



## **Bramhall Group Winter Newsletter**

### **Future Programme**

**January 2015 – June 2015**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7.30pm**

**8<sup>th</sup> January – Beginning Your Family History-**

Liz de Mercado

**12<sup>th</sup> February - One for the Road – the history of alcohol & licensing in Stockport -**

Kevin Dranfield

**12<sup>th</sup> March – Cheshire Knights & Some of their Ladies - Part 2 -** a look at the wonderful Tudor & Stuart effigies found in some Cheshire churches –

Tony Bostock

**9<sup>th</sup> April – Down Forget-Me-Not Lane - 1939-1945 -** ordinary people's lives on the home front plus radio programmes & music of the period -

Brian Hallworth

**14<sup>th</sup> May – Cremation – A Family Historian's Perspective -**

Sue Burrell

**11<sup>th</sup> June – The Jewish Community of Stockport and Beyond -**

Geoffrey Weisgard

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**The Bramhall Group** meets in the Main Hall of the United Reformed Church on the corner of Robins Lane and Bramhall Lane South, SK7 2PE at 7.30. p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month except July when we have our outing. Admission £2 including refreshments. Those of you who attend on a regular basis will know that at the end of the meetings we 'make some time' for refreshments and give people the chance to discuss their ancestral research problems with others in the hope that they can sort some of them out. Visitors are always very welcome but we trust that those who attend regularly will join the FHSC.

### **New Library Books**

Replacement copy of Methodism in Bramhall – Andrew Corrie

Treading the Boards – Stockport Theatre Trail – Stockport Heritage Booklet Walk No. 24

Local Newspapers 1750-1920 – Gibson Guide – 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition – Brett Langston & Brenda Smith

Enquire Within – 6<sup>th</sup> Edition - Janet Few

Books, CDs etc. can only be borrowed by members. Please return all library items by the following meeting as others may be waiting to borrow them. A list of items held in the library can be viewed on our website at [www.bramhallfamilyhistory.com](http://www.bramhallfamilyhistory.com).

### **For further information**

**Please ring 01614395021 or email [bramhall@fhsc.org.uk](mailto:bramhall@fhsc.org.uk)**

**The Family History Society of Cheshire Website is [www.fhsc.org.uk](http://www.fhsc.org.uk)**

**Our Bramhall Group Website is [www.bramhallfamilyhistory.com](http://www.bramhallfamilyhistory.com)**

**A Lucky Dozen from Bramhall Family History Group at Tabley House by Brian Gash.**

*Acre after acre of lush meadowland, for the grazing, healthy sheep. They have everything - and so did we on that sunny afternoon deep in the Cheshire countryside. To give us time to soak up the freshness of the air we could enjoy a picnic in a shady area, or visit the cosy refreshment room. A volunteer guide first collected our Fiver entrance fee then walked us to the Chapel nearby and gave us its background. Underground salt-mining caused subsidence so it had been rebuilt in 1927. As Sir Peter Leicester had considered the House ".....old and not commodious", it too had been rebuilt (1761-1769) in its present position.*

*This already reflected the care that the Family had lavished on their lucky inheritance of the Tabley House Collection & Estate. But we were to see that family of Leicester-Warren suffer misfortune as well.*

*Although overpowering with its dark wood furnishings, the Chapel contains much to interest the historian. It records the history of the family. The attentive volunteers treated us to clear answers to any questions, as happened throughout our meanderings. (There was no rush to move on! We were conducted & guided most gently)*

*Already in awe, we moved to the House. First a fantastic view from the front towards the Mere, then the House itself, the entrance gained up the typical stone double, curved staircase (similar seen in *Pride & Prejudice*).*

*Throughout we were free to admire well laid out rooms, tastefully and not over-lavishly furnished with period furniture and artwork. We were able to read the history of these treasures from handy, well-drawn reference sheets of notes. There was wall after wall hung with Family portraits. This all showed, yet again, the care taken for us all to continue to enjoy this magnificent record of a strong Cheshire family. An ancient, manual fire-pump was on standby.*

*Sadly the lines of the Inheritance to this treasure have failed. The last members of the Family either failed to produce children.....or retained their virgin Bachelor status.*

*Our thanks & tributes must go to the untiring, excellent volunteer Guides. They had answers to all the Curious amongst us. The history of this fascinating family was at their fingertips.*

*Tabley House Collection is well worth a visit. Tel 01565 750151. The car park is free. Beyond the Chapel you'll find a Refreshment Room, serving excellent made to order sandwiches etc. The access there is by a ramp or a few steps. There is a lift inside the House, for which it's advisable to phone ahead for use. It's up to you how far you walk in all.*

*Less than 2 miles west of Knutsford for a truly memorable half day visit. It can be reached just off the A556, or the A5033, Map O.S 725777. Off-roaders use WA16 0HB on Satnav. Boy scouts try 2.4 deg. W., 53.3deg. N. ...Enjoy*

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