

We continue to meet twice a month at the Birchcliffe Centre, and welcome regular members of the group and over the year, 11 new members and some visitors.

We now have “Find my past “available as well as “Ancestry”. Most researchers use the computers and these sites, a few people come to consult the Heptonstall Parish Registers which we have both in book form and on CD. Local maps and photographs are also popular and we now have the Pennine Heritage Audio recordings available as well. We thank Frank for all the time and effort he has put into upgrading the computers, so giving us better access for these sessions.

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

Heptonstall churchyard is proving to be a mammoth task. We have now transcribed many of the areas but are discovering areas we thought had been transcribed but the records are missing. We hope to have traced some of them to Oliver Jenkins who was instrumental in the previous project and who moved away from the area some years back. He has some documents still which hopefully include some of the missing transcriptions which he has offered to give to the society. In the meantime, all the new transcriptions have now been entered on a data base and we are in the process of checking for accuracy and mapping the graveyard. There are still many of the older graves around the edges of the churchyard to transcribe and the mapping will need some thought to make it accessible to all. More volunteers are always welcome.



Family History has recently been presented with over 300 oral history recordings from the early 1980s, digitised from tape by *Pennine Horizons Digital Archive* volunteer Mr David Martin. This is a tremendous resource so our thanks to him for all his efforts and our thanks to Pennine Horizons for the playback equipment. This is an ongoing project with another 200 recordings, from the Pennine Heritage archive, yet to be digitised. For further details, please contact Barbara Atack.

FAMILY HISTORY OPENING TIMES 2012

These are the dates when the Archives will be open for the Family History group in the next few months. Please note, there are some changes, see below.

	Saturday 2 - 5 pm	Thursday 2 - 5 pm
2012		
April	7th	19th
May	5th	17th
May	26th	-
June	-	14th
July	-	19th
August	4th	16th
September	8th	20th
October	6th	TBA
November	3rd	15th
December	1st	13th