

Happy New Year

These are the dates when the Archives will be open for the Family History group in the next few months. Dates *tend* to be the first Saturday and the third Thursday each month, but occasionally move because of other events. All openings are from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Saturday 9th January

Thursday 21st January

Saturday 6th February

Thursday 18th February

Saturday 6th March

Thursday 18th March

Saturday 10th April

All are welcome to our meetings. We have a few new people beginning their Family research, others who come for guidance, several who come for local research and some who come for a general chat about Family History. Your research doesn't need to be local as we have internet access. If these times are not convenient but you would like to visit us at some other time, do contact me and it may be possible to move some of our meetings.

Two History Society meetings this season have a family History bias. The first one was a talk about dating and restoring old photographs. This took place in November and was well attended and we have been asked to repeat the talk in May at a joint Mytholmroyd / Hebden Bridge meeting, so if you missed the last one, there is a chance to hear it then. I will put the actual date in the next newsletter. The meeting on Wednesday 27th January is about the Akroyd and Ecroyd families, at the Methodist Church Hall as usual.

Our visit to Wakefield Archives was very informative and I am hoping to arrange a working visit when we can spend a fair bit of a day there towards the end of January. This would be just to follow up personal research and there would be room in the car if anyone would like to join us. We have been invited to visit to the Yorkshire Archaeological Society which has a large Family History section and I hope to arrange this in the not too distant future.

Monumental Inscriptions

The wet weather has hampered out progress in Heptonstall churchyard. We had a good turnout in September and managed to check and complete two sections. We still have 3 large areas to cover, about 500 graves in all, but these areas are fairly overgrown. We hope to organise a few sessions in the spring as things begin to warm up but before the new growth takes over. I think this will probably be April to early May. More details nearer the time but if you feel you could join us, we welcome all help. A big thank you to everyone who has helped so far.

We wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you at some time in the near future.

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