's archive service. Bruce Jackson is now County Heritage Manager, since the post of County Archivist has disappeared. He will still be responsible for Lancashire Archives, but will also be responsible for the Community History service in Lancashire Libraries and for the direction of Lancashire's Museums. Jacque Crosby will become the Archives Services Manager with responsibility for running the archive service, manager of North West Sound Archives and Diocesan Archivist.

"**Getting to Know Lancashire Archives**" sessions, when you will be able to get an insight as to what happens there, will continue during 2011, although disruptions will occur during the renovation of the heating and ventilation system. Sessions will be held on the first Friday of every month at 2.30 pm and each session lasts about 1½ to 2 hours. Places are limited so booking is essential. To book telephone 01772 533039 or e-mail the record office at record.office@lancashire.gov.uk.

The next sessions to be held in 2011

4.February 4.March 1.April 6.May 3.June

In addition to the normal opening times, the Archives will be open on the second Saturday of each month from 10am to 4 pm. No documents will be produced between 12.30pm and 1.30pm

Saturday opening in 2011 12.February, 12.March, 9.April, 14.May, 11.June, subject to change during the renovations.

LANCAT – Lancashire Archives online catalogue is available at -

<http://archivecat.lancashire.gov.uk/calmview/>

POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES (LA)

Over the spring and summer of 2011, there will be major work carried out to replace large sections of the heating and ventilation plant at Lancashire Archives. Although a detailed timetable is not yet available, there are early indications that it may be necessary to close the building totally to public access for at least some of the time that work is in progress.

Any closures will not take place before late March at the earliest, and may not occur for several months after that. Lancashire Archives are giving as much advance notice as possible to anyone planning to visit the office, particularly if they would be travelling a considerable distance. Information will be updated on the Archives website as it becomes available. More details should be known by early 2011.

Further information can be found on their website, www.archives.lancashire.gov.uk

HONOR OF CLITHEROE PROJECT

Lancashire Archives holds the Honor of Clitheroe Court rolls and books. The early court rolls, up to 1571, have been transcribed and are available in a printed book. The rolls from 1660 to 1910 have not been transcribed but a hand-written index of the names of the surrenderors and surrenderees for land and property transactions during that period was prepared many years ago. Lancashire Archives would like to put this index into their online catalogue, so that it is more readily accessible to local and family historians who can then be made aware of the information in the Court rolls and books. To do this the indexes need to be transcribed into a database.

The indexes are held in 37 volumes which cover the Easter, Michaelmas and Special Courts for the Manor of Accrington, Manor of Tottington, Manor of Colne (with the Forest of Trawden), Forest of Pendle, Manor of Chatburn, Worston and Pendleton, Wapentake of Blackburn and Manor of Slaidburn. Rossendale Forest and Haslingden were in the Manor of Accrington, and previous to its separate existence the Forest of Pendle was included within the Manor of Ightenhill. The Ightenhill court was held at Burnley and Higham each year.

A pilot project was started during the summer, to transcribe the indexes relating to the Pendle and Burnley area. Volunteers are needed to help with this project. The work involves transcribing the hand written text (joined up writing) into an Excel database from digital photographs of the original index pages, so you will need to have access to a computer. If you are interested in becoming involved with this project, please contact David Hustler (imasduz@themasduz.co.uk) who will show you just what is involved. It is relatively simple and just entails copy typing the indexes, but it is hand writing, not printed copy. An example is shown below. The work will be checked so there is no need to worry about making mistakes. Reading various forms of handwriting will stand you in good stead when you come to have to read parish registers during your own research.

Surrenderors and Surrenderees Names	Lands etc	No. Roll
Daughter Michael & wife spous. to Walter John	Great Marsden	M: 1661
Driver Thomas to Driver Thomas his son	Clitheroe	M: 1661
Daughter Michael to Hammond John	Coln	E: 1661
Driver John to Hartley Bernard	Wimsworth	E: 1661
Driver James to Driver Robert his son	Coln	M: 1661
D: . . . to . . . D?	Coln	M: 2?
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Driver John to Johnson John & ans?	Wimsworth	E: 2?
Driver Mary to Walter James	Coln lane	E: 1671
Driver Robert to Hartley Isobell	Said Mars	M: 1671

ARCHIVES NEWS

Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Archive & Library (Devizes) will be closed on Saturdays until further notice, due to major refurbishment. Current opening is Tuesday to Friday 10am-5pm. For more information visit www.wiltshireheritage.org.uk

Devon Record Office (www.devon.gov.uk/record_office.htm) will be closed for stocktaking and other essential collection management tasks from Monday 7 February until Friday 18 February 2011 inclusive. It will re-open at 10.00a.m. on Monday 21 February 2011.

