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BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

31 members attended the Branch AGM on Wednesday 30th March 2011.

Our branch chairman, Jean Ingham reported that meetings have continued to be well attended with members and visitors enjoying a wide variety of lectures, practical workshops, tutorials and advice sessions. Monthly Help surgeries in local libraries for the public and members had taken place throughout the autumn and winter months.

Our two out-visits were firstly, a guided tour of Martholme Manor and supper at the "Dog Inn" in Whalley. Followed in July with a coach trip to Lancaster. The Open Day in November at Nelson library did not attract the usual number of visitors. However, a couple of weeks later, again in Nelson, we held a similar event for Lancashire Day which proved to be much more popular.

The BMD project, co-ordinated by Janet Knowles and Bob Ellis and ably assisted by Mary Jackson, has continued to make steady progress. The success of this project is down to the dedicated team of volunteers.

David Hustler was thanked for maintaining the branch website during 2010.

Brenda again produced some excellent newsletters but decided that the time had come to resign from her 'temporary' post as editor. Everyone really appreciated the hard work that she has done over the last seven years and Brenda was given a big vote of thanks.

Unfortunately, at the 2010 Branch AGM, once again we did not fill all the vacant official posts on the committee. This has put a heavier burden on the existing committee as a whole and some officers have had to continue to do more than one job.

Jean concluded by thanking the committee for all their hard work and support throughout the past year and also thanked all those non-committee members who are willing to help if needed.

The Secretary, Annette Malpass, reported that the number of queries this year had dropped significantly, both postal and by e.mail. She thought it was possible that people are relying increasingly heavily on information they can glean from internet sources. The queries that had been received had been dealt with promptly.

Membership lists are updated monthly on an ongoing basis, with a new list formed each year from the subscription renewals. Members should continue to inform us of changes to addresses and other forms of contact. The Members Interests Forms appear to work well and badges continue to be updated on a monthly basis.

The only outing this year for the branch display materials was in November at Nelson Library. Using the Library's display boards, many of our standard items were recycled and put together with some materials borrowed from Colne Library. The larger boards were used to display information about websites used for genealogy.

PROGRAMME

Definite arrangements have now been made for the July meeting. It will take place on the usual 3rd Wednesday of the month on 20th July, the speaker to be confirmed soon. Don't forget to check the branch website for full details.

Bookings have also begun for 2012.

The May out-visit will be a guided tour of Browsholme Hall near Clitheroe and supper at the Edisford Bridge Hotel. There are a couple of places left, so please see Jean Ingham if you are interested.

Mary Jackson is busy completing the arrangements for the York visit on 27th July.

Jean Ingham, Acting Programme Secretary

LIBRARY

One new CD has been added to the Branch library. This is CD 015 Layton Cemetery, Blackpool : Memorial Inscriptions. Unfortunately, there still is not enough space to return all our books to Colne Library, but if you wish to borrow a book please see me at any branch meeting.

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian

LANCASHIRE BMD PROJECT

26,584 Burnley deaths have recently been added to the Internet.

22,503 Nelson deaths up to 1936 have also been added.

Work has now started on adding the mother's maiden name to Barnoldswick Births from 1837 to 1900. Many thanks to all the volunteers.

Janet Knowles, BMD Co-ordinator

Annette said that this report would be the termination of her period as Secretary for the Branch and the completion of her 2 years term in the post. She then thanked the Branch for its support during that time.

The Branch Treasurer, Geoff Riley, gave a financial report. As in previous years, the main items of expenditure had been fees for speakers and the publication of the newsletter.

Election of the Committee then took place but unfortunately there were no nominations for several of the posts.

More volunteers are still needed to keep our branch running.

