



St Helens Townships Family History Society

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Welcome to our first Christmas newsletter

Committee: -Chair- Margaret Crosbie: Vice Chair-Tom McKenna: Secretary- Pauline Hurst: Treasurer-Peter Harvey



Margaret Crosbie

Our

Chairperson

Margaret Crosbie

Was born in St Helens Hospital during a snowstorm, I am not sure when; she won't tell me.

The family lived in Atherton Street at the time. Margaret's father became landlord of :-the Odfellow's Pub, Billinge.

The Union Pub Hall Street and finally the Griffin Inn College Street.

Margaret worked in the x-ray department at Providence Hospital until it's closure in 1981. It was here she met husband Peter.

After a short spell working for the NHS on the community, she worked for 14 years at Rainford High School in the Medical Room.

Margaret has two sons, two stepsons, six grandsons and one granddaughter.

After retirement Margaret discovered the fascinating hobby of Family History.

Little did she know that, the first visit to the library would open the door to what has almost become a new career.

She is deeply involved in transcribing records, and likes nothing more than helping others discover the missing branches of their family tree

November Town Hall Meeting - 5 Guest "Lecturers"

Due To a problem with the Library heating system, the scheduled meeting "Visit to the Archives" had to be cancelled. However the day was saved by five intrepid "lecturers" from the membership who each had their "15 minutes of fame".

Our President Richard gave us a fascinating "History of Parr" how the township prospered from a coal village in 1857 connected via the canal system to Liverpool via Widnes, to a chemical industry conurbation and back almost to a village again today.

Our Meetings organiser Ivy Swift gave a talk about the Dennet and Turley families both families feature in her family tree. A new interest had been sparked off by the message, about these families from Oz Charlie reported in the last issue of this Newsletter.

Your Editor Peter spoke about his ancestor George Cubbon who at 14 years of age in 1871 became the black sheep of the Crosbie family by getting himself encaserated in the reformatory ship Akbar anchored in the river Mersey

Member Sean McGann gave a very interesting talk about his research into his Irish Ancestry, the audience were impressed with his knowledge of this difficult area of family history research

Finally our webmaster and military historian Dave Risley spoke about his ancestor who was firstly imprisoned in appalling conditions in a floating prison ship, he was then pardoned and narrowly escaped deportation to Australia.

Our programme for 2008 is already complete see the website for details

Membership

We are very pleased to report that our membership continues to expand.

Every time I ask Pauline she gives me a higher figure, to date we have 88 no*****
90 Paid up Members :- 77 in our area, 2 International (both in Canada) and 11 in UK outside our area, as follows

Cheshire, Derbyshire, East Yorkshire, Hereford, Hertfordshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, West Yorkshire, York.

In addition due to the efficiency of our web site, we have had requests for help, from Belgium, Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Thatto Heath, Laffack and Haresfinch

Christmas Quiz

1. The Pope has one and he doesn't use it, Your Dad has one which your Mum uses too, Nuns don't use it, nor does Madonna. What is it?
2. Which English word is always spelt incorrectly?
3. Which five letter word, when you remove the first and last letters sounds the same, if you then remove the middle letter, it **STILL** sounds the same, then if you remove the two remaining letters, the space left is what it was before we began.
4. Can you name three consecutive days which do not contain the letter **U**?

We will publish the answers on the website eventually perhaps...Peter.....or you could ask me.....but do it soon before I forget

Web site

We are pleased to announce that our Webmaster Dave Risley is continually revising and updating the website www.sthelenstownshipsfhs.org.uk

Look out for the continually expanding "Members Interests"

Also check the publications section, This how we advertise our latest CDs.

Available now :- Absent Voters Index 1918/1923

Available now from 1st December :- St Helens Area Marriage Index 1538/1930

Available from 1st January 2008 :- St Anne's Church Registers Index 1851/2007

Those of you who subscribe to other societies and receive Quarterly Journals may be wondering why your editor doesn't publish any self congratulatory messages. 2 Reasons

1. He doesn't get any.
2. If he did, he wouldn't waste the space it would take up.