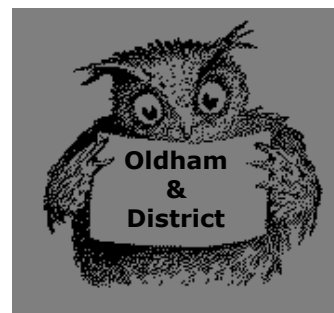


Oldham and District Branch of the Manchester and
Lancashire Family History Society
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Newsletter January 2016



Branch News

There is no meeting in January.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 13th February.

The Restoration of Victoria Baths

Kate Dibble

This talk describes the background to Victoria Baths being built and how local people used the Baths and facilities for over 80 years, some of whom made history in their own right. We then follow the 'Restoration' story. The talk concludes by relating some of the inventive and surprising ways in which Victoria Baths is used today.

Kate Dibble is a Manchester and North West Blue Badge Guide, specialising in tours connected with literature and especially Mrs Gaskell, Manchester Town Hall, Chinatown and the Palace Hotel. She very much enjoys the variety of her work and the people she meets on her tours.

At The Education Suite, Gallery Oldham, Greaves Street, Oldham beginning at 2pm. No charge for members, £2.50 non-members.

We now have a programme of talks for next year.

Please visit the Oldham Branch website for full information on these talks.

<http://www.oldham.mlfhs.org.uk/>

Society News

Help with Family History Research

Manchester Central Library

The Society Help Desk, which is located on the ground floor, is open every week day from 10.30 to 3.30 pm.

Free access to Ancestry.co.uk, findmypast, Manchester online burials and British Newspaper Archives.

Research Guides

Free research guides are available to download on the MLFHS website. They are also available at Manchester Central Library Help Desk.

The Manchester Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, 27 January 2016

Programme

10.30 am The Police Museum & Archives

Speaker: Duncan Broady

Duncan will be showing examples of archives and objects which are held at Police Museum, Newton Street, Manchester.

12.00 Lunch

1.00 pm Baby Farming, a Victorian Phenomenon

Speaker: Martin Baggoley

Martin has written a number of true crime books. Eight Women were executed for baby farming and their crimes will be discussed, together with others committed in Manchester & Tranmere.

To be held in the Performance Space, Central Library

Registration is essential

Please register at **Eventbrite** or via the Eventbrite logo on our web page www.mlfhs.org.uk.

The meeting is **FREE** to paid up MLFHS members but there is a charge of £3 (payable at the time of booking) for non-members. If, however, you decide to join MLFHS on the day this fee will be refunded.

Do you have Irish Ancestors?

Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society, in association with the Ulster Historical Foundation, have planned a special event at Manchester Central Library on **Saturday 6 February 2016** to help family history researchers discover their own Irish roots.

Experts from the Ulster Historical Foundation will explain how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, discover strategies for breaking down brick walls and grasp important historical context that may help fill in gaps in your research. Whether you are just beginning your Irish research or have been at it for years you won't want to miss this programme.

There is a fee of £25.00 per attendee, but members of MLFHS may attend for a reduced fee of £20.00

To find out more about this special event please visit [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com), where you can also book your place online. Book soon! - We expect places to go fast.

Anglo-Scottish Meeting

Memories and Memory by Anne Reid

Saturday 20th February

Anne Reid will be giving us a fascinating insight into the process for recording the stories behind your family tree, community or organisation. Anne is from Dumfries and has worked as a Senior Life Interview Consultant for 5 years - travelling all over the UK and as far afield as Montreal, Canada - helping folk record their family histories and life stories. She will share anecdotes and tips about how to find the missing pieces and capture them to create a fuller picture.

2 o'clock at Manchester Library.

Free for members. Non-members £3.00.

Please book via Eventbrite.

Local News

Talks by Other Groups (which are not part of our society)

Chadderton Historical Society

Thursday 7th January at 7.30

Glen Mill Prisoner of War Camp by John Fidler.

Chadderton Football Club

Saddleworth Historical Society

Wednesday 13th January at 7.30pm

The Tudor Connection by Dr Livi Michael.

This will be held at Dobcross Band Club.

Research News

News from Ancestry

Family Tree Maker

Ancestry has announced that it is to retire Family Tree Maker. It will no longer be available to purchase from 31st December.

Although family historians will still be able to use previously purchased software offline, the move means they will no longer be able to synchronise it with any online trees hosted on Ancestry.

As a result, new discoveries will therefore need to be entered into Family Tree Maker manually.

However customers will still continue to receive technical support and be able to use the software's 'TreeSync' feature until at least the end of 2016.

Freemasonry Membership Records

These records cover England 1751-1921 and Ireland 1733-1923 as well as select lodges in Commonwealth regions.

News from Findmypast

Findmypast has added the following records:

Hampshire, Portsmouth Electoral Registers 1835-1873

Leicestershire Baptisms

Leicestershire Burials

Staffordshire, Dioceses of Lichfield and Coventry Wills and Probate, 1521-1860

British Army Muster Rolls, 84th Foot, 1808-1818

British Army Muster Rolls, 60th Foot, 1879-1882

Ancestry and Findmypast are free to search at Oldham Local Studies and at libraries across the borough. They are also free to search at Manchester Central Library.

N.B. Although you can search the 1939 register at the library we don't have facilities to handle the payments so you are advised to do this at home.

Historical Books added to MyHeritage

Thousands of free historical books have been made available to search on MyHeritage. The latest collection to be added includes city directories, school yearbooks and church congregational minutes.

<https://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-90100/compilation-of-published-sources>

Cornish Memory Website

A free website of photographs, films and audio recordings from late 19th century.

<http://cornishmemory.com/>

Update from Lancashire Online Parish Clerk

<http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/>

Recently added from our area:

Marriages 1890 to 1896 and 1908 to 1915 from the Church of St Matthew, Chadderton

Banns 1804 to 1810 and 1850 to 1858 from the Church of St Mary, Oldham

Useful tool for using the 1939 Register

This blog from One-Place Studies has some tips for searching the 1939 Register.

<http://www.oneplacestudy.org/blog/?p=880>

That's all for this month. We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter.

Thank you to those of you who have been in contact with us. We value your comments and contributions.

A Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2016.

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