THE COMMITTEE for 2011 – 2012

Chairman	Jean Ingham	Vice Chairman	
Secretary		Treasurer	Geoff Riley
Librarian	Margaret Heap	Lancashire BMD Coordinator	Janet Knowles
Programme Secretary		Projects Coordinator	
Minutes Secretary	Margaret Heap	ExecutiveRep/Trustee	
Gazette Editor		Webmaster	Keith Baldwin
Committee Members	Bob Ellis, Christine Haworth, Mary Jackson, John Lustig, Sylvia Marshall, Moira Whittaker, Christine Windle		

The Chairman, Jean, welcomed two members to the Committee; Keith Baldwin as the new Webmaster and Sylvia Marshall as a Committee member.

David Hustler, our webmaster for many years has decided to relinquish his post. David created our branch website in 2002 and has maintained it ever since. At the time, this was a new venture for the Branch and it has proved to be an extremely useful source of information for researchers, both at home and abroad, who are interested in our area. Jean thanked him and said that the branch really appreciated his past work.

Annette Malpass, our secretary, who due to other commitments, did not stand for re-election this year. During her term of office she has been a great help and extremely supportive in all branch affairs and Jean thanked her very much for her past service.

ARCHIVES NEWS

Lancashire Archives (formerly Lancashire Records Office)

There will be disruption to Lancashire Archives services due to essential plant replacement between 21 March and December 2011.

There will be no access to the car park from 21 March to 1 April - see website for suggested alternatives

For the rest of the project fewer visitor parking spaces will be available and disabled parking will be relocated.

During April and May there will be several days on which archives stored in the 'new ' building are unavailable. These are subject to the delivery of plant etc, but are likely to be 3-7 May. Please contact us in advance of a visit for further information.

Lancashire Archives will close completely to the public between June and October. More precise dates will be given nearer the time and up to date information will be posted on our website.

We are sorry for the inconvenience this is likely to cause to our regular users and to those planning future visits

"**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 sessions to be held in 2011 on 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December.

Anglesey Archives Service

Work has started in Llangefni on an exciting project to provide a new archives and modern records facility for the Island of Anglesey.

The new premises will open to the public on Monday, 3 October 2011.

In order to prepare for the move, the Anglesey Archives Service will temporarily close to the public with effect from Monday, 30 May 2011. Access to collections therefore, will not be possible between June and September 2011.

The key dates are as follows:

- 27 May 2011 The last day of normal service at Glanhwfa Road
- 30 May 2011 – 29 Sep. 2011 Closed to the public
- 30 Sep. 2011 Launch event
- 03 Oct. 2011 Re-open to the public in the new building

Public Consultation on the Future of Devon's Record Offices

Following representations made to Devon County Council during January, the Record Office budget cuts were reduced from £289,000 to £189,000 for this year. We welcome the offer of the public to have a greater role in the record offices via volunteering but remain concerned that this does not impair the integrity of the service. We now ask you take part in DCC's public consultation regarding the future of the services in Exeter and Barnstaple.

Representatives have been invited to attend a Devon Record Offices Review Meeting on 15th April. We will encourage DCC to continue to provide high quality services and find efficiencies to enable this to happen within a restricted budget.

The questionnaire for individuals is available on <https://www.devon.gov.uk/droper>
The questionnaire for groups is available on <https://www.devon.gov.uk/droorg>
The responses from groups and individuals across Devon and from far beyond WILL count. Please forward this message to anyone you think may be interested in showing support for the Devon Record Offices.

Maureen Selley, Chairman Devon FHS
Todd Gray, Chairman Friends of Devon's Archives

Flintshire Record Office

From 4 April 2011 we will be changing our opening hours to:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10.am to 4.30pm (Closed on Wednesdays)
The pilot Saturday opening will continue until the end of the pilot period, when it will be evaluated. The Saturdays we will be open during 2011 are:
9 April, 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 August, 10 September.

Please note that on Saturdays original documents will be available only if ordered in advance by noon on Friday. Space available is limited so booking is essential.

