TALKS PROGRAMME

January Talk

The Film Night - "Bygone Huddersfield", held on Thursday, the 31 January 2019, proved to be very popular. We are therefore planning something similar, which will probably be sometime next year.

March Talk

As the talks programme for 2019 is bimonthly, the next talk is **Shop Lane Mills**, which will be on Thursday 28 March 2019, 7.30pm at the Kirkheaton Community Centre. Entrance only £2.50 (including light refreshments).

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.

The Future of Crime-Fighting is Family Tree Forensics

For DNA purposed, have you, or do you know someone who has had a mitochondrial DNA test and uploaded their results to Gedmatch.

Quoting from an article in Wired.

In April a citizen scientist named Barbara Rae-Venter used Gedmatch, to help investigators find a man they'd been looking for nearly 40 years: The Golden State Killer. In the months since, law enforcement agencies across the country have flocked to the technique, arresting a flurry of more than 20 people tied to some of the most notorious cold cases of the last five decades. Far from being a forensic anomaly, genetic genealogy is quickly on its way to becoming a routine police procedure. At least one company has begun offering a full-service genetic genealogy shop to law enforcement clients. And Rae-Venter's skills are in such high demand that she's started teaching her secrets to some of the biggest police forces in the US, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Websites

This is the next phase of a series of website; old and new to help you in your family history research.

East Riding Archives is developing this website and a mobile app, which they hope to make available in the New Year. Layers of historic information, including georeferenced photographs, will be overlaid on a modern map of East Riding.

Family Search is the world's biggest family history website will continue its work with local archives throughout the UK and Ireland to preserve important church and other family history records.

Findmypast is subscription website, being the main competitor to Ancestry.co.uk.

Free UK Genealogy FreeBMD arm will soon be adopting the fresh new design of its sister sites FreeCEN and FreeREG. There are somewhere in the region of 270 million 'distinct' records on FreeBMD, and the site is still expanding at a rate of roughly 600,000 a month, with a daily search rate of approximately 130,000. And, by the end of 2018 or early 2019, the 'first scan' of data up to 1984 will be completed.

General Register Office provides a quick and easy to order birth, marriage, civil partnership, death, adoption and commemorative certificates online. The indexing of the births up to 1911 included the mother's maiden name. This enables you to double check you have the correct birth record and to check for births that do not appear on the census.

Hearth Tax Online is a popular resource was knocked offline by a cyber attack in 2017. The extended hiatus is coming to an end, with a new and improved version now back on our screens. There will be greater functionality with access to full transcripts, allowing users to work across returns and counties, and references to the archival source of each record. You'll also be able to search by keyword, or by the number of hearths.

MyHeritage is a subscription site which offers online family trees, data and a DNA testing service. It also provides a free software to produces your Family History Report.

The National Archives detailed catalogue entries include any names mentioned and can be searched via TNA's online catalogue.

The maps team at National Library of Scotland is publishing online all out-of-copyright Ordnance Survey 1:10,560 and 1:10,000 maps of England, Scotland and Wales between 1945 and 1968.

The National Library of Wales website has now been significantly improved, and in 2019 the newspapers hub, where you can already search more than 1.1 million pages, will get more issues covering 1910–1919.

Cardiganshire Great War Tribunal (Appeals) Records have been digitised and transcribed and will be online in 2019, as will more St Asaph wills (1557–1649) via the probate hub.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

How Can You Help Archivists To Help You?

Visiting an archive has something in common with using any public service. In each interaction with a service or a staff person, you're seeing the small tip of a very large iceberg. Behind the scenes people, tasks, and systems that you may never see all unite to affect the experience you'll have.

Archives @ Pama have tried to give you a sense of what archival work is like, and how this might be reflected in your experience of using the rare or unpublished documents in archives.

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".

Accent Base is an online educational tool for anyone visiting an area of the world where the local accent and dialect make it difficult for spoken communication to take place on arrival. Many overseas business people, students and tourists often struggle with local accents.

Tips & Technology

Remove.bg is a free service to remove the background from any photo to isolate at least one person in the image. It works 100% automatically.
Unlike other background removal utilities you don't have to manually select the background/foreground layers to separate them - just select your image and instantly download the result image with the background removed. The output image is limited to 500 × 500 pixels.

Transkribus is a comprehensive platform for the automated recognition, transcription and searching of historical documents. There is also a free software download to help in the transcription process

The ScanTent is the optimal solution for document scanning on the go with low cost and high quality.

HISTORICAL INTEREST

In this month

337	Julius I is elected pope.
1431	The trial of Joan of Arc begins.
1531	Henry VIII becomes the head of the Church of England
1536	Argentina is founded
1564	Birth of Galileo Galilei
1570	Pope Pius V excommunicates Queen Elizabeth I of England.
1575	Henry III of France is crowned
1582	Pope Gregory XIII announces the Gregorian calendar.
1587	Mary, Queen of Scots is executed.
1668	Portugal becomes an independent nation
1783	American Revolutionary War ends
1784	John Wesley charters the Methodist Church.
1793	France declares war on the United Kingdom
1797	The Bank of England issues the first one-pound note
1809	Birth of Charles Darwin
1837	The electric printing press is patented by Thomas Davenport
1839	William Otis invents the steam shovel.
1842	The sewing machine is invented by John Greenough
1848	The Communist Manifesto pamphlet was published by two young socialists, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels
1863	The fire extinguisher is invented by Alanson Crane

1868	Andrew Johnson is the first US President to be impeached
1876	Alexander Graham Bell invents the telephone
1878	Thomas Edison invents the phonograph
1879	The artificial sweetener saccharin is discovered
1880	Thomas Edison discovers the Edison effect.
1900	The British Labour Party is formed.
1903	Cuba leases Guantanamo Bay to the United States
1903	The first Teddy Bear is made
1904	US gains control of the Panama Canal Zone.
1909	Apache Chief Geronimo (1829-1909) died while in captivity
1913	US starts the Income Tax.
1923	Pharaoh Tutankhamen's burial chamber is opened.
1924	IBM corporation founded
1927	The first Talkie movie is released.
1929	First Academy Awards are announced.
1930	Pluto is discovered
1935	Robert Watson Watt first demonstrates RADAR
1937	Nylon is invented
1938	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is released
1941	First Gold record presented
1941	Plutonium is first produced
1946	Juan Peron is elected president of Argentina.
1952	King George VI died
1953	The DNA molecule is discovered
1959	Buddy Holly dies in a plane crash
1959	Fidel Castro becomes Premier of Cuba
1959	The Integrated Circuit is invented.
1960	Hollywood Walk of Fame begins
1962	John Glenn is the first American to orbit the earth
1964	The Beatles first come to the United States
1969	Yasser Arafat becomes leader of the PLO
1971	Apollo 14 lands on the moon
1986	The Soviet Union launches the Mir space station.
1990	Collapse of the Soviet Union
1990	Nelson Mandela released from prison

1991   In Desert Storm, the Allied ground offensive against Iraqi troops in both Iraq and Kuwait

1992   The European Union is formed

1996   Computer wins chess match over Garry Kasparov

2000   First spacecraft orbits an asteroid

2003   The Space Shuttle Columbia crashes.