

## What's New

### From Mike Coyle, our Society Chairman

*Some time ago, it was suggested that we offer the members an opportunity to join a '50/50 Club'. That is a sort of Lottery where the members pay for a share of a prize draw. The funds raised are then divided '50/50', half to the prize fund and half to the Society funds. The Prize Draw could be made, for example, at the AGM and Christmas. The purpose was to raise money for the Society. At the time it was suggested, some thought it was because we were in financial difficulties, and a few thought it was wrong for us to get involved in gambling. I can assure all that there is no question of financial difficulties and I can sympathise with those who are concerned about gambling. However, as we struggle to attract new members, it would be useful to look at alternative sources of revenue. A '50/50' Club would help. I'd like to re-open the debate in the membership, with 2 questions: 'Would you participate?' and 'What would you spend the money on, for the benefit of our members?' We have an Executive Committee meeting in mid October and I would like to have answers by then. Let me know offline or at [mike.coyle@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.coyle@btinternet.com) if you would like a copy of the detailed proposal.*

Thanks to Blackburn and Darwen branch for the following information: See [www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com) for all burial and cremation records for Blackburn with Darwen. The new collection includes digital scans of original burial and cremation registers, details of all interments in each grave, and maps indicating the cemetery section and location of each grave.

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To mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, the National Archives has launched a new interactive online map. Using official records of the First World War, the map shows the global impact of the conflict. Countries, territories and empires are shown as they were during wartime alongside a map of the areas today. This first release focuses on the involvement of countries and territories from across the British Empire during wartime. For each of these, there is additional information. There are also images and links to records held at The National Archives. Over the next four years, the map will be expanded to include Europe, the Middle East, the Americas, Africa and Asia. See: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

## What's On

**Saturday, 30th 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](mailto:ian.white4@live.co.uk) or 01772 816841 or [www.cumbriafhs.com](http://www.cumbriafhs.com)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. LFHHS One Day Heraldic Study Day, Helmsley House Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Salford M5 4PE. To book see: [www.lfhhs.org/index.php?cPath=28](http://www.lfhhs.org/index.php?cPath=28)

**Saturday 4th of October** WW1 Family History Day, Lancashire Archives. The day includes: talks, a tour of the Archives, a hands-on session using computers, and a short walk based on one Preston soldier, from his home in Fishergate Hill, to his sacrifice being commemorated in the Harris Museum and Library. Guest speaker Martin Purdy, author of the 'Who do you think you are?' guide to tracing WW1 ancestors. To book email [record.office@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:record.office@lancashire.gov.uk) or Tel 01772 533039

**Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>**, Annual Day Conference and AGM of the Catholic Family History Society, Salford Diocesan Archives, St. Augustine's Hall, Grosvenor Square, All Saints, Manchester M15 6BW. Tony Foster is one of the 2 speakers. A Family History help desk will be available Bring along any documents and materials that you would like to discuss. The cost is £15.00 (including lunch & all refreshments) Tickets are available by post from: Mrs J M Smith 10 Irving Close Woodsmoor Stockport SK2 7DX

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:marianc@fsmail.net). See: [www.lfhhs.org.uk](http://www.lfhhs.org.uk)

### Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October

Hosted by Chorley Heritage Centre Support Group, Community Archives and Heritage North West Conference, "Better Together" The Lancastrian Suite, Chorley Town Hall. Meet fellow enthusiasts and professionals preserving and communicating our northern heritage. Book your free place at: [www.communityarchives.org.uk](http://www.communityarchives.org.uk)