



# St Helens Townships Family History Society

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*Welcome to our 2nd Christmas newsletter*

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## WHO DO THEY THINK THEY ARE

Our picture shows BBC TV Family History researcher Nick Barrat with left to right Our chair Margaret Crosbie—Nick —Our President Richard Waring and member Sue Whalley.

The picture was taken at our table at the Family History Show at St Georges Hall in Liverpool on November 1st. Nick was there to lecture about how the “Who do you think you are” programme was made. Nick spent some time talking to our members at our stall, about some of his experiences researching the ancestry of many famous people.

This show was a considerable success for our Society as this was the first time we have exhibited outside St Helens. Eyebrows of members from other Societies, were raised, when we appeared with dedicated band of nine members dressed in our smart cream polo shirts sporting our logo.

## Reports of Meetings

### Thursday 23rd October at St Helens Town Hall

The meeting was well attended and was a very informative occasion. We were addressed by Anne Atherton Deputy Registrar for the St Helens area. Anne gave us a fascinating insight into the operation of the Register office. Her talk was followed by a lively discussion fuelled by various questions and observations from our members.

### Thursday 27th November at St Helens Town Hall

This evening's talk was given by Stephen Lingard. His well researched and presented talk was about the contribution made by Soldiers from the St Helens Area in the Great War. The talk was based largely on the activities of the South West Lancashire Regiment. Stephen vividly brought to light the heroism and tragedy of the war. There followed a very lively question and answer session, from a knowledgeable audience of 54 people.

### Monday 8th December at St Helens Central Library

This was our normal 2nd Monday of the month workshop evening, except that the staff of the St Helens Central Library Archives Department provided the members with festive refreshments. We thank Vivienne Hainsworth and her staff for this and their continued support.

### Thursday 18th December at St Helens Town Hall

Annual General Meeting and Christmas Social Evening



**Our programme for 2009 is already complete see the website for details**

**"Hawkeye Hill" Saves the Day**

Whilst browsing the internet one of our members—Eileen Hill, spotted our Marriage Index CD offered for sale on an internet auction site. Someone may be selling their own copy we thought and why not? However when this occurred again and the CD sold for £20 our suspicions were aroused, someone may be copying the CD and offering it for sale for personal gain. We decided to offer our CD ourselves at our usual price and to register a complaint with the web site. We were successful in stopping the unauthorised sale furthermore we have sold 14 CDs by this method. So thank you Eileen — carry on surfing.

**Joke**

A child asked it's mother "where did I come from" We are all descended from Adam and Eve replied the Mother. "But Daddy said that we all came from monkeys" said the child. Ah! Said the mother, Daddy was talking about **HIS** side of the family. Submitted by Linda Roberts of the North Meols Family History Society.

**Genealogists Christmas list**

1. May all my ancestors have unusual names like Kerenhappuck Montmorency not John Brown or Sarah Smith
2. May all my ancestors have cameras to take photos of each other and write all the details on the back
3. May all my ancestors be able to read and write, have their children baptised, go to school, own land, and leave a will detailing a huge extended family.
4. May all my ancestors be buried in a cemetery where all the graves have legible inscriptions. May there be a kind caretaker to help me find those graves
5. May all my ancestors have a family bible and may every detail of every birth, marriage and death be entered meticulously
6. May all my ancestors remain at the same address for each census starting in 1841
7. May all my ancestors be well known enough to merit many newspaper column inches for every trivial event in their lives
8. May all my ancestors help me to find them

**Answer to the crossword in our last Newsletter**

1-Census, 2-Grandfather, 3-Townships, 4- Website, 5- Waring, 6- StHelens, 7- History, 8 - Pauline (poor lean), 9- Archives, 10- Gamble, 11- Research, 12- Halley, 13- Registrar, 14- Townhall, 15- Library

**More of Peters Pearls**

A chicken crossing the road- Poultry in motion

If you don't pay your exorcist, you can get repossessed

A grenade fell on the kitchen floor in France—Result Linoleum Blown apart

You are stuck with debt if you can't budget

**Finally** It is better to have loved a short woman than never to have loved a tall

**Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

The principal of the newsletter is to inform and entertain. If you have ideas, keep them to yourself !!

No let me have them before I run out....Peter