

'Homework' for Nostalgia Meeting on Thursday 2nd October 2014

WORLD WAR ONE

We would like you to find out as much as you can about your ancestors, those involved in the 1914 -1918 war, all from your own family's personal points of view. This could be in the form of Service people's history records, their home life and effects, marriages, deaths, children, schooling, rationing, clothing, food, photographs, ration books, medals, clothing, and of course family stories, including the after effects.

In this special year of remembrance we would like to present our findings, so that more of us can appreciate our very personal histories. Findings need to be ready at our first meeting on 2nd October.

If our research is fruitful perhaps we could hold an open afternoon on 6th November, a normal Nostalgia meeting afternoon but one where local people can just come in and view our material. Maybe we could show the same material on the following Remembrance Sunday 9th November after the church service. It all depends on you and what we can achieve together. Never having done anything like this before, suggestions and help are very welcome. I also need to talk to the Church Council to see if the Sunday event would be possible.

I hope you will get a better idea of the sort of thing I am hoping we can do together by the 2nd October. It gives us the whole summer to talk with family and to gather information. We will be able to make a final decision about a display for the wider community and church after our 2nd October meeting when we can see what we have achieved.

Sources of Information

There are many sources that don't need a computer e.g. lofts, under beds, relatives, neighbours, books, magazines, Local studies libraries, Local library, Historical publications.

You may want to look up other records. I have listed below just some of the many internet sites available to do research. I can help a little if people are struggling, or just need a look at one of the web sites I have access to for a specific query, but sadly I don't have very much spare time to do lots of research for others.

Here are some of the online sites available to everyone:

Oakwood Church Free <http://www.oakwoodchurch.info/history.html>

Ancestry <http://www.ancestry.co.uk/cs/offers/freetrial>

Free two-week trial. They also offer monthly or yearly subscriptions and UK or world-wide subscriptions

- Census started 1841 and is available every tenth year until 1911
- Parish Records – Births, Marriages, Deaths
- Probate records
- Military -World War I records service and medal rolls
- Immigration and travel
- School, Directories, tax and many more

Find My Past <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/>

Free 14 day trial, monthly or yearly subscriptions.

- Census records 1841-1911
- Birth marriage and death records
- Military
- British Newspapers

Family Search **Free** <https://familysearch.org/search>

Birth, marriage, death, probate, land, military, IGI extracted, and more

Free BMD **Free** <http://www.freebmd.org.uk/> Births Marriages and deaths from 1837

From this site you can gather some information on any birth, marriage or death, within a quarter of a year. The quarters are March, June, Sept and December.

If further information is needed then it is possible to order a birth, marriage or death certificate. It is well explained on the site, and only takes about a week to ten days to arrive. Our research often demands we confirm our findings and sometimes buying a certificate is the only way to confirm the details. To order and buy any certificate you will need to provide some relevant information e.g. addresses, individual's parentage, date they died, born - you get the idea. Certificates have become rather costly recently, just short of £10 per certificate, so you need to make sure as much as possible you have the right person as there are no refunds.

Leodis **Free** <http://www.leodis.org/>

Leodis is an online photographic archive containing over 59,000 images of Leeds, old and new and is managed by [Leeds Library and Information Service](#)

Local Library Oakwood

- **Free internet access**
- Some local history
- Learning Sessions e.g. learn how to use a computer

Archives **Free** (though research, copying and postage are usually chargeable)

All UK counties have Archives that can be visited for more detailed information and hold much that is not available on the web. 'Google' to find the local Archive you want.

Commonwealth War Graves **Free** <http://www.cwgc.org/>

- Easy to use
- Commemorates the 1,700,000 men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the two world wars.
- Find where your War Ancestors were buried, battalion, etc

GENUKI Free <http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

Genuki provides a virtual reference library of genealogical information of particular relevance to the UK and Ireland. It is a non-commercial service, maintained by a charitable trust and a group of volunteers.

English Heritage Archives Free <http://www.englishheritagearchives.org.uk/default.aspx>

Britain from above Free

<http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/image/epw016119?search=ROUNDHAY&ref=0>

Britain from Above is a four year project aimed at conserving 95,000 of the oldest and most valuable photographs in the Aerofilms collection, those dating from 1919 to 1953. Once conserved, they are scanned into digital format and made available on this website for the public to see. The website launched with the first 10,000 images and as we currently have little information about the details in the images, the website provides the opportunity to share and record your memories and knowledge about the places shown in the collection.

Local Historical Societies Free

Many areas now have a Historical Societies who are usually very keen to advise or help and often have websites. 'Google' to find them in the localities you want.

Wikipedia Free http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

Helpful site with links to many other interesting sites, e.g. Battleships, the Somme, Ypres, Regimental battalions, etc

Historical Directories <http://www.historicaldirectories.org/hd/findbylocation.asp>

Historical Directories is a digital library of local and trade directories for England and Wales, from 1750 to 1919. It contains high quality reproductions of comparatively rare books, essential tools for research into local and genealogical history

ScotlandsPeople <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

They have a **voucher payment system**.

- [Scottish census records](#), Scottish wills, birth certificates and death certificates. A comprehensive choice of Scottish records to bring your Scotland ancestry to life.
- The Statutory birth, marriage and death records started in 1855
- They have the census records for 1851-1911
- Parish records

Ireland Free <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>

- Census 1901 and 1911 (Ireland's Census returns were destroyed during fighting so little remains)
- Links to other web sites

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