Bancroft Library (Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives) building will not reopen to the public until the New Year. Unforeseen delays have been experienced in the Phase 1 essential health & safety works currently under way, including a long wait to receive the necessary planning approvals for the type of Portland stone and London brick to be used. The relocation of stock within the building, cleaning of the collection storage areas and reconfiguration of the reading room is also likely to take longer than planned. They apologize for the inconvenience this extended closure will cause to their users and expect to re-open in mid-January 2011. They continue to offer a limited remote enquiry service by phone and email during the closure - call 020 7364 1290 or email localhistory@towerhamlets.gov.uk.

East Sussex – New Archive

East Sussex County Council issued the following news on Wednesday, 15th December 2010 as part of its press release: A major step in the plan for a new historical resource centre for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove was achieved this week when planning permission was given for 'The Keep'. More information can be seen at <http://tinyurl.com/2w98srl>

Bury Library and Archive Service

The Family and Local History Library and the Archive Unit are to be combined. The former will close Saturday 22.Jan.2011. Electoral rolls and the microfilm of the "Bury Times" will be available in the Archive Unit; parish register information for Prestwich and Radcliffe will be available in those libraries, respectively; the remainder of the material will be put into storage. The Family History Surgery will cease until the reopening of the Library. The Archive Service will be closed January 31 - February 7 and will close again on March 7 until the completion of the work. Contact the Library for information on whereabouts of research material

<http://www.bury.gov.uk/LeisureAndCulture/Libraries/BranchLibraries/default.htm>

Tel: 0161 253 5871 e-mail: information@bury.gov.uk

Bolton History Centre

Due to the refurbishment, staff cannot access any original archives or local studies reserve stock material until 14th March 2011 and will be unable to deal with enquiries related to the above collections. The Bolton History Centre will remain open and all other sources will be accessible including census records, microfilmed parish registers, newspapers and many other resources. Telephone or email in to check what is available. Tel 01204 332185 or 01204 332179 Email: archives@bolton.gov.uk.

FEDERATION (FFHS) NEWS

The FFHS has received a batch of unwanted certificates, which the donor hoped might be of use to a fellow researcher. The FFHS is happy to pass these on to any interested party on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope. The majority are for the surname GUNNER but there are other surnames. To see if any relate to your research visit the FFHS website <http://www.ffhs.org.uk>

Huddersfield & District Family History Society is moving: -As from 23 November 2010 their new address will be: -33a Green's End Rd, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 5NW The telephone number remains 01484 859229

The Root Cellar opening hours remain the same Please see their website for further details <http://www.hdfhs.org.uk>

The Montgomeryshire Genealogical Society in association with the FFHS have published 23,984 new parish records for Montgomeryshire on findmypast.co.uk Baptisms 1601-1901, Marriages 574-1837, Burials 1598-1878.

Rugby Family History Group working in association with the FFHS, have provided findmypast.co.uk with 14,105 new parish baptism and burial records for Warwickshire – St Mark and St John the Baptist, Baptisms 1564-1879, Burials 1564-1905.

The Birmingham and Midland Family History Society working in association with the FFHS, have provided findmypast.co.uk with 154,074 parish burial records for Key Hill and Warstone Lane 1883–2007.

The Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG), a member of the FFHS, have published 223,160 burial records for Rookwood Cemetery in Sydney, Australia, on findmypast.co.uk. These records cover the period 1798 to 1999.

The cemetery covers more than 777 acres and is regarded as the largest cemetery in the southern hemisphere. Find your ancestors by searching the parish burials search page. Select 'New South Wales' from the county list. In most cases you will find the following - First and last names, Date of death, Age at death, Inscription on gravestone, Plot No, Size, Cemetery, place, county and country. In many cases, any associated records will comprise the following information: name, date of death, age at death and inscription on the gravestone.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES (TNA)

The Great War Archive is an online repository of items relating to the First World War containing over 6,500 items which were contributed by members of the public through open days held around the UK. The items range from official Attestation Papers to more personal items such as postcards sent by a soldier from the front to his family in England. Also found in the collection are many photographs of soldiers and regiments. The collection is free to search online and reminds us of the loss and devastation felt by families during times of war.

