

What's On

Friday 20th and Friday 27th

February, 1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m., 2 workshops run by Peter Bamford, "First World War ancestors in the army"
Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE Fee: £20 (for the two workshops) For details see Lancashire Archives website.

Saturday, 28 February

Local History Federation's Spring Day School "1215 and all that" - living under the law in the medieval north-west.
Haigh Hall and Country Park, School Lane, Haigh, Wigan, WN2 1PE
Cost: £16 (with buffet lunch), £10 (day school only). Pay and display car parking. Transport possible from Horwich Parkway Station. For details and to book contact: Morris Garratt, 59 Malmesbury Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 7QL Tel: 0161 439 7202
Email: morrisgarratt@sky.com

Friday 13th March 7pm

"Death and Exile Braving ... the Battle of Preston, November 1715", a talk by Dr David Hunt followed by buffet.
Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE Fee: £10. For booking form and details see www.flarchives.co.uk or contact Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, Lancashire PR1 2RE Tel: 01772 533039

Thursday 16th – Saturday 18th April

9.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.
WDYT YA? Live, NEC Birmingham. Tickets from £16 (under 16s free)

Saturday 9th May

Family and Community Historical Research Society Conference, Leicester University. Cost £16. For details see: www.fachrs.com and to book contact: treasurer@fachrs.org.uk

Sun 6th – Sat 12th September

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors, Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast. Talks, assisted research, and visits. Cost £649.99. For details see: www.ancestryireland.com/family-history-conference

News

From March 13th – 1st September, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, the British Library is holding an exhibition of the four surviving manuscripts. To find out more see: www.bl.uk/magna-carta and www.magnacarta800th.com

During the 3 years since it began, the British Newspaper Archive has increased its collection to over 9 million pages. Worth remembering! See: www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk

Ancestry has added several new record collections, including for West Yorkshire, Bastardy Records 1690-1914, and Wakefield Charities Coroners' Notebooks, 1852-1909. Recent additions to findmypast include British Trade Union Membership registers, and several collections from Ireland and Scotland. If you don't subscribe to ancestry or to findmypast, why not make an appointment at the Centre?

www.deceasedonline.com has added all burial and cremation records for Pembroke County Council. Also now available are memorial inscriptions for 20 burial sites in and around Bolton.

Now available to view on the Scotlandspeople site are images for Scottish statutory births in 1914, marriages in 1939 and deaths in 1964. These digital images of the official records are released under the legislation that allows the publication of birth, marriage and death (BMD) records that were registered in Scotland more than 100, 75 and 50 years ago. Also now on the site are the Valuation Rolls for 1925.