

TALKS PROGRAMME

January Talk

It is planned to have another **Film Night - "Bygone Huddersfield"**, Thursday, the 31 January 2019, 7.30pm at the Kirkheaton Community Centre. Entrance only £2.50 (including light refreshments).

March Talk

Shop Lane Mills, another fascinating talk by John Taylor

FAMILY HISTORY

The group continues meet every Thursday from 6.00pm at the Kirkheaton Library and is available to help with all things Family History.

GRO Price Increase Charges

Coming into force on February 16

- The cost of print certificates will increase from £9.25 to £11 and from £23.40 to £35 for the priority service, which allows delivery on the next working day.
- The same costs will apply if researchers order the certificate from their local register office.
- The cost of PDF records will now increase from £6 to £7, with priority deliveries available at £45.
- If researchers make an application to the GRO for a certificate copy without knowing the index reference, there will be an additional non-refundable fee of £3 in exchange for GRO staff carrying out a search of the index. Currently, this service is free.
- There will also be a fee of £3.50 where the GRO cannot fulfil an order because the staff cannot locate the record with the information provided.

Whilst on the subject of GRO Certificates, from latest [Lost Cousins Blog](#) are two items which are well worth a read

Missing entries in the GRO's own indexes: a summary

There are approximately 3000 births missing from volume 12 in the September quarter of 1847 - it appears that of the 439 pages in the volume, only the entries on the very first page are in the index.

Understanding how the GRO's indexes were compiled

Included in this item is [why it is better to search the birth indexes at Findmypast](#).

If you are a regular Family Historian, the Lost Cousins blog cannot be recommended to highly.

Websites

This is the start of a series of website; old and new to help kick start your 2019 family history research.

[Second Air Division Digital Archive](#)

This website tells the story of a vital part of Norfolk's Second World War history, through the records of the courageous men and women of the Second Air Division of the United States Eighth Army Air Force (USAAF).

[Ancestor Homes](#)

Ancestor Homes, an extensive collection of digitised property documents that relate to properties throughout England & Wales dating back to the 1660s

[Ancestry](#)

The genealogical website promises a host of new features and updates to its DNA arm in 2019. This includes new regions for UK and Ireland designed to give more detail to people's ethnicity results, plus improved cousin-matching.

[IBCC Digital Archive](#)

This is a wonderful tool for anyone researching members of Bomber Command. All of the collections in the centre's digital archive are described at item level, with both oral histories and written documents being transcribed; meaning names, dates and places are fully searchable

[British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia](#)

BACSA is redeveloping its website to make the most of its growing database of burial records. Visitors will be able to search photographs, burial records and cemetery condition reports.

[British Newspaper Archive](#)

BNA plans to bolster its speciality titles, add more newspapers and pages from the Trinity Mirror archives, and forge "partnerships that will allow us to add an even greater variety of content"

[British Red Cross Museum and Archives](#)

They have published a searchable database of its records of First World War Voluntary Aid Detachments (vad.redcross.org.uk).

[Castle Garden: America's First Immigration Centre](#)

This is a free database developed and funded by The Battery Conservancy. It contains and makes available eleven million records of immigrants who arrived at the Port of New York from 1820 - 1892. Today more than 100 million Americans can trace their ancestry to this early period of immigration.

[Deceased Online](#)

This ever-growing database of statutory burial and cremation registers has some exciting additions planned for 2019, including Brookwood in Surrey – the 'London Necropolis' is the largest cemetery in the UK.

[Dictionary of Welsh Biography](#)

This is a great resource for teachers, local and family historians, and anyone interested in our history.

[Dublin Port Archive](#)

This free resource launched in the autumn, giving access to various employee registers and other material dating back to the early 18th century.

HISTORICAL INTEREST

January 10 1863 London's Metropolitan; World's first underground railway, opened to the public

January 15 1559 Queen Elizabeth I crowned

January 16 1920 United States Prohibition began

January 17 1969 The Beatles UK album *Yellow Submarine* was released

January 21 1954 First atomic submarine, the *Nautilus*, was launched

January 24 1848 Gold was discovered in California

January 24 1908 First Boy Scout troop organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell

January 25 1949 First Emmy Awards held

January 27 1880 Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp

January 27 1973 The Vietnam War ended

January 28 1547 Henry VIII died

January 28 1878 First telephone exchange opened

January 30 1933 Adolf Hitler becomes the chancellor of Germany

January 30 1948 Mohandas Gandhi assassinated

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Start of World War II

80 years ago in 1939

1 September, Germany invades Poland

3 September, Britain and France declare war on Germany.

We are planning to mark this event. Please get in touch if you would like to help or have any stories, memorabilia etc

Audio/Video Interviews

For this project to progress, we desperately need you to get in touch to let us know someone (young or not so young), who would like to be interviewed about their life and experiences. Please get in touch before it is too late.

We can provide a video/audio copy of the interview for you to keep in your "Memory Box".