

Hebden Bridge Local History Society

Family History Group

Newsletter

June 2010

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. Unfortunately, I am away the first weekend in July and the following weekend is The Bridge event so there will be no Saturday meeting. Also, I am away the first two weekends in September and the last weekend in August is a Bank Holiday so there will be no Saturday meeting then. Apologies to those of you who usually come on Saturdays. All openings are from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Saturday early July **NO Meeting**

Thursday 15th July

Saturday 31st August

Thursday 19th August

Saturday early September **NO Meeting**

Thursday 16th September

Saturday 2nd October

Thursday 21st October

The Bridge Event

The Local History Society are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Bridge on July 10th and 11th with a historical re-enactment of the Battle of Heptonstall by the Sealed Knot Society. We need many helpers for this.

Diana Monahan is organising this and would like to hear from anyone who can offer a few hours on either day.

If you are planning to come to the Battle of Heptonstall over the 10th and 11th July weekend and can spare some time to be a steward, please contact me. Eight people are needed to look after the eight posts that define the area of the displays and you get a good view.

Please contact Diana or myself. Diana is at diana@monahan.me.uk or on 01422 845982

Monumental Inscriptions

I am presently making a name grid of the sections of Heptonstall churchyard to determine which rows still need to be transcribed. I hope to have this done in the next couple of weeks and then we can arrange another session at Heptonstall to complete the transcriptions, probably later in the year but before it gets too cold!

Useful websites

The latest edition of the 'Who Do You Think You Are' magazine had a very useful section Family history on a budget which included a list of free websites. [This is copied below, at the end of the newsletter]. One of the sites is an update of the 'Family Search' which now includes many more entries. It is well worth having a look at it. I found some new information straight away.

If you have any queries with your own research or would just like to come and chat, please come and join us at one of our sessions in the near future.
We look forward to seeing you.

For further information please contact
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Useful Information from the July issue of 'Who Do You Think You Are' magazine.
The Latter-Day Saints Church has just released a whopping 300 million new records onto the beta version of its new Family Search website.

From early in its history the LDS church has encouraged its members to research their family history. This is a new updated site which will eventually be integrated with the existing site.

www.familysearch.org .

The new site is

www.beta.FamilySearch.org I have had a quick look at it and found some useful records, but have also discovered that many of their new records are from records on other sites, eg' Ancestry, and to see the record you have to go to that other site and probably pay to see the record.

Websites with free data

www.familysearch.org

Home of the IGI (International Genealogical Index) and growing, this is a great place to find your family. Especially good for Parish Register information.

www.freeUKGEN.org.uk

The umbrella site for freeBMD, freeCEN, and freeREG. Find GRO data, census transcriptions and parish register records all for free.

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Although you have to pay for some content, there is plenty for free here.

www.llgc.org.uk

Get free access to Welsh wills at the National Library of Wales.

www.genuki.org.uk

A one stop reference site for finding genealogical information for the UK and Ireland.

www.oldbailyonline.org

Find your criminal ancestors for free

www.census.nationalarchives.ie

get free access to the 1901 and 1911 census of Ireland

www.workhouses.org

A mine of information on workhouses with lists of inmates for many institutions taken from the 1881 census.

www.cwgc.org

Find details of those who died in the two world wars.

www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk

You may have to pay for ScotlandsPeople but this site has some fantastic free content.

Free UK Archives

The National Archives

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Something for everyone.

The London Metropolitan Archives

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lma

a must for anyone with ancestors in the Capital.

The British Library

www.bl.uk

from newspapers to India Office records

London History Family Centre

www.londonfhc.org

UK wide and international material on microfilm. Can be viewed at local centres too.

Borthwick Institute for Archives, York

www.york.ac.uk/inst/bihr

lots of probate material, parish registers and specialist collections.

The National Library of Wales

www.llgc.org.uk

Visit on a Wednesday for family history help.

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland

www.proni.gov.uk

Research your Northern Irish ancestors

National Archives of Scotland

www.nas.gov.uk

Although family historians tend to head for the ScotlandsPeople Centre (which is not free) there is lots at NAS for those researching Scottish ancestry.

Imperial War Museum

www.iwm.org.uk

The new Explore History Centre at the IWM makes it even easier to access this website.

The Modern Records Centre, University of Warwick.

<http://modernrecords.warwick.ac.uk>

A rich source of Trade Union archives, visit the website to find out what is available.