

## What's On

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, National Libraries Day, Chorley Library. The theme is "Unlocking your Library" and the day includes digital activities and an opportunity to meet local organisations. Look out for further details.

### **Friday 13th February, 7.30 p.m.**

1st session of 10 of "Further Steps", the Chorley branch spring 2015 family history course. For the first time, this course will be held at the LFHHS Chorley Family History Centre, Astley Hall Farmhouse. Total course cost £35, including all course materials.

If you would like to know more, check our website or have a word with Pauline or Ron. Bookings are moving fast – telephone 077 30 793 990 as soon as possible to secure a place.

### **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 more details see Lancashire Archives website.

**Friday 13th March 7pm** "Death and Exile Braving ... the Battle of Preston, November 1715" plan of the Battle of Preston 1715 - L.A. ref. DDPR/41/1, a talk by Dr David Hunt followed by a buffet. Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE Fee: £10. For booking form and details see [www.flarchives.co.uk](http://www.flarchives.co.uk) or contact Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, Lancashire PR1 2RE Tel: 01772 533039

---

### **News from Lancashire Archives**

Friends of Lancashire Archives subscriptions for 2015 are due now. The rates remain unchanged at £10 for a single member; £12 for family members; £15 for Associate members; and £10 for overseas members.

Treasurer, Peter Bamford  
[pjbam4d@gmail.com](mailto:pjbam4d@gmail.com)  
Tel: 01253 796184

(continued)

Lancashire Archives Opening Times

Monday 9am - 5pm

Tuesday 9am - 8.30pm

Wednesday 9am - 5pm

Thursday 10am - 5pm

Friday 9am - 5pm, second Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Holiday closures: all English Bank

Holidays including two additional days at Christmas and New Year.

Lancashire Archives Tel: 01772 533039

---

### **Other News**

**The Irish Archives Resource**, (IAR)

links together hundreds of archival collections and archive services.

Although it has no images of archives or records, it provides a means of searching archival descriptions from various institutions. The IAR is an all-Ireland portal with collections from the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and National Archives of Ireland.

<http://www.iar.ie>.

### **Records of First World War medical volunteers**

The British Red Cross is uploading scans and transcriptions of over 236,000 paper index cards to its website, each giving details of Voluntary Aid Detachment personnel, who signed up to help sick and injured servicemen.

Created with the help of an £80,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant, the free web resource provides details such as volunteers' names, addresses, dates of engagement and duties.

Although at present the database includes index cards for volunteers only with surnames beginning with A or B, the rest of the collection will be released over the next 12 months. See:

[www.redcross.org.uk/ww1](http://www.redcross.org.uk/ww1)

### **From Hyndburn newsletter**

Search for recent Wills, i.e. in or after 1996. The site also allows a search for Wills of serving soldiers who died between 1850 and 1956.

<https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills>

---