

Cumbria Archive Service's Opening Hours:

Barrow: Closed Mondays; Open Tuesday-Friday 9.30-13.00, 14.00 - 17.00 and Wednesday evening 17.00-19.00. Open 1st Saturday every month 10.00 - 13.00, 14.00-16.00

Carlisle: Closed Mondays; Open Tuesday-Friday 9.30-12.30, 13.30-17.00

Open the 2nd Saturday every month, 9.30-12.30, 13.00-16.00

Kendal: Closed Mondays; Open Tuesday - Friday 9.30-17.00

Whitehaven: Closed Mondays; Open Tuesday - Friday 9.30-12.30, 13.30-17.00 and Wednesday evening 17.00 - 19.00. Open every other Saturday 9.00-13.00.

What's New

The Association of British Counties

This group promotes the importance of the 92 historic counties of the UK. The website includes a Gazetteer of British Place Names providing the historic and administrative county names, the district, and the police area. There is also a link to a modern map showing the town with the historical county boundaries overlaid on it.

<http://www.gazetteer.org.uk/index.php>

Richard Heaton's Index to Digitalised British and Irish Newspapers Online

The index draws on twenty-three online archives. It is divided into England (except London), London, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man. Each section is subdivided by city/town name and country name. It provides the publication title (and any variant titles), the name of the online collection, where it can be found (with direct links to many of them), the format, whether free or pay, as well as the start and end dates. Some entries include additional comments.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dutilleul/BritishandIrishNews.html>

The Great Britain Family Names

Profiling website presents the findings of a project based at University College London (UCL). The project investigated the distribution of surnames, both current and historic, in Great Britain. Users can search the databases to trace the geography and history of their family names. See: <http://gbnames.publicprofiler.org>

For **Lancashire Museums** list of online sources for Research into World War I, with a focus on information available in North West of England see:

<https://www.diigo.com/list/lancspublib/Research+World+War+One/33r0smlts>

What's On

Saturday 31st May, Sheffield and District Family History Fair, the 1867 Lounge, Sheffield Wednesday Football Club, Hillsborough Sheffield.

Saturday 16th August 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ryedale Family History Fair, Lady Lumley's School, Pickering. Admission £1 (Accompanied children under 14 free) Free Car Park. Refreshments available all day.

Friday 29th - Sunday 31st August, "Who Do You Think You Are? Live", the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow.. More information and tickets will be available shortly.

Saturday, 30 August, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Cumbria Family History Society Family History Day Fair - "Connecting Cumbrian Cousins", The Lakes Leisure Centre, Burton Road, Kendal LA9 7HX Admission £3:00, Children under 16 free. Information from: ian.white4@live.co.uk or 01772 816841 or www.cumbriafhs.com

Saturday 11th October, 9.30am to 4.30pm, LFHHS Irish Ancestry Group One Day Conference, The Civic Centre, 157 Union Rd., Oswaldtwistle, BB5 3HZ. £17.50 with buffet lunch, £10.00 without lunch. Free parking. For further information, or to book a place contact: Marian Crossley, 50 Lighthurst Lane, Chorley, Lancs. PR7 3EQ Tel. 01257 268311 or Email marianc@fsmail.net. Also see www.lfhhs.org.uk for details.

The LFHHS Chorley branch has a WW1 themed display in Chorley Library's foyer display cabinets. Thanks to Sheila, Ron, and Steve, and to any others who helped.

Lancashire Infantry Museum

With funding from the Heritage Lottery and the Duchy of Lancaster Heritage Fund, the Lancashire Infantry Museum's Somme Room has undergone a complete re-design. Touch-screen computers, film screens, audio points etc. have been installed to complement artefacts and graphic panels.

The Fulwood museum aims to have its official opening of the Somme Room on August 23rd in commemoration of the Battle of Mons where Lancashire's soldiers first went into action in 1914. See:

www.lancashireinfantrymuseum.org.uk