



LANCASHIRE FAMILY HISTORY AND HERALDRY SOCIETY

RIBBLE VALLEY BRANCH - FEBRUARY NEWS 2010

Reg Charity No 513437

AGM 9th March 7.30pm

You are invited to the Annual meeting of Ribble Valley branch of the LFH&HS. This is a short business meeting following by a mystery event.

Do come along and meet the dedicated members of the Committee who work hard throughout the year on your behalf.

They plan the year, account for the finance, set up the meeting room, co-ordinate project work, deal with publicity, manage resources and arrange speakers. They organise the raffle, Christmas party and other events.

There are currently 11 volunteers each playing their part in many ways to make things happen, they are the following:

*Sheila Shaw
Keith Robinson
Liz Rowntree
Chris McNeal
Hazel Bleazard
Anne Weare
Mary-Ann Renton
Margaret Illingworth
Paul Carlton
Kathleen Carlton
Kathleen Sowden*

This year the committee members are willing to continue their work, subject in some cases to re-election, BUT we are seeking nominations for a Chairman and Deputy'

If you think you can help in any way please have a word with Sheila

01254 813586 or any member of the committee SOON.

Lots of support will be given if required.

Please don't be shy!

LFH&HS The Society Special General Meeting planned for March 6th has been postponed due to a legal complexity. Details of next step will be in the February issue of 'Lancashire'

DATES for your Diary 2010

APRIL

Discover the meaning of surnames with

Peter Watson

MAY You may need an interpreter for an evening of Lancashire Dialect with

Sid Calderbank

JUNE - Look into the Life of a Registrar with

Christine Broughton

JULY visit to Helmshore Textile Museum

Booking list and transport details available at the April meeting.

NOTE: Complete Annual programme can be found at the back of your leaflet.

Please also note that David Eaves who should have spoken in January has agreed to speak at the October meeting. Please adjust your programme.

And hope snow stays away!

WEB SITES

Try the Society website if you haven't already done so.....

www.lfhhs.org.uk

Click on 'links' then click on 'parish clerks' see if you can find an old ancestor in a transcription of a Lancashire parish register.

Then go back and explore other parts of the site - it is amazing the discoveries you may make. You could even have a 'eureka' moment!

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A printed list of free web sites courtesy of Peter Joslin (Lancaster and Morecambe) will be available at the next meeting.

MEMBERS' HANDBOOK

All members have been issued with this handbook please also look inside for useful websites.

Look out for details of the following:

*Family History Weekend 17th and 18th April in Lancaster

** Digital Projects Day June 12th

*** Annual lunch Sunday July 4th At the Midland Hotel in Morecambe

All advertised in next issue of LANCASHIRE CENSUS FACTS

In 1871 and 1881 Lancashire had the largest number of inhabitants in the Country. One of your ancestors may have crossed the borders or even lived in the County.

1871 ----- 2819,495

1881 ----- 3454,225

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*I can't vouch for the numbers in the census as I didn't count them, but if you can't get to sleep at night you may wish to start.*

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**Langho Parish registers 1725-1837**

**I borrowed this volume from the branch library and noticed a number of burials of patients from Dr Chews' Asylum at Billington. It was in the old farmhouse behind the Mitton Fold Hotel complex. The entries start at 1780 and are as follows:**

- Taylor Cooper Davis
- Dewsbury Good/Goud
- Twiceaday Harrison Burchell
- Birdmore Rigg Senhouse,
- Dixon Owen Feason Wilks
- Greaves Harrington Fawcett
- Stamper Law Holford
- Woodend Hodgson Fletcher
- Craik Baxendale Perry
- Dundas Rhodes Winrow

**More information available from Sheila Shaw, the printed register or from an EXCELLENT article by Paul Sutcliffe in the November 2008 issue of Lancashire**

**JOURNEYMAN**

Ever wondered what this term means?

The following is an interpretation taken from Chaters Tyneside Annual' published in 1882

*'There was a general law or custom in Germany*

*that apprentices, after the expiration of their service, should travel two years before prosecuting their trade as master-workmen. Hence the etymology 'journeyman' I suppose if he had to travel he wouldn't be setting up in opposition to his master.*

Oxford Dictionary states *'Qualified mechanic or artisan who works for another, reliable but not outstanding worker – mere hireling'.*

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**Ever wondered how your great uncle Archie got his name?**

**.....Another Extract from Chaters Annual**

*"Willie my boy what name shall we give to baby?" Said a New York lady to her firstborn, a quick witted boy in his fifth year. After a moments reflection Willie laid his hand on the infant's head and replied, "Oh I know, call him Archie Bald!"* ☺

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*The late Dorothy Farrow a member of the Ribble Valley branch used to produce a newsletter long ago. I think it was issued about once a quarter.*

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We used to pay a nominal amount for photocopies.

These days those of you with internet access may wish to receive news in that way. In January when we wished to urgently contact our members to notify them of the cancelled meeting, because of weather conditions, we tried it out by using email.

If in the future you wish to receive news by email then please make sure your details are correct.

A Check list will be available at the next meeting.

**BMD GOOD NEWS**

Lancashire Birth, Marriage and death index now has 12,000,000 free events on line. New data has recently been added at

[www.lancashirebmd.org.uk](http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk)

93,407 births for Ribble Valley including maiden names up to 1950. Well done RV team of Project workers.

Meanwhile if anyone fancies trying their hand at producing a newsletter then please let me know.

**Happy hunting for willing volunteers.....**

**I look forward to seeing you in March. Meanwhile tread carefully.**

*Sheila Shaw Feb 21st 2010*

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