

July 2013 Family History News by Rosie Rowley

YOUR GROUP NEEDS YOU!

Thanks to those who have already come forward but we need more volunteers to help run the group if you think you could help, please email macclesfield@fhsc.org.uk, phone 01625 501240, or chat with me at a meeting. Thank you.

4th July Computer Club Meeting: 7 Free Cloud Storage Options

		Space	PC App
Box	www.box.com	5 GB	Yes
Dropbox	www.dropbox.com	2 - 18 GB	Yes
Google Drive	http://drive.google.com	15 GB *	Yes
Microsoft Sky Drive	http://skydrive.live.com	7 GB	Not for XP
Amazon Cloud Drive	www.amazon.co.uk	5 GB	Yes
Photobox	www.photobox.co.uk	Unlimited?	No
Google Picasa	http://picasaweb.google.com	1 GB	IE Plugin??

Heritage Open Days: 12th-15th September

www.heritageopendays.org.uk/

Advance notice of the forthcoming annual Heritage Open Days, which celebrate England's architecture and culture by offering free access to places that are usually closed to the public or charge admission.

Civil & Mechanical Engineers Records on Ancestry

http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/group/UK_Engineers_2013

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Institution of Civil Engineers have worked with ancestry.co.uk to make civil and mechanical engineer records from 1820 to 1930 available online.

Cheshire Image Bank

www.cheshireimagebank.org.uk/

New official joint Cheshire East & West website incorporates the "Chester Image Bank" and "Picture Cheshire" collections, with over 21,000 downloadable images to which comments may be added.

Lancashire Library Service.

http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/atoz/a_to_z/service.asp?u_id=938&tab=1

Anyone living in the UK can join Lancashire library service, free of charge. You can join online; your library card and PIN number will be sent by post. You can use these to access Lancashire's online library

http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/atoz/a_to_z/service.asp?u_id=2934&tab=1

which includes the following services:

Lancashire Online Reference Library:

Lancashire lantern (includes image archive) – accessible without joining Lancs library -

www.lantern.lancashire.gov.uk/

Dictionary of National Biography - www.oxforddnb.com

Who's Who and Who was Who - www.ukwhoswho.com

Interactive Lancashire Maps

Gale group/British Library 19th Century newspapers (UK)

Gale group/Burnley Collection 17th-18th Century newspapers (world)

The Times Digital Archive (1785-1985)

Newsbank (UK newspapers covering up to the last 25 years) – includes the Macclesfield Express back to 2001. After searching, there is an option to set up an alert so that future matches can be emailed to you automatically. However, it appears that the Newsbank Service does not include the whole newspaper, just selected articles which were previously posted on the newspaper's website.

Dictionaries, encyclopedias and other reference services

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Cheshire Online Reference Library

[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/leisure, culture and tourism/libraries/eresources.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/leisure_culture_and_tourism/libraries/eresources.aspx)

All the above are also available from Cheshire Libraries using your Cheshire library card number and pin *apart from the Gale Group newspapers.*