Hampshire Record Office

Please note that from Friday 1 April 2011 our new opening hours will be:

Monday to Wednesday, 9am-5pm
Thursday, 9am-8pm
Friday, 9am-5pm
Saturday, 9am-4pm

Hampshire Record Office, Sussex Street, Winchester, Hants SO23 8TH
Tel 01962 846154 (main line) HPSN 200 6147

Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies

Please note that from 4th April 2011 our opening hours have changed:

Monday Closed Tuesday 9.00 - 19.30
Wednesday to Friday 9.00 - 17.00
Saturday 9.00 - 13.00

Nottinghamshire Archives

From 1 April the new Nottinghamshire Archives opening hours will be as follows:

Sunday & Monday Closed
Tuesday 9.00am - 8.00pm, Wednesday – Friday 9.00am - 4.45pm
Saturday 9.00am - 12.45pm
Closed Bank Holidays

At the same time in response to public demand we will be introducing half hourly document productions over the lunch period.

Nottinghamshire Archives, County House, Castle Meadow Road,
Nottingham, NG2 1AG Tel: 0115 941 7494

The National Maritime Museum has issued the following statement:

The Caird Library and E-Library will close to all visitors on Thursday, 21 April for the move of the collections into the Sammy Ofer Wing. The new Caird Library will open on Thursday, 14 July; a full service with access to all the collections will start on Monday, 5 September 2011 or earlier if possible.

More information can be seen at
<http://www.nmm.ac.uk/researchers/library/visiting/>

Plymouth and West Devon Record Office News

At a meeting on 1st April, Parkside (Devonport), was confirmed as the preferred choice for the relocation of the Plymouth and West Devon Record Office and other related services. This will comprise a lengthy process including the seeking of funds from outside bodies. It may be several years before the office moves to new premises, but we welcome this very positive news and the investment in the archive service.

Maureen Selley, Chairman Devon FHS
Todd Gray, Chairman Friends of Devon's Archives

Scottish 1911 Census.

The 1911 census for Scotland was released on 5 April 2011. Details can be found at <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/Content/Help/index.aspx?r=546&2066>

More interesting facts can be seen at <http://media.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>

DIARY DATES – (WHAT'S ON)

Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society

One Day Conference and Annual General Meeting

Saturday 21st May 2011

9.45pm to 5.00pm

at St. Cuthbert's Church Centre, Lytham Road, Preston

More details and booking form can be found in the February issue of LFHHS Magazine

LFHHS IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

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

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

YORK FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Knivesmire 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

QUERY CORNER

An enquirer is looking for the baptism of Ellen CATLOW born Barrowford c1821. Ellen married Thomas VEEVERS, a joiner, at St. Bartholomew's Colne on 28th May 1839, both were minors.

On the marriage certificate her father was given as William HARRISON, labourer.

Is anyone researching this family?

Please contact the Chairman, Jean Ingham, if you can help.

2011 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>

20 Apr	My Life and Time as a Registrar - Christine Broughton
18 May	Out-Visit – guided tour of Browsholme Hall near Clitheroe and supper at the Edisford Bridge Hotel. Please see Jean Ingham if you are interested.
15 Jun	Schools, Children and Work - Dr. Elizabeth Roberts
29 Jun	Practical Evening
20 Jul	speaker to be announced
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.

Jean Ingham, Acting Programme Secretary.

GAZETTE – New Editor – Arnold Slater

I have taken on the job of editing (not writing) the Gazette.

It will continue in its present form for the time being until we can decide if we need to alter the content and frequency. Please let me have any items for the next Gazette in plenty of time and no later than the end of June for the July issue.

Query Corner isn't being used much so perhaps you could put a local query in. For example, at the last meeting I mentioned that a distant relative (Reg Sunter) had died. Unfortunately it was near the end of the meeting, but it was suggested that someone would have been taught by Reg. Sunter - which school - what years

At the moment the Website is being altered as are the email addresses, so the email might not work:

Editor at lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk or by post to the Editor, c/o 6 Sussex Street, Barnoldswick, Lancashire BB18 5DS