

## Programme of meetings –September 2010 to June 2011

11<sup>th</sup> September

### ***Heritage Weekend Roadshow***

Visit the Roadshow at Gallery Oldham to find out about what's on and open in the area. Displays, scanning of old photos, local historical societies children's activities and more.

9th October

Tony Foster

### ***A Deeper Look at Civil Registration***

There is more to Civil Registration than BMD certificates. In this talk Tony will discuss how civil registration in England & Wales came about. The talk ends with considering aspects of BMD which family history researchers may have overlooked

13<sup>th</sup> November

John Cook

### ***Swinton Industrial Schools***

John has written an extensive history of this establishment, which was set in the then rural area of Swinton. The schools offered an education to children from the workhouse Boys were taught trades to prepare them for the rigours of the outside world, when they left at the age of 14yrs. Girls were given the skills necessary for a life in service.

December

No meeting

8th January

### ***What We Do In London***

The Annual Research visit is an opportunity to carry out research, visit archives, museums and much more. Some of our travellers will tell about the archives and collections that have proved useful and about their discoveries – expected and unexpected.

13<sup>th</sup> February

### ***The IGI – What's It All About?***

Dorothy Bintley & Colin McInnes will guide us through the ins and outs of the International Genealogical Index, what it includes, what isn't there, is the information reliable, how to use batch numbers and much more.

12<sup>th</sup> March

Ian McInnes

### ***The Men on the 'Beagle'***

Ian has traced the careers of all the men who sailed on the Beagle with Charles Darwin, in particular James Aloysius Bute, a Marine. Ian's talks are always interesting, informative and based on rigorous research. He used many different sources to uncover the details of these men – come along to find out how to do it and hear a good story at the same time.

9th April

Sandra McLaren

### ***Saint and Sinners***

Amongst the Sant family there were three who stood out, even if a little tarnished at times. Abel, the convict – framed or felon? - transported to Australia and later setting up a new family. His brother Moses, the mystery man – who was transported, but never went anywhere but home. Abel's son John, who became a Mormon and made the trip to Utah with his fellow Church members. Sandra will be telling us how she unearthed the exploits of this branch of her family.

14<sup>th</sup> May

John Fidler

### ***A Failsworth Pole or Two***

Another of John's entertaining and meticulously researched talks. This time he will be telling us about the ups and downs of Failsworth Pole over the years.

11th June

Mary Pendlebury

### ***Local Newspapers on-line***

How to use the British Library's free on-line collection of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Provincial Newspapers. Tales of cock-fighting, light-fingered great-grannies, cigarette smuggling, and Abednego, the watchman.

Meetings are held at **Gallery Oldham**, Greaves Street, Oldham at **2pm**

To cover the cost of hiring the venue the following entrance charges apply: **£1** for members, **£2** for non-members

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£15 per year

Our branch members help with the transcription of original records for publication, hold advice sessions at local libraries, organise a research visit to London each year, take part in family history fairs and much more.

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