

## **SEPTEMBER 2013 Macclesfield Group News**

### **THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to all those who have offered to take on a role to help run the group. We will start the hand over after the AGM later this month. If you have volunteered to help, please make sure I have got your phone number. Thank you – Rosie Rowley (Group Leader)

### **Next Meetings:**

*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September:* AGM with Members Family History Q&A evening and discussion about future projects.

*Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:* Computer Group meeting - "Creating Graphical Icons / Graphical editing".

### **RESEARCH HELP WANTED**

I have been contacted by Ron Matthews from Australia, enquiring about **George Toft**, born in Macclesfield about 1818.

In 1835 George was sent to prison for 4 months for larceny. In 1838, he was again convicted of larceny and was transported to New South Wales for 7 years, where he remained until his death in 1882. The NSW BDM index states that his parents were George and Margaret Toft.

Ron has searched Familysearch, Ancestry and the Cheshire Parish Clerks Project but can't find a marriage for George and Margaret Toft.

Please contact Rosie if you have any information to help Ron.

### **Heritage Open Days: 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September**

[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

See the poster on the noticeboard.

### **North West Group Family History Day**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept at The King George's Hall, Blackburn, BB2 1AA.

See the poster on the noticeboard.

### **Free Access to the 1911 census on Ancestry**

[www.ancestry.co.uk/1911census](http://www.ancestry.co.uk/1911census)

The England and Wales 1911 Census is free on Ancestry until 14<sup>th</sup> October. To access it, you need to be registered with Ancestry and search using the special link above.

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### **Britain from Above**

[www.britainfromabove.org.uk](http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk) –news cutting on the noticeboard.

6,000 new images have been added giving a total of over 47,000, including new photographs of Macclesfield – hence the articles in the Macclesfield Express on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September. Registering allows you to zoom in on the photos, add comments or ‘pins’ to mark the location of a landmark or building, and download photos to your computer.

### **Who Do You Think You Are? Live Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

[www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com](http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com) - poster on the noticeboard.

Until 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2014 there is an offer for tickets, only £10 each including a programme and two pre-booked workshops if at least ten people book together. If you are interested, please contact Rosie. If there is sufficient interest, we may arrange to go down to London as a group (by train), staying overnight and also visiting either Kew or the London Metropolitan Archives.

### **Picturing the Family**

[www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/culture/visual-art/picturing-the-family/content-section-0](http://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/culture/visual-art/picturing-the-family/content-section-0)

A free short online course about the history of photography and what information can be gleaned from old family photographs.

### **Find My Past “Ask the Photo Expert”**

<http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/category/ask-the-photo-expert/>

Jayne Shrimpton analyses your old family photos and portraits.  
Email your photo to Jayne at [casestudies@findmypast.co.uk](mailto:casestudies@findmypast.co.uk)

### **Find My Past “Ask the Expert”**

<http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/category/ask-the-expert/>

Stephen Rigden tries to solve your family history mysteries.  
Email your question to Stephen at [casestudies@findmypast.co.uk](mailto:casestudies@findmypast.co.uk